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EDITORIAL

Five sixth formers of a Cambridgeshire grammar school were recently suspended after being caught drinking beer in a public house during a private-study period which they should have spent in the school library. A sad lack of sense of propriety is indicated by this behaviour even though, let us charitably assume, it may have been the result of temporary thoughtlessness. Now there is nothing wrong in itself with drinking beer in a public house, but in the circumstances it was wholly and absolutely unjustifiable. Sixth form boys should have a sufficiently well developed sense of appropriate conduct to overcome any such thoughtlessness. Yet it is clear that this is by no means always the case. In our own school, one can quote examples (perhaps not as serious as above) of failing by some of those who should know better. It is not always members of the lower school who receive reprimands from those in authority.

This raises the subject of the attitudes of grammar school boys to all sides of their life in the school. Any organised society must have a code of conduct. Now, whereas it is very difficult to opt out of society as a whole—the life of a hermit being to few people's taste, it is possible to opt out of a grammar school simply by leaving and going somewhere else. This is especially simple for members of the upper school and unless these boys are prepared to abide by the prevailing code, they should leave at once.

This code consists partly of unwritten tradition, partly of written rules. Parts may seem arbitrary. Rules and practices differ between schools. At Hipperholme, blazers are compulsory but caps are not (unless you are in the cricket team), and at Rishworth 14 in. bottoms are undreamt of. The situation at Heath is different in each case. The ways of one's own school must, in general, be accepted by all its members. The code exists to produce a particular type of character in the boys, whether they appreciate this or not. Senior pupils should have developed, at least in part, such an appreciation and in return for the privilege of never (or rarely) being punished should exercise a certain degree of self restraint in all matters concerned with the School.

It is, therefore, very sad to find, as one does, boys who dislike their life at school because of the "rules". Boys may complain that they have to work too hard, that a particular subject is boring, that the history master is cruel to them; but to complain because one is punished for breaking the rules, to complain because other schools do not have such and such a rule denotes a poor attitude. As exampled above, what you lose on the swings, you gain on the roundabouts (even if a school cap does look incongruous with 14 in. bottoms—but this is only one example).

Cheerful acceptance of the rules and of the punishments for breaches of them is a necessity for any grammar school.

SCHOOL NOTES

Upon the departure of B. K. Collins at Easter, the editorship of The Heathen was undertaken by P. K. Jubb.

The Meteorological Section of the Scientific Society has expanded its activities this year. Daily readings are now taken at 9 a.m. We are a member of the Schools' Meteorological Scheme and measure atmospheric pollution for the Halifax County Borough Council. At the beginning of Wakes' Week, the *Courier* relied on us for its weather readings.

Founder's Day was observed on Saturday, 10th June, 1961. The preacher at the annual service in the Parish Church was the Rev. Ian W. Lewis of St. John's Methodist Church. He dealt with our attitude to the Church in daily life and pointed out that God is as proud of our achievements as is a father of his son's. The previous evening, the Old Boys' Association held a successful dinner in the dining-room.

The School House, after complete redecoration, is now in full use by members of the Sixth Forms and has proved very popular.

The Prefects held a very successful dance in the School Hall on the evening of Saturday, 14th January, 1961. Thanks are particularly due to C. J. Garbutt, Mr. Hunter and Mrs. Evans.

We congratulate D. R. Nelson on winning an Open Postmastership in Classics to Merton College, Oxford; P. M. Wilkinson and B. K. Collins on winning Hastings Exhibitions in Modern History to the Queen's College, Oxford, and G. S. Gledhill on a State Scholarship tenable at King's College, Cambridge.

We congratulate A. R. Wilkinson for achieving the Gold Standard in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme. The staff has found it possible to raise a cricket team this year and have enjoyed considerable success. At the time of going to press, they were about to play the 1st XI.

At Christmas we said farewell to Mr. B. Ashworth who left us to take up a post in Rochdale Technical School. His place has been taken by Mr. J. H. E. Spaull to whom we offer a belated welcome.

Several boys have shown enthusiasm for basketball and a very successful club has been formed. A report appears in this magazine.

The annual S.C.M. Conference took place in the Autumn Term at the Calder High School. Many Heath boys attended.

On the 17th May the Rev. S. V. Vincent, of the British and Foreign Bible Society, addressed the Sixth Form on "The Bible in Burma".

During the Easter holidays the library was fitted out with new furniture. It now looks very handsome indeed except for the fact that the pink and grey paint on the walls clashes with the tone of the shelves. The chairs, for which we waited many weeks, were taken away again at the end of term, but we expect their early re-appearance.

SPEECH DAY

Speech Day was Thursday, 1st December, 1960. At 3 p.m. the Chairman of the Governors, Councillor W. E. Horsley, LL.B., opened the proceedings with a brief speech.

The Head Master began with references to the new buildings and the School House and went on to speak on many topics, ranging from the school meteorological station to the successes of Old Boys, in particular R. W. J. Austin, who obtained a First in Oriental and African Studies at London, and R. Watling, who obtained a First in Biology at Sheffield. Congratulations were offered to G. S. Gledhill on winning a State Scholarship; also to P. M. Wilkinson (still only in his fourth term in the Sixth Form) and B. K. Collins (captain of Rugby) for winning Hastings Exhibitions to the Queen's College, Oxford. Mr. Hallowes was congratulated on being this year's President of the Yorkshire Branch of the Mathematical Association.

"I have considerable sympathy with beatniks . . . ," he continued, but this lighter note soon changed to a description of "an entirely new form of unpleasantness—which I can only describe as a form of perversion". Mr. Swale ended by pointing out that "'I'm all right, Jack,' might satisfy some people as a short-term philosophy for modern living, but 'Do unto others as you would they should do unto you,' still had a good deal to commend it."

Councillor Horsley endorsed the Head Master's comments. There followed a short recital by M. J. Hinchliffe (trumpet) and G. S. Gledhill (piano).

Prizes and certificates were presented by Mr. Richard O'Brien, D.S.O., M.C., J.P., B.A., general manager of an engineering firm in Wakefield and for 12 months after V.E. Day personal assistant to Field Marshal Lord Montgomery. For each of the 140-145 presentations, he made a personal comment on each book. In his speech, he explained the importance of personal standards of integrity. Real heroism in war and peace is found not necessarily in dramatic actions but in incidents performed by men going about their everyday jobs in a selfless way. This he illustrated by recalling people in various walks of life whom he had known.

A vote of thanks was moved by the Mayor and seconded by the Vice-Chairman of the Governors. Councillor Horsley closed the meeting at 4.35 p.m., when the National Anthem was sung.



"HIGHBROW" OR "LOWBROW"?

SCHOOL CLUB, 1960-61

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President		1.4		THE HEADMASTER
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The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, 22nd of September, 1960. The Treasurer's Report made it clear that to keep up with rising costs, the subscription would have to be raised from the 8/- level which had prevailed for a considerable number of years. Accordingly, a proposal was passed to raise it to 10/-, though Mr. Hallowes pointed out that this alone would not suffice and additional funds would have to be raised, perhaps by another of our celebrated and most successful Bring and Buy Sales. On a more cheerful note, proposals were passed and later put into effect for the formation of small Basketball and Badminton Clubs, under the auspices of the School Club, to join the other extra-curricular activities which it supports. K.J.G.

HEATH SCHOOL CLUB

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, 1959-60

RECE	EIPTS				PAYMENT	es			
		£	s.	d.			£.	8.	d.
Balance br. fwd.	- +	43	0	0	Fares: Football	+ +	84	19	2
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392 at 8/-]		100	177	0	Other		12	19	10
7 at 3/- 5		157	1		Teas: Football	+ + .	23	17	4
L.E.A. Grant	100	49	17	1	Cricket		15	14	0
Lost Property Au		10	10	0	Other	11	9	9	8
Sports Days' Progr	rammes	3	17	-5	Oranges	++	3	1	10
Prefects' Dance		2	9	0	Referees' Expenses			15	0
Xmas Card Profit	++	1	14	8	Sports Days	4 -	6	0	0
Sundries			7	4	I.G.S. Sports		25	0	6
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					Photographs		17	17	0
					Printing	2.5	9	0	0
					Subscriptions	60	2	12	6
					Science Society	1.1	4	10	7
					Chess Club		1	9	0
					Classical Society			10	0
					Bank charges, postage		2	5	6
					Sundries		1	11	8
	£	307	4	10		£	307	4	10

ROUND THE HOUSES

The House Championship has been a much more even contest this year and the final result was in doubt until the last competition had been judged. The points were awarded as follows:—

			Heath	School	King's	Queen's
Swimming		1.0	0	15	10	5
Fives			4	6	2	0
Chess			6	0	6	12
Rugby			10	21	15	21
Cross-Country	y	1.4	8	12	0	4
Seven-a-Side	4.4	100	12	4	0	8
Athletics			0	10	15	5
Cricket			0	15	71	71
Bentley Cup			0	6	9	3
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School again came out winners, but their pre-eminence in many fields has been successfully challenged. With many members of the 1st and 2nd XI, notably J. S. Donohue, R. W. Dixon and E. G. Halliday, and good support from their juniors, they made sure of winning the Cricket Cup, having already won the cross-country, with B. R. Marney and a strong team, and swimming where special mention is made of C. J. Gostridge and G. P. Smith-Moorhouse. They were successful also at fives, but in both the football competitions their domination was broken. Lack of enthusiasm in the intermediate section (although they won the relay) is given as the main reason for only coming second in athletics.

King's have experienced a considerable revival. Good leadership and enthusiastic support in most activities have made them worthy runners-up. Their proudest achievement was the winning of the Rugby Cup for the first time since the war. Here R. D. Morley, I. P. Booth and C. J. Peckett were their stalwarts among the seniors while the juniors were ably led by M. H. Evans and coached by Morley. In view of this success it is ironical that they finished last in the seven-a-side, as second place there, or even third at the expense of School would have secured the Championship. In athletics they increased the margin of their lead over last year. G. Stott (first forms). R. J. Habergham (Junior Victor Ludorum) and P. M. McCarthey were outstanding in the juniors, and B. Jackson, D. C. Greenwood, T. R. Martin and P. Day deserve mention in the intermediates. The best of the seniors were Booth (Connal Trophy) and M. C. Ruckledge (Macdonald Cup). A. K. Robinson led the juniors to success in cricket and the year was rounded off by a commendable win in the Bentley Cup.

At the end of the Spring Term Heath were leading in the championship competition through winning the seven-a-side and coming second in Rugby, cross-country and chess. The junior football teams did particularly well with P. R. Turner as captain well supported by J. H. Robertshaw, P. N. Hughes and G. D. Baggaley. It must, therefore, have been most disappointing not to have picked up a single point in the Summer Term and to have finished in the last place. R. C. Broughton has been their most outstanding man, with J. Broughton, D. Bland, C. N. E. Simpson, P. J. Holden and D. W. Cawthra providing admirable support. Their prospects for next year should be good.

RUGBY, 1960-61

Throughout the Autumn Term the 1st XV relied on an almost unchanged side and suffered only two defeats in 12 matches. The pack was mobile and consistent with hooker Emmett gaining more than a fair share of the possession. The back play, dictated by the unruffled Broughton at stand-off, was of a high standard. The left wing pair, Small and Morley, scored 21 tries between them in this period. Against Morley G.S. (won 22—6) and Bingley G.S. (won 28—6), Heath produced some fine touches of open and attacking football. A forceful recovery by the forwards and opportunism in the backs paved the way for a great 16—6 victory over Leeds G.S. after the team had been trailing 6—0.

Broughton's leg injury, sustained whilst playing for Yorkshire Schoolboys in the Christmas holidays, was the first of a series of misfortunes for the team. Injury caused team changes which upset the whole balance of the side. The New Year saw a lean spell of five matches without victory and only the match against a strong Silcoates team brought out former skill and determination, a o—o draw resulting. The season, however, ended on a bright note with two convincing victories over Rochdale G.S. and Harrogate Senior Colts, and with the acquisition of a new colourful set of numbered shirts.

The team was led competently throughout the season by Barry Collins. Wilkinson's work in the line-outs was indispensable and Booth and Cawthra were foraging props. Broughton, Small, Morley and Peckett were always dangerous in the backs.

The Halifax Schoolboys side included six of our players: Morley, Broughton, Collins, Emmett, Booth and Wilkinson. Small was a reserve. Broughton, Booth and Wilkinson went to Selby for a Yorkshire Schoolboys' trial and Broughton was successful.

The 2nd team had an unfortunate season. Three matches won and 10 lost tells its own story. A win of 75—0 over Morley G.S. as the opening game proved to be a flash in the pan.

The Under 15 team, captained by J. D. Broughton, was a strong all round team and was only once defeated. Broughton, Holden, Dixon, Barrett and the rest of the team should provide a reservoir of talent for this year's 1st and 2nd teams. The performance of the Under 14 team was quite creditable. The Under 13 team started its life at Heath in fine style, attaining a 100 per cent record. Moore, Hughes and Habergham played no small part in this success.

The "Rugby mothers" deserve all the teams' thanks, firstly, for raising the money for the new shirts (Mrs. Broughton's Bring and Buy Sale) and secondly, for providing excellent after the match snacks. Thanks also to Mr. Birchall, J. F. R. Hopkinson, the first team touch judge, and to all the other so necessary helpers.

COLOURS

1st XV: C. J. Peckett, D. J. Emmett, D. J. Brittain, A. R. Wilkinson, D. W. Cawthra, J. C. Hartley, D. Bland, J. S. Donohue.

Reaffirmed: R. C. Broughton, B. K. Collins, R. D. Morley, I. P. Booth, N. A. Small.

Colts: P. R. Turner, D. A. J. Littlefair, P. J. Ingram, M. H. Evans, J. S. Robertshaw, G. D. Baggaley, J. D. Lassey, J. R. Lumb.

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and XV			13	3	0	10	131	176
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Under 14	XV		8	3	1	4	97	93
Under 13	XV		4	4	0	0	106	9
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J. C. HARTLEY.

SEVEN-A-SIDE

Huddersfield, 18th March. Under 15.

The first round (won 8—o) against Morley G.S. was very close until Day side-stepped the opposition to score under the posts. The second, against Hipperholme G.S., was an easy 14—o win. Tries were scored by Barrett, Martin, Day and Holden. The semi-final (won 3—o) against Normanton G.S. was the hardest game. The team finally overlapped and Jackson scored in the corner. In the final against Temple Moor S., the team fought back from being 5—3 down to win 11—5. Broughton scored two tries and Dixon one goal. In all, the team played very well, having only five points scored against them. The Under 15 "A" team was less successful.

A. FIELDING.

Manchester, 18th March.

Recovered from his injury, Broughton was able to play and scored two good tries in the first game, in which extra time was played. The backs were handicapped by a lack of possession but won the next round by taking their chances. Booth showed his speed in one touchline dash, but otherwise the team was not showing convincing style. In the third round they were well beaten by a good team, which went on to win the competition.

Scores:	v. Balshaw G.Ş.	 - 17	6-3
	v. West Park G.S.		8-3
	v. Upholland G.S	 	0-10

A. R. WILKINSON.

Ilkley, 25th March.

This was the first time that Heath has been beaten in the first round. Our one consolation is that our victors went on to win the competition.

Score: v. Whiteliffe Mount G.S. . . o—8
A. R. WILKINSON.

Halifax, 24th-25th April (Sutcliffe Cup).

The first round (won 10—0) against Huddersfield Y.M.C.A. was an easy game. Morley scored twice and Broughton converted twice. Two tries by Broughton dismissed Heath O.B. from the competition in the second round, a fairly easy game for our team. The semi-final (won 8—3) against the Old Crosseyans was a hard game. The ball was dribbled through by Broughton, then by Morley, who picked it up about five yards from the line and scored. Broughton converted and also kicked a penalty goal. The final (lost 3—12) against Huddersfield R.U.F.C. was a very hard game, the opposition being much bigger and stronger.

J. C. HARTLEY.

CRICKET, 1961

Under 13 XI. Enthusiasm has run high this year, with a high attendance at each net practice. Four matches were played, two being won and two lost. After a disastrous start against Ryburn, the batting began to look more solid and culminated in a fine 107 for seven declared at Sowerby Bridge. Highley and Smith of the batsmen deserve special mention. Highley was by far the most successful bowler, taking 25 of the 40 wickets which fell, though Bainbridge bowled steadily in support,

The success of this year's Under 14 XI has been largely due to steady bowling, supported by first class fielding. The batting has never been reliable, though reasonable totals have usually been achieved. A marked weakness on the leg stump has prevented Robinson from scoring as consistently as was hoped and it was fortunate that Highley has had a good season with the bat, though at first regarded as primarily a bowler. It would be unfair to single out individuals overmuch for special mention, but both wicket-keepers, Priestley and Turner, have done good work; English, Highley and Scrimshaw have bowled well, ably supported by the change bowlers, and all the batsmen have had their days. Finally, Robinson is to be congratulated on his admirable captaincy and example in the field.

The Second XI won only one of their five matches but were close to victory in two others. Oakes and Brittain shared the captaincy and both set intelligent fields and led the team well. Peckett, Greenway and Halliday proved to be the most successful all-rounders, whilst Baines showed the bowlers the straightest bat. It was, however, in fielding that the team did really well and many good catches were taken. Bija must be singled out for his magnificent returns from cover point, A good Second XI season provides a good First XI the next year and it is hoped that in future more boys, particularly the younger players will compete for selection.

First XI. The first three fixtures were cancelled because of rain; only one other match was affected. All departments of the game experienced extremes of fortune. Eastwood was the most consistent batsman, and almost all members of the team had valuable innings. The bowling strength lay chiefly with newcomers; it was generally erratic in length and direction, which was at the root of the team's modest success. (Future aspirants must practise accuracy from the Third Form and learn to use it as the basis of pace and spin.) The fielding of individuals has been generally adequate, but only on rare occasions constituted a collective attack; catching was good. Fielding points were awarded, and Gidley, Donohue and Eastwood were the most successful. Several potential wicket-keepers were available; Holmes justified his choice and with more experience should become the fielding focus of a young and promising First XI next year. With a side of mixed ability and varied fortune, captaincy has not been

easy; J. S. Donohue as captain and N. A. Small as vice-captain, have discharged their duties with responsibility and devoted much time and energy to them. We wish both of them and other retiring members future success on and off the field. Cricket is the most widely demanding of all school games, and credit is due to all who take the time and trouble to play, watch and enjoy it.

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Under 14					12	2	8	3	1
Under 13	X				2	1	2	2	0

FIVES, 1960-61

The introduction of a Fives Ladder this year has proved very successful, and has encouraged more boys to take up this fine game.

The School team had a moderately successful season, winning seven out of the 14 matches played, losing only two home matches, scoring 1,982 points and conceding 1,713 points. All four regular players, C. J. Garbutt, S. T. Wharton, J. A. Crossfield and L. Miller, were awarded their colours. The reserve, R. A. Booth, was called upon several times, and supported the team well.

In the House matches, which were all played off in December, School were victors and Heath runners-up, King's taking third place.

In the Heath Old Boys' Open Tournament the School pair, C. J. Garbutt and J. A. Crossfield, were beaten in the second round by Messrs. P. G. Smith and J. D. Turner, who eventually became runners-

At present there are many Juniors showing keenness and ability. If they continue in their efforts the future Fives teams should be able to command the respect which this game deserves.

C. J. GARBUTT.

SWIMMING REPORT

The School Swimming Sports were held on the 20th October, 1960, at Woodside Baths. The championship was won fairly comfortably by School (148) with King's second (116), Queen's third (94)

and Heath fourth (70).

The standard of swimming was noticeably improved on previous years and seven new records were set up. The most noticeable occurrence in this year's gala was the entry of the Fourth Form for senior (now open) events. In fact as many events were won by the Fourth as by the Seniors. Outstanding among these were Gostridge, who broke the 24 year-old Scnior backstroke record, Day and Miller, However, Blakebrough managed to win the two free-style events in record time.

In the Under 15 events G. P. Smith-Moorhouse was outstanding, claiming two records. The Under 14 events were dominated by Heath, who won all three.

The relays, however, were the highlight of the gala. King's won the Senior in a record time; but it is still strange to see the Inter-

mediate record better than the Senior.

Mr. Swale presented prizes and certificates at assembly on Friday morning.

Record breakers were :-

L. Miller (Q)		Under 15 50 yd, free-style.	30.3 sec.
G. P. Smith-Moorhouse	(S)	Under 15 25 yd. back stroke.	16.9 sec.
	2 3	Under 15 25 yd. free-style.	14.2 sec.
C. Gostridge (S)	1.40	Open 50 yd. back stroke.	36.2 sec.
H. Blakebrough (Q)		Open 100 yd, free-style.	69.3 sec.
3 (7)		Open 50 yd. free-style.	29.4 sec.
King's House	9.15	Open Relay.	62.2 sec.

P. Day, L. Miller and H. Blakebrough have been very active in local swimming circles and have enjoyed considerable success. C. J.

Gostridge and J. A. Crossfield have also participated.

H. Blakebrough.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC SPORTS

Sports Day was cold and only four records were broken.

King's, with talent of all ages, won the House Championship for the second year running. School were second. Queen's, with strong

seniors, did well to be third.

G. Stott (K.) won all the First Form events, setting up a new record of 20.9 sec. in the 170 yd. School juniors were good and Queen's juniors enthusiastic, but King's had most success. R. J. Habergham (K.) won the Junior "Victor Ludorum". Helped by Morley's coaching, King's won the Junior Relay.

In the Intermediate events, standards were particularly high, King's were again fortunate in possessing much enthusiastic talent, Jackson, Greenwood, Martin and Day deserve special mention. J. W. Baines (K.) hurled the discus a record 97 ft. School had talent but many boys failed to enter for the events. However, R. W. Dixon and P. M. Baigent did well in several events. School won the relay.

Queen's had very good seniors. They won the relay in convincing style. They are very fortunate in possessing T. Binns, who with an excellent all-round effort won the Fifth Form Cup. A. R. Wilkinson and Bateson also did well. King's relied chiefly on M. C. Ruckledge (who won the McDonald Trophy for jumping events, setting up a new record of 40 ft. 7 in. in the Hop, Step and Jump) and I. P. Booth, who won the Connal Trophy for field events and was runner-up to the "Victor Ludorum". B. R. Marney (S.) set a new record for the Mile of 4 min. 39 sec. R. C. Broughton (H.) was a popular "Victor Ludorum", having won all three sprints and been second in the Long Jump.

INTER-GRAMMAR SCHOOL SPORTS

We did quite well in the jumping events held prior to Sports Day, Ruckledge was second in the Senior Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump, and Dixon was first and second respectively in the Intermediate Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump.

Sports day was cold. We started off well, winning both the Junior and Intermediate Relays: it was clear that the early morning practices had been worth the efforts of all concerned. In particular, the take over from Dixon to Baigent in the Intermediate Relay was

really superb and as high as any national standard.

Of the total number of placings we gained, three-quarters were "thirds". The outstanding track events were the Senior Hurdles and Senior Mile. In the former, A. R. Wilkinson's hours of practice were well rewarded by his winning in convincing style. Marney, after a tense and prolonged battle, triumphed in the Mile. These efforts were supported by good positions from Barrett and Dixon in the Intermediates, but we had little further success.

After a second place in the Senior Shot, Booth also had two thirds

in the Discus and Javelin.

The final result was that we won the Intermediate Shield, were runners-up to Crossley and Porter for the Champion School Shield, and came third in Senior events. Our Juniors had little success.

In the Yorkshire Sports, Marney was third in the Mile and

Ruckledge third in the Hop, Step and Jump.

J. P. C. KENYON,

CROSS-COUNTRY

Success after success, this was the record of the 1st VIII, who lost only one match. The standard was so good that in the first ten matches the average winning margin was as high as 27 points per race. In this time, Huddersfield New College, Carlton, Ermysted's, Heckmondwike, The Wheelwright and Silcoates were all numbered among Heath's defeated schools. In February came the Yorkshire Schoolboys' Championships, which this year were held in Halifax at Calder H.S. Marney and Kenyon were chosen to represent Halifax in the Senior event and Binns was selected for the Halifax Intermediate team. All three ran very well. As a result, Marney was chosen to represent Yorkshire in the All-England Championships and Binns as the County first reserve; fine achievements. Later that month, the 1st VIII had a decisive victory at Elland. It was in this race that Hinchcliffe came into prominence, improving steadily thereafter.

In March, Heath visited Rishworth, last year's Northern Champions, for the toughest (and 13th) Match of the season. Kenyon fell, hadly damaging his ankle. Rishworth were able to snatch a narrow 4-point victory and the 1st VIII's long run of victories was at an end. The following week, the Inter-Grammar Championships were held. seven schools competing. Heath easily retained the Senior Shield, Marney winning the individual title. In the Junior Championship, the School were runners-up, with Mitchell, the "star discovery", doing very well to finish second, and Halliday fourth.

The Junior team enjoyed considerable success.

Things did not turn out for the best in the Northern Schools' Senior Championships. Marney was running in the All-England Championships—in which he finished 27th. Binns ran in the Intermediate race, doing well to finish 16th out of over 550. Fox and Kenyon were also indisposed. Thus it was little surprise that the School team finished halfway down the field. The Intermediates, suffering from a similar blight of team members, fared no better.

In the House Championships, Marney led School to their expected

win.

Our many thanks to supporters and helpers, particularly to Mr. Blythe and Alan Green, our steward. Our thanks also go to Chris Kenyon and Brian Marney, who have done so much to ensure the high standing of both cross-country in the school and of school teams in cross-country spheres.

Race totals: Ran, 22; Won, 16; Drawn, 2; Lost, 4.
1st VIII Colours: T. Binns, G. Hesselden, A. T. Shannon.
Reaffirmed: R. G. Fox, G. S. Gledhill, J. P. C. Kenyon, B. R.
Marney, A. Tatham.

J. P. C. KENYON.

CHESS CLUB

Both the Chess Club and the Chess team have had quite a successful season. As usual the majority of boys attending the Monday evening meetings were from the Lower School, although quite a few Fifth Formers attended regularly. The Chess Ladder Competition continued to prove very popular and eventually it was decided that anybody who was not on the ladder should be able to challenge those already on.

The House Chess Competition was won by Queen's House, captained by J. A. Farrar, Heath and King's sharing second place.

The School Team this year played eight matches, five of which were won and three lost. Out of the 48 games played, 17 were won, 15 were drawn and 16 were lost. The team was picked from Nelson (Captain), Collins, Broadley, Craven, Rawling, Goodall, Jubb, Farrar and Owen. This year there was no Junior team.

All our thanks go to Mr. Hallowes for continuing to show his

very keen interest in the Club.

R. M. BROADLEY.

BASKETBALL CLUB

The Club has had a very successful first season, due mainly to Mr. K. Whitaker's coaching and the members' enthusiasm. The first

team won seven of its ten games, whilst the second team lost its one fixture against Carlton G.S. by a narrow margin.

In the early part of the season, M. C. Ruckledge was captain of the side, later being replaced by M. V. Edwards.

The boys who played regularly for the first team were:—D. H. W. Backhouse, F. E. Bailey, M. V. Edwards, K. W. Hemingway, E. Jeffreys, M. Porter, P. A. Robinson, M. C. Ruckledge, G. Scholefield, G. F. Smith.

Three of the members played in the Halifax Youth team in a tournament at Doncaster early in the season,

P. A. ROBINSON.

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The Society has enjoyed another active year and has, of necessity, divided into two distinct sections: the meteorological (see School Notes) and the traditional.

As regards the traditional section, six film shows were presented and nine visits conducted.

The first film show consisted of two films dealing with the preparation for and crossing of Antarctica by the Trans-Antarctic Expedition led by Dr. Vivian Fuchs. These and all the other films were of a high standard and thoroughly recommendable.

In October the Sewage Works were visited in pouring rain. In November the Post Office was twice visited, the first time to see the sorting office and manual telephone exchange, the second to see the automatic exchange. The last activity of the Autumn Term was a tour of the works of Nu-Swift Ltd., Elland, where the party saw a demonstration of fire extinguishing by means of several of the firm's products.

A tour was made in February of Doncaster Locomotive Works, which was marred by the indifference of the guides, who, throughout the tour, volunteered the very least amount of information. An interesting tour of the Laporte Acids Works at Hunslet was made in the same month, when the party was amazed by the apparent dilapidation of the apparatus used for producing sulphuric acid by the Lead Chamber Process.

March was chosen for the annual visit to Webster's Brewery, the tour proving to be as "absorbing" as usual.

By the courtesy of the National Coal Board, Crigglestone Colliery was descended in May, the tour being effected without too much blackening of the Society's reputation. The final visit of the year was made to the studios of ABC Television at Manchester.

Our thanks are due to the various masters who have accompanied us on the visits.

C. N. E. SIMPSON.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

After ten years of existence, the membership of this Society has reached the very commendable total of 76. Eighteen boys took a course of instruction in enlarging during the Autumn Term, and the developing lecture in June had an attendance of twelve.

Two film-strip lectures were held this year, "Photography in Colour", a series of 70 slides, and a black-and-white offering "Pictures Everywhere". Mr. Coleman, of Ilford Ltd., gave an extremely interesting talk on "Print Quality and How to Get It" to the whole Society in March.

The trouble with the dark room curtains came to a head in early autumn, and they have now been completely remade, giving excellent service. From the equipment point of view, a new enlarger column and a Johnson "Roto 2" developing tank have been purchased.

It was a very great pity that after a very eventful year, only four boys entered enlargements for the competition. These were not considered sufficient to merit an award, but R. J. Barnes and G. R. Smalley were highly commended.

Thanks are again due to Mr. Morris for the assistance and valuable time he has given us.

A. M. CRAVEN.

MUSICAL SOCIETY

The Society has enjoyed another successful year despite a complete hibernation during the Spring Term, owing to play rehearsals, etc.

The newly formed Jazz Section has set a fine example to the "established" Classical Section. Ably led by Mr. Blythe, they have not only discussed and listened to jazz, but have played it as well.

The Study Group has met regularly on Monday nights and has formed the nucleus of the Society. Individual members have benefited greatly, and it is hoped that this will be continued in the future. Our sincere thanks are offered to Messrs. Guy and Simons for their interest and devotion to this group.

Parties from the Society have visited the following:—The Hallé Orchestra concert of chamber music at the Halifax Parish Church; a Bradford Subscription Concert; Ruddigore given by the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company; The Barber of Seville, given by the Sadler's Wells Opera Company; The Yeomen of the Guard, given by the Bradford Gilbert and Sullivan Society; and a Halle Promenade Concert at Bradford.

The record recitals have been as popular as in past years, and in connection with these, we should like to thank C. Gledhill, who has lent the majority of the records played.

If the Society would adopt as its motto "Play It Yourself" it should flourish for many years, and we all hope that it will.

C. J. GARBUTT.

Following a year of stagnation, the Society once again attempted to stir up in the School an interest for Classical literature and history. The pattern for the year, however, was set by the Annual General Meeting, when there was a notable absence of boys from the Middle School, and the Society has had to rely on a small number of regular supporters. Two lectures were held during the year, both addressed by speakers from Leeds University. At the first, Mr. Thompson talked on "The Land of Hellas", giving a description of Greece past and present, while later in the year "Archaeology" was the subject on which Mr. Hartley spoke to an audience whose interest was shown by the numerous questions afterwards raised. Also, the annual lecture given in the district by the Leeds Classical Association was this year held at school.

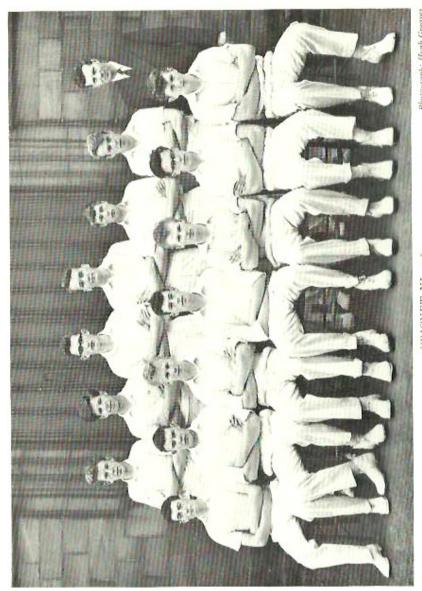
Two Latin reading competitions were organised, in which C. Gledhill and A. N. Connell won the Senior and Junior prizes respectively. Two teams were also entered for the reading competition held at the University by the Leeds Classical Association, and both the Senior and Junior teams were awarded second prize, while P. M. J. Aspinall won the Gilbert Murray Award for the best reader of Greek in the competition. During the Easter holidays, Dr. Wilson of Leeds Grammar School led a party of 20 boys on a conducted tour of the Roman remains of York which was blessed with fine weather and very successful.

The Society can claim the record among societies this year for long-distance travel, its members having spanned the country from the Tyne to the Thames. On Monday, 17th April, a small party visited Hadrian's Wall. The expedition took us from Newcastle to Housesteads and was conducted by Mr. Spaull. The success of a most enjoyable and instructive day was due to his comprehensive and intimate knowledge of the Wall which enabled us to see so much in so short a time. Transport was provided by him and Mr. Hunter, to whom we offer our grateful thanks.

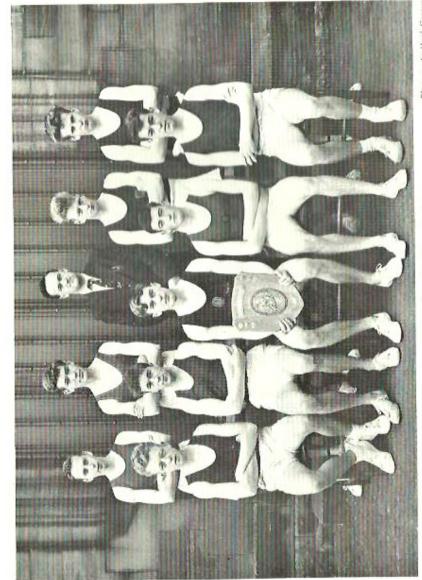
On Thursday, 29th June, the hottest day in Halifax this year up to the time of going to press, a party from the School joined an expedition organised by Leeds University to visit a performance of Sophocles' Antigone in Greek by Bradfield College in their open-air Greek theatre. The play was well acted and beautifully spoken and all those who went felt that the long journey of nineteen hours through some beautiful country was well worth while.

Altogether this has been an interesting and entertaining year for members of the Society. Support has been quite good but there is room for more, which we hope to have next season.

J. A. FARRAR.



CRICKET XI, 1961
P. J. Holden, J. Helliwell, R. W. Dixon, H. Blakerroteh, C. Holden, R. C. Broughton, Mr. J. K. T. Hunter, B. R. Marney, S. R. Gidley, N. A. Small, J. S. Donoitte (Capl.), R. D. Morley, J. C. Hartley, R. F. Fastwood.



CROSS-COUNTRY, 1960-61
M. J. Hinchcliffe, G. S. Gledhill, Mr. J. E. M. Blytte, R. G. Fox, T. Binns, G. Hesselden, J. P. C. Kenvon, A. Tattian (Capt.), B. R. Marney, A. T. Shannon.

SCOUT TROOP

The year 1960-1961 has been an eventful one in the history of the Heath Scouts. In September the two troops within the group decided to amalgamate. This move was necessary because Badgers had been steadily losing members to Beavers over the previous year, and were now so small that there was no justification for their separate existence.

An encouraging number of First Formers joined the Troop, the

majority of whom are making very good progress.

A money-raising effort began in the hope of being able to afford new headquarters, for with the membership of the Troop at full strength totalling 35, the old Scout hut has proved inadequate to accommodate the Troop. It is hoped that in two to three years it may be possible to buy the new premises.

Princess Mary's Guides invited the Troop to a social evening in December, and in July we challenged the Guides to a Rounders match.

A large number of badges were gained by the Troop during the year, thanks mainly to the enthusiasm and determination of one or two Scouts in particular.

Summer camp was held at Ludlow. It was a very successful and happy camp, and the weather was reasonable. At Whit, three quite

successful patrol camps were held.

A. N. CONNELL.

THE TRAGICALL HISTORY OF DR. FAUSTUS

The Dramatic Society's production of Dr. Faustus was presented in the Hall on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th of March, 1961, Wednesday evening being substituted for the usual Saturday which this year was the day of the Ilkley seven-a-side competition. This change of days may have accounted in part for the comparatively poor "houses", but it is also true that Halifax people are very reluctant to support unfamiliar plays, especially if they are thought to be "highbrow". Marlowe's plays are rarely produced and Dr. Faustus has probably never been presented on TV (indeed it is more suited to sound broadcasting). Many people had, therefore, never heard of it or, if they had, regarded it as a piece of English literature, worthy, no doubt, of respect but not of acquaintance. Those who came were offered a variety of excellence which, on the whole, seemed to be appreciated as it deserved.

An impressive and convincing set, constructed and painted with great ingenuity, easily reached the high standards we have come to expect and gave the play a good start. Skilful use by the producers of curtains enabled rapid changes of scene to be made and avoided the lengthy interruptions of the continuity of the action which we have sometimes endured while elaborate re-setting was effected. The play moved with a good pace, which was especially important for the otherwise rather disjointed scenes in the middle. The costumes, with one or two minor exceptions, were brilliant and impressive and were worn well. Good lighting and special effects contributed not a little.

High marks are awarded for spectacle.

The play itself is a mixture of melodrama and comedy, a "tragicall history" not a tragedy. It comprises a beginning and an end held apart rather than joined together by a string of scenes which constitute the middle. It offers, however, scope to almost every type of acting from high tragedy to slapstick comedy and any production must be judged on its success in presenting a series of disparate scenes and various characters. This production succeeded in overcoming the lack of form by speed of movement. The play still remained, however, something of a puzzle to the spectator. Marlowe raises our hopes too high at the beginning. It is as if the theme were too lofty for his dramatic powers. The chorus describes the growth of Faustus' academic studies:

"Till swolne with cunning, of a selfe conceit, His waxen wings did mount above his reach, And melting heavens conspirde his overthrow. For falling to a divellish exercise, And glutted now with learnings golden gifts, He surffets vpon cursed Negromancy."

Yet all this accomplished with nearly two-thirds of the play still to

come. Again, Faustus, anticipating his powers says:

"Ile be great Emprour of the world, And make a bridge through the mooving ayre, To passe the Ocean with a band of men. He jovne the hils that binde the Affricke shore, And make that land continent to Spaine, And both contributory to my crowne. The Emprour shal not live but by my leave."

In the event we get nothing like this and are disappointed by the petty and often harmless use to which he puts his magic powers. He who would "trie his braines to gaine a deitie" falls a long way short of being a god. This lofty imagination tends to obscure the symbolism of the play as a simple parable of human weakness yielding to evil.

G. S. Gledhill, in the title role, gave a commanding performance in which the scholar was more prominent than the man. He had some wonderful poetry to deliver and spoke it beautifully, but had the air of one to whom "cursed Negromancy" was an object of intellectual curiosity rather than a means to gratifying his desires and for all his talk his spirit seemed untouched by traffic with divels. The character does not develop (the fault is Marlowe's not the player's) through the play and the little scene of Faustus' conversation with the Schollers immediately before the end is a feeble introduction to the last agonizing soliloguy where fine poetry, finely spoken, thunder and lightning and efficient divels, impressive though they were, needed yet more intensity and passion than we were given. J. P. C. Kenyon was an impressive Mephistophales, sly and subservient to his temporary master, a slick

salesman for his Lord, Lucifer, and seemingly well able to make the best of "being depriv'd of everlasting blisse". The supporting cast, which contained a large number of very varied characters, ranging from the Pope to the Seven Deadly Sins and from the Emperor of Germany to a Horse Courser, did ample justice to the multifarious roles. For all the strain which this play must have put on the Society's resources there was hardly a weak link throughout. We regret that lack of space prevents us from mentioning all the players individually. We are grateful to them, the producers and off-stage assistants for a good entertainment. We are content; they compass'd them some sport, and by their folly made vs merriment.

VISIT TO SWITZERLAND, 1960

At 6.43 a.m. on the showery morning of Monday, 18th July, 1960. 25 anticipant boys and Mr. Morris clambered eagerly into a diesel car for the journey to Bradford. Thence we sped to London. After sightseeing, a train took us to Dover Marine. We boarded the crowded Köning Albert and began a magnificent crossing to Ostend. A thousand jostlings and "sorry's" later found us on the way to Basle, reached via Brussels and Luxembourg. At Basle, we enjoyed a continental breakfast, saw the Rhine and boarded a wooden-seated train for Spiez. Through the misty drizzle we glimpsed Berne. We ate ham sandwiches at 2/8d. Spiez station offered a view of Lake Thun and the towering Niesen. Later, we glided into a spotlessly clean station, ZWEISIMMEN, and each donning his coiffure (not a school cap), left the train and shuffled along to the Monbijou, where Mme, Ginggen and Mme. Aegeter gave us a thoroughly hearty yet equally incomprehensible welcome. Rooms allotted, luggage unpacked and a fine dinner enjoyed (except perhaps the vinegared lettuce, which we gave to Mr. Haigh, who had joined us in London), we looked round the village until finally seduced to rest by huge white eiderdowns.

Wednesday morning was sunny. The strings of cloud round the mountains were blinding white. We explored the surroundings, acquainting ourselves with commonplace things such as fresh-water troughs. After lunch and a short train ride to Lenk, we walked towards a great mountain face, stopping once for a rather disappointing explosion. We passed many roaring cataracts and other impressive sights until we reached the Siebenbrunnen. It was raining heavily as we walked back to Lenk, where we are ice-cream before returning for dinner.

Thursday morning was spent by most of us in the Schwimmbad, whose cool mountain water and inviting lawns made it well worth 59 centimes. The horse enjoyed it too. A pleasant walk back through the fir wood and sweet smelling timber yard brought us to the usual three-course lunch, after which we all boarded two small coaches and set off to see more widely the magnificent Bernese Oberland. We stopped first at Jaunpass, then at Gruyeres, where a boy speaking rapid French showed us round the castle. At Chateaux d'Oex, the next

stop, we walked down the main street looking in the various shops. Peaches at 3d. each and walking sticks were particularly popular. Back at the Monbijou, our kind hostesses absolutely glutted us with omelette.

Friday. After devouring our usual continental breakfast and donning most business-like garb, we addressed the fine morning with ambitious stride and crossed the railway line, airfield and river—our ultimate aim, a high mountain lake called the Seebergsee. The steep stony path and eager pace soon rewarded our hot faces with a glorious view and every respite was accompanied by the click of cameras. The cherished pasture land was eventually replaced by dark woods of immensely tall firs. The party was widely scattered. A long trek opposite a precipitous limestone hillside was rewarded by the welcome sight of the shallow sparkling lake, by the side of which we ate our packed lunches. We then laboured up to the windy crest and descended an infinite distance on to our original path. The eiderdowns were extra welcome that night.

SATURDAY. We caught an early train to Spiez, thence to Thun, on the western end of Lake Thun. We walked round this busy town, very quaint in parts, eating "soft ice", buying souvenirs or just gazing into the pure, green water of the Aar. Boarding a small white motor ship, the Jungfrau, we saw the distant brilliance of the mountain of the same name. Disembarking at Interlaken, we strode along to the cable-railway, which took us to a stone tower from whose top the Jungfrau (13,642), Interlaken, part of Lake Thun and Brienz formed a magnificent panorama. We entered a dark room to watch the intriguing model railway at work, accompanied by a tri-lingual commentary. After making the descent, and walking round ultra-anglicised Interlaken, we returned to the Monbijou. Most of us found ourselves entertained by the frivolous yet kind maid, Vereni.

Sunday morning was spent either swimming or shopping. The church party found a handsome but priestless building. A strenuous afternoon was spent by some of us, who, stick in hand, attacked the preliminary slopes of the Rinderberg (6,827) and at length dug in at a Wirtschaft, where a handsome quantity of liquor refreshed us. We returned to the swimming bath, where most of the party had spent the afternoon.

Monday. The sunny morning was spent souvenir hunting, mostly at the emporium in the Bahnhofstrasse. After lunch, we took train to Spiez, thence to the foot of the Niesenbahn, the cable-railway up the massive Niesen. From the wide concrete platform on the top, one saw the whole of the blue, sunlit Lake Thun, Interlaken and the near end of Lake Brienz. Directly across reigned the white peaks of the Jungfrau and her neighbours. The top of the valley was lost in the mist of great distance. We descended and returned to Zweisimmen, there to be entertained by one of two younger members of the party, who dived for coins into the decorative pool by the hotel, much to the curiosity of the local people.

TUESDAY. Most of the party divided into two groups, fast and slow, and tackled a neighbouring mountain. At the summit, we ate lunch by a peasant, nonchalantly scything down the grass on what seemed to be the top of the world. We descended in groups in different directions. In the evening, the decorative pool claimed a not-too-willing victim. Vereni herself had to take drastic evasive action.

Wednesday morning was spent by some breaking the ice at the swimming bath. Others looked round Zweisimmen. The misty, damp afternoon went by with the help of cards. When whist, pontoon, poker, etc., had grown boring, there was always someone's bed to fill with every chair, bottle and other detachable object in the room . . . all good fun. In the evening, some sought the bright lights, others retired early.

Thursday. All clambered into a big blue coach and set off to Gstaad. Thence we passed a mountain whose entire lower slopes were hidden in cloud. Further on, we reached the Col du Pillon (1,550 m.) with one building—the inevitable souvenir shop. A hair-raising dash down a steep, twisting road brought us to the contrasting flatness of the Rhone valley and before long Montreux was reached. A trip round the Castle Chillon which inspired Byron and a walk along Lake Geneva, then off again to Lausanne, where most of us visited the Cathedral. At Vevey, our next stop, we bought chocolate and peaches. The mountains of France and Switzerland lined the opposite bank, which lost itself in the distance on the way to Geneva. We returned all too soon via Chateau d'Oex to Zweisimmen.

FRIDAY was the clearest, sunniest day of all. We climbed our own mountain-the Rinderberg-via the Gondelbahn. This meant you stepped into a little two-seater cab and were whisked away at about 7 m.p.h. on a cable suspended from a row of sturdy pylons. Even at the halfway station, Zweisimmen appeared only as a group of red blobs against the lush green of the surrounding meadows. From the flower-carpeted summit, we saw once more the imposing lungfrau. Mr. Haigh pointed out the separate peaks on his map, about which hovered enormous bees. An hour later we rushed madly back into the lower station and returned to the Monbijou to lunch and finish packing. Two hours later, we left Mme. Ginggen standing on the station platform and travelled via Thun to Berne, where we looked round the city and visited the bear-pit via be-statued Gerechtigkeitsstrasse. At 7.5 p.m. we departed for Basle, arriving at 8.44 p.m. and having supper there at the celebrated station restaurant, On Saturday at 9 a.m. we boarded the steamer at Boulogne. Halifax was reached via Folkestone and London, all being revived by our glorious and well-organised holiday.

R. S. Watmough.

Itt iz weagwetterbull two weapourt thut ownlee thu pwezeedunt attendudd thu weaklee meatings beekoz know uthur boiz wur aybull two weed thu knowtissuz.

Kwiss (Pwezeedunt).

WHO SAID?

Arrive fresh for your exams!
Toime.
I won't go down on anybody's knees.
Little m is smaller than big M.
I don't like secs.

THE HEATHEN IN HIS BLINDNESS WANTS TO KNOW

Is carbylamine good for corns?
Has a fly-wheel a fly-hole?
How does an automatic detention work?
What is a milk bottom top?

EXTRACT

"Up early on Friday and into London-a wondrous busy place full of horses and beggars. Down by boat to Westminster and did see the Queen herself dining with her ministers and the Spanish Ambassador. Once more across the river, very dim and murky with all manner of rubbish floating there. Had a cup of coffee much to my taste. At midday did see the Tower of London, a marvellous dismal sight. There in the yard an execution, and it was pitiful to see the wretches clamouring for the blood of a ruffian who had but picked a purse. Up the river to Greenwich, a shipyard, and there did see the Admiral Drake* back, I would say, from a-plundering the ships of Spain. 'Tis marvellous that he is not executed like the rogue on the gallows at the Tower but methinks he is the Queen's favourite. Down the river, a wondrous busy thoroughfare this, and through the town. There did see once more the Queen. She has a narrow face with a periwigge of auburn hair; her teeth are black from the habit of taking the sugar; she had on a marvellous black dress trimmed with pearls. She looked old and with a fair wrinkled face must be ageing somewhat.

"Through London did see a monstrous peculiar building. On asking, was told the Globe, wherein are acted all manner of plays, being very disapproved of by the Puritans. My curiosity being great, did pay a shilling, a monstrous amount, to sit in a covered box in the wall—the top of the house being open. The middle of the floor the pit—and therein are all the poor wretches. Also are oranges sold,

and all the time a constant hum of talk. The play enacted was one of Will Shakespeare called *Macbeth*; 'twas well acted with boys as women as no women are let on to the stage only those who buy seats thereon. It finished at eventide and so up the river to home and bed."

T. R. FEARNLEY, 3B.

THE FAILING

Before the gilded altar kneels
The hooded form of man,
Words tangled tight in Gothic damp
Diffuse the breathing soul.
He has been where dry leaves rattle
Bone-dry melodies,
Mad music of ecliptic days
Has bounced before his eyes.

The moon climbs high the Holy skies, The silver fish is still, Beyond the quiet of the hill The spheric singings rise.

Beneath the heavy tower feels
The cowled desire of man,
Deep knowing in the binding air
The star-split whispering;
Knowing deep in clutching fear
The dream-storm-telling sights,
The well-like emptiness of man
Unslaked in budding Spring.

The melody-crazed moon
Is playing on the stone;
Dead fluted pillars stare
Where many prayed alone,
Breaking slant across a star
Saint-painted windows melt
In tears, the light upon an altar cross.

Lord now lettest Thou
The echoing service rings,
Servant depart in peace
The cracking echo brings.
Echo-born stone-service words
Tremble on echoing nave;
A dry God in a damp church
Prayed for to save.

Out in the fertile world, Binding limb for limb, Moulds the hot-wet-river Of man and bestial man. Departed the mystery, Peaceful the power, The kingdom is churchyard framed Away from soft-weaving man Weeping unknown.

A. TATHAM.

THE EVIL EFFECTS OF LOCO-SPOTTING

Of all the pastimes indulged in by schoolboys, loco-spotting is surely the most idiotic, time-wasting and expensive ever devised. It consists of sitting in some filthy station inhaling the foul smoke from engines, and underlining their numbers in a slim volume which contains the names and numbers of all engines in service—and, incidentally, costs 10/6. The raw young train-spotter may imagine that having bought this little book he can then toddle off to Halifax station and underline all the Streaks, Jubes, Pates, Clans, Britts, Semis, Prinnies, etc., which whizz through in rapid succession. Poor fool! He will discover that to cop any worthwhile locos, he must travel to some mainline station—Preston, Leeds, Doncaster or Manchester, all of which are placed twenty miles or more from Halifax.

Etiquette demands that on these excursions one must travel by train—the most inefficient and expensive way of travelling over a short distance. There is also the problem of what to do during the journey. There are several ways of spending one's time. One of the most despicable is that of unravelling rolls of British Railways lavatory paper and hanging them like streamers out of the carriage window. . . .

The keenest loco-spotters will remain at their destination until deep into the night, even at the cost of missing their train home, merely for the sake of copping some wretched engine. As a result, they find themselves stranded in Rochdale at 1 a.m. and have to be escorted home in ignominy by the police!

So, after an eventful day, the loco-spotter returns. He has spent the sum of 23s. 7½d., contaminated his inside with foul engine smoke, fallen prey to the most odious vices, gained the undying enmity of fourteen porters, and finally been subject to utter shame.

For all this he has nothing to show but a few numbers. Yet any common cheat can achieve the same with much less time and trouble simply by spending a few minutes at home, underlining the numbers of trains he has never seen!

Who would be a train-spotter?

D. E. R. LANGER.

THE RAPE OF THE LOCK

A tale of protest against drastic restrictions of provilege with a Key to Better Behaviour

When that in April sweet showers start to fall And pierce the drought of March to th' root, and all The lads are bathed in liquor of such power As brought about the trampling of the flower In Sparrow Park beneath the lunch-time boot Of those who used the banned threeha'penny route, It happened in that season that, one day, Upon the lawn by School House as I lay. . . .

Scene: The aforesaid lawn; schoolboys, onion-sellers, etc., passing by.
Sixth Formers grumble about the new crippling School rule;

Don't know what things are coming to,
Soon there'll be nothing left to do:
No ping-pong after five, they say;
No rolling up at ten each day;
No Robin Hood hats, that's the rule,
No keeping kangaroos at school;
No cycling down the Art Room stairs
(You mustn't disturb the Peace); no pairs
Of twelve-inch pickered feet;
No sucking Ice-Poles in the street;
But now the unkindest cut of all—
No playing euphoniums in the Hall.

Following up these rumours of unrest, we sent our interviewer, Polly Weasel, along to Heath to ask the Head about the New Rule:

Polly: I understand, Headmaster, that you were anxious to combat the boys' tendency to waste free periods; but why did you take such a severe course of action against euphoniums—er—euphonia of all things?

Head: Well, I felt that a really big blow was needed to produce any result. . . .

At this point, an elephant wearing a top-hat rows across the scene in a wheelbarrow. On a small stage, of course, the top-hat is optional. Feelings run high among the Sixth Form; a token demonstration

is therefore arranged in protest :

So, when the Prefects all had gone, to rest
Or ply the ping-pong bat with awful zest,
Or plot new deeds of twin-striped tyranny,
That day a solemn oath they jointly swore
To pull the lock from off the School House door. . . .

MORAL.

But evil is its own reward, and they
For suff'ring caused were suff'ring made to pay.
So let him take heed, who in dark mischief deals—
When Filling No Smoking Stop Engine Brake Wheels!

Editor: But what on earth has that to do with the rest . . .

Author: Philistine Swine.

CLIN.

FANTASIA

The Upper Sixth Science with stealth and devilish cunning spread out over the lawn and began to search for four or perhaps even five sigfigs. These were to be used to torture the man after whom 1000's had been named and extort the centre of percussion of a golf club. After a school meal of gherkin pasty and Swahili pomegranates, a red (due to not having removed lipstick) kipper interrupted with the startling revelation that actually (cough) his brother had been called a spiv because he . . . These immoral words were drowned as Keith Brabham roared past at a steady six knots in an undersealed oversprung machine. Unstrapping his safety harness and ejection seat he hockeyed across to the group and enquired if anyone wanted a lubrication chart for a 1919 Ford hearse. On hearing the reply he withdrew to the quiet of the workshop, there to make a leather match-box cosy. Suddenly their friend with the kettle appeared, having returned from another C.D. Secret Exercise. Cheerfully pouring out a pinta for all he intimated that he'd been trying out the latest deck chairs in George Square and then in a low whisper confided that hundreds of dustbins were being stockpiled ready to store the by-products of keeping donkeys in the Square. Spirits were revived and when a wee man asked them to settle themselves they reclined on the grass to ad/absorb the ultraviolet infra red and all the rest of from the solar spectrum.

Kwiss.

TO THE GREATER GLORY

The rain was pouring steadily from leaden skies. A wet west wind howled dismally across the Lincolnshire countryside, moaning through the limp branches of the sodden trees. The whole gloomy scene was deserted save for two horsemen slowly plodding along a rough track. The leading rider was a small, sparsely-built man. His cheeks were sunken and flushed, and his deep-set eyes burned feverishly; his nose was sharp and thin; his open mouth revealed an uneven row of teeth. His red hair, beginning to recede, was wild and bedraggled; from his chin hung a wisp of beard. The other rider was a much bulkier man, with hair as black as a raven. As he rode, the expression on his broad face remained solidly impassive. Across his shoulder was slung a bulky leather bag. The inferiority of his mount and clothing suggested that he might be the other's servant.

The two horses plodded on, along the rain-soaked path. Rain poured incessantly from the dreary grey skies. The wind howled mournfully. The ground squelched beneather the horses' hooves. Several times the red-haired man, his bloodshot eyes bright with fever, reeled in his saddle, and would have fallen had not the other caught him.

Throughout the cold, miserable, wet day, the travellers journeyed on, the sick man half-conscious, lolling and swaying in his saddle. Night found them just outside the town of Croxton, seeking shelter at the monastery. A plump, bald, kindly-faced abbot granted the dark man's request for shelter, with a benevolent smile, and after some delay a few monks carried the sick man, unable to walk himself, out of the rain and into the monastery.

Hugh d'Orville snapped his fingers in annoyance.

"But, look," he said in irritated tones, "surely something must be

left from the great fortune which he had in his possession?"

The Abbot smiled blandly. "He was penniless," he said, "but I gathered from his ravings while he was ill that his entire possessions had been swallowed up by the tide during a storm."

"Was anyone with him?" queried d'Orville.

"Not a soul," replied the Abbot, crossing himself. "He was alone and only half-conscious, when we found him outside the monastery gate."

"How did he die, anyway?" asked d'Orville, narrowing his eyes.
The Abbot's expression became very grave. "He over-indulged himself with peaches while suffering from dysentery. I warned him how serious the consequences might be for a man in his state of health, but he insisted on gorging himself, and died in pain that night. God rest his soul."

"You're sure he left nothing—no jewels, no golden coins?"

"He had nothing but the clothes he was wearing and his horse."

D'Orville stamped angrily and cursed. "A fortune!" he exploded.

"The greatest fortune in England lost—lost in the sea!"

The Abbot smiled gently. "I fear that there is nothing I can

do to help you."

"No, I realise that!" snorted Hugh d'Orville, and without another word he turned on his heel and stalked out of the Abbot's room into the sunlight, and from there through the monastery gate.

The Abbot smiled as he watched him go.

Itwas some time after d'Orville had gone before the Abbot, mopping his bald brow, drew the bulky leather bag from under his bed, and opening it permitted himself the luxury of feasting his eyes on the crown jewels of King John. "Strange that the servant should die of his master's illness," he murmured as he turned over in his hands the golden, jewel-studded crown of England. From the bag he lifted first the orb, then the sceptre, holding each up in turn and admiring them. "May God forgive me for what I have done," he mused, "and take these to His Greater Glory."

A. N. CONNELL, 3B.

BASSO-JAUN

And seeking the Answer, I went To sit at the feet of his awful calm; But he would not tell me his tale. Only the sound of his ceaseless vastness, Mocking in the silent scream of a crag, The wasting despair of pointless finitude.

C. GLEDHILL.

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We beg to acknowledge with gratitude the receipt since our last issue of the following contemporaries:—Bradfordian, Crossleyan (2), Danensis (2), Ealandian, Hill and Dale, Keighlian (3), Leodiensian (3), Morleian, Rishworthian (3), Silcoatian, Staffordian, Torch, Wheel, Whitcliffian, and the magazine of Princess Mary High School.

We offer our apologies for any inadvertent omissions from this

list.

HEATH OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

The two regular functions, the Dance and the Annual Dinner were again held during the past year and were vastly enjoyed by those attending, but as usual there was ample room for many others. A point of importance as regards the Dinner, and one which may influence members who have not attended for some years, is that all age groups are well represented, and one may be certain of finding some acquaintance at least. Several members travelled considerable distances to be at the function.

The next Dance will follow the successful pattern of 1959, being held on the 13th of December next in the Alexandra Café, which will then be re-constructed we are assured. Tickets will be obtainable from the Committee and since numbers for the Café are strictly limited, it may be necessary, and most novel, to turn away late-comers.

The Club Night, first Thursday in the month in the Dutch Bar, has had the usual fate of innovations requiring support from the Association. Although not yet buried, it has died as a casual function and is only preserved by telephoned arrangements. A pity.

Members are requested to pay their annual subscriptions for the coming year now, and so avoid costly reminders, and the few members who are in arrears are respectfully referred to the amended Rules of the Association, in which they will find a provision specially drafted with them in mind.

The Secretary of the Association is Mr. P. Graham Smith, of 178 Willow Gardens, Rochdale Road, Halifax (telephone Hx 63788), and he is also the Secretary of the Fives Club. The Rugby Club Secretary is Mr. J. A. Barker, of 5 West Royd Villas, King Cross, Halifax.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

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W. Tordoff, Ph.D.

MANCHESTER

G. W. Shearing, Ph.D.

G. A. Harrison, M.A.

DUBLIN

J. D. Holroyd, Mus. Bac.

First Degree and Intermediate

OXFORD Class
J. R. Sunderland, Literae Humaniores II
D. P. Nestor, Classical Honour Moderations IV

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NEWS OF OLD BOYS

C. F. W. Illingworth, Regius Professor of Surgery in the University of Glasgow and Honorary Surgeon to the Queen in Scotland was made Knight Bachelor in the Birthday Honours.

Dr. O. Smithies has been selected a Scholar in medical science

on the John and Mary Markle Foundation, New York.

W. Bouch has been appointed Chief Chemist to the Northern Gas Board.

B. Wilkinson has been appointed Headmaster of Welwyn Garden

City Grammar School,

us, from this list.

M. Taylor has taken up an appointment on the staff of Worcester Training College. D. F. Sharpe (Ripon) and J. C. K. Denerley were ordained priest

and deacon respectively at the Trinity Ordinations.

M. F. Williams was awarded the Air Ministry prize for Educational subjects on passing out of the R.A.F. Station at Bircham Newton. The Air Ministry mark the occasion by offering a book to the School library. Williams was also selected as the sportsman of the year.

We are grateful to Rev. D. F. Hudson for a copy of his book, "Teach Yourself New Testament Greek," which was published this

year.

P. Tidswell was presented with a book and a badge on being selected as "Junior Apprentice" at Churchill Redman machine-tool company. His was the first such award under a new scheme recently

introduced by the firm.

It is with deep regret that we record the deaths of G. M. Hitchen and J. R. Hitchen as a result of a road accident on 14th July, 1961. G.M. left the School in 1959 for a career in Banking. He was a prominent runner, having won the Bilbrough Trophy in 1958 and captained the cross-country team in his last year. He was a member of the Halifax Harriers and had also played Rugger for the Old Boys. J.R. left in 1960 and had just completed his first year at the University of Birmingham. He had been a sub-prefect and a member of several School Rugger teams.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the parents of both these

young men in their grievous loss.

HEATH OLD BOYS' R.U.F.C.

Another rolling year has passed, another year in which the Old Boys suffered many trials and tribulations and vet emerged with a fine nucleus of stalwart players and a small but ever-faithful band of supporters. The latter did not have a very heartening season, for our playing record was poor and the heart lies heavy at the thought. It would be better to avoid the painful details and point out that we ended the season in a burst of glory, winning six successive matches. This is evidence of a strong fighting spirit which was all the more necessary as we had no permanent changing accommodation and no training facilities during the winter months. Thanks to Mr. Birchall we were allowed to use a school dressing-room on Saturdays and we take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to the Headmaster and Mr. Birchall for their consideration. This season, however, we hope to have completed our new pavilion at West Vale, which will provide us with suitable headquarters. Again we would like to extend hearty thanks to those supporters whose generosity raised £125 for the Pavilion Fund and to the Ladies' section which raised f. 100 for the fund, for which we are truly grateful.

Now that we have mentioned our hard core of playing members and the prospect of better facilities, we would like to make an appeal to all school leavers to come to the Old Boys for their Rugger. We are not, perhaps, a glamorous club, but how can we become one without support from our source of players, the School? How can Heath Grammar School with its own fine record hold up its head when the Old Boys suffer humiliation at the hands of some of our close, local rivals whom we thrashed as schoolboys? What a team we could be if we enjoyed the support of all those players whose names are synonymous with Rugger and who learnt their Rugger at Heath! Must our cherished hopes remain but dreams? Your support is necessary! Please answer the call! You will be most welcome; and remember that this is your club. Within a few years you could be directing its future, for we "old uns" encourage fresh blood to hold executive office.

Finally, as we anticipate the new season we are confident that we shall continue in the same winning vein that marked the close of the last, and with your good will and support, both physical and social, we shall go from strength to strength. Incidentally, when this report appears, training will have begun at West Vale and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday at 7.30 p.m. throughout the season. Think it over and let us see you there.

R. SMITH.

THE FIVES CLUB

The past season had its disappointments, the retirement of one or two players and the cancellation of five matches, but the Club continued to thrive and the Tuesday games almost always filled both courts. On one memorable occasion eleven members, including an ex-President, came for a game. The old guard continued to be an inspiration to the young, who showed a slight but welcome increase in numbers. It appears that the retirement age for a Fives player is, "just another ten years".

The Club played seven games, winning only five and losing the other two. The necessary apologies have been made. A second Open Tournament was held in October, which attracted an entry of sixteen pairs from Northern clubs, and was deservedly won by a pair from Loughborough Colleges, Gardner (the Scottish Championships holder) and Beilby; the other finalists being P. G. Smith and D. Turner of the Club. The next Open will be held on the 28th of October next, and it is hoped that in the next report a more suitable result can be noted.

As always, a warm welcome awaits anyone who would like a game on Tuesdays.

P. G. S.