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EDITORIAL

Tradition is a difficult thing to grasp and to define with any accuracy. This does not mean that the idea of tradition is an illusion—rather the opposite. When an association of men is formed, rules are inevitably made to govern conduct. Over a period of time some of these rules become outdated and are forgotten whilst others are modified. An essence of these rules remains and is handed down through each succeeding generation. Tradition is the body of experience built up by many generations of men belonging to an institution. The problems, which the institution has faced, have moulded the attitude of its members and the experience gained has been crystallised in the form of a tradition. When the institution is faced with a problem its members can draw on the experience of their predecessors and the thought of many generations instead of one is at their command.

In England we are particularly fortunate because many of our institutions have an unbroken record of many centuries. Our use of tradition, and therefore our respect for it, is greater than in any other country. We are in danger of losing our heritage. The rapid material changes which have altered our civilisation have tended to bring anything that is old into disfavour. Many think that because a thing is old it is out of date and must be replaced by something new. This is all very well in the case of methods of sanitation but our ability to think has not progressed apace with our ability to build drains. It is still true to say, when speaking of moral problems, that there is nothing new under the sun.

Tradition plays a large part in the life of a school and fortunate is the school which has a long-standing tradition. The purposes of a Grammar School have been too often discussed, but we may say that, that it exists for something more than the imparting of "Useful Knowledge." A boy spends a large part of the most impressionable period of his life at a Grammar School and inevitably his school life helps to make or mar his character. If the school maintains the tradition which has been kept and enhanced by generations of masters and boys, every boy in the school, whether he is aware of it or not, is influenced by it to a greater or lesser degree. Whether on the playing fields or in the classroom, a boy can be induced to give of his best more easily because, often unconsciously, he feels that he must live up to the traditions of his school.

It is not always easy now to maintain the individualities of the school, which are often the outward signs of tradition, when the authorities of the school are the authorities of every other school. The present mania for a recognised standard often obscures the value of individualities. Nevertheless, so long as the powers that be remember that we are a school and not a branch of the Civil Service to be reorganised at the whim of each succeeding director, we shall be able to maintain the traditions of three and a half centuries.

SCHOOL NOTES

Founders' Day Service was held on June 3rd in the Parish Church. In addition to present members of the School there was a large number of parents, Old Boys and friends in the congregation. The sermon was preached by the Vicar of Halifax, Archdeacon Treacey. A tabby cat which attempted to join the choir was arrested by the Archdeacon and removed after the Introit.

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Mr. D. H. Blackeby left the staff at the end of the summer term to take up an important educational post in West Africa where we wish him the best of luck. His place is being taken by Mr. L. Jackson an Old Boy of Elland Grammar School who comes to us from Leeds University. Mr. P. S. Rees is also joining the staff. He served with the Royal Artillery in Egypt, Italy, France and Germany and then in the Army Education Corps and comes to us from Wells Cathedral Grammar School. We welcome both the newcomers to Heath and wish them every happiness with us.

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We are very grateful to Mrs. W. E. Horsley and to Mr. C. M. Whitham for their generous gift of annual prizes for music. The awards are to be made for progress in singing and in instrumental playing. The School has quite a reputation for its musical performances. The new prizes will provide an additional stimulus to reach even greater heights.

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We offer our congratulations to J. Akroyd of VI Modern on winning an Open Scholarship in History at Brasenose College, Oxford.

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Once again an enjoyable party, this year at Heath, was held for the VIth forms and staffs of ourselves and Princess Mary High School. Among other activities the Headmaster had organised an ingenious treasure hunt in which, however, a good deal that was found proved on examination not to be treasure. A surprising variety and more than sufficient quantity of food were provided by the members of our VIth form. Rather less visitors than expected actually arrived and this caused some initial difficulty in pairing. We understand that the party was enjoyed by all.

Not a little confusion was caused at the end of Spring Term by the descent of painters upon the building. Movement about the corridors at no time easy when the whole school is changing rooms was turned into a sort of obstacle race. The office at one time became the Headmaster's study and the staff found temporary accommodation in Room 'A'. The operation was, however, successfully completed to the great improvement of the school's appearance and there are surprisingly few finger marks imprinted on the new paint. About half the building was decorated at this time and the remainder is being done as we go to press.

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A small team of debaters from the IVth form went to Police Headquarters during Safety Week to stage a debate on Road Safety. The standard of speaking was said by the Chief Constable in a letter of thanks to have deserved much better public support than it received.

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We offer our congratulations to Mr. B. Young, a former member of the staff on his being made M.B.E. for services during the war in East Africa.

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The Headmaster on Speech Day had some pungent remarks to make about the lack of ground for playing cricket. The new net in the yard is very welcome but is no substitute for a ground. There are, of course, other reasons too for the rather dismal record of the School's cricket teams this season. While we do not wish to find excuses for our lack of success, we would point out that 19 matches were played away and only 7 at home and that of the fixtures arranged 21 were away and 9 at home.

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We regret to record the death on 10th February of William Bunting Crump who was Science Master at Heath until his retirement from teaching in 1915. He was a man of wide interests and published works on botany, local antiquities and the history of the woollen industry. Failing health prevented his getting about much in recent years but he was on occasions able to revisit Heath in which he always retained the warmest interest.

SPEECH DAY

To write an account of Speech Day for the *Heathen* sets a problem. With but one edition a year the account will appear before readers some ten months after the event. The bare facts must, no doubt, be recorded, but what else? The form of proceedings varies little from year to year and its description year after year would soon stale. The chief speaker excepted, the distinguished gathering on the platform with the Headmaster changes its composition but little. To be sure the chief speaker may deliver an outstandingly good or outstandingly

bad speech, or the Headmaster in the course of summarising the year's activities (already for the most part chronicled in this magazine) may let off a superlative squib or cast his pearls in unwonted profusion. Such things do distinguish one Speech Day from another. They appear with startling headlines or heavy type in the following day's issue of the Halifax Courier and Guardian in an admirably succinct account; but at this distance of time the squibs may have become a little damp, the pearls have lost something of their lustre. Therefore if this account each year seems to the gentle reader to have a brevity not born of wit and to breathe heavily echoes of countless past reports, he will perhaps understand and pardon.

Speech Day, 1949 was held on 25th November in the School Hall. The Headmaster's report, enlivened with references to Dick Barton, television, speedway-racing and "educational cocktails," provided considerable matter for congratulation on the School's achievements, academic and athletic, during the year. He also stoutly defended the generous policy of Halifax in the award of major scholarships which had, it would appear, been criticized by a less liberal authority. The prizes were distributed by O. W. Mitchell, Esq., M.A., headmaster of The Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. His remarks addressed primarily to parents were chiefly concerned with the new Certificate of Education from which, despite widespread criticism, he saw advantages coming.

A musical interlude was provided by the newly-revived orchestra and the choir. Both playing and singing were commended on all sides, as they deserved, and inspired two friends of the School to offer prizes for music.

PRIZE WINNERS

<i>Form Prizes :</i>	1A	1st	G. Hitchen	2nd	K. G. Hartley
	1B		L. J. Woodhead		D. W. Thompson
	2A		G. R. Sunderland		G. Shearing
	2B		J. M. Hoyle		D. R. Shaw
	3A		D. V. Williams		D. Crowther
	3B		C. J. L. Bowes		J. B. W. Edwards
	4A		J. K. Denerley		R. Beaumont
	4B		F. W. Normington		J. R. Thomas
	5L		B. J. Adamson		R. A. Hebblethwaite
	5S		M. Taylor		J. M. Collis
	5G		S. T. Westwood		S. Gee

VIth Form Prizes : Reith Classical Prize, M. G. Crowther.
 English, M. Pollitt
 History, M. Pollitt.
 Modern Languages, A. B. Whiteley.
 Physics, D. H. Fielding.
 Chemistry, N. A. Hunter.
 Mathematics, J. R. Wilkinson.

Special Prizes : Vth Form Mathematics, J. M. Collis.
 Middle School French, G. Carr.

Reading, Upper School, B. S. Ingham.
 Middle School, J. Allingham.
 Lower School, D. Watmough.

Prefects' Lesson-reading, N. A. Hunter.

"W. L. Dudley Memorial"—Geography :
 Senior, A. S. Bleazard, W. Terrington.
 Junior, R. D. White.

Art, Vth Form : S. Gee.
 IVth Form : T. B. Drake.
 IIIrd Form : A. E. Greenwood.
 IInd Form : P. O'Brien.
 Ist Form : K. W. Hartley.

Historical Essay, J. E. Stinton.

"A. H. Stocks Memorial," J. Akroyd.

"C. E. Fox Memorial," M. MacDonald.

Athlete's, D. Brook.

Special Consolation, D. A. Gillett, J. G. Blackeby,
 B. Smith (3A), D. J. Akroyde, K. A. Johnson,
 P. G. Turner.

THE RIVALS

The Dramatic Society chose Sheridan's *The Rivals* for its presentation in the autumn term. This eighteenth-century comedy, delightfully played, pleased the big audience present each night. The high order of acting, established at Heath School long ago was continued, and the actors, together with the Producer and technicians, are to be praised for a very fine show.

No actor can be singled out. Each played his part exceptionally well. Carter as Sir Anthony Absolute had just the right degree of testiness, to portray the overbearing father, who easily forgets the exuberance of his own youth.

B. Ingham as Captain Absolute, a unique character in Sheridan, showed a deep interpretation of the rôle and knew how to adopt the attitude, now flattering, now serious, towards the petulant Lydia.

The excessive sensibility of Faulkland was well brought out by Allingham. He exasperated the audience with his moral quibbles almost to breaking-point!

Acres, the country-booby, Sir Lucius O'Trigger, Fag, the foppish manservant, played by Gaukroger, Gillett and Lawless respectively, caused much amusement and fun.

M. Taylor as Mrs. Malaprop gave another fine performance—what we have come to expect from him. At once ludicrous and pathetic, we saw these sides of her nature with Taylor.

Davies as Lydia and Sunderland as Julia are to be complimented for the able way in which they tackled their parts, especially Sunderland, for Julia has more depth than the average Sheridan heroine and is a personage to be compared with Viola in *Twelfth Night*.

The lighting and staging really need no mention—so apparently excellent were they.

The cast was as follows:—

<i>Sir Anthony Absolute</i>	- - -	P. P. Carter
<i>Captain Absolute</i>	- - -	B. S. Ingham
<i>Faulkland</i>	- - -	J. C. Allingham
<i>Acres</i>	- - -	J. P. Gaukroger
<i>Sir Lucius O'Trigger</i>	- - -	D. A. Gillett
<i>Fag</i>	- - -	J. M. Lawless
<i>David</i>	- - -	A. G. Riley
<i>Thomas</i>	- - -	F. W. Normington
<i>Servant</i>	- - -	T. D. Gamson
<i>Boy</i>	- - -	G. Amos-Jones
<i>Mrs. Malaprop</i>	- - -	M. Taylor
<i>Lydia Languish</i>	- - -	D. P. Davies
<i>Julia</i>	- - -	G. R. Sunderland
<i>Lucy</i>	- - -	J. B. W. Edwards
<i>Maid</i>	- - -	K. W. Hartley.

P.R.

DRAMATIC AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

On Friday and Saturday, May 5th and 6th, the school musical and dramatic societies, joined forces to give another successful production. Last year the drama was sandwiched between the music. Such an arrangement, however, proved to be unsuitable, since it was rather exhausting for the younger boys in the choir to begin singing again so late, and also a strain on the audience, who had to re-attune their minds to Bach after watching a comic play. This year, therefore, the evening was divided into halves, the first musical and the second dramatic.

The musical programme began and ended with unaccompanied items by the school choir under the expert guidance of Mr. Haigh. Their first group of four songs consisted of "Come again, sweet love doth now invite" (Dowland); "The Ash Grove,"; "Sweet Lass of Richmond Hill," and "Now Spring in all her glory" (Arcadelt). These were creditably performed but there was often insufficient contrast between forte and piano. Far better were the last five songs:

"Heracleitus" (Stanford); "It's O to be a wild wind" (Elgar); a German folk-song, "Silent Night" (arr. Brahms); and Bach's "God liveth still" and "Up, up, my heart with gladness."

To begin the instrumental section of the programme, G. C. Jackson gave three piano solos, "Butterfly" (Grieg); "Waltz in E minor" (Chopin), and "Mouvement Perpétuel" (Poulenc). He played with great delicacy of touch and was well applauded. The school orchestra performed pieces by Handel, a gavotte and the "Harmonious Blacksmith." These young players have improved a great deal in the last twelve months. Mr. Holt's ensemble gave the first public performance of a tuneful minuet by G. Pilcher. It was followed by "Reverie" (Adam Carse), with J. K. Denerley taking the clarinet solo. Denerley played well but was occasionally drowned by the accompaniment.

Mr. Gain's senior choir received enthusiastic applause for a group of songs (in five languages!) which they sang with great zest and gusto. Standing around the piano (played by J. P. Gaukroger) in a sociable, drawing-room manner, they made their own enjoyment of the songs felt by the audience. Much of this enjoyment was undoubtedly inspired by Mr. Gain, who conducted more with his facial expressions than with his bâton.

The choice for the dramatic production, the musical play "Fat King Melon," by A. P. Herbert, was admirably suited to the capabilities of the young actors, all drawn from the first and second forms. We congratulate them on their clarity of diction; too often audibility is lacking in such productions. Technically, the play was excellent, and rapid scene-changing provided unbroken continuity. D. Watmough as Princess Caraway was very attractive and simpered delightfully. Other well performed parts were the mercenary but kindly Fairy Mumbo and her sprightly assistant, Fairy Gurgle, by D. G. Gaskell and R. W. J. Austin. Fat King Melon and his stout and stately mother by D. H. Hoyle and K. Kelly, and the sentimental Highwayman by P. C. Akroyd. We must not forget the Gallant Troops, Rough Sailors and pretty Tiring Women, who provided some rollicking fun. They all gave good renderings of the lovely songs arranged by Denis Arundel. Accompaniment was provided by piano and strings under Mr. Taylor.

We thank all other people who helped to make the play a success, especially the parents who made the costumes, and above all Mr. Fox.

SCHOOL CLUB

The Club has had a successful year. Membership has been practically one hundred per cent of the School. The balance sheet (a copy of which is printed on page 31) which was adopted at the beginning of the year showed a decrease of about £10 in the balance in hand but this was largely accounted for by the acquired stocks of sports vests and colours which should last for several years.

Once again the Club provided at very moderate cost a Christmas card which was in good demand. As in recent years, also, the Club found half the cost of the *Heathen*; the other half of the money under a new arrangement is now being found by the Old Boys' Association who now have their own editor for their section.

Various innovations have been made during the year. By a change of rules the Special Officers of the Club are now elected by the Sports Committee, the election being subject to the confirmation of the General Committee. The Club also decided to award certificates to the first three competitors in all events at the School Sports. They were presented for the first time at Sports in June. A Photographic Society has now been formed and the Club has given it a credit of £20 to get established.

HOUSE REPORTS, 1949-50

QUEENS

This has not been a very successful year. We began as holders of every trophy, a position which had been gained by an all-round enthusiasm which has since been lacking so that we finished with only the Cricket Cup.

The senior rugby team was dogged by bad luck while the junior team (if we can call it that) was obsessed by a very poor spirit. The gym team (juniors only this year), on the other hand, is to be congratulated on its performance; we hope it will remember that it has only to do one better to be top. The cross-country team ran well but unfortunately its tail was weak. In Athletics a greater degree of enthusiasm was shown; a riotous win by the intermediates was well supported by juniors and seniors (the latter rather a one-man effort). The team did very well to finish second considering the handicap of nearly 100 points due to poor sports-standards with which it started. In chess and fives we failed to show our ascendancy of previous years.

We congratulate J. A. Allen on his fine performance in winning the Victor Ludorum and all those members of the House who won their colours at rugby and cricket.

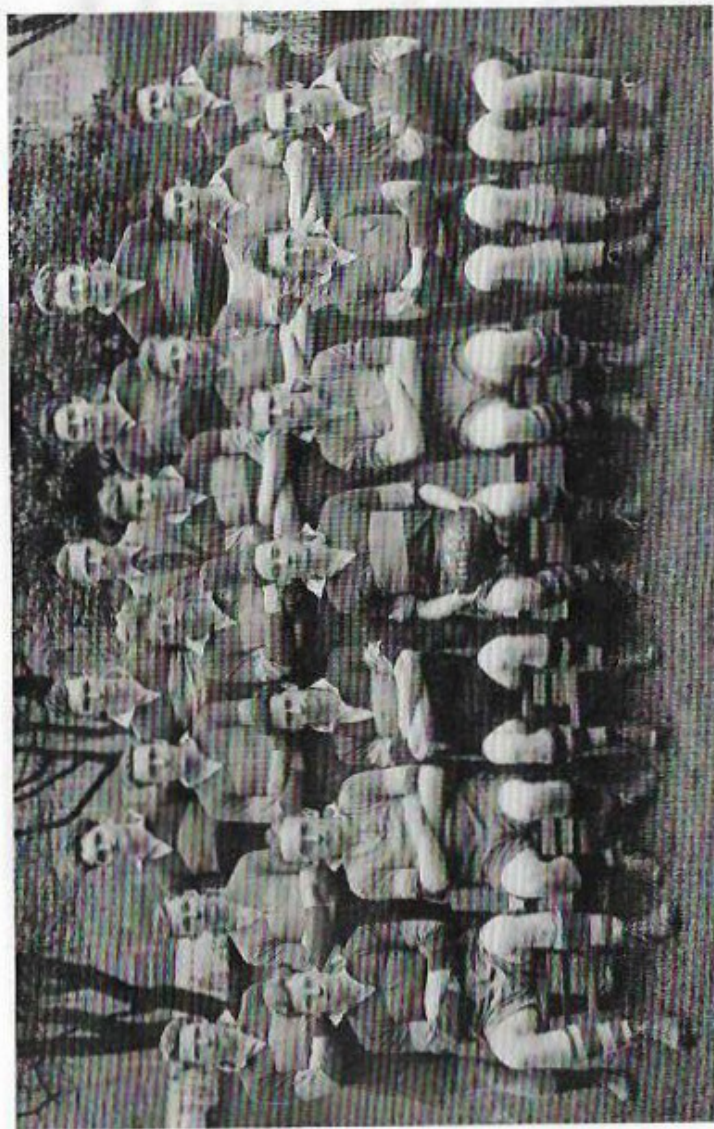
In the final addition of points for the House Championship, Queens appeared second. We should not be satisfied with this next year. The place for Queens is at the top and given some enthusiasm and determination we can get there.

J.A.B.

HEATH.

Our best effort this year was in the Rugby Championship in which the seniors won two games and the juniors did well. Consequently we gained second place.

1st XV, 1949-50



J. M. Lawless, C. B. Fletcher, Mr. H. Birchall, B. Smith, F. Mallalieu,
K. Whitaker, K. E. Humphreys, J. P. Horrocks-Taylor, T. D. Gamson, R. Crowther, J. G. Farrat, J. W. Palfreeman,
D. Horrocks-Taylor,
R. White, D. G. Bates, J. A. Allen, M. Pollitt (Capt.), J. A. Barker, M. Bamforth, F. W. Normington.

In both Cross-Country and Fives we were placed fourth. This will not do, Heathens. There are fives players in the House who are simply too lazy to practise and many of the senior members thought that they would be a little tired after a Cross-Country Run and therefore did not give of their best in the trial. Brian Smith and Kape however ran very well and we congratulate them.

We began Sports Day with only 240 points to our credit. This proves that everyone did not gain the maximum number of points from the sports standards. Thanks to being second in the three relays and several individual efforts we managed to take third place. Brian Smith ran a very good 880 beating the previous school record by four seconds.

The Junior Cricket team have performed very well winning both the matches they have played. The seniors have only won one match—against Kings. Their victory was due mainly to a fine opening partnership of 37 by Radcliffe and Farrar. This will probably give us second place.

Finally, we must congratulate John Akroyd, our Vice-House-Captain, on being awarded an Open Scholarship in Modern History at Brasenose College, Oxford.

D.G.B., J.K.D.

KINGS.

The year began disappointingly with the defeat of the senior rugby team in all their three matches. We put up a good fight but were hopelessly out-weighted. This can be remedied, however, if more fifth-year boys enter the sixth form instead of leaving school. In the last few years, Kings have been rather deficient in seniors. The juniors must be congratulated on deservedly winning all their games.

Our greatest triumph was the winning of the Fives cup, which has been absent from the House for some time, through superhuman efforts on the part of our team. To ensure that Kings retain this cup for ever and ever, all members of the House are urged to perfect themselves in the manly sport of Fives. Prospective players will find the Fives captain and his assistants always ready to help. Two new cups, for chess and gymnastics, were also won by Kings. Thanks are due to the members of the gym team and their instructors, who sacrificed many leisure hours in preparation for the victory. Even greater co-operation will be required next year for we shall have to reckon with greater competition.

In other activities we have been less fortunate. Although one of our runners, P. Kiddle, was first in the Cross-Country, our team finished third. The senior cricket XI won one and lost two of their matches, while the juniors have so far won one and lost one.

Last year, Kings rose to second on Sports day, but this year there was a drop to fourth position. We were very few points behind Heath, and should have been third or even second had it not been for accidents to all three relay teams. The narrowness of the margin between 3rd and 4th place will drive home the fact that a 100 per cent entry for sports events is absolutely essential. Every point counts. Yet do not be cast down, Kings, by this seeming failure. The Sports Day result must be regarded as only a temporary relapse in our climb to first place.

R.B.

SCHOOL.

"School House must feel a corporate body and persevere in everything with a more determined will."

Such was the opinion expressed by Pollit in the report in last year's *Heathen*. The words have been heeded, for we again head the House Championship, having won the Rugby Cup, the Cross-Country Trophy and the Sports.

That is indeed commendable and we are proud to state that every man in the House has pulled his weight to set School on the winning path again.

Only one match was lost in the Rugby series, the Seniors winning two, drawing one, the Junior winning two.

The Fives Team had another good season, losing only to Kings. We hope that more Juniors will take up this attractive sport and help to restore what once was a flourishing sport at Heath.

The Cricket Teams have not done as well as expected. The Seniors won one, drew one and the match with Queens was abandoned. The Juniors were similarly unsuccessful.

A mention must be made of the Sports, where we won both the Junior and House Shields. No one can be singled out for special recognition, except perhaps Tinkler, a most promising Junior. The Seniors blended well to form an almost invincible team.

Although many Seniors will be leaving this year, the Junior section is so strong that we feel that School House will continue out in front for many years to come.

P.R.

FIVES

This has been a disappointing season for the Fives Club. Out of eight games played, only one was won—that against the Staff. Only one member of last year's team was available, and it was not until the end of the season that the others gained the experience necessary. Next season should see a change in the Fortunes of the Club, since there are many promising players in the Sixth Form.

Colours were awarded to Robertshaw, Bates and P. G. Smith.

P.R.

RUGBY, 1949-50

The school teams in general enjoyed a very successful season. The 1st XV played some fine matches and on occasion won convincingly while the 2nd and under 15 XV's were too strong for nearly all their opponents.

The 1st XV forwards were rather light and though often outweighed in the scrums played well together and were very good in the loose. Farrar and Normington, the halves, made a good combination and should prove invaluable next season. Several changes were made in the threequarter line in the course of the season but none the less there was no lack of thrust when in possession. Like the forwards they were rather light but with a good turn of speed with the ball. This advantage was however sometimes thrown away through passing the ball before getting on the move. R. Crowther was a sound full-back and his long kicking a great asset.

RESULTS

1ST XV

Bingley	Away	Won	11—8
Whitcliffe Mount	Home	Won	11—0
Doncaster	Home	Won	19—0
Crossley and Porter	Home	Lost	6—9
Rishworth	Home	Won	23—0
Rochdale	Away	Won	5—3
Skipton	Home	Lost	6—11
Leeds University 'B'	Home	Lost	8—11
Hipperholme	Away	Won	17—0
Heath Old Boys	Home	Lost	0—17
Woodhouse Grove	Home	Won	30—0
Silcoates	Home	Drawn	3—3
Keighley	Home	Lost	8—20
Baildon R.U.F.C. 'A' XV	Home	Won	8—3
Heath Old Boys	Away	Lost	3—21

2ND XV

Bingley	Home	Won	40—0
'A' XV v. Huddersfield Colts	Away	Won	47—0
Thornton 1st XV	Away	Won	17—3
Doncaster	Home	Won	18—0
Crossley and Porter	Away	Won	5—0
Rochdale	Home	Won	28—0
Hipperholme	Home	Won	89—0
Bingley	Away	Won	24—3
Keighley	Home	Won	22—0
Crossley and Porter	Home	Won	33—3
Heath Old Boys 'A'	Home	Lost	0—21

UNDER 15 XV

Woodhouse Grove	..	..	Home	Won	74-0
Sowerby Bridge Modern	..	..	Away	Won	9-0
Rishworth	..	..	Home	Won	9-3
Crossley and Porter	..	..	Home	Won	17-0
Rochdale	..	..	Away	Drawn	0-0
Keighley	..	..	Away	Won	6-0
Woodhouse Grove	..	..	Away	Won	21-6
Clare Hall	..	..	Home	Won	27-5
Silcoates	..	..	Home	Won	33-0

UNDER 14 XV

Crossley and Porter	..	..	Away	Lost	0-8
Sowerby Bridge Modern	..	..	Home	Won	24-8
Hipperholme	..	..	Home	Won	17-0
Thornton	..	..	Away	Won	17-16
Rishworth	..	..	Away	Lost	8-14
Bradford	..	..	Home	Lost	6-19
Whitcliffe Mount	..	..	Home	Won	9-0
Keighley	Home	Won	11-10
Thornton	Home	Won	12-3

UNDER 13 XV

Sowerby Bridge Modern	Home	Won	14-0
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ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	
					For	Against
1st XV	15	8	1	6	158	106
2nd XV	11	10	0	1	303	30
Under 15 XV	9	8	1	0	194	14
Under 14 XV	9	6	0	3	104	78
Under 13 XV	1	1	0	0	14	0
	<u>45</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>773</u>	<u>228</u>

1st XV Colours were awarded for the season to J. A. Allen, M. Pollitt, R. White, D. G. Bates, J. A. Barker, M. Bamforth, and Colts Colours to C. N. Radcliffe, C. J. L. Bowes, J. Murgatroyd, G. Carr, K. A. Johnson, G. Fox. We congratulate all these on attaining their colours and also J. W. Palfreeman on his selection to play in the Halifax Schoolboys team against Huddersfield. It was unfortunate that he sustained an injury in the match which put him out of football for the rest of the season.

J.A.A.

CRICKET

1st XI

Thanks mainly to the erection of a cricket net in the lower playground, this season has seen a great improvement in batting and to a lesser extent in bowling. Out of ten matches played, we have won five and lost five.

Special mention must be made of two young members of the team. Turner has proved an extremely sound opening bat who, even when he did not make a large score, stayed in a long time and allowed later batsmen to take advantage of a dispirited attack. This was particularly true of the match against Crossley and Porter. Townend has opened the attack for the team throughout the season and has taken many wickets inexpensively with accurate and aggressive bowling.

Palfreeman joined the team late in the season but proved a useful bowler. He took fifteen wickets in five matches.

Bates and Fletcher have shown themselves capable of making the runs when most needed and Allen and Best have bowled steadily.

No great changes have taken place in the team this year, yet what was lacking last year is evident now: an enthusiastic team spirit which refused to be shaken by bad luck sustained at the beginning of the season.

RESULTS 1ST XI

Keighley	..	..	Away	Lost by 6 wickets
Sowerby Bridge Grammar	..	Home	Lost	7
Sowerby Bridge Grammar	..	Away	Lost	
Rishworth	..	Home	Lost	5
Crossley and Porter	..	Home	Won	22 runs
Almondbury	..	Home	Won	6 wickets
Whitcliffe Mount	..	Away	Won	4
Doncaster	..	Away	Won	9
Manchester Grammar II	..	Home	Won	11 runs
Woodhouse Grove	..	Home	Lost	58

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2nd XI beat Sowerby Bridge Grammar (55 runs), Rishworth (46 runs), Almondbury and Thornton (12 runs), and lost to Crossley and Porter and Rochdale. All these matches were played away.

Under 15 XI were beaten by Sowerby Bridge Modern (5 wickets), Carlton High (36 runs) and Woodhouse Grove (7 wickets). All matches were away.

Colts XI playing away lost to Sowerby Bridge Modern (4 wickets), Keighley (64 runs), Sowerby Bridge Grammar and Bradford (8 wickets), and drew with Woodhouse Grove. At home they beat Rishworth (4 wickets).

Under 13 XI played Sowerby Bridge Modern away and were beaten (5 wickets).

ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost
1st XI	10	5	0	5
2nd XI	6	4	0	2
Under 15 XI	3	0	0	3
Colts XI	6	1	1	4
Under 13 XI	1	0	0	1
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	26	10	1	15

Colours were awarded for the season as follows:—

1st XI : P. Robertshaw, M. H. Townend, D. G. Bates, B. Turner, F. Mallalieu, C. B. Fletcher, J. A. Allen, J. W. Palfreeman.

Colts : B. Waddington, D. Hubbard, P. T. Haley, D. R. Shaw, F. Best, R. Lyons, K. G. Hartley.

Batting gloves presented by the Parents' Association for the best all-rounders were awarded to K. G. Hartley and F. Best.

P.R.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The weather on June 8th at Spring Hall was quite kind to competitors but rather cold for the rather small number of spectators who attended. In consequence there was some good running and exciting finishes in which several records were broken. Owing to an error of measurement of the track the course for the 220 yards was slightly short. This was particularly unfortunate as record times were returned in this event in the Senior and Intermediate classes. These records, therefore, cannot be claimed but there is little doubt that in both events the record would have been broken and, in the intermediate at least by a good minute. It is to be hoped that both the competitors involved will make as good if not better times next year. Closed events for the first forms were held for the first time.

Trophies and certificates (an innovation these) were presented by Mrs. W. R. Swale at the end of the meeting.

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RESULTS

Times or distances of School records are included.

SENIOR :

High Jump—R. Crowther.
 Long jump—B. Whitaker.
 Hop, step and jump—J. A. Barker.
 Cricket Ball—J. A. Allen.

Javelin—M. Stephenson.

Discus—J. A. Allen.

Shot—R. Crowther.

100 yards—J. A. Allen (Dalzell Trophy).

220 yards—G. Capener (24.4 secs).

440 yards—C. Bray

880 yards—B. Smith (2 min. 12.8 secs.)

Mile—P. Kiddle (Dudley Trophy)

120 yards Hurdles—J. A. Barker (17.2 secs.)

INTERMEDIATE :

High Jump—R. E. Moulds

Long Jump—F. W. Normington (18ft. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ ins.)

Hop, step and Jump—R. E. Moulds (37 ft. 6 ins.)

Cricket Ball—J. P. Horrocks-Taylor (277 ft. 5 in.)

Shot—J. P. Horrocks-Taylor (39 ft. 1 in.)

100 yards—F. W. Normington (11 secs.)

220 yards—F. W. Normington (23.8 secs.)

880 yards—F. W. Normington.

80 yards Hurdles—J. P. Horrocks-Taylor.

JUNIOR :

High Jump—G. A. Tinkler.

Long Jump—G. A. Tinkler

Hop, Step and Jump—G. A. Tinkler

Cricket Ball—R. Fawcett

80 yards—K. G. Hartley

220 yards—K. G. Hartley

440 yards—K. G. Hartley

FIRST FORMS :

High Jump—A. G. Parry

Long Jump—A. Robinson

80 yards—A. Robinson

170 yards—A. G. Parry

RELAYS :

Senior : School : Heath : Queens.

Intermediate : Queens : Heath : School.

Junior : School : Heath : Kings.

Victor Ludorum—J. A. Allen

Connal Trophy—J. A. Allen, R. Crowther

MacDonald Cup—P. Kiddle

Fifth Form Cup—F. W. Normington

House Championship—1. School, 485 ; 2. Queens 454 ; 3. Heath 368 ;

4. Kings 334.

Junior House Shield—School.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP, 1949-50

	Heath	School	Kings	Queens
Rugby	10	15	5	0
Fives	0	4	6	2
Cross-Country	0	12	4	8
Gymnastics	0	4	12	8
Athletics	5	15	0	10
Cricket	7½	0	7½	15
	—	—	—	—
	22½	50	34½	43
	—	—	—	—

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT GRAMMAR SCHOOLS SPORTS ASSOCIATION

For the second year in succession Heath gained the Champion School shield in these sports. The intermediate and senior shields were also won. Several boys contributed to our success. Of the juniors G. A. Tinkler won, among other successes, the high jump and equalled the record.

The Intermediates were outstanding. F. W. Normington set up records in the 100 yards and the 220 yards. G. Carr was second in the 100 yards and equalled Normington's record in his heat. J. P. Horrocks-Taylor was second in the 220 yards and set up a record when he won the putting the shot. Heath also won the relay comfortably.

Smith and Kiddle were first and second in the Senior Mile. Atkinson was second in the Javelin, an event only introduced to Heath this year. Barker and Crowther were first and second in the high jump and Heath won the Senior relay.

WHO SAID ?

Week-ends were not invented before 1890.
I can't mark an essay until I receive it.
Well caught in the slips, sir!
Don't go too near the edge I'm terrified.
Arrange to have what you want.
The bible is a very good book.
This is a respectable party.

THE HEATHEN IN HIS BLINDNESS WANTS TO KNOW . . .

Was she head prefect at Heath too ?
Who refused to be a member of the Royal Academy ?
Can you obtain a degree on Carrington and Jackson ?
DOES he watch the pretty nurses go by ?
Is the import of cider prohibited ?

VISIT TO BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR

After the success of last year's visit to the B.I.F., Mr. Blackeby again went through the complicated process of organising a trip. This year three coaches instead of one were required to transport the eighty-four boys who wanted an extra day's holiday. Mr. Blackeby wisely co-opted the services of Mr. Morris and Mr. Lee to control a party of boys from the third form and upwards.

The day was just what Mr. Blackeby ordered ; it was warm and promised to be warmer. At 9 a.m. the three coaches moved off towards Birmingham. On the journey down nothing of note disturbed the continual munching of potato crisps, toffee and biscuits except when the three coaches began to jockey for position—an occasion to be cheered or booed according to your position.

At 2 p.m. the B.I.F. was in sight and shortly afterwards the party formed a queue outside one of the gates. After a short conversation, Mr. Blackeby was festooned with about three yards of tickets and the party went through the turnstile and rapidly dissolved. The Exhibition was divided into two sections—indoor and outdoor. The indoor section was extremely well arranged and the exhibits were attractively arranged. The exhibitors were, on the whole, long-suffering and no member of the party was injured. One member was, however, asked if he did really want to buy a diesel-electric shunting engine and if not would he please put it back on the track. The endurance of the party was exceptional for many carried huge bundles of leaflets under the sweltering heat of the glass roof throughout the afternoon.

The outside exhibits were even more impressive. Huge cranes moved tons of gravel and iron girders from end to end of a short track and then back again. A company of rock-drillers covered the area with brown mud and proudly announced that they were now 670 ft. below ground level.

At length the party assembled at the gate and returned to the coaches. The journey back was notable for the remarkable interest taken in the landscape—an interest evident from the ecstatic shouts which periodically arose. After a stop for fish and chips, ice cream and lemonade, the party arrived in the West Riding bursting with knowledge and foodstuffs—the end of a very enjoyable and interesting trip. Our thanks to Mr. Blackeby for the trouble he took in organising this trip.

J.A.

VISIT TO FRANCE

At 9.50 p.m. on April 2nd, 1950, eleven boys and two masters left Halifax. The only event of interest on the uncomfortable journey to London was when Mr. Gain thought he had lost his ticket. He found it after a frantic search. Arriving in London at 4 a.m., we spent some pleasant hours wandering along the Embankment and through

Covent Garden. At about 9 a.m. on Monday morning we left London for Newhaven where we boarded the French boat, the "Arramanche." The trip was a pleasant one, although some of the party suffered from mal-de-mer. At Dieppe we climbed aboard a very ancient-looking French train but as many of us slept the scenery was not noticed.

At Paris a coach took us to the Hotel Cosmos. On Tuesday morning we went up the Eiffel Tower. In the evening off we went again. By this time we were used to sleeping in trains and, when we awoke, we were in beautiful mountainous country. At Aix-les-Bains we changed trains for Mornex.

At Mornex we were met by the owner of the Hotel Belvedere, M. Gugliomoni. A coach took us up the winding road to the ancient and beautiful village of Monnetier which is situated between the Grand and the Petit Salève. After a very good lunch we were taken on a half-day trip to Geneva. On the Franco-Swiss frontier we had to go through both the French and Swiss passport offices. At Geneva we had half-an-hour in which to do some sight-seeing and shopping. Lake Geneva was a glorious sight in the hot sunshine. The water was pale green in the foreground merging into the deep midnight blue of the far shore. After half-an-hour, we made a tour of Geneva, visiting among other places the Swiss Red Cross Hospital and the League of Nations buildings.

After breakfast on Wednesday we set out for Chamonix. Again the sun was very hot and as we approached the mountains we were dazzled by the glittering sun. At Chamonix, we took a packed lunch and went on the overhead cable railway up Le Brévent. The higher we climbed the hotter it seemed to become. Half-way up the mountain we changed into another railway which took us to the highest peak where there was a ski-ing station. While we sat in the sun our faces changed from white to red or a beautiful brown.

On Thursday we visited the Sixt, a valley parallel to the Mont Blanc range. At Samoens we were told that we might not be able to reach Sixt because of snow. It had been cleared, however, and we arrived. Snow was on the ground but it was warm enough to be without a coat. On Friday and Saturday, Mr. Morris arranged 'walks' (about 10 miles each). I started on two but finished neither so I cannot tell you much about them. On Saturday night we went to the mobile cinéma to see Laurel and Hardy in *Underneath the Arches*. It was the type of film seen on television.

Easter Sunday was again a hot day and like true Christians we went to Church—a Roman Catholic Church. Although little of the service was understood, it was a pleasant experience. Rain had fallen on Monday morning and our spirits dropped—not because of the rain but because we were leaving. On the 10th of April we left Monnetier, our cases filled with sweets, nylons, cigarettes and souvenirs.

Finally, a word about the food. In Paris the food was similar to that at home but at Monnetier it was typically French. Everything was excellently cooked and very tempting. We had endives stuffed with ham, spinach, artichokes and lettuce—all typically French vegetables. The French seem incapable of making puddings and we usually had fruit, cake or cheese and biscuits.

We shall all have happy memories of our visit to Monnetier, that tiny village in the French Alps.

THE DRIVING TEST—EXPLAINED TO THE UNINITIATED

Many of our present Sixth Form are seen sporting "L" plates fore and aft and it was thought that these notes would be helpful to them. I have arranged them in the form of suggestions which could be glued to the windscreen. Whilst reading them, you must bear in mind that the driving test is a unique experience in the life of a motorist—he does things then which he has never done before or since.

1. Remember to wave your hand through the window on the slightest provocation—it soothes the examiner's nerves.
2. Use the clutch when changing gear (by the way, make sure you know which is the clutch. Examiners are touchy beings and dislike putting their heads through windscreens. They may even deduct marks).
3. Keep hold of the wheel—a remark such as "These big cars steer themselves" cuts no ice at all.
4. The myopic candidate is urged to spend five minutes before the test memorising all the car numbers in sight.
5. If the day is wet, be careful not to change gear with the examiner's umbrella instead of the gear-lever.
6. If you do get 'reverse' instead of 'top' don't show your exasperation, but break the windscreen to divert attention.
7. Don't say "I say, old chap, we nearly got him then, what!" however close you were to the chump.
8. Do not break the examiner's spectacles when turning round to reverse.
9. No examiner really expects to catch anyone by offering a cigarette. If he does, however, stop the car and accept it with a gracious smile, saying "I don't indulge but my father does."
10. If you do meet with a slight accident see that the examiner is rendered unconscious, thus giving you time to fix things with the other chap.

Lastly a word to the reckless. Examiners are seldom racing enthusiasts and are apt to be displeased if you show them the way in which Raymond Mays takes a corner at full throttle. Occasionally,

of course, an examiner has been known to catch the spirit of adventure and offer to wager "that you can't pass that green Bentley." In such circumstances it is wise to conduct yourself in a circumspect manner—never offer him more than 'evens.'

N.B.—The 'Highway Code' is a small brown book published by H.M. Stationery Office.

PHYLLIS, U.Sc.VI.

THE LAST DAYS OF TERM

The dreadful "Higher" is drawing to an end. The Lower School has received its results and forgotten all exams.

Bookchecks are in progress; waste-paper baskets overflow with refuse, which for the last two or three months has filled those inky, initialled desks; long-lost relics in the form of sweets, old comics and broken fountain-pens are revealed amid cries of joy; board-games, packs of cards, film annuals and an odd copy of *Lilliput* flow into the school during the last few days of term.

In the labs, the musty, exciting cupboards are opened and cleaned out for painting while eager Lower School denizens loiter around in excited anticipation of the gift of some dirty, broken piece of mysterious apparatus which the Senior Science Master no longer considers fit to grace his sanctuary.

All masters at this time are scratching their heads (sometimes in vain) to think up some more insulting words than "utterly revolting" or "disgusting" with which to fill in his own special place on the reports.

The routine end-of-term jobs such as "doing" Record Cards are performed by haggard Form-masters thinking longingly of the cool sea at Filey, and imagining themselves, aye, themselves, tripping down to the water's edge in a week's time!

The very last day, and the turmoil reaches its climax. Report envelopes are addressed, filled and sealed, desks are emptied, satchels filled, rooms are tidied, games removed and at two-thirty the school settles down to await the call to the Final Assembly. Cups and shields are presented, speeches are made, a hymn is sung, hands are shaken and the holiday has begun!

LIMERICK

There was an old man of New York,
Who swallowed a pound of fat pork,
Said a friend you'll be right,
Within a fortnight,
That's if you did not eat the fork.

R. LYONS, 3B.



THE LIBRARY

Perhaps the most important addition to the school library this year is Herbert Butterfield's *Origins of Modern Science*. This work, which received an excellent press report, will be of interest and value to members of both the science and arts sixth forms, and will help to remind our scientific brethren that there are books of interest to them not only in their own obscure library housed in the laboratories but also in the main school library. Those who peruse this work will realise how interwoven are all branches of sixth form work, and it should consequently increase interest not only in their own sphere of work but in other fields. The companion volume, *Christianity and History*, by the same author, has also been added this term.

Of the fifty-two books which are newcomers to our shelves, only fifteen were received through the 'usual channels.' For the others we are indebted to generous donors. We are always grateful for such gifts, and it is a most useful way for friends of the school and old boys to express their gratitude. Two of our former librarians, D. C. Horsfall and K. E. Swards-Shaw have presented *Parliament* by Ivor Jennings, and *What a Word* by A. P. Herbert respectively. I. Simpson, Esq. was the kind donor of *Munich: Prologue to Tragedy*, by J. W. Wheeler Bennet, and Mrs. Denham presented three works of Sir Walter Scott,

namely *Fortunes of Nigel*, *Guy Mannering*, and *Ivanhoe*, and also Robert Louis Stevenson's *Familiar Studies of Men and Books*. Mr. Mackley has given us an abridged version of *Pepys's Diary* in one volume, and Wallace Brown of the Lower Modern VI has presented *The Penguin Political Dictionary* for the reference shelves.

An interesting gift which has returned to the school after a century, is a prize won in 1848 by Edward P. Rouse. The book, *The Christian Year*, contains the signature of J. Henry Gooch, M.A., who was headmaster at that time.

Other donors were the Headmaster, Brian Smith (L.VI. Mod.), The United Tanners' Federation and the British Railways Executive (L.M. Region).

Dryden Brook, M.P. for Halifax has presented a number of volumes, the most notable of which is the *Concise Cambridge History of English Literature*, by George Sampson. The other volumes include ten Penguin books.

We have had forty-eight of our old and rather dilapidated books re-bound. The work has been executed in an excellent fashion, and these works will once again be able to render useful service.

Finally, a reminder that every book has its correct place on the shelves, to which it should be returned. The library system has been rendered chaotic by boys who fling returned books on the nearest available shelf, or even leave them lying on the tables. The books must be returned to their correct places. It will then be a comparatively simple matter to find the required book, or to know whether it has been borrowed.

F.D.B.

CHESS CLUB

This season the chess club has been fairly active and we are pleased to see an added interest in chess taken by several members of the Lower School. The school team played 7 matches, won 2, lost 4 and drew 1 scoring 19½ points against 22½. The results were:

Heckmondwike G.S.	..	..	..	Away	Lost	2½—3½
Heckmondwike G.S.	..	..	..	Home	Drawn	3—3
Rochdale M.H.S.	..	..	..	Home	Lost	1½—4½
Rochdale M.H.S.	..	..	..	Away	Lost	2½—3½
Sowerby Bridge G.S.	..	..	..	Away	Won	4—2
Sowerby Bridge G.S.	..	..	..	Home	Won	5—1
Huddersfield College	..	..	..	Away	Lost	5—1

The school team was chosen from: R. Crowther (captain), J. Akroyd, J. S. Akroyd, R. A. Hebblethwaite, J. R. Hooson, J. K. Denerley, E. Smith and P. V. Ashworth.

In the House Competition the result was:—1. Kings, 26 points; 2. Heath 20 points; 3. School 10 points; 4. Queens 4 points.

The School knock-out competitions each appear to have reached the final:—

Senior: J. S. Akroyd v. P. V. Ashworth.

Junior: G. Shearing v. B. Waddington.

In the Ladder R. Crowther is top of the Senior and J. C. Robinson top of the junior.

P.V.A.

THE FAVOR-ITES

Hardly eight weeks of the Autumn Term had passed before someone remembered that the above Society had not yet had a meeting. Once more Mr. Mackley had to answer questions about it, once more offer his advice and assistance. On the 10th of November a general meeting was held—the result of our soul-stirrings.

At the first meeting at which members were to give short addresses on "My Pet Aversion" the Society nearly relapsed again. Only seven attended. For the second meeting the time-honoured motion that "this house would welcome the introduction of Co-education" was chosen. The debate was long and heated and cannot be reported in full. J. S. Stinton, proposing the motion was graciously received but abused the condescension of the Society by comparing the discipline at his old school with that at Heath to the latter's disadvantage. P. P. Carter replied to Stinton's point that co-education led to natural relations between the sexes by saying that he had not noticed any uneasiness in the presence of the opposite sex on the part of his contemporaries. The motion was defeated by 27 votes to 9.

At the next meeting what must be a record attendance of 48 was set up. After several days of high-pressure campaigning by the candidates who made the school look like one big poster hoarding, a Mock Election was held. The candidates were J. H. Fielden (right-wing Republican), B. S. Ingham ("Play-as-you-earn") and P. G. Smith (Heathen Democrat). Fielden made it clear from the start that he was prepared to make concessions. The Society was humbly grateful when he said that he did not wish to see the Royal Family boiled in oil. He was the only candidate to tackle the rather mundane issues of the General Election in any detail. It is with deep regret that we have to record that the Society was swayed by mere words but it is none the less true. Ingham's tirade on the rights of six-formers received more support than Smith's more concrete proposals for their betterment. The voting was:—

B. S. INGHAM	23
P. G. Smith	17
J. H. Fielden	7
One paper was spoilt	

The last meeting was equally serious. The Society met to try the representative whom they had just elected. Barrie Stanton Ingham was brought to trial before Mr. Justice Mackley on a charge of "mis-

appropriating a mirror with intent to commit a felony, the aforesaid mirror being the property of the prefects of the Grammar School of Queen Elizabeth at Heath, near Halifax." The prosecution was conducted by P. G. Smith. Ingham conducted his own defence with M. Taylor as his junior. The prosecution spoiled their chances by calling a dubious witness, Capener, whose evidence the jury did not think fit to accept. Ingham was found not guilty and dismissed with a caution.

The year was fairly successful for the society when allowances are made for external examinations and other distractions which affected some of its members.

J.A.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

1948 saw the inception of a Scientific Society in the School with the avowed aim of diffusing science, in its extra-curricular aspects, amongst members of the Sixth Form. The meetings in that year were somewhat spasmodic, but were arranged by members of the school instead of the staff which represents some improvement.

The present season has shewn a continuation of interest, but the response of members to the request for the provision of their own efforts has been almost negligible. It is sincerely to be hoped that next year will see considerable improvement in this respect, and that the Secretary will have to rely less upon outside lecturers.

The three lecture meetings were well attended and the addresses of S. Akroyd on "Loco Exchanges," and the Secretary on "Campanological Composition," though somewhat abstruse, aroused a certain degree of interest. Dr. Reed of Leeds gave us a clear and exciting picture of the current work in the Department of Biomolecular Structure at Leeds University, and in the Spring Term our own Mr. Hallows drew a large audience to his learned discourse on "Aircraft Performance."

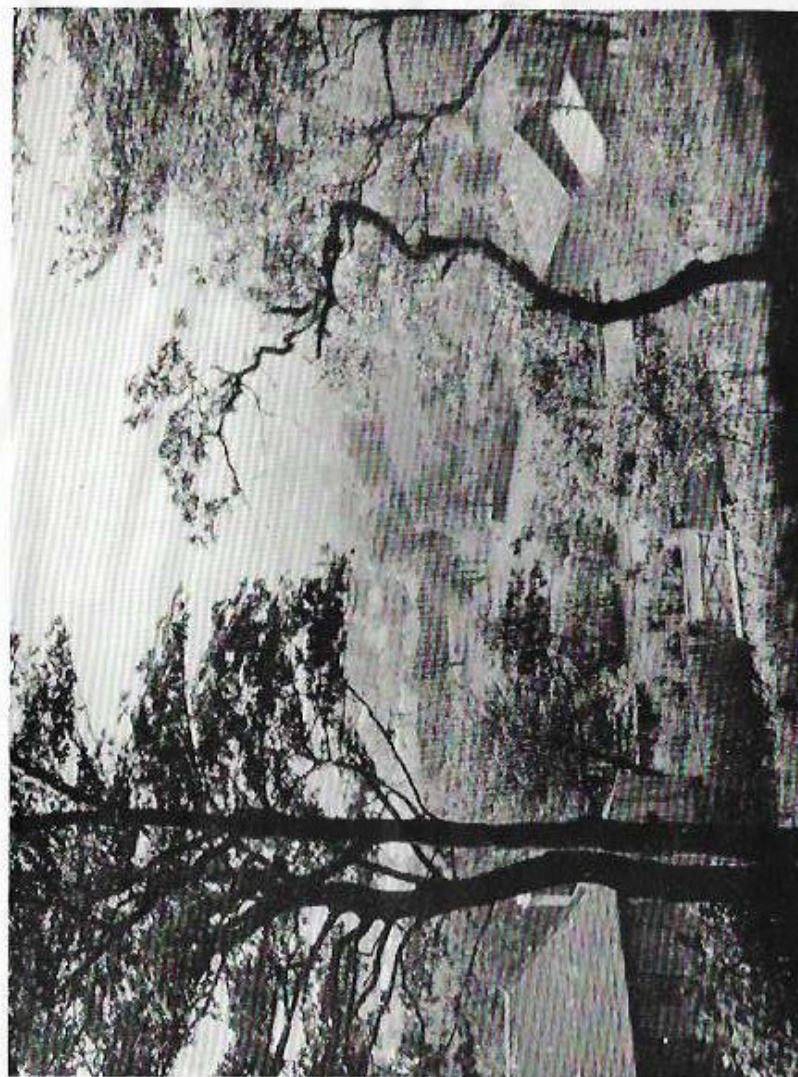
The films shewn were on the whole rather disappointing with the exception of the I.C.I. film on Monestral Blue, which drew many appreciative comments from those who saw it.

On the 5th March a very successful visit was paid to the B.B.C. transmitter at Moorside Edge. No meetings have since been held because of the preoccupation of the Upper Sixth during the Summer Term.

P. P. CARTER.

BADGERS

Our success in the Camping competition was followed, last September, by winning the Beadon Cup, for the first time in the history of the group. To celebrate this success, a pea and pie supper was held at which members of the camping team were each presented with a souvenir woggle.



"SUMMER'S LEASE"

The year has mainly been taken up by work on first and second class tests but some members of the troop have found time to pass various proficiency badges, including swimmer, jobman and linguist. This season there have been a number of patrol camps and it is hoped to hold more before summer camp which is to be held at Great Towers Plantation, Windermere this year together with the rest of the group. In this year's camping competition Badgers were second by one mark.

Good camping Badgers and let's hope that the Beadon cup can be won for the second year in succession!

M. ROPER.

SENIOR SCOUTS

Although meeting nights have clashed with the Speedway and Night School, the Senior Scouts have had a successful year.

The highlight of the year has been the renting of a hut for the use of the Seniors on the canal wharf at Salterhebble. The year has, therefore, been spent in redecorating this hut, but we hope to repair the canoes soon and we are looking out for a boat.

In badgework the troop has been very successful; three more members have completed their King's Scout badge, one first-class has been passed and so have numerous proficiency badges. Three members were selected as members of the County contingent for the St. George's day service at Windsor, where H.M. the King took the salute.

At Easter a party of four spent an enjoyable holiday on the Norfolk Broads in a yacht. Although they had to lay-up for three days because of bad weather, they gained much experience in the art of sailing. A small camp was held at Addingham, near Ilkley, at Whitsuntide. The weather was not good but the camp was a break from school work if nothing else.

Cheerio! Good luck and good scouting.

M. ROPER, T.L.

OLD BOYS' SECTION

Examination Successes

This is by no means a complete list, we are aware. Old Boys could help to make it so by paying us a visit or writing to tell us about themselves. We are always interested in their doings but have often no means of finding out what they are.

- D. L. Broadbent, Manchester, M.B.
- W. Tordoff, Cambridge, History Tripos Part II, Class II, Division I.
- D. Jackson, Cambridge, History Tripos, Part II, Class II, Division I.
- G. H. Boocock, Cambridge, Modern and Mediaeval Languages Tripos, Part I; French Class II, Division I; German Class II, Division II.
- J. B. Capindale, Oxford, Final Hon. School of Nat. Science; Chemistry, Part I.

J. Palmer, Oxford, Classical Hon. Mods., Class II.
K. E. Swards-Shaw, Oxford, History Prelim., distinction.
P. Akroyd, Sheffield, Chemistry, Class II, Division I, special hons.
P. A. Kay, Leeds, B.Ch.D., L.D.S., certificate of merit for dental surgery.
K. Pollitt, Leeds, School of Architecture, diploma.

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D. Hamer, B.Sc., Ph.D. has been awarded a Travelling Fellowship of the British Empire Cancer Campaign at the National Cancer Institute, Maryland, U.S.A.

K. E. Swards-Shaw has been awarded a scholarship by the International Research Fund for the study of American History at the University of Illinois.

Sir Eric W. Coates appointed Financial member of the Overseas Food Corporation earlier in the year was appointed Chairman of the Corporation in June.

H. J. Farrar, managing director of Farrar Bros. Ltd., was awarded a C.B.E. in the New Year Honours (Prime Minister's List).

ASSOCIATION NOTES

By the Hon. Secretary (A. Sunderland)

The year has been a busy one for the officers of the Association. They have tried to implement the promises made at the last Annual General Meeting that an active programme would be arranged and presented in the hope that adequate support for these enterprises would be forthcoming. The success achieved has been very mixed. Taking those events first which can be set down immediately as having been well worth while, the Annual Dance, the Dinner, and the "cheap" dance at the School come readily to mind.

Not so good were the five monthly meetings, with the possible exception of the Film Show in March. If previous experience can be taken as a guide, the Annual Meeting, to be held at the School on Monday, October 2nd should be in little doubt, as to its course of action regarding next year's activities. Summarising the monthly meetings, we had a gramophone recital by Mr. C. M. Whitham in December which produced an audience of ten. The talk by the Chief Constable in January attracted a round dozen (always including the officers themselves). The Careers Talks in February—a series of short addresses, followed by discussion, which, incidentally had to be brought to an abrupt termination at a late hour, attracted no more. The widely-advertised silver collection for the March Film Show failed to keep about 30 members away and they to a man considered the nimble tanner well-spent. The April debate between protagonists from the School and well-chosen O.B.s expended all its verbal energy into almost totally vacuous air, populated by the meagrest handful of support on either side.

The fact that the two dances were huge financial successes almost lets these speak for themselves. One never expects to make a profit on a dinner and the fact that the loss on this was only £1, is pleasing but does not convey to those not present the excellent atmosphere and spirit prevailing among those who were, even if many were disappointed that "for certain reasons" the White Swan Hotel had to be substituted for School Hall as the venue.

The Annual Meeting itself usually produces a good attendance. This is quite unusual as Annual Meetings are usually considered to be the least attractive of any on the calendar of an organisation. It is early to speak of the Association finances, as the Hon. Treasurer will not produce his Statement of Accounts until after this magazine has gone to press, but it will make not unhealthy reading, despite the fact that far too many annual members are in default of their subscriptions. Is it too much to ask these offenders for a last minute effort to wipe out the stigma from their names?

Once again, Old Heathens, the Annual Meeting is the place where you have your little say. We want you there—without your presence, your moral support is worthless.

Y.H.O.B.A. ?

The answer of each individual Old Boy to that question governs the future of the Association. What do we, at the School, think about it?

There are many theories among the unenlightened. Any suggestion that the interest on Life Members' subscriptions provides an annual outing for the Staff is ingenious but untrue. Similarly, the hope that some more than usually wealthy Old Boys may be persuaded to leave a fat legacy to the School—or better still, to the Head Master—is commendable but illusory. No, the true answer is that schoolmasters, if you will pardon the obvious, are queer fish who grow unaccountably fond of their adopted offspring, and if the fledglings must leave the nest, what better than that they should have somewhere to come back to roost? (Purists, late of the Modern Sixth, with a nose for a mixed metaphor, will reflect that many of the queerer fishes do, in fact, build nests).

Richard Cobden spent five years of his life at a Yorkshire School and could never after be prevailed upon to speak of it. It is because we think that Heath is different that we believe in the Association.

HINTS TO NEW MEMBERS

Confident that every joke, however ancient, is new to someone, I offer the following to new members—and some old ones:—

Destroy all Association circulars unread. It is advisable to open them, as they may contain a reply envelope with a useful stamp.

Do not attend meetings, particularly General Meetings, and in no circumstances embarrass the Secretary with an apology for absence.

Change your address as frequently as possible, leaving strict orders that all correspondence is to be returned to sender marked "Gone away, address unknown."

If you are misguided enough to attend a meeting, never accept office and maintain rigid silence, reserving your most pungent criticisms for a more select audience on the doorstep.

If you belong to the younger (or older) "end," stoutly aver that the Association is run exclusively by, and for, the older (or younger) members.

If, in spite of the foregoing, you cannot resist making some constructive suggestion for future activities, book the date carefully and immediately arrange a previous engagement.

FINALLY, pay your subscription as late as possible, or better still, avoid paying it altogether.

W. R. SWALE.

"GO WEST, YOUNG MAN..."

AN AMERICAN LETTER

In the far-off days of the 19th century when this injunction was first issued, the task of carrying it out must have been immeasurably more difficult than it is to-day. In 1950 the "Young Man" no longer travels steerage for six uncomfortable weeks in a storm-battered paddle wheel Cunarder (having been documented, photographed, and fingerprinted), he simply steps into a Skymaster at London Airport and, refreshed by stops for meals at Shannon, Ireland and Gander, Newfoundland, lands in Chicago 25 hours later in fresh condition. And the changing carpet spread below has shown him the vastness of the American continent: the desolate forests of Newfoundland, the regular patchwork of the red New Brunswick fields, Toronto's beautifully planned lay-out, the shimmering haze over Niagara Falls, and finally after the seemingly never-ending blueness of Lake Michigan comes the majestic skyline of Chicago. That was how I first saw America.

Thinking of Al Capone and Colonel McCormick with his Britain-baiting *Chicago Tribune*, we stepped rather fearfully from our plane . . . and were met immediately by the sound of an English voice—that of the British Consul in Chicago. The rest of that twenty-four hour stay in Chicago showed a mixture of the spirit of hospitality and commercial sense which perhaps characterizes so much of modern America. I was fortunate enough to be the guest of the Chicago State Fair . . . a trade exhibition in session all summer; at the fair the Bell Telephone Co. was so kind as to give me a ten-minute Transatlantic call to my people in Halifax. This was a novelty, for though I had spoken across the Atlantic three times before, I had never done so from America and never by the courtesy of the company. The motive of course was largely advertising; the conversation was relayed by a

Chicago radio station, but I reflected deeply though momentarily upon the benefits of a private enterprise telephone service! From the Fair I was rushed to a television studio to be stared at coldly by the unblinking cameras of the WBKB network. The telecast of five minutes concluded with my eating and giving a verdict upon an execrable brand of fudge . . . I fear my facial expression was not in accord with my fair words. A day of incidents like this can be quite wearying . . . in a mile long traffic jam with the temperature at a steady 95, a car's exterior becomes too hot to touch, and the interior of even the Cadillac, America's Rolls-Royce becomes slightly oppressive.

It was, then, a relief to escape from the Big City into southern Illinois, into the town of Macomb with its 10,000 people. This is typical of the agricultural Middle West, the real America, as its inhabitants say. But the town has about the same area as one of 50,000 in England for every house is detached and has its own plot. Mechanization makes life fast and comfortable but at times precarious . . . Macomb has more registered cars than inhabitants and the town square traffic problem puts that of London quite in the shade.

The generosity and hospitality of the Americans has to be experienced to be believed. I am typing this at 6 o'clock in the morning for after 7 my time belongs to the Americans. Were it not for the complete lack of pomp and ceremony the day would be unbearable. The easy-going ways of the Americans even enter the radio stations. Yesterday at a station not far from Macomb I was quietly looking round, when suddenly I was hauled into a control room and without the slightest preparation given the job of announcing and commenting upon a 1½ hour programme called "Jukebox Serenade." I rather think the B.B.C. would raise its eyes at such informality.

It has been said, I think by an American, that "England and America are two nations separated by the same language." The differences between the two countries would take hours to enumerate . . . from trains to schools, and kitchens to highways the contrasts are striking. But in talking to ordinary people in America I find more and more that those differences are superficial and that the basic outlook and ideas of the two peoples are the same; which is probably why it is so easy to feel at home with an American family. At this moment the situation in Korea is grim, but despite the ravings of Senators in Washington I know that the feelings of the two peoples with regard to war are much alike. That is not to deny that there is strong feeling in America for a preventive war now. As a Chicago taxi-driver said to me—"The best thing we could do is to slap the Russians before they kick us." But then, American taxi-men are an independent race!

Next week my social life will be a little more ordered, for I begin a two weeks tour of Rotary, Kiwanis and other service clubs in southern Illinois and Iowa. The misconceptions concerning England are so gross and glaring that it is small wonder there is more than a trace of anti-English feeling in the Mid-West. For example the *Chicago*

Tribune has consistently asked why smug and hypocritical Britain does not send troops to Korea . . . yet not one in a thousand of the readers of the World's Greatest Newspaper knows that the British have been fighting Communism in Malaya for some time. So I hope on this tour to make up some of the deficiencies of the American Press, and incidentally to learn a lot about Britain as well as America, for an inquisitive American audience can make one look at Britain in quite a new light.

A word on American food: when one has got accustomed to such mixtures as bacon and strawberry jam, and apricots with strong pickles, one realises that contrary to popular belief the Americans do not over-eat at home. But eating-out is a different story: one dish served at a good class hotel near here, priced at about 15/- is called "the Big Stomachache."

I am supposed of course to be doing a little academic work in America. Fortunately the University here is not one of the larger institutions, having a mere 3,000 students compared with 36,000 at Wayne in Detroit. America has adopted mass production methods in education as well as in the automobile factories and there can be little doubt that its undergraduate standards are dimly low. This type of education produces good mixers rather than scholars, and since the most important job in life is getting along together one must agree that the Americans have "got something" there. But the graduate facilities are splendid and the library at Illinois would make most English Universities green with envy.

Signs of British exports are non-existent out here in the Middle West. I trust that I shall see more English goods as I move nearer New York for there is certainly a demand for them out here. No English car is to be seen—perhaps the normal travelling speed of 65-70 deters the salesman! My hosts here have been kind enough to lend me a 6-seater Studebaker, and I have found out that even if the Americans cannot make pottery and cloth to English standards their automobile industry certainly has the "know-how."

This first two weeks in America has been rather hectic with little time for mature reflection. That must be my excuse for any lack of depth in this letter. The other culprit is the hand of the clock, almost touching the hour of seven, when My Day begins . . .

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Players' Contributions: Rugby 17 8 9	Teas, Rugby 17 6 6
" Cricket 5 4 7	" Cricket 15 6 0
" Chess 1 4 0	" Chess 1 8 8
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