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EDITORIAL

Since the last war courses pursued at Universities have become steadily more diverse in character but this trend has not been reflected in secondary schools because of obvious limitations on resources. Consequently there exists a kind of schism between the two stages in our educational system. Pupils in the fifth and sixth forms of Grammar Schools not only have little knowledge of the wide range of academic study open to them but also are seldom more than vaguely aware of what these involve. People do not often take an interest in fields they know nothing about. Experience shows that few pupils occupy their time with academic hobbies, or, if they do, tend to concentrate on their more practical sides, so that students who pursue the less popular and more unfamiliar courses at a University will rarely have had the chance to test their abilities systematically.

The point is illustrated by the number of Heathens who have applied to read Economics since it became an "O" level subject in the fifth form. "O" level Geology similarly enabled more than one boy in the lower sixth to decide his career besides encouraging both Arts and Science pupils to take an interest in a science they had never touched on before. Decisions affecting the rest of our lives are taken at school and it is vital, if people are to develop their tastes and talents to the full, that the widest range of subjects should be open to them. With few exceptions (Law and Social Sciences spring to mind) the majority of applicants to Universities apply to read the subjects which they have studied to "A" level at school.

The consequences of this are first that the nation is deprived of ability that could benefit from technical training (either for direct application or administrative purposes). Secondly the popular University courses are few and difficult to enter. Thirdly the Universities have to provide facilities for students who wish to change horses in mid-stream. Last there exists a great number of able students who feel frustrated in their chosen courses and it is from their ranks that the restive elements in higher education are usually drawn.

There is, therefore, a real need to provide the broadest possible scope in secondary education. Everyone should realise that the academic world and the country at large will benefit if the widest range of alternatives is opened to the youngest pupils who should try to develop all their talents and interests, within and without the academic routine. There are those who claim that the advance of human knowledge on all its fronts will require different units of secondary education, able to allocate resources more effectively than can the existing Grammar or even Comprehensive Schools and that only Sixth Form Colleges would provide a sufficient range of subjects to meet the need. It is not, however, our present purpose to discuss the re-organisation of secondary education, which involves many other factors. Whatever the system, the modern world demands that education should face up to this problem of coping with the rapidly increasing bounds of knowledge.

SCHOOL NOTES

The Annual Founder's Day Service, held at the Parish Church on Friday, 6th June, was attended by the Mayor and Mayoress of Halifax. The *Heathen* does not recall a previous service in which all the "parts" were taken by the School and Old Boys. The sermon was preached by Rev. D. F. Sharpe, Vicar of St. Mary's and St. Chad's, Haggerton, Shoreditch, who also pronounced the blessing, prayers were led by the Headmaster and Rev. J. A. Farrar, of Halifax Wesley Circuit, the lessons were read by the President of the Old Boys' Association, Mr. J. H. Fielding, and the head boy, R. H. Noble and the organ was played by Mr. W. G. Normanton, organist of St. Jude's, Halifax.

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Mr. Neville Ward, our first full-time music master, left us at the end of the summer term to take up a post in Nottinghamshire. He had during his stay with us greatly expanded the scope of music in the School and takes with him our best wishes for continued success in his career. His place has been taken by Mr. J. M. Hampshire, who comes to us from Holgate's Grammar School, Barnsley, and to whom we offer a most cordial welcome.

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During the year we welcomed back to the School Mr. A. N. Connell from Queen's College, Oxford, who takes the place of Mr. J. S. Rough in the History department. We offer him our rather belated greetings and our wish for his happiness as a member of the staff.

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The Modern Languages department has this year enjoyed the services of a French assistant, M. Quiec. We trust that he has enjoyed being with us as much as we have enjoyed having him. We print elsewhere in this issue the article which he kindly wrote for us.

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We congratulate D. G. Bolton on winning a Hastings Scholarship in Classics at Queen's College, Oxford.

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On Friday, 23rd May, the Rt. Rev. Richard Roseveare, C.B.E., S.S.M., formerly Bishop of Accra, visited the School and conducted a lively discussion with the Sixth Form on Ghana.

The School now has a Television receiver, the installation of which, however, engendered such a succession of problems that we have had little opportunity so far to see programmes on its screen.

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At the Annual Classical Reading Competition held by the Leeds and District Classical Association on Friday, 16th May, at Leeds University the School entered a team in the Junior Section, consisting of N. J. Cunliffe, I. J. Le Page and P. D. Sutcliffe, which won the second prize. We congratulate them on their success.

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Twenty-five members of the School took part in a sponsored swimming competition at the Halifax Pool in aid of the Halifax Spastics Society and between them collected £93 0s. 3d. The leading amounts in this total were obtained by G. D. Hudson (£9 15s. 2d.), M. N. Clark (£9 12s. 4½d.) and S. L. P. Hamer (£8 5s. 0d.).

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This year saw the revival of the House gymnastic competition, which the rest of the School watched on Tuesday, 1st April, Each house was represented by a team of four. Floorwork and vaulting were judged by Mr. Birchall and Mr. W. Bradshaw. Competition was keen and the results close. King's beat School for first place by less than a point. The highest scoring individual was N. A. Pattinson (1B).

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The Radio and Electronic Society held a two-day demonstration and "at home" at the School in conjunction with the Northern Heights Amateur Radio Society. The upper yard was festooned for the occasion with cable emanating in all directions from the labs. We understand that contact was made with other amateur broadcasters in Tel Aviv, Venezuela, the Arctic Circle, Czechoslovakia, Russia and America, and that television pictures were exchanged with a temporary station at Southowram.

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Mr. Harold Mellor, now living at Heversham, Westmorland, who was at Heath more than sixty-five years ago claims to be one of the oldest of our Old Boys. This claim has so far not been disputed! He has recently written to the Headmaster and sent him a most generous cheque for an annual prize. We are extremely grateful to him for this and propose to amalgamate it with two other prizes to establish a General Knowledge test for the whole School.

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The tidying up of the rockery on the East side of the Hall has long been desired. The flowering plants and shrubs with which it has now been furnished will turn an eyesore into a very attractive feature which will be greatly appreciated.

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We regret that we had to go to press without receiving any review of the Dramatic Society's December production or reports from the Scientific Society and the Scouts.

SCHOOL CLUB 1968/69

Officers:

President	THE HEADMASTER
Vice-President	MR. A. F. OWEN
Treasurer	MR. D. M. HALLOWES
Secretary	MR. P. F. HAND
Auditor	MR. D. M. PRITCHARD

The Annual General Meeting was held in the School hall on Monday, 23rd September, 1968.

The Treasurer's motion that the School Club subscription be reduced to 7/6d. per boy was seconded and unanimously adopted. The profitable success of the tuckshop, which had helped to produce a balance in hand of £244 was largely responsible for the Treasurer's recommendation.

The President stressed the willingness of the School Club to nurture new societies such as the proposed Angling Club, and the Table-tennis Club, but pointed out that the correct procedure was not to vote a society into existence but rather to gain the active support of a number of other boys and the patronage of a member of staff, after which the society would apply for affiliation to the School Club.

Finally it was agreed that a competition should be organised for the design of the School Christmas Card.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 1967/68

RECEIPTS	£	s.	d.
Balance br. fwd. ...	99	18	7
Subs. 379 @ 10/- ...	189	10	0
Teams levy ...	23	0	6
LEA Grant... ...	57	16	6
Easter Hat Show ...	64	3	3
Rugby Dances ...	99	1	1
Tuck Shop ...	89	10	3
Sports Days Prog....	2	8	0
Lost Property ...	13	18	3
Sundry Sales ...	3	19	0
Xmas Card, profit...	1	9	4
Photograph, profit	3	8	8
	£648	3	5

PAYMENTS	£	s.	d.
Fares: Rugby ...	76	16	0
Cricket ...	18	14	0
Other ...	1	10	0
Teas: Rugby ...	30	15	7
Cricket ...	7	9	0
Other ...	7	0	0
Rugby Sundries ...	3	7	9
Rugby Shirts ...	46	9	5
Sevens	68	2	4
Subs & Entries ...	7	5	0
I.G.S. Sports ...	28	10	0
Sports Day... ...	6	15	0
Photographs ...	29	7	0
Engraving	2	12	6
Fixture Cards ...	7	15	0
Half *Heathen* ...	51	18	0
Science Society ...	1	6	6
Post, Bank, etc., ...	7	14	8
Balance car. fwd. ...	244	15	8
	£648	3	5

PRIZE-GIVING

The Annual distribution of prizes was made at the School on Friday, 21st March, 1969, by the Chairman of the Education Committee, Coun. G. W. Marsden.

PRIZE-WINNERS

First Forms

1A 1st Prize: J. D. Spencer; 2nd Prize: N. J. Barrett.
1B 1st Prize: A. Shackleton; 2nd Prize: T. J. Washington.

Second Forms

English, History, Geography: P. T. Jagger.
Languages: I. J. Le Page.
Mathematics and Science: D. A. Roper.

Third Forms

English and History: N. J. Cunliffe.
Geography: N. G. J. Lawther.
Languages: N. J. Cunliffe.
Mathematics and Science: C. G. Earnshaw.
Art: J. Sampson.

Fourth Forms

English and History: B. B. Baxter.
Geography: D. Shackleton.
Languages: M. J. Hearnshaw.
Mathematics and Science: M. J. Hearnshaw.
"Young" Prize for Oral French: M. J. Hearnshaw.
Art: P. R. Cooke.

Fifth Forms

Classics: P. G. Lister.
English: M. R. Firth; C. R. Maude.
History: R. D. Eames; A. Hardcastle.
Geography (Junior "Dudley Memorial" Prize): J. H. Peevers.
Modern Languages: W. Slez.
Mathematics: P. G. Lister.
"Clegg" Science Prizes: C. Kenyon; D. Lightowlers; P. G. Lister; C. R. Maude.

Lower Sixth Form ("W. E. Horsley" Prizes)

English: D. W. Godfrey.
History: R. A. Fox.
Modern Languages: D. W. Godfrey.
Chemistry: R. I. Sutcliffe.
Physics: P. Goulden.
Mathematics: J. W. Bennett.
Art: R. A. Fox.

Upper Sixth Forms

"Lit. and Phil." English Prize: C. W. F. Mitchell; S. G. Moody.
"Stocks" Modern Languages Prize: D. J. Crabtree; S. G. Moody.
Senior "Dudley Memorial" Geography Prize: M. M. Priestley.
"Mackley Memorial" History Prize: P. C. Stott.
"Rouse" Chemistry Prize: S. R. Lassey.
"Laycock" Physics Prize: S. R. Lassey; D. P. Robinson; K. D. Wadsworth.
Mathematics Prize: K. D. Wadsworth.
"Clegg" Science Prizes: J. S. Clarkson; S. Filbin; G. E. Palmer; R. J. Stott.

SPECIAL PRIZES

"Binns" Scripture Prizes
Sixth Form: D. J. Holdsworth.
Fourth Form: D. R. Marsden.
Third Form: N. J. Cunliffe.
Second Form: D. A. Roper.
First Form: N. J. Barrett.

"Smith" Reading Prizes
Upper School: S. J. Fearnley.
Middle School: N. J. Cunliffe.
Lower School: J. S. Waring.

"Fielden" Woodwork Prize: R. M. Holmes.

"E. M. Horsley" Prize for Choral Music: A. J. Murgatroyd; K. Horsfall.

"Whitham" Prize for Instrumental Music: P. J. Bentley; M. Briggs.

Special Prize for Music: G. W. Roberts.

Prizes for Classical Reading
Senior: S. G. Cox.
Junior: A. Shackleton.

Essay Prizes
Fourth Form: J. Leach.
Third Form: D. S. Fox.
Second Form: I. J. Le Page.
First Form: M. Mitchell.

Neatness Prizes
Fourth Form: B. B. Baxter.
Third Form: J. R. Glen.
Second Form: P. J. Woodhead.
First Form: M. J. Oldfield.

"Sewards-Shaw" House Captains' Prizes
Heath: R. G. Barrett.
Kings: J. D. Brearley.
Queens: R. J. Stott.
School: S. G. Cox.

The "Athlete's" Prize: R. G. Barrett.

The "C. E. Fox" Memorial Prize: J. D. Brearley.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE

	HEATH	SCHOOL	KING'S	QUEEN'S
Swimming	0	15	10	5
Chess	12	4	0	8
Rugby	7½	7½	15	0
Sevens — No Award.				
Cross-country	0	10	15	5
Fives	0	6	4	2
Athletics	0	5	15	10
Cricket	10	5	15	0
Gymnastics	0	4	6	2
	29½	56½	80	32

RUGBY REPORTS 1968/69

First XV. This season, the 1st XV. met with mixed fortunes, and altogether 19 matches were played of which 8 were lost and 2 were drawn.

Lassey led the pack well and was always a source of inspiration to the rest of the team. Noble and Gaynor served the backs admirably from the line-outs and C. A. Brearley won more than his share of the ball in the scrums. The back row of Smith, Smithies and Gaynor was outstanding, all three playing with great enthusiasm and covering a lot of ground. The performances of P. J. Sutcliffe, Lum and Eastwood are also commendable. Davies and R. W. Brearley at half-back once again provided the pivot round which the team revolved, creating space in which the threequarters thrived. Firth was always capable of making the vital break. Maude was the top try scorer on account of his powerful and elusive running and Jackson was a fine thrustful winger. R. I. Sutcliffe's tackling saved the side on many occasions and Bolton was a reliable fullback.

Six of the eight matches lost were by margins of four points or less and notable performances were achieved against King's Pontefract (20-12), Normanton G.S. (8-8), Huddersfield N.C. (16-6), Queen Elizabeth G.S. (13-17) and Bradford G.S. (23-3).

Perhaps the most pleasing result of the season was the thrashing of Crossleys (32-5) who, however, gained revenge beating the school 6-5 in a mudbath at Broomfield in the last match of the season.

Against Rochdale, R. W. Brearley, whose brilliant play had initiated many tries during the season, badly injured his arm, and this injury has tragically forced him to retire from the game.

At Christmas, Jackson, Maude, R. W. Brearley, Davies, Lassey, Noble, Gaynor and C. A. Brearley were chosen to represent Halifax Schoolboys in the annual match against Bradford. Also worthy of mention is Sunderland, who after his outstanding display in the final Bradford trial, deservedly earned a place in the Bradford team.

First XV colours were awarded to: Bolton, Maude, Firth, R. I. Sutcliffe, Eastwood, Noble, Smith, Smithies and P. J. Sutcliffe. **Reaffirmed were:** R. W. Brearley, Davies, C. A. Brearley, Gaynor and Lassey.

Second XV. The second team once again had a successful season. The backs, whilst lacking flair made up for it with sterling defensive work. Bradley received an accurate service from Smith, and together with Burns scored most of the side's points. However, the mainstay of the team was the pack, Charnock, Shackleton, Scholefield, Holmes and Sunderland performing creditably all season. Fox was an able captain.

Third XV. The Third Team, while not abundant in skill, were very enthusiastic and had excellent victories over Hipperholme and Rochdale.

Under 15 XV. The Under 15's, with a considerably improved pack, experienced a successful season, winning six of the seven games played. Good victories were achieved against Hemsworth (32-3) and Hipperholme (16-6), the only defeat being at the hands of Crossley's. Four members of the side (Farrar, Halliday, Smith and Swinburn) played for Halifax and Huddersfield Schoolboys. Farrar, Halliday and Smith also received Northern Counties trials.

Under 14 XV. The Under 14's started the season very well, winning the first five matches. After Christmas, their play deteriorated and they suffered heavy defeats.

Under 14 colours were awarded to: Hilton, Watson, Spencer, Schofield, Lee, Smith, Pattinson, Braithwaite and Marsh.

Under 13 XV. The Under 13 team showed great promise winning five of their six matches. Murgatroyd, Oldfield and Barrett look good prospects for the future.

Once again we offer our thanks to the Rugby Mothers for making tea, and to our coaches, Messrs. Birchall and Bellerby.

ANALYSIS SEASON 1968/69

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Pts. F	Pts. A.
1st XV.	19	9	2	8	279	166
2nd XV.	21	13	1	7	296	110
3rd XV.	5	3	0	2	63	46
"A" XV.	2	2	0	0	56	8
Under 15 XV. ...	7	6	0	1	135	39
Under 14 XV. ...	8	6	0	2	114	106
Under 13 XV. ...	6	5	0	1	93	33
Totals	68	44	3	21	1036	508

For the first time in the history of the school, the rugby teams scored over 1,000 points in one season.

M.R.F.

SEVEN-A-SIDE 1969

First VII. The 1969 season, whilst not as outstanding as the season before, proved to be a very successful one, despite the loss of a player of Brearley's exceptional ability during the middle of the preparations. The 1st VII reached the final at Llanelli and were semi-finalists on four other occasions.

Manchester Grammar School

After convincingly defeating Wilmslow, Manchester, and Upholland the team met Cowley in the semi-finals in very wet conditions and were defeated 11-3. Cowley went on to win the competition.

1st Round:	Heath 19	Wilmslow	0
2nd Round:	Heath 21	Manchester	0
3rd Round:	Heath 6	Upholland	3
Semi-final:	Heath 3	Cowley	11

Fylde

The School began the tournament in great style with easy victories over Salford and Hutton. However, in the third round, the team, lacking co-ordination gave perhaps their worst display of the sevens season in losing to Blackpool G.S. 14-3.

1st Round:	Heath 21	Salford	0
2nd Round:	Heath 16	Hutton	0
3rd Round:	Heath 3	Blackpool	14

Manchester University

The School seven seemed set for their first tournament victory of the season, after Queen Elizabeth G.S. had been defeated by tenacious tackling and Davies' wonderful individuality. However, to the surprise of many people, they lost to Wade Deacon G.S. 3-0 in a very close semi-final, a fast, hard tackling side, who went on to win the competition.

Prelim. Round:	Heath 15	Audenshaw	0
1st Round:	Heath 10	Wolstanton	5
2nd Round:	Heath 6	Q Elizabeth	3
3rd Round:	Heath 15	John Rigby	10
Semi-final:	Heath 0	W Deacon	3

Ilkley

That the strength of the side lay in the forwards was demonstrated in the first match when possession was won from almost every line out and scrum. Relishing this abundant possession, the backs began to blend together and the School was looking forward to yet another final, when the team lost to a speedy Archbishop Holgate's side in the semi-final 8-0.

1st Round:	Heath 18	King Edward VI 0
2nd Round:	Heath 13	Morley 8
3rd Round:	Heath 13	Thame 0
Semi-final:	Heath 8	Archbishop Holgate's 10

Llanelli

This once again proved to be the high spot of the season for the Heath seven. On the first day, Llandovey College were easily dispensed with, and the very strong Normanton G.S. side were convincingly defeated in a performance highlighted by yet another brilliant display from Davies. On the second day a fighting comeback was needed to beat Morley, who had been leading 10-0; Roundhay was comfortably defeated in the semi-final although not without cost, for Firth badly twisted his ankle in the latter stages and was unable to play in the final. For the final against the powerful St. Edward's College side the public schools champions, Binns replaced Firth, and in the first minute received a nasty jaw injury and had to leave the field. The valiant "six" put up a magnificent performance and were holding St. Edward's to a draw with only three minutes left. The Liverpool side then scored a try and Heath, exhausted and now demoralised, could no longer contain the faster Liverpool backs, who added another try on time.

1st Round:	Heath 18	Llandovery College 0
2nd Round:	Heath 17	Normanton 8
3rd Round:	Heath 14	Morley 10
Semi-final:	Heath 16	Roundhay 3
Final:	Heath 8	St. Edward's College 16

Loughborough

Defending the trophy, the school defeated Morley for the third time, this time convincingly, and cruised into the semi-finals, where they met Normanton. The latter exacted ample revenge on the school for the Llanelli defeat by beating them 10-6. Normanton had no difficulty in winning the final.

1st Round:	Heath 10	Darwin 3
2nd Round:	Heath 21	Bournville 10
3rd Round:	Heath 16	Morley 0
Semi-final:	Heath 6	Normanton 10

Under 15 VII.

The Under 15 VII's team never lived up to expectations and bad draws at Llanelli and Hipperholme led to first round defeats in both tournaments.

M.R.F.

CRICKET

First XI. Of the ten matches played this season — a limitation imposed as much by examination commitments as inclement weather in May — five were won, two drawn and three lost. This year Hipperholme, Rothwell, Rishworth, Huddersfield N.C. and Crossley's were all beaten and the matches against Almondbury and Whitcliffe Mt., were drawn.

This year's captain, Bradley, suffered from too many pressures (exams, having to bowl too much, reputation) to produce his best form and only totalled 189

runs, his best innings being an exhilarating 74 against Almondbury. Valuable contributions have come from Brearley, R. W. (43n.o.), Ellis (36, 25), Noble (25), Jack (25), Barrett (27 n.o.) but too often batsmen failed to play themselves in, so that the middle order had a brittle quality. Young Barrett (not yet 14) has added some stiffening and resource in the middle and is to be specially congratulated on his appearance for the Yorkshire Under-15 XI. Fearnley, Smithies and Crowther, P. L., have also provided dogged innings.

The bowling star this year was undoubtedly Baxter with 36 wickets at a cost of 4.83 each. He produced many match-winning performances, of which those against a strong Hipperholme side and at Rishworth deserve special mention. Haymer and Bradley also achieved creditable analyses and on occasion Howley bowled a good line, his length was however too variable.

The standard of fielding has again been inconsistent (accuracy of throwing needs practice) and on occasion the catching lapsed and let opposition batsmen off. The delayed acquisition of a slip cradle (our thanks to the cricketing mothers for their generosity) should help to improve this branch of the game.

Colours reaffirmed: J. S. Bradley, R. W. Brearley, S. G. Ellis, D. P. Howley.

Colours awarded: B. B. Baxter, C. Haymer, J. M. Jack.

SUMMARY OF 1st XI RESULTS

HIPPERHOLME 54 (Baxter 6-24) v. HEATH 63 (Bradley 18, Brearley 17)
Heath won by 9 runs.

ROTHWELL 56 (Baxter 5-22) v. HEATH 60 (Fearnley 17)
Heath won by 4 runs.

ROCHDALE 79 (Haymer 5-31, Bradley 4-30) v. HEATH 64
(Bradley 24, Crowther 16)
Heath lost by 15 runs.

ALMONDBURY 150-7 dec. v. Heath 128-3 (Bradley 74, Ellis 25)
Match drawn.

WHITCLIFFE MOUNT 95-8 dec. v. HEATH 42-4
Match drawn.

RISHWORTH 83 (Baxter 8-25) v. HEATH 86-4 (Brearley 43 n.o., Jack 25)
Heath won by 6 wickets.

HEATH 93 (Ellis 23, Noble 25) v. KEIGHLEY 94-6
Heath lost by 4 wickets.

HEATH 101-9 dec. (Bradley 25, Ellis 36) v. HUDDERSFIELD N.C. 24
(Haymer 5-12, Baxter 4-11)
Heath won by 77 runs.

HEATH 106-8 (Bradley 31, Farrar 21, Barrett 27 n.o.) v. CROSSLEYS' 73-7
(Baxter 5-17)
Heath won 30 over match by 33 runs.

HEATH 74 v. COLNE VALLEY 75-8 (Baxter 5-22)
Heath lost by 2 wickets.

2nd XI. The team played six matches of which two were won, two lost and two drawn.

Although the team contained much useful cricketing potential it did not seem able to bring home the results of which it was capable. This was almost entirely due to an apparent jinx which fated the team to a series of dropped catches at vital moments during the games. However, the batting was quite good; led by C. A. Brearley the team averaged 70 a match and the bowlers created ample chances in the field. We can only hope that a more solid approach to the game and better luck will allow next year's team to achieve better results.

In conclusion we must thank Mr. Morton, Mr. Connell, and the ladies who prepared the tea for their help and support.

The team was chosen from:
Jackson, Brearley (capt.), Evans, Grabham, Smithies, Lum, P. Smith, Scholefield, Pickles, Iredale, Millington, Sunderland, Hill, Farrar, Hardcastle, Holder, Holmes, Kenyon.

Under 15 XI. The team had rather a disappointing season, playing only three matches, of which all were lost. This poor effort was partly due to lack of practice, which did not aid the team's batting performances at all. Farrar, the captain, was the mainstay of the bowling, taking 12 wickets, six of which he obtained against Sowerby Bridge G.S. Unfortunately, however, the team's batting proved to be the most unsuccessful feature. Most of the more prominent batsmen made very few runs indeed, but several good innings were played, including those by Halliday (24 against Crossleys'), Hyland (20 against Sowerby Bridge), and Barrett (14, also against Sowerby Bridge).

Under 14 XI. The bad weather in May prevented the team from developing the potential fully, and restricted the number of matches played. Although results were reasonable, the failure of the batting was only partially redeemed by individual good efforts by Baxter, Hilton and Malik. Later in the season the bowling left the batsmen little chance when Barrett ran through the opposition. There were useful performances by the captain, Hyland, and by Raistrick and Marsh who shows promise both as batsman and wicket-keeper. Fielding has been of a commendable standard, and few chances were missed as the team grew more organised.

Colours were awarded to: J. G. K. Hyland, A. Marsh, C. Raistrick, R. L. Baxter, J. V. Hilton and A. Malik.

Re-affirmed: N. J. Barrett.

Under 13 XI. The first match, though lost, taught the team the importance of fielding and smart running between the wickets. The lesson was well learned and in the subsequent games the players have looked like the keen and very competent team they really are. Oldfield, the captain, set a fine example with some good bowling figures and Jowett and Potter have been prominent amongst the batsmen.

ATHLETICS

Sports Day. We have not been blessed with fine weather usually for our Sports Day at Heath, but this year, at Crossley and Porter's request, we changed days with them and held our Sports on the Friday.

The weather on the Thursday was so bad that Crossleys' had to postpone their Sports Day until the following Tuesday, but Friday the 16th May was fine and dry and even the sun shone for our Sports Day this year.

The events were run over metric distances for the first time, and this means that a completely new set of records over these distances will now be started. However it may be decided that the existing records over 220, 440 and 880 yds. should still stand, until someone puts a better time over equivalent metric distances.

The table below shows how the metric distances compare with the more familiar distances in yards.

200 metres — 220 yds. minus 3 ft. 10 ins.

400 metres — 440 yds. minus 7 ft. 8 ins.

800 metres — 880 yds. minus 15 ft. 4 ins.

Thus, for instance, the present record holders for the 880 yds. ran 800 metres plus a further 5 yds. 4 ins.

Until these times for the slightly longer distance are bettered by someone running over the corresponding metric distance, it would seem that the present record holders names should still appear on the programme.

Three new records were put up in the events which were held before Sports Day:

Intermediate Triple Jump — S. D. Halliday 38 ft. 5 ins.

Junior Discus — P. D. Smith 104 ft. 5 ins.

Junior Javelin — R. J. Lee 98 ft. 8 ins.

Another three new records were put up on Sports Day itself:
A. Malik in the First Form (under 12) 200 metres, beat the existing best time for the 220 yds. with a time of 28.3 secs.
First Forms (under 12) Long Jump — M. S. Highley, 15 ft. 2 ins.
Junior 80 yds. Hurdles — K. J. Watson, 13.5 secs.

In the Senior 100 metres K. Davies, the smallest and liveliest 1st XV Scrum-half for many years, demonstrated the importance of a quick start. Although not particularly fast when running at top speed his rate of acceleration is terrific, and he managed to build such a big lead over the first 20 yds. that Maude (2nd) and Jackson (3rd) failed to pull it back before the tape was reached.

The McDonald Cup for Senior Jumping Events was awarded to C. R. Maude with a 1st in the Triple Jump and a 3rd in the Long Jump. R. A. Jackson was a close second for this award obtaining second place in the Triple and Long Jumps.

The Connal Trophy for Senior Throwing Events went to C. A. Brearley who was first in the Javelin and second in the Shot.

The Junior House Shield was won by Kings, and the Athletics Trophy also went to Kings who won easily as shown below in the final results:

Heath	120½ pts.
School	242 points
Queens	262 pts.
Kings	430½ pts.

INTER-GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS

The Inter Grammar School Sports began as usual with the field events on the Monday followed by the Track Events on Thursday, 22nd May.

In the field events M. S. Highley broke the existing Inter Grammar Schools record for boys under 12 Long Jump with a jump of 14 ft. 5 ins., whilst S. P. Schofield won the Under 12 Javelin with a throw of 83 ft. 9 ins.

R. J. Lee also took 1st place in the Junior Javelin with a throw of 97 ft. 11 ins.

Other places were also obtained by:

S. D. Halliday — Intermediate Long Jump	2nd
C. R. Maude — Senior Triple Jump	2nd
C. Haymer — Intermediate Shot	2nd
C. Raistrick — Junior High Jump	3rd
P. D. Smith — Junior Discus	4th
C. A. Brearley — Senior Javelin	4th
C. Haymer — Intermediate High Jump	5th
J. V. Hilton — Junior Long Jump	5th
K. J. Watson — Junior Shot	5th
D. G. Williams — Under 12 High Jump	6th
S. D. Halliday — Intermediate Triple Jump	6th
D. Shackleton — Intermediate Discus	6th

When the track events started on the Thursday we got off to a very good start in the Relays with a clear win, by at least 20 yds., by the Under 12 Relay Team.

The Junior Relay Team then followed by taking 2nd place; the Intermediates took 4th place and the Seniors were 2nd to Hipperholme.

It was a splendid afternoon's sport, and the weather, as usual for the Inter Grammar School Sports, was warm and sunny.

Special mention must be made of our First Forms Under 12 Team who won every event except one.

100 metres — M. S. Highley	1st
200 metres — D. G. Williams	1st
800 metres — A. Malik	1st
Relay — The above three plus M. G. Brear	1st
Long Jump — M. S. Highley	1st
Javelin — S. P. Schofield	1st
High Jump — D. G. Williams	6th

The Shields were well distributed amongst the competing schools:

Under 12's	Heath
Juniors	Technical H.S.
Intermediates	Crossley and Porter
Seniors	Hipperholme
Champions	Hipperholme

YORKSHIRE SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

In the Yorkshire Schools Championships, held at Wombwell on Saturday, 21st June, P. D. Smith and K. J. Watson were entered for the Junior Discus.

K. J. Watson was second with 123 ft 7 ins. and P. D. Smith was placed seventh out of 12 competitors. We congratulate both of them on a very creditable performance.

HALIFAX SCHOOLS
FIRST YEAR (Under 12) CHAMPIONSHIPS

These were held on Monday, 7th July at Illingworth School Base and our First Formers gained the following places:-

100 metres — M. S. Highley 1st
200 metres — D. G. Williams 2nd.
800 metres — A. Malik 1st
Long Jump — M. G. Brear 1st
High Jump — P. A. Badger 5th
Javelin — S. P. Schofield 4th
Discus — N. D. Baldwin 8th

The meeting had to be abandoned before completion because of heavy rain.

ATHLETICS MATCHES

Two triangular athletics matches were arranged, the first on Friday, 9th May at Rochdale between Balderstone High School, Cardinal Langley G.S. and Heath.

Each school provided three teams:

1 Seniors (6th forms)
2 Under 16 (5th forms)
3 Under 15 (4th and 3rd forms)

The full range of athletics events were covered with the exception of the hurdles and two competitors per school were entered for each event.

The results were:-

UNDER 15 SECTION	1st	Heath 87
	2nd	Balderstone 78
	3rd	Cardinal Langley 71
UNDER 16 SECTION	1st	Balderstone 98
	2nd	Cardinal Langley 59
	3rd	Heath 45
SENIORS	1st	Balderstone 102
	2nd	Heath 62

Cardinal Langley only entered two events in the Senior section.

The second match was held at Illingworth on Tuesday, 8th July between Heath, Crossley and Porter and Highlands Schools.

There were four age groups competing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years, and each school provided two competitors per event – track events only.

The overall scores were:-

1st Heath 191
2nd Highlands 172
3rd Crossley and Porter 63

Crossleys failed to enter full teams.

It is hoped to arrange more athletic matches next summer.

FIVES 1968/69

The School Fives Team played only two matches, winning one and losing narrowly to a very strong Old Boys' Team. As last year, fixtures often clashed with rugby matches, and some of our players were therefore unavailable.

It is hoped that younger members of the school will continue their enthusiastic support for the club, thus maintaining the high standard achieved in past years.

Colours were not awarded but M. Richardson's effort deserves to be mentioned.

K. J. GAYNOR

CROSS-COUNTRY 1968/69

The Cross-country Club had another mediocre season. However, in the Inter-Grammar Schools Cross-country Championships, the school teams did better than expected. After running through ankle-deep mud and a foot-deep snowdrift, the Junior team came fifth out of 18 teams, the Intermediates 12th out of 17, and the Seniors fourth out of seven teams.

For the Juniors, Malik, Murgatroyd, Revill and Williams ran well, Malik winning the Under 12 race aginst Ermysted's G.S. In the Intermediate race, Guy was the best runner, and for the Seniors, Honley, Russel and Spencer ran well.

A new feature of the School Championships were the Junior and Intermediate races. The individual winners were: Juniors, Malik of School; Intermediates, Guy of School, and in the Senior race, Russel of Kings. Kings won all three races, and the team championship.

D. BEDFORD.

SWIMMING REPORT 1969

The Annual School Swimming Gala was held for the second year at the new Halifax Baths, Huddersfield Road, on Thursday, 7th November, 1968.

School House soon developed a convincing lead and the real contest became the fight for the other places. King's showed less strength than they did in the previous year, and it was only through the efforts of J. H. Stansfield and D. G. Sunderland, who broke the plunge record for the second year, that they achieved second place.

D. G. Williams (School) won the Coronation Trophy from last year's winner, C. J. Short, and also won the Victor Ludorum. This effort is particularly outstanding for Williams is the first winner who has come from the First Form and it shows just how much difference the younger swimmers can make to a House's chances.

J. S. CHARNOCK

CHESS CLUB

At the Annual General Meeting of the Club, held in September, Mr. Hallowes was returned as Chairman, and S. B. Ellis and D. Millington were elected captain and Secretary respectively. In addition to the usual Chess Ladder a knockout competition was held for the Lower School, A. Shackleton being the winner.

In the House Matches, Heath were first, Queens a close second, School third and Kings a poor fourth.

The School Team was very successful in winning the Halifax Schools Chess Trophy. The team was chosen from Ellis, Bolton, Braithwaite, Conyers, Millington, Scholefield, Shackleton, and Birtwhistle.

D. MILLINGTON

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

During the year the usual enlarging and developing courses were held, both being well attended. However, in spite of this, the use of the society's equipment has dropped to an all-time low. It seems a great pity that more boys do not make use of the facilities available to them.

A colour-slide competition was held in November, the winner being D. Whittle and the runner-up J. B. Hanson. A film-strip was also shown.

Once again thanks are due to Mr. Morris for the time and effort which he has given over to the affairs of the Society.

J. G. BENNET

TRANSPORT SOCIETY

This year has been only moderately active, the lack of activities being accounted for by the suppression of party visits to installations. In October a small party visited the Keighley and Worth Valley Railway and also toured the museum of locomotives at Haworth.

Combined with Hipperholme Grammar School the Society visited Plaxton's, the coachbuilders in Scarborough. Four film shows were conducted during the year, films being shown by P. K. Heap, Tilley, J. B. Hanson and British Rail. Perhaps further activities will be arranged for next year.

J.B.H.

ELECTRONICS AND RADIO SOCIETY

This year the Radio and Electronics Society reopened after several months of closure. The year's expenses were financed from the earnings of enthusiastic volunteers, who participated in a sponsored walk in aid of Society funds.

Thanks to Mr. Bellerby and company it proved a great success as about one hundred pounds were earned, which is now being spent on equipping the radio room with plugs, sockets, and radio equipment.

It is the aim of the Society to fulfil various functions, for instance the obtaining of electronic components and also to set up and install a radio "ham" station, which all interested members may use.

It is hoped that before the end of next year we will have made more progress towards this aim, provided that enough volunteers are ready at the right time to help us earn the necessary money.

R. GREEN

MUSICAL SOCIETY

Once again our thanks go to Mr. Ward for another highly successful year, in which members of the Society have participated in a large number of events both at school and in the locality.

In December there occured three notable events, two of which have now become part of tradition, the School Carol Service, conducted by Mr. Haigh, and another highly successful Carol Concert at the Parish Church in which seasonal items of the choir were interspersed with various instrumental solos, including two by the brilliant young organist Mr. Michael Baker, an Old Boy of the school. There also occurred in December, a production by the Dramatic Society of Fielding's comedy, *The Mock Doctor* in which the songs specially composed by Mr. Ward, were accompanied by a quartet of elegantly-dressed musicians, all members of the Society.

One of the undoubted highlights of the year was the trip to Cambridge by about thirty boys, organised by Messrs. Ward and Squires, to see an excellent concert given by the choir and orchestra of Jesus College, Cambridge, conducted by Michael Baker, who is at present reading an Honours Degree in Music.

As in past years a large number of Society members were involved with the activities of such worthy bodies as the Yorkshire Youth Orchestra (which was again conducted by Mr. Ward), the Halifax Youth Orchestra, the Halifax Young Musicians and the Halifax Youth Concert Band. The year has also seen the formation of two new musical bodies, the Halifax Youth Choral Society, which made its debut under Mr. Ward at the New Victoria in a performance of Handel's *The King Shall Rejoice*, and a string quartet consisting of P. J. Brearly and J. J. Ward (violins), G. W. Roberts (Viola) and K. Horsfall (Cello) which has been appropriately named the Heath Quartet. There is a distinct possibility that it will soon be engaged by Decca or E.M.I. to record the complete quartets of Haydn.

The Society would like to congratulate J. J. Ward, 4B, on being admitted into the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, an achievement of the highest order.

Finally the Society expresses its thanks to Messrs. Guy, Haigh, Bellerby and Squires for their valuable services throughout the year – Mr. Squires has improved the sound of the basses in the choir beyond recognition – and above all to Mr. Ward, who is, alas, leaving us to take up a teaching post in his native county of Nottinghamshire. It is an impossible task to convey an adequate impression of the debt we owe him, for in the four years that he has been here there has been an astonishing transformation in the musical life of the school, a transformation so complete that it is impossible to describe. Heath will not be the same without Mr. Ward, who has come to be regarded as representing the ideal of what a musician should be, living in the Arctic wastes of Crag Vale with an antique car, a ravishingly beautiful wife, who has on so many occasions provided members of this Society with meals at short notice, and a large collection of fauna of varying shapes and sizes. With his energy, enthusiasm, dedication and his inimitable sense of humour Mr. Ward has instilled fresh life into the Society and it is with the deepest gratitude that we say farewell to him, and wish him and his family every happiness in their new home at Bingham.

G. W. ROBERTS

FAVORITES 1968/69

In a sense the first debate of the Favorites was indicative of the course which subsequent debates were to follow. The motion that "Wigs and false teeth in Kent are preferable to an aircraft carrier East of Suez" was thought by the committee to be an admirably phrased topic for debate. Unfortunately what was intended to be a debate on the respective importance of the social services and Britain's armed presence in Asia resulted in a wierd melee of continued humour. Only Mr. Fearnley capitalised to the full upon a motion which offered boundless opportunity to the humanist as well as the politician. Mr. Fearnley related to a deeply moved house the bad state of Kentish tap drinkers whose services to Messrs. S. Webster and Son could not be valued too highly. The fact that if wigs and false teeth were not despatched immediately to the poor wretches the supply of beer might diminish swung an appreciative house in Mr. Fearnley's favour and the motion was easily carried.

Two more meetings took place in the Autumn Term. The first, debated on the policies of Mr. Enoch Powell resulted in a crushing defeat for the advocates of a strictly controlled immigrant policy. Liberalism appeared to have triumphed, the red flag was at the ready, but in perhaps the best debate of the year the forces of reaction were to triumph. The motion that "This House would support Student Power", brought about a high standard of lively debate which finally came to a close at 5.45 p.m. Mr. Fox and Mr. Hooson were the proposers of the motion, Messrs. Godfrey and P. J. Sutcliffe in opposition. Not only were the four main speeches worthy of note but also the contributions from the floor of the House upon which the fate of any debate ultimately depends. At one point after Mr. Fearnley and Mr. Eastwood had bitterly clashed, Mr. Eastwood denounced the Chairman as "The arch fiend of reaction and suppression and proposed a motion of censure upon the President of the Society, the Headmaster. The motion of censure was defeated and sane arguments once more became the order of the day. When the vote was taken the motion was defeated, 8-10 with nine abstentions.

The Spring Term was rather an anti-climax with only three debates taking place, Mock examinations and training for rugby "Sevens" proved to be strong rival attractions.

An "Arts versus Sciences" debate brought about the same attractive humour with little reasoned argument that usually characterises such events. The best debate of the term was upon the motion that "This House would support a Democratic Revolution in England". Unfortunately only thirteen members were present; nevertheless the political arguement which took place was of high calibre. Messrs. Stott and Eastwood proposed the motion, the opposition being led by Mr. Smithies and Mr. Wilson. Denouncing capitalist society, Mr. Stott looked forward with eagerness to the birth of a socialist Britain, supported by Mr. Eastwood, who based his arguments on the thesis that Britain was not in fact a democracy. The proposers of the motion put forward a well-reasoned case for revolution. The opposition was also of good quality, Mr. Wilson making an impassioned plea for preservation of the status quo, a plea which was well-received because the motion was defeated 4-7 with two abstentions.

For a grande finale to the year the house debated the motion that "This House applauds the end of the rugby season". For this debate the services of Messrs. Guy, Connel, Pritchard were obtained and Mr. Holdsworth also made a welcomed return to the Society. This debate, to be truthful was a complete failure, and it is to be hoped that in future before embarking upon such ventures the Society fully realises the difficulties which such debates entail. If the Society is to flourish in the coming year then the members must realise that each has a responsibility to contribute to the debate in order to ensure a rewarding meeting. The Favorites is not a place for classroom humour but for intellectual effort; if this point is not grasped the future of the Society cannot be guaranteed.

In conclusion, we would wish to tender our thanks to Mr. Hand for his efforts on the Society's behalf, both in acting as Chairman and also in assisting with the planning of our programme. J.C.E.

VISIT TO SWITZERLAND

From Tuesday, 17th to Friday, 27th June last year 17 boys from the Fifth, Fourth and Third Forms accompanied by Messrs. Morris and Haigh embarked on a very enjoyable visit to the village of Disentis in the province of Graubunden in Switzerland. The party stayed at the small but very comfortable Hotel Oberals where they were well fed and looked after, but it was regrettable that, owing to untimely devaluation of the pound, financial problems enabled only eight nights to be spent in the Hotel.

From this base in the Upper Rhine Valley the party made several excursions by train, postbus and frequently by foot to places of interest and exceptional beauty which were within reasonable distance of Disentis. Visits were made to the Rhone glacier and Flims-Waldhaus, but perhaps more rewarding were the journey of the summit party up the 2580.8 metre Pitz Pazzola, guided by Mr. Haigh, and the trip over the famous St. Gotthard pass from Andermatt to Airolo which provided some superb sights and was the highlight of the visit. In fact the only disappointments of the visit were the non-appearance of a local carnival which we were told was taking place on the Sunday, and the sudden attack of stomach trouble in the last two days, the cause of which is still a mystery . . . !

Finally I should like to express the thanks of all our party to the guides, instructors, organisers and linguists – Messrs. Morris and Haigh – for their invaluable efforts, and I hope that they enjoy many future Swiss trips.

P. G. LISTER

VISIT TO FRANCE – EASTER 1969

Scrambling sleepily out of the night train from Paris into the sudden shower of early-morning rain in Souillac station, some of our party of 17 boys may have wondered if the journey from Halifax which had lasted a day and two nights would really prove to have been worth while. How soon the doubts were to be proved groundless!

Souillac lies in South-west France in the middle of a limestone belt riddled with caves, and our guides during the week's stay, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. Littlefair, had spent much time and effort in preparing an interesting programme of excursions to most of the more noteworthy of these, and also to several of the old castles with which the surrounding countryside is so liberally sprinkled.

Our first day there, Sunday, 13th April, was spent recuperating from our voyage and exploring Souillac, which is a fairly typical French country town. It contains about 3,300 inhabitants. It lies in the River Dordogne and through it pass the main road and railway line to Toulouse. We had to venture across the road (RN.7) at every mealtime, for we were staying in the Hotel d'Angletere which served as an annex to the Hotel du Perigord where we ate. Apart from this minor discomfort, our hotel accommodation was generally excellent.

During the week we visited the caves of Rouffignac where paintings of mammoths, rhinoceros, bison, etc., were still clearly visible. Other cave visits included those of Lacare and the Gouffre de Padirac, a huge chasm carved out by an eddy of water churning its way upwards. Not all of these visits were made on foot. Often we travelled on electric trains, in lifts and in flat-bottomed boats.

We visited the castle of Beynac after an exhausting climb up a limestone cliff and looked across the valley at the castle of Castelnaud, Beynac's constant and implacable enemy throughout the Middle Ages. At one time this was a conflict between England and France, France occupying Beynac and England Castelnaud Other castles we visited were Meutah and the red sandstone fortress of Castelnau – Bretenoux.

Roc-Amadour, an ancient and very steep hillside town was also on our programme. This town was at one time one of the main centres of pilgrimage in France, because of the famous Black Virgin statue. Henry II of England went to pray there.

We visited Rommez where there is one of the most famous and most beautiful "surprise views" in the world, and also the Museum of prehistoric relics at Les Eyzies-de-Tayal, an area which is an archaeologists' paradise. We walked round St. Cere, where the tapestries of the famous modern French artist Jean Lurcal are on view at the Casino.

A constant companion on these journeys was our driver, a rather taciturn local man who will always be remembered for his very battered felt hat, jammed on his head and only removed at meals, and for his battered yellow cigarette – the end of which was always in his mouth.

Probably the most amusing incident of the holiday occurred in a children's playground at Padirac. Mr. Littlefair surprised us all by turning a somersault suspended from two rings, and Mr. Smith having got on to the "swinging plank", was not allowed to get off despite violent protestations. It is unfortunate that the latter incident has not been recorded on film for posterity.

On Friday we all visited the local "Lycée", and four of the party were lucky enough to be allowed to spend the day with a class listening to how French children are taught.

Other rest day activities included a football match at the stadium with a team of local boys headed by the son of the hotel proprietress; much to our delight we won the game. This result was even more noteworthy in view of the fact that the French team kept bringing more and more men on the field until they had nearly twice as many as ourselves.

Our visit to Souillac was rounded off by a trip to the local travelling fair which had just arrived, and this left us with pleasant memories as we clambered abourd the night train taking us to Paris and home. We had all spent a most enjoyable holiday, and one which I am sure will linger in our memories for many years to come.

We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Littlefair and Mr. and Mrs. Smith for their invaluable services as organisers and guides.

M. J. HEARNSHAW, L6A.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY

The Society's production of *Oedipus Rex* in March was its second venture into the Greek theatre. Despite the limitations of a small, proscenium-arched stage both productions were successful, the Oedipus being more effective than the Antigone. Greek plays in Halifax hardly rank as box-office draws but the audience on the night when your critic saw the play was perhaps surprised to find itself thoroughly absorbed in and highly appreciative of Oedipus.

The play is named from its central character, the son of Laius and Iocasta of Thebes, who, on learning that their child is destined to kill his father and marry his mother, deliver him to a shepherd to be exposed to die on the mountain The shepherd, however, out of compassion for the child hands him over to a servant of Polybus, King of Corinth, and Polybus adopts him. Oedipus at length learns of the prophecy and to avoid its fulfilment runs away from Corinth. On his travels he kills a man in a quarrel and arriving at Thebes saves the city from the Sphinx, becomes king and marries the murdered man's widow. He is, of course, quite ignorant of his relationship with the murdered man and his widow. At the opening of the play Thebes is affected by a terrible plague, the cause of which Oedipus swears to find.

Thus Oedipus records a man's quest for knowledge of his origins and of his real relationship with others. He is a prototype of the human race and the action constitutes a symbolic inquiry into man's identity. "*I ask to be no other man than that I am, and will know who I am*". For this reason it is vital that the members of the audience identify themselves with the King and do so early in the play. before the real dilemma is appreciated. S. Hartley's manner was well adapted to this. His soliloquies, neither gruff nor self-pitying, sounded like the more than articulate expression of any man caught in a situation of such great horror. At the same time Oedipus is not a mere cipher and his character consists of a peculiar combination of bold self-assertiveness masking inner insecurity. This equipoise Hartley maintained admirably, at one moment self-confident and authoritarian, at the next plunging into senseless tirades and accusations – a quick interplay of the search for truth and the dread of its discovery.

Iocasta's personality is entirely different. She wishes only to lead a quiet life and cannot share Oedipus' restlessness and dissatisfaction.

> "Many a man has dreamt as much. Such things
> must be forgotten, if life is to be endured."

She tries to prevent her husband from searching out the answer, as though intuitively guessing the conclusion. She offers the easy way out whenever a point is reached at which the enquiry could be abandoned. M. J Shaw was perhaps right to soft-pedal the part but the acting might have been a little more positive – Iocasta is, after all, trying to talk Oedipus into acquiescence with some vigour. Iocasta has much in common with her brother Creon who is temperamentally an opposite of the king. Here is a moderate man, lacking imagination, understanding and mental strength – a mediocrity unable to handle his impetuous brother-in-law. He is also a self-righteous egoist – the aspect of his character S. J. Fearnley boldly emphasised. Remember the scene where Creon ascends the throne and says:

> "Oedipus, I am not here to scoff at your fall . . . "?

His own sister has committed incest; the culprit before him is his nephew; she has hanged herself; he is blinded – but Creon shows neither anger nor sorrow nor shame. He seems pleased to see Oedipus proved wrong and obviously enjoys sentencing the King, unable to forego the temptation of seeing him on tenter-hooks in Thebes waiting for a God's approval before being banished. We sense that he is rather proud to be able to ascend the throne and to continue living an untroubled existence at the same time.

Smaller parts were played by K. F. Clay who made a convincing priest and G. R. K. Wilson who discharged the difficult task of reciting the lurid account of Iocasta's death and Oedipus' self-blinding with convincing feeling. The Messenger (A. J. Braithwaite) radiated the air of being more than obliging to Oedipus as he draws him further along the road. Braithwaite depicted this interesting nonentity as a superficial character, well-intentioned but self-important and a little ambitious. A striking contrast was R. A. Fox's shepherd, a figure more akin to Teiresias, who knows where Oedipus' search will lead and tries to throw him off the scent.

Teiresias himself has been reserved until last because in a sense he stands above the rest of the play. Unfortunately J. H. Peevers chose to emphasise the petulance of Teiresias' character to the detriment of the "seer" role which was also required; the combination is extremely difficult. The problem is that at first Teiresias is a repugnant figure, dignified only by his gift of foreknowledge, until we realise what we have mistaken for cynicism is really a remorseless adherence to truth. On top of that the actor must be able, in a fairly short walk-on sequence to convey the indifference of one who is unfortunate enough to know everything but is thereby deprived of the bliss of ignorance, a state symbolized by loss of sight.

The Chorus work as a buttress to the whole tragedy, generating emotion and setting the pace of the plot. In so doing they recite some of Sophocles' finest poetry, chanted descriptions like:

"Life after life from the wild fire winging swiftly
into the night".

have their effect even in translation. The chorus in this production spoke their lines well with a sensitive tempo. They were however on occasions only just audible against a background of hissing, groaning, cymbal-clashing and other sound effects.

All told it was a first-class production. The scenery had genuine simplicity and there were no visual gimmicks. Tactful lighting enhanced its effect, the actors' masks looked as grotesque as the play demanded, while the wierd costume of Oedipus marked him out appropriately from the plainer dress of the rest.

Hiss the Villain which provided the other part of the bill was intended as a piece of inconsequental comic relief but soon showed a life of its own. Humour was at the expense of the script, so corny that it had to be laughed at. The Villain, who took first place among the cast of celebrities, seemed to possess a natural malignity – perhaps as a result of his heavy Bradford accent, which, strange to say, inspired everyone with fear except the victim. The latter remained completely unaffected by the whole performance; he was shot in the back and still could not be moved. First prizes go to Mr. Pickersgill (Bowler) for the pathos he infused into the production and to Miss Southcombe for her ambivalent caricature of innocence. Mrs. Connell was saved from a gassing by the ill-timed interference of a naval man (Mr. Squires) and Miss Southcombe's brother (Mr. Guy). Members of the staff being such well-practised entertainers, we hope that future years will see the villain or one of his accomplices foiled again.

P.C.S.

THE POPULARITY OF OEDIPUS REX

It is interesting to note that Oedipus Rex is about the only Greek tragedy to reach a large contemporary audience. There is hardly a town or city which has not seen the drama at one of its playhouses; the story has been filmed and the general outlines of the legend have passed into common knowledge with the adoption by Freud of the term "Oedipus Complex" to describe one of the most important neuroses affecting the development of the individual. The tragedy's quality, of course, accounts for much of its universal appeal, but perhaps another reason is that the search of Oedipus seems to mirror the progress of the human mind in several interesting respects.

In the late seventeenth and throughout the eighteenth century it was thought that the pursuit of rational enquiry would enable man, by understanding the forces at work in the universe, in society, and in human beings themselves, to control his own destiny and reap the maximum profit. Philosophers thought they knew all about how the mind worked, and viewed the brain as an efficient machine with Reason in the pilot's seat. Similarly, political evils were supposed to arise when nations deviated from a constitutional blueprint which could be applied anywhere. In the same way the principal virtue of science was thought to be the emancipation it brought from the superstitions of religion. Knowledge seemed an unambiguous good, the future growth of knowledge a certainty.

Here is the same self-confident spirit in which Oedipus sets out to trace the murderer of Laius:

I will start afresh and bring everything into the light.

But this attitude assumes the cosmos to have an innate simplicity which it does not in fact possess. To know the truth can be highly unpleasant, as Oedipus found out. Returning to our analogy, it took about one hundred and fifty years to prove that almost every creative idea produced by the enlightenment

was based on some falsehood. While higher criticism exposed the human and fallible origins of religious texts, political experience showed that the individualism christianity had helped to foster led only to social anarchy, but the most important intellectual transformation was inaugurated by Darwin's Theory of Evolution, which showed life to be governed by materialistic laws to be haphazard in origin and plastic and indefinite in direction. The effect of Darwin's theory was to eliminate purpose from human life and to substitute change and accident. This process was parallelled in almost every field of human knowledge. The chief law of life was unending progress; the only escape from the misery of the present lay in future evolution. Progress for its own sake, (often disguised as an attempt to achieve some Wellsian goal) seemed to be necessitated by the very character of the universe.

In the same way, Oedipus pursued truth for it's own sake, not caring how it might damage his personal interest, because he believed so little in life that what the search might uncover was to him a matter of indifference.

> *Oedipus:* . . . I cannot leave the truth unknown.
> *Jocasta:* I know I am right, I am warning you for your own good.
> *Oedipus:* My "good" has been my bugbear long enough.

Just as the quest of Oedipus brought an appreciation of his own base origins, so the researches of the depths of psychology in the early part of this century showed the general mass of mankind that in the conduct of their intimate social relationships – particularly in respect of family ties – their motives and behaviour are not so very different from those of the brutes from whom the human race is descended. Man once thought himself the child of heaven on earth; now he knows that, however he may grope towards the heavens, he has a genealogy and a collective personality shared by the rest of nature.

Perhaps I have pushed this analogy too far. At any rate, it helps us to understand the great depth of the play that can silence a not very impressionable school audience and excite the enthusiasm of a reviewer in our local newspaper.

P.C.S.

A FLIGHT OF LUNATIC FANCY

With how slow steps, O Moon, they tread thy floor,
How silently, and on how wan a face!
What! May it be that e'en in heavenly place
Men dare to tread where angels trod before?
Sure, if that long-with-picture-sated eyes
Can judge aright, thou fill'st the TV. screen
With thy deserted and yet beauteous scene
I read it as a lonely paradise.
Then, even of fellowship O Moon, tell me,
Will men now come with all their want of wit,
Ravagers of thy beauty-spots, as here they be?
Wilt thou sight-seeing astronauts permit?
Will package holidays thy shores possess,
And tourists revel their weightlessness?

with apologies to Sir Philip Sidney.

THE BALLAD OF BURNING HEATH (c1984)

The "bell" had broken down once more
and would not give a sound.
The Fire Brigade came not therefore,
While Heath burned to the ground.

The crowds surged out to Free School Lane,
As on a Gala Day,
And "Conway's" scarce contained their train,
But in they forced their way.

They roasted hot dogs in the heat
To the strain of a festal chant.
Sightseers jostled for a seat
In the mobile restaurant.

Flames from the upper corridor
Round room G's walls 'gan lick,
And passing through that sacred door
Leapt on the waving stick.

The white hot heat began to beat
On a hundred dozing brows.
IA's new blazers looked so neat –
And better for a souse.

A body rescued from the Hall
Lay stretched out on a cart,
But when the bell began to toll
Awakened with a start.

Scores narrowly escaped from doom
And poured into the yard;
From A and B and every room,
Their garments torn and charred.

One limped away with lowland glower,
One mumbled with a frown;
"I sent them out to have a shower,
And they burned the – place down".

The Council met and said: "Oh, dear!
Our plans have come to grief.
A Comprehensive must, we fear
Be built on Manor Heath."

Then form IB began a hunt
To find the incendiary crew.
"Some I.R.A. or fiendish stunt
Had put them in this stew".

At last the villain did appear,
A-leaning on his stick,
His lip was curled in ghoulish leer;
His shag was strong and thick.

And locked within his cell he winked:
"Who started it? Why, I"
I'd rather Heath were burned than linked
With Princess Mary High".

SATIRE SANS CONSEQUENCE

Si l'on croit Forster, Maugham ou Waugh, les Anglais dès qu' ils sont à l'étranger, semblent adopter une attitude de plus désagréables, du moins s'ils sont assez nombreaux pour que leur agrégation ne soit point érodée par d'in-orthodoxes influences – et accessoirement, s'ils sont assez nombreux pour former une équipe de cricket! A mépris souverain de tout ce qui est hors de leur sphère se crystallise le plus souvent dans la formation d'un club qui symbolise la lutte de ses membres contre l'environment dont il faut se méfier.

Cependant, dans leur Ile, ces mêmes Anglais se cachetent largement de leur haissable conduite à l'étranger les Clubs ont perdu leur rigidité; ils font partie de la vie de tous les jours et foisonnent sans que les causes de cette abondance soient vraiment décelables. Il est évident que des exceptions sont à prévoir, que cet engoutment ne manque pas de provoquer. Si l'on peut sourire poli-ment – ou ricaner – à la mention du "Calder Valley" Conservative Ladies' Coffee Club" ou s'interroger sur les activités de la section locale de la "British Unidentified Flying Objects Research Association", l'impression dominante est que les Anglais ont su garder un sens de l'humanité que l'on retrouve à chaque instant et qui les honore.

Je ne saurais expliquer pourquoi l'Anglais perd sa civilité dès qu'il franchit la Manche. Pourtant le remède qui lui permette de se montrer constamment sous son meilleur jour me semble evident: Que ne reste-t-il dans son Ile?!

MICHEL QUIEC.

THE HEATHEN IN HIS BLINDNESS WANTS TO KNOW

Was Nige really the P.W.?
Where do UVI keep their balloons?
Whose Numbles were dwindering?
Who has'nt had a shower?
Who is Mr. Hardcastle?
Who can get them cut-price?
How long is Frank's stick?
Who's that re-incarnation of Socrates?

WHO SAID

Who or what is "Huss"?
Out, shower and get dressed.
I hope I never see the Fifth Form again.
Test positions.
What stool?

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Bradfordian, Brodleian, Cheadlian, Crossleyan, Leodensian, Morleyan, New Franciscan, Pomfretian, Rishworthian, Silcoatian, Wheel, Whitcliffian and the magazine of Princess Mary High School.

We apologise for any inadvertent omissions.

Heath Old Boys' Association

Readers who are astute or interested enough to look back over the past few years of these short summaries will notice some similarity in form, in that brief descriptions of dances, dinner-dances, dinners and the like have been presented neatly sandwiched between a request for donations and reminders about subscriptions and information as to the names and addresses of the various Secretaries, and confidently it may be predicted that the anonymous writer's lack of originality in future years will follow the same pattern. This year, however, is a year of change, if in name only, for readers will have observed that the School has followed the lead of the Association and amended, or suffered an amendment of, its name of almost four centuries. Thus by way of change this paragraph is presented in a slightly different mode, and deals with two small but nevertheless vital topics, both of which concern the Association's Social functions – its Annual Dinner and its Autumn Dinner/Dance.

The first point is that year after year Committee Members hear of Members who would like to participate in the limited functions of the Association but do not do so feeling that their age group would not be represented and that they would not know anyone. The logic of this is understandable, but is almost unfailingly wrong in practice, for year after year Members come to our social functions and invariably find someone whom they know, or knew, and as often as not someone they are pleased to see. The second point is one of the matters which keeps your Committee in such good heart. Our Association does not have the financial benefits enjoyed by many reasonably similar organisations, nor does it enjoy a meeting place, club house or the like, and many would say that it does not enjoy the esprit de corps of the Old Boys' Associations of other Schools of the calibre of Heath. This is not so.

Every year members write from distant countries or other parts of England to say how much they appreciate the Headmaster's Bulletin, receiving the *Heathen* and sometimes a few other words about their present lives, perhaps their School-days, and again from time to time these people or others like them, find that they are in Halifax in June or possibly in October and out of the blue turn up at the Dinner or Autumn function, as the case may be, for the first time for many years. This happens every year, and constitutes solid reliable evidence of the great fund of good-will enjoyed by the School, and, through the School, the Association, from its members and sometimes from past students who are not even members of the Association. These points are worth remembering and form only a part of the wonderful heritage of the School which the Association exists to preserve.

It is hoped that all Readers will be stirred sufficiently to recall a certain matter, financial in nature, without a specific mention having to be made. The thanks of the Association for donations and the renewal of "Life Contracts" when their economic life of eight years has been run are due to many members and it is hoped will be due to many more.

The Honorary Secretary of the Association is Mr. P. Graham Smith of 14 Rhodesia Avenue, Halifax (Halifax 66879 and business 63051) the Association's Honorary Treasurer and Secretary of the Fives Club is Mr. J. D. Turner of 24 Springwood Drive, Halifax (business 65858) and of the Rugby Club c/o Mr. Russell Smith of 16 Bramley View, Lightcliffe, (Halifax 21744).

EXAMINATION RESULTS

OXFORD		
J. D. LISTER	Classical Honour Moderations	Class III
CAMBRIDGE		
A. R. EASTWOOD	Chemical Engineering Tripos Part I	Class I
LONDON		
E. HUMPHREY	B.M., B.S.	
G. ROWNTREE	Nuclear Engineering	
R. S. TRACEY	Biochemistry	
MANCHESTER		
D. TYAS	Chemistry	Class II
D. G. EVANS	Computer Science	
BRISTOL		
D. M. GOODALL	M.B., Ch.B.	
LEEDS		
P. J. HOLLAND	Colour Chemistry	Class I
M. S. WHITWORTH	Special Studies (English)	Class II
M. I. PRIESTLEY	General Honours (French, German, English)	Class II ii
HULL		
K. A. SUTCLIFFE	Law	Class II i
NANCY		
R. S. WHATMOUGH	L. ès L	

J. S. DONOHUE, General Hospital, Bishop Auckland, has gained a diploma in obstetrics, R.C.O.G.

P. CROFT has passed the final examination of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

A. R. EASTWOOD has been awarded a scholarship by Churchill College, Cambridge.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

R. E. JOWETT, Senior Consultant Surgeon of Sunderland Royal Infirmary, Vice-Chairman of the Newcastle Regional Hospital Board has been made a C.B.E.

A. P. SMITH has been appointed manager of the Wool Conditioning House of the Municipal Undertakings Committee, Corporation of the City of Bradford.

R. C. BROUGHTON is Personnel Officer of the Castleford factory of John Mackintosh & Son, Ltd.

J. A. CROSSFIELD, manager of the Blackpool Branch of Littlewood's Mail Order Store, is believed to be the youngest Branch Manager in the firm.

D. DAVIS has been appointed Sales Manager at John Crossley & Sons, Ltd., Dean Clough Mills.

R. EASTWOOD has returned from Brazil after three years' teaching in Sao Paulo.

THE RUGBY CLUB

Gone are the days when the Rugby Club had only gloomy tidings, gone for ever one hopes, but by recent standards, last season although highly satisfactory, never hit the high spots. We made an early and rather undignified exit from the "Yorkshire Cup", beaten in a replay by a modest Marist O.B. side from Hull after we had made the away trip and held them to a draw in a morass. There is no doubt that Club competitions adds a certain spice to the season and having had two good runs in the two previous years, this last campaign fell flat and the teams seemed to have difficulty in regaining their true form. However the following results tell their own story and there is no need to draw a veil over them as has been done in the past.

1 XV Played 34 Won 20 Lost 11 Drawn 3 Pts. for 369 Pts. Agst. 309
2 XV Played 23 Won 15 Lost 8
Favor-ites Played 11 Won 4 Lost 7

At the time of writing, we are aware that at least three stalwarts are leaving the Club, Holden, Holland and Ian Smith, all, unfortunately, half backs. They are all going their different ways and we wish them well. Nonetheless, their departure leaves a gap in the Club's playing resources and the perennial cry for new talent contains added urgency, particularly in view of the fact that Keith Johnson is obtaining new and stronger fixtures. Obviously there is every reason to maintain our standards if we are to continue our progress and we invite all and any rugby players to join us at West Vale.

This matter of progress brings us the continuing problem of the proposed pavilion on the ground. Please do not think that we have come to a voluntary halt – this is just not so. The difficulty lies in the fact that we have not yet obtained a long lease on the ground, though we are engaged in negotiations with the Landlords even now. Naturally, with only a short lease at our disposal nobody will loan us any money but if the lease is extended then there are indications that finance may be made available to the Club. We are confident that with a decent club house we will soar to the heights both from playing and financial and social points of view. On the other hand, if we are forced to hobble along in our present straits, we will be forced to consider the future of West Vale as headquarters.

The finances of the Club, while not putting us among the Rothschilds, are such that we are kept out of Carey Street. This comparatively healthy state of affairs is due largely to the efforts of the Social Committee, who have run regular dances which have proved to be our main source of income. The highlight of our social calendar was no doubt the Rugby Ball at the New Victoria organised by a joint effort by all the local rugby clubs. Music was provided by Chris Barber and the Tropical Calypso Band from Huddersfield. The affair, we feel, was a fine success and one worthy of repeat particularly if the bar facilities can be sorted out. The proceeds were not great but well worth the effort involved.

Finally we would like to announce a completely new innovation in so far that the Club is to undertake an Easter Tour playing Windsor and Birstall (Leics.). It is proposed that it be a mixed trip otherwise the ladies may well riot at the the thought of spending Easter alone bereft of male company.

This year's Captain is David Littlefair – a most worthy choice for his tireless play is a shining example to all. He will doubtless lead the team to even greater achievements.

Last but not least there is the Ladies' Section, which for years has quietly been making money for the Club and we are most grateful. However their ardour of late has been somewhat dimmed due to the apparent lack of action on the pavilion project but at a recent meeting the Ladies' Section moved phoenix-like from the ashes and is once more in business. We hope that the ladies would not consider it too remiss if we mention the fact that they too would welcome any new members. R. SMITH.

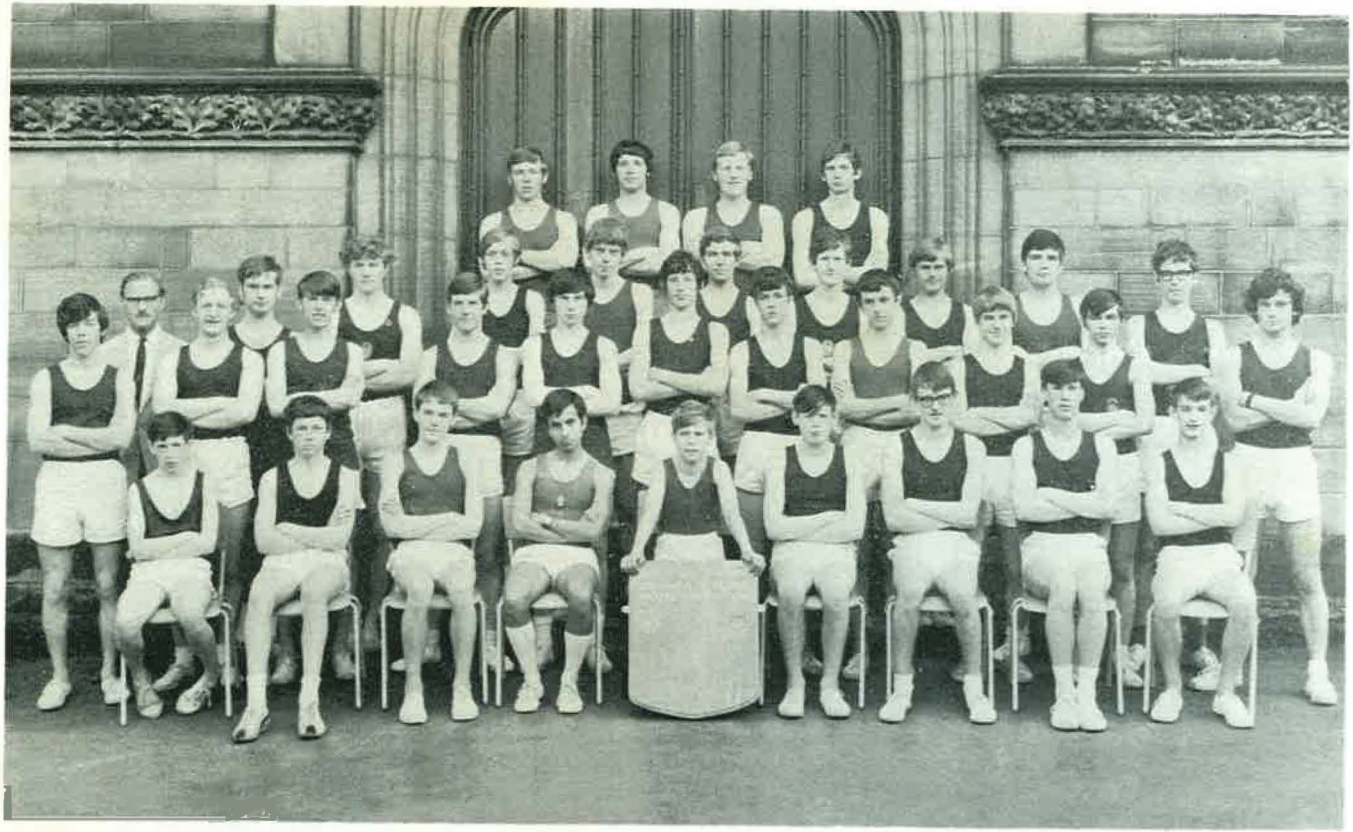
HEATH OLD BOYS FIVES CLUB

SEASON 1968/69

Although the Tuesday evening practice nights were enjoyed, as usual, by a few enthusiastic members the season on the whole cannot be described as one of the best in the Club's history. There were ten matches played, five being won and five lost. A notable victory was against the Jesters Club.

The Club was represented in most of the regional championships and J. D. Turner retained the Lancashire Open Doubles Championship this year partnered by S. Holt (Old Dunstonians, London). He was also a member of the victorious Rugby Fives Association team in their annual match against the British Universities Sports Federation.

The Club is badly in need of new blood and prospective members are invited to come along to practice nights on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. commencing the first Tuesday in October.



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