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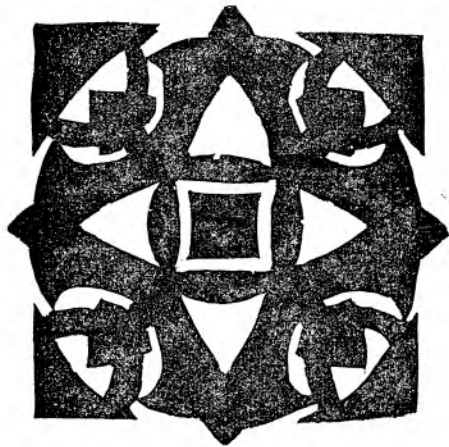
Old Boys : J. D. Tomlinson.

We must apologise for the late appearance of this issue of "The Frestonian." The first few weeks of this term have been momentous in that they have heralded the first General Inspection in the School since 1937. The presence of Her Majesty's Inspectors has made life rather tense and exciting so that the preparation of the magazine has been postponed until School affairs returned to normal. Though the inspection was anticipated with rather a foreboding outlook the actual experience, as is often the case, was far from harrowing. On the contrary the Inspectors, on the whole, proved to be friendly and encouraged us to speak to them. We hope they have taken away a good impression of the School.

Now that the great ones have departed we can settle down to our usual round of hard work. At any rate, we hope so ; for in the General Certificate year, time seems to fly between October and June.

There will be not only the usual intellectual work for this term ; great prominence will also be given to one of the lighter sides of school activities, drama. Early in December the Dramatic Society will give us Christopher Marlowe's tragedy "Doctor Faustus."

It has been customary for past editors to deplore the lack of contributions, particularly from the Lower School. We will not repeat this truism but there is something noteworthy to be said à propos the same subject. To encourage would-be contributors Mr. E. B. Haslam, an Old Boy, is giving a prize for the best contribution to the magazine from any boy in Forms I, II and III. Contributions written as part of an examination paper are not valid. The first prize will be given after the issue of the next volume of the magazine. We are very grateful for this gift from a distinguished Old Boy and hope to be deluged with contributions from the Juniors so that we can make the next magazine a "bumper" issue.



SALVETE.

IA.—

Clarke I.
Eastwood G. A.
Grainger L.

Street D.
Thompson D.

VALETE.

IIA.—

Palmer E. J. F.

IIIA.—

McCauley P. T.

IIIC.—

Blades M. T. A.
Collings B. J.

IVB.—

Boulton P.

VB.—

Allen A. J.
Bell K.
Hall R. F.
Jowett A.
Kinsey B.
Lapish J. D.
Loughlin J. M.
Lumb A. A.
Lythe C. D.
Midgley G.
Sherwood W.
Simpson T. S.
Stroud J. M.
Turton J.
Whitworth D.

U.VI.A.—

Dransfield K. T.
Salisbury C. P.
Townshend A. A.

VA.—

Ashbey T.
Bond M.
Burchill F.
Burgess G. T.
Dadswell R. F.
Deakin P.
Devey J.
Fenton K. M.
Goode G.
Hampson D.
Hotchkiss D.
Nettleton T.
Sedgewick J. B.
Swift R.
Tucker B.
Williams K.
Wilson D. H.
Wilson J. G.
Woodward P.

L.VI.A.—

Ellis J.

U.VI.S.—

Brennan P.
Chapman J.
Parker A. B.
Smith J. M.
Tomlinson J. D.
York D.

NEWS.

DE OMNIBUS.

FROM COAL TO SNOW.

The first film show and lecture at the school this year was the annual one given by the National Coal Board, on February 5th, which was up to its usual high standard.

A breath of mountain air was wafted into school life when, on March 12th, a large party went from School to see the film "The Conquest of Everest." The splendid filming and beautiful colour combined to make this dramatic story about Sir John Hunt's expedition into a magnificent documentary film.

THE BOOK AND THE FILM.

A film of a different kind was shown in the School gymnasium on April 12th. This was "Great Expectations" starring John Mills and Valerie Hobson. As the film is adapted from Charles Dickens' novel which was one of the set books in the G.C.E. exam, it gave the English students the opportunity of comparing the two.

SCIENCE LECTURES.

On the 24th and 26th April some of the Vth Form and VI Science visited the Whitwood Technical College to listen to some science lectures.

S. C. M. CONFERENCE.

This year some members of the VI Form went to a conference of the Student Christian Movement. The first lecture was: "What Part Does The Bible Play in our Modern Life?" The second was entitled "Jesus, God and Man." Both speakers enthralled their audience and the lectures stimulated interesting discussions.

WE STOOP TO PRAISE.

We would like to congratulate the High School for their entertaining production of Oliver Goldsmith's comedy, "She Stoops to Conquer."

THE GYM COMPETITION.

Mr. Woolerton, from Wakefield County Hall, kindly consented to judge the gym competition on July 9th, which resulted in a victory for Frobisher House. The individual gymnast with most points was D. Price, followed by R. K. Dunham, B. Kinsey and J. Ellis and J. Cooper (4th equal).

WHAT'S YOUR LINE ?

On Friday, July 16th, Mr. Roberts came from Leeds Labour Exchange to give a talk on careers to the senior forms. He gave a brief outline of some of the many jobs open to Grammar School boys and told us the minimum qualifications that were necessary.

R.A.F. LECTURE.

Squadron Leader Nisbet, D.F.C., visited the School on Tuesday July 20th, to give a lecture to the seniors on life in the R.A.F. He discussed the R.A.F. as a career and then from the viewpoint of National Service. He ended his talk by showing us some photographs.

SPORTS PHOTOGRAPHS.

On July 22nd, various photographs were taken of the Football and Cricket Teams, the Athletics Team and the Prefects.

VISIT TO NOSTELL PRIORY.

On Wednesday, July 28th, 1954. a fairly large party from the Fifth and Sixth Forms accompanied Mr. Law and Mr. Ormerod to Nostell Priory.

It is believed that the Priory was first founded between 1109 and 1114. After a chequered history in which considerable additions and alterations were made the Priory in 1654 passed into the hands of Roland Winn, ancestor of the present owner. The Priory as it stands today was built by Sir Roland Winn, the fourth baronet, after 1721. The only remains of the old monastic buildings are the monks' dormitories which some years ago were converted into cow-sheds and a slaughter-house.

The Priory is a remarkable and elegant example of eighteenth century architecture. It was originally designed by a local youth (he was less than 20) called Payne and was later modernised by Adam, who added many beautiful fireplaces. The first room we entered had a ceiling painted in delicate shades of pastel green. In the numerous, capacious rooms we were shown many examples of valuable paintings. Chippendale furniture abounded. We were shown one chair insured for £1000 ; there were another 23 chairs and a sofa in the same design equally as valuable ! In the library, which contained many works of local history and valuable editions of Shakespeare's works, there was a false bookcase which admirably concealed a door.

After a walk around the grounds we inspected the church which contains many fine specimens of stained glass windows. We left the Priory awed by the splendour and luxuriance displayed in the homes of great eighteenth century families.

PONTEFRACT MUSICAL FESTIVAL.

An attractive choral feature during the Spring Term and an event which may almost be regarded as a school tradition is the yearly pilgrimage to the Pontefract Musical Festival

In March, forty grim and determined boys once more sought to uphold the honour of the School in the musical world. It is to their credit that, after obtaining 2nd and 3rd places in two classes before lunch, they eventually obtained 1st place in the Boys' School Choir class and returned triumphantly with the G. S. Whaley Challenge Cup.

YORKSHIRE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA,

Since the last magazine was published, school parties have attended four further concerts given by the Y.S.O. in the Industrial Concert Series held in Leeds Town Hall.

Throughout the season, the programmes have included a well-balanced variety of music, ranging from firmly established favourites to more obscure yet attractive works and the new series beginning in September seems to be continuing in the same tradition.

It is pleasing to note that at each concert the same nucleus of boys has been present and more pleasing to note a steady stream of new-comers attending their first concert. This is sufficient praise to recommend the series to all members of the School.

THE WEST RIDING STRING QUARTET.

The West Riding String Quartet paid its annual visit to the School on April 9th under the leadership of Mr. Appleyard. The programme opened with the playing of "The Frog," a quartet by Haydn, which was followed by three solos: a violin solo, "Cantabile" by Bowen; a violin solo called "Moto Perpetuo" in which, we were told, 1,954 notes were played in three minutes; the third solo piece, "After a Dream" by Fauré, was played on the cello. The last piece played by the Quartet was in startling contrast to the preceding programme viz. "Landscapes" by a modern Jewish composer named Bloch. This was divided into two parts (a) "North" which conjured up a bleak and dreary scene and (b) "Tongataboo"—a lively South Sea rhythm.

Mr. Appleyard and his company were thanked for their interesting programme.

THE FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE.

The Founder's Day Service this year was held in Normanton Parish Church on July 7th, and was conducted by the Rev. C. A. O. Warman, M.A. As the prefects of the Grammar and High Schools were walking up the aisle the Grammar School Choir sang the short motet, "Oh Taste and See," in which the soloist was R. J. D. Smith. This was specially composed by Dr. A. Vaughan Williams for the Coronation Service. After the opening hymn, "Oh Worship the King" the prayers were read and then other hymns were sung. The lesson was read from Ephesians, Ch. IV. Verses 17, 20, 25—end. After the Thanksgiving and Prayers the Choir sang the Anthem, "Praise His Awful Name" by Spohr. The soloists were R. J. D. Smith (Treble), and C. P. Salisbury (Bass).

The Rev. P. J. Lamb, Principal of St. John's College, York, had kindly consented to be the preacher. His very interesting sermon was based on the legend of St. Christopher. The whole congregation then sang the School Hymn, "Great Lord of Wisdom, Life and Light." A prayer and the Benediction brought to a close a very moving service.

THE FRESTONIAN SOCIETY.

Owing to waning enthusiasm there have not been as many meetings during this last term. A hike was held on Friday, July 23rd, but because of inclement weather only a small party from the Grammar School went to Harrogate and Knaresborough.

At the Annual General Meeting in the High School Library on July 27th, forty people were present. In her report Miss L. Wilkinson, the chairman, deplored the lack of enthusiasm shown after Christmas. Miss Margaret Stones was elected Secretary for the following year and Mr. David Barnett was made Treasurer. Other Committee members are Miss Monica Mitchell and Mr. E. H. Cooksey. It was decided to elect a further committee member from the L.VI. of each School and the Constitution was altered.

A Social was held on July 29th which was well attended. The fish and chip supper was heartily enjoyed by all, and dancing and games in the Music Room of the Grammar School rounded off an enjoyable evening.

At the first meeting this term Mr. J. Bullingham and Miss A. Potts were chosen as committee representatives of the L.VI. Mr. D. S. Barnett then gave his highly interesting talk entitled, "Behind the

Cinema Screen." This lecture together with his drawing elucidated many problems which had previously been a puzzle to us laymen. The lecture ended with a short film show.

It was pleasing to see so many members present and if all future meetings provoke so much interest the Society can be assured of a successful year.

THE LIBRARY.

The Librarian gratefully acknowledges gifts of books from :— Ashton D., Brookman A. V., Brookman G., Glaze J., Townshend A. A. and E. B. Haslam.

Mr. E. B. Haslam was inspired by our note in the last magazine to bring us a number of most useful Book Club issues.

We remind boys who left in the Summer Term of the pleasing custom by which they may commemorate their stay with us by giving at least one book to the Library.

The rise in the number in the Sixth Forms has been noticed in a more serious atmosphere in the Library of late, and we have been glad to welcome a number of boys from Forms Three who come in the dinner hour or after four o'clock in search of material for homework.

The new Library Assistants are :—

Senior Library : Brookman A. V. and Kirby D. E.

Junior Library : Kirk P. and Richardson K.

T.H.H., J.C.O.

THE STAMP SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the Society was held in IIa room on September 30th, when we welcomed many new members. A new committee was chosen. The appointments are : Abson R. (Hon. Sec.), Reynolds G. K. (Hon. Treas.), Whale C. W., Cooper R. and Hill M.

In the evening of the same day a few members went to the Wakefield Philatelic Society to hear a lecture on "The Royal Philatelic Collection" by Mr. Robson Lowe, the world famous stamp auctioneer, from London. Mr. Lowe's fluent, and often amusing, style held the attention of his listeners. The talk was illustrated by a few sheets of stamps from Her Majesty's collection all of which were rare; many were unique. We present were all delighted to see such fabulous stamps, which included the Western Australian "Inverted Frame," British Guiana "Cottonreels," "Post Office" and "Post Paid" Mauritius stamp and Cape woodblocks, error of colour.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

THE VISIT TO BELGIUM.

I think with one exception it is true to say that no one in the School party which visited Belgium had ever previously been there before, but we all returned with memories which will live with us all our lives ; memories of a great country and a great nation ; of Brussels, a magnificent and imposing city ; of Dinant, a beautiful town situated in a picturesque setting ; and of Bruges, a very old and proud borough.

Our first glimpse of Belgium was of its countryside which is in many ways similar to that of England. It has, however, its own characteristic and distinguishing features. There was no systematic setting of fields ; they were all shapes and sizes and were just dotted about haphazardly with no dividing hedges or fences. The monotony of such a promiscuous scene was broken by tall trees. The farm houses were appreciably higher than their English counterparts and were even more tidy. This accent on height in buildings rather than on length was a true indication of what we were to expect in the city of Brussels.

Brussels was a very beautiful and magnificent city. Its old buildings were very elaborate in their ornamentation, but alongside the magnificent and imposing Brussels of hundreds of years ago is the new Brussels, the city which has been built over the scars left by the last world war. Where once there was destruction, ruins and desolation there is now life and beauty. The people with great determination have not only erected schools, flats and parks but have also demolished what they considered to be a blotch on themselves and on the nation—slum areas. It is a great tribute to the people that in so short a time they have built their Brussels again.

From Brussels our next stopping place was the holiday resort of Dinant. It is a pleasant little town enclosed by the lovely winding river Meuse on one side and densely forested cliffs on the other. Everyone was impressed by the magnificence of the grottoes at Dinant where we saw stalagmite and stalactite formations which are the finest in Europe and we heard stories of how the inhabitants sheltered there for indefinite periods in hiding from the Germans.

In complete contrast to the simplicity of Dinant was the sombreness of Bruges which is a very proud and historical town. Its buildings cover many styles and periods of architecture, but the modern Bruges is very different from what it was hundreds of years ago when its prominent buildings were the headquarters of the woollen guilds of Belgium. Today those same buildings have been converted

into cafés and shops of all description. The finest building in Bruges is its cathedral. The belfrey, which is built in four different styles of architecture, is supposed to be the finest in Belgium, and its bells, which ring out all over the city at night-time playing many well known tunes, are surpassingly excellent. Another pleasant feature of Bruges is its quaint canals which wind their way through the town and outskirts.

Throughout the tour we visited many other famous landmarks and monuments, though perhaps it is not these that will live longest in our memories, but the little things we ourselves alone saw and appreciated. All of us formed our own opinions and have our own stories to tell of this industrious people. I am sure however that these observations will lead us all to the same opinion of the Belgian people—that they are a great and brave nation.

A.V.B., L.VI.A.

IMPRESSIONS OF BELGIUM.

The things that struck me most in Belgium were :—

- 1 ...the tremendous amount of rain that fell during our four days' visit to Dinant.
- 2 ...the great number of pavement cafés.
- 3 ...the great publicity afforded to coca-cola—"coke."
- 4 ...the great lure Belgian wines offer to English travellers.
- 5 ...the after effects of such wines.
- 6 ...the fact that to be able to swim in the sea one must first pay 3 francs (5d.) to change and then 10 francs (1/6) to enter the sea. Furthermore if one leaves the water for a moment and during that time one dries oneself, another 10 francs must be paid to be able to bathe again
- 7 ...the fascination of the Belgian rivers for our party ; one night three of us fell in the River Meuse.
- 8 ...the discomfort afforded by the Belgian railways whose seats closely resemble those of a tram, in that they are made of wood.
- 9 ...the great knowledge of the English language, which the majority of the Belgians possess.

M.V.M., VB.

TEDDY BOYS.

We have read and heard a great deal recently about the "Teddy Boys," modern youths wearing Edwardian-style clothes. The consensus of opinion about them is unfavourable and well expressed in these works by our young poetasters.

- I. In the alley today we go in disguise
In drainpipe trousers and wide flashy ties.
Don't bother to wash ; it's likely to rain,
Jush take a cosh and a bicycle chain.
We're slashing seats at second-house flicks,
The Teddy Boys celebrate jolly picnics,
He stands on the corner in a gaberdine mac,'
Curtis at the front and D.A. at the back,
Swings an old watch on a pure golden chain ;
Up comes a copper and asks him his name.
He pulls out a razor and slashes his throat,
He's under eighteen and he don't care a groat.
B.W.H., IIa.
- II. See them walking down the street,
With drainpipe trousers and jiving feet,
Dazzling waistcoat and fancy shoe,
Shuffling and slouching with nothing to do
'Cept mock the poor policeman walking by on his
beat,
Making jokes at his helmet and uniform neat.
See their Edwardian coats with velvet cuffs,
Anyone can see they're a set of toughs.
C.T., IIa.

READING IN BED.

I gently closed the bedroom door and switched on the light hoping my mother wouldn't hear me. Seizing my novel I slipped between the sheets and snuggled down on my side. Holding my book with my left hand I commenced reading and soon arrived at the bottom of the page. Now came the tricky operation—how to turn the page without disturbing the bedclothes around me. However this procedure is done there always seems to an aperture through which the air rushes and freezes you.

Grabbing the bedclothes with my free hand I managed to stop the inrush of cold air but the the damage had been done. I shivered.

Then I continued to read and, as my eyes skipped over the lines a warm glow gradually crept over my body. Hardly had I time to revel in this luxury before the page needed to be turned over again. A new method would have to be found. I tried a gentle blow, then a harder one. About twenty pages were turned over. While finding my place again I became chilled to the bone.

I continued reading for about five minutes until I felt a curious tingling sensation in the hand holding the book ; it was suffering from exposure. I transposed the book into my other hand and tried to restore warmth to the suffering member. Needless to say the inrush of cold air came in again, but the novel was exciting.

Soon after an "itching" sensation appeared in my nose and could only be relieved by a lusty blow. I climbed out of bed to get my handkerchief from my pocket and in doing so noticed the time—half-past one ! Reluctantly I got into bed to go to sleep.

The next morning I was irritable and tired as a result of my nocturnal reading. Reading in bed is a bad habit. If you haven't started already, take my advice. Don't.

T.E.T., L.V.I.S.

A BUTCHER I KNOW.

In a little butcher's shop I know, in a lane through which only horse-drawn carts travel, dwells a butcher, blind in one eye. This butcher is like no other man I know. He is just over five feet tall, rotund and very talkative. His voice is high-pitched and squeaky. Owing to the Italian blood in his veins he is very excitable.

He has only two faults. One is that he thinks he is a better singer than Gigli and the other is that whenever Russia or America is mentioned he loses his temper with the speaker, and menacingly waves any convenient weapon. I am sure that if any American heard him he would immediately label him as a Communist while a Russian would think him to be an enemy and a capitalist. When he is in one of his tantrums the customers back hurriedly out of the shop. After a few minutes he apologises profusely to his laughing customers who are waiting outside. He herds them all back into his little shop, calls for his three assistants, and begins serving the customers with great speed, muttering under his breath as he does so.

He often says, "I am going to build a pigeon pen or else get rid of my birds." He never likes to part with his birds, however, and they either die of old age or get caught by one of the five cats he keeps around the house to kill mice. When not tending his pigeons or cats he is a great racing car fan and, although British, supports Italian cars in arguments at the Drivers' Club which he attends.

The little butcher has a weakness for puns and makes them on every

occasion and although ninety per cent. of his puns are weak he occasionally cracks a brilliant one. He is a loving husband and father and despite his queer habits I think he is the nicest man anyone could hope to meet.

W.H.A.M., IVA.

THE RUNAWAY.

It was dark ; a thick pall of clouds blotted out the moon ; a white fog enveloped the moor like a foul miasma and combined with the blinding rain to make a "lonely scene more lonesome." A streak of lightning rent the murky sky and lit up the pale, rain-drenched visage of a little boy shrinking back into the protective embrace of a hawthorn bush which grew by the side of the lichened gravestones. The ruined abbey, silhouetted against the skyline, would have made a perfect setting for one of Mrs. Radcliffe's "Gothic" novels.

The boy shivered with fright. "Oh ! Why did I leave home ? Why did I accept Johnny Boyd's 'dare' to sleep in this Abbey ?" The storm had caught him unawares and he had nowhere to shelter. He dared not cross the moor by himself. The thunder rolled ominously as a second flash of lightening cleft the heavens.

Not only did it illuminate the Abbey and the crouching lad but it also revealed by its transitory light a vague, whitish object which glared at the boy through immobile green eyes. The runaway screamed in terrified amazement and his rain-sodden sandwiches dropped from his nerveless fingers and rolled a few feet in front of him. Gingerly he reached for them but his groping hands encountered a hairy object. This time his horrified shriek pierced the tumult of the elements as he sprang up from the ground. His fear of the 'thing' conquered his fear of venturing onto the moor. He ran headlong and fell sprawling down a slope. Behind him he heard the slithering footsteps of the creature and it seemed as if he was being pursued by demons or ghosts of the people who tenanted the surrounding graves.

Fear lent speed to his flight as he sped across the moor bitterly rueing his temerity in accepting the wager. He did not realise that the footsteps had ceased. In front of him he heard voices which stopped him dead in his tracks, "Gosh ! Ghosts !" he yelled and, stumbling a few steps further, he fell,—into the arms of his father who, with Mr. Boyd, had come to seek his truant son.

The runaway was hysterical and did not calm down until he had drunk a cup of cocoa by the fire at home. He vowed never again to accept a dare or run away from home. Even when he discovered that the 'ghost' was merely Farmer Bullock's escaped goat his resolution did not waver and he never forgot that horrible night.

M.B., L.VI.A.

SPORT.

CRICKET.

- 5th June. N.G.S. 49 for 8 ; LEEDS CENTRAL H.S. 90 (home) Lost
(Richardson 6 for 34)
- 12th June. N.G.S. 56 ; CASTLEFORD G.S. 53 for 8. (away) Draw
- 14th June. N.G.S. 53 ; SIR PERCY JACKSON'S G.S. 55 for 6. Lost
(Barnett 4 for 8) (away)
- 26th June. N.G.S. 59 for 5 (dec.) ; THORNES HOUSE G. S. 46 for 9.
(Smith W. T. 31, Banks 3 for 4) (away) Draw
- 3rd July. N.G.S. 79 ; ACKWORTH G. S. 122 for 6 (away) Lost
N.G.S. 107 for 4 (dec.) ; WHITWOOD XI 59. (away) Won
(Ball 40, Johnson 32 both not out, Tomlinson 4 for 25)

HOUSE MATCHES.

JUNIOR.

Frobisher beat Bennett and Hanson but lost to Freeston.
Freeston beat Bennett but lost to Hanson and Frobisher.
Hanson lost to Frobisher but beat Bennett and Freeston.
Bennett lost to Freeston, Frobisher and Hanson.

SENIOR.

Freeston beat Frobisher and lost to Bennett. Freeston v. Hanson
match was abandoned.

Bennett beat Freeston and Frobisher but lost to Hanson.

Hanson beat Bennett and lost to Frobisher. Hanson v. Freeston
match abandoned.

Frobisher lost to Freeston and Bennett but beat Hanson.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

TALENT SPOTTED.

We read with interest that three members of our 1st XI of last winter caught the eye of an official of the First Division Club, Bolton Wanderers, when School played the Wanderers' Youth Side early in the year. They are Peter Deakin of Altofts (inside forward), Brian Tucker of Normanton (outside left) and Gordon Goode of Royston (outside right). They were invited to Bolton for a trial on 4th August, and Deakin and Tucker have been retained on the playing staff after signing amateur forms. They both have jobs in Bolton.

FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SPORTS.

The Sports Day was held on the 21st July, 1954. We were favoured with weather, which, though not very good, enabled the Sports to take place without any discomfort to the competitors and spectators. The Cross Country Race had previously been run on 8th April.

RESULTS.

Cross Country Races—

Junior—Atkinson D. (Han), Strutt J. (Ben), Swallow D. A. (Han).

Final Results : Hanson 6 pts., Freeston 4 pts., Frobisher 2 pts.

Middle—Hardcastle T. (Frob), Frost M. (Frob), Stokes D. (Ben).

New record time of 12 m. 14 secs.

Final Results : Frobisher 6 pts., Hanson 4 pts., Bennett 2 pts.

Senior—Morton B. (Fre), Lambourne R. D. (Fre), Smith K. (Ben).

Final Results : Freeston 6 pts., Bennett 3 pts., Hanson 3 pts.

High Jump Junior—Bradley D. (Fro), Harrap R. (Ben), Atkinson S. (Han). Height 3 ft. 10 ins.

Long Jump Junior—Ellis E. M. (Ben), Thompson M. (Fro), Bradley D. (Fro). Distance 13ft. 5 ins.

Long Jump Middle—Woods G. (Ben), Ellis H. (Han), Frost M. (Fro). Distance 16 ft. 9½ ins. New Record.

Putting the Shot, Senior—Tomlinson J. D. (Ben), Smith F. (Fre), Crane R. A. (Fro). Distance 39 ft. New Record.

Javelin, Middle—Ellis H. (Han), Stokes D. (Ben), Ackroyd J. C. (Fro).
Distance 110 ft. 8 ins. New Record.

100 Yards Senior—Kinsey B. (Fre), Brogden M. E. (Fre), Bullingham J. M. (Fro). Time 10 2 secs. Equals Record.

100 Yards Middle—Woods G. (Ben), Ellis H. (Han), Benton D. K. (Fro).
Time 11.4 secs.

Javelin, Senior—Ellis J. (Han), Miller M. (Fre), Beddows J. (Ben).
Distance 148 ft. 0 ins.

High Jump, Middle—Woods T. (Ben), Frost M. (Fro), Nuttall C. W. (Fre).
Height 4 ft. 11½ ins. New Record.

220 Yards Junior—Ellis E. M. (Ben), Thompson M. (Fro), Copley G. (Fro).
Time 30.3 secs.

Half Mile Senior—Ellis J. (Han), Smith K. (Ben), Jenkins R. (Fro).
Time 2 mins. 16.2 secs.

Half Mile Middle—Hardcastle T. A. (Fro), Stokes D. (Ben), Hall R. (Fro).
Time 2 mins. 23 secs.

High Jump Senior—Ellis J. (Han), Smith F. (Fre), Price D. (Fro).
Height 5 ft. 3½ ins. New Record.

One Mile Senior—Cork J. P. (Fre), Lambourne R. D. (Fre), Townshend A. A. (Han).
Time 5 mins. 16.8 secs.

Hurdles Middle—Frost M. (Fro), Ellis H. (Han), Jenkins A. (Fro).
Time 11.9 secs.

Hurdles Senior—Beddows J. (Ben), Kinsey B. (Fre), Bullingham J. M. (Fro).
Time 14.7 secs.

440 Yards Middle—Hardcastle T. A. (Fro), Ellis H. (Han), Stokes D. (Ben).
Time 60.6 secs.

100 Yards Junior—Ellis E. M. (Ben), Thompson M. (Fro), Copley C. (Fro).
Time 12.5 secs.

Long Jump Senior—Ellis J. (Han), Bullingham J. M. (Fro), York D. (Fre).
Distance 18 ft. 8½ ins.

Putting the Shot, Middle—Ackroyd J. C. (Fro), Daly P. (Han), Hardcastle T. A. (Fro).
Distance 33 ft. 5 ins.

440 Yards Senior—Brogden M. E. (Fre), Ellis J. (Han), Smith K. (Ben).
Time 54.5 secs. New Record.

440 Yards Junior—Hill M. (Fre), Brown D. (Han), Wood C. M. (Fro).
Time 1 min. 12.1 secs.

Relay Race Middle—Frobisher, Hanson, Bennett.
Time 52.4 secs. New Record.

220 Yards Senior—Kinsey B. (Fre), Bullingham J. M. (Fro), York D. (Fre). Time 23.6 secs.

Relay Race Junior—Bennett, Frobisher, Hanson.
Time 59.7 secs. New Record.

Discus Senior—Tomlinson J. D. (Ben), Bullingham J. M. (Fro), Smith F. (Fre). Distance 109 ft 10 ins.

220 Yards Middle—Woods G. (Ben), Frost M. (Fro), Benton D. K. (Fro). Time 27.8 secs.

Relay Race Senior—Freeston, Hanson, Frobisher.
Time 47.7 secs.

CHAMPION HOUSE—Frobisher.

SPORTS CHAMPION—Ellis J.

THE INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS.

The annual Inter-School Sports were held at Huddersfield on July 14th. The field events took place first and before morning was over we had obtained 22 out of a possible 28 points and captured four records in the process. It is a great pity that our supporters could not be present to urge on our competitors.

In the afternoon it soon became apparent that we were being left behind in the long distance events. It was pleasing to see boys really giving of their best. The Juniors hurled themselves into the fray with a will while the Seniors with their greater experience, helped them. A special word of praise must be given to our captain, Ellis, whose fine example might well be emulated by our present and future sports-leaders.

RESULTS.

SENIORS—

High Jump—1st Beddows J. Height 5 ft. 4½ ins. a record.

Long Jump—1st Bullingham J. M. Distance 19 ft. 11½ ins. a record

100 Yards—1st Kinsey B. Time 10.3 secs. a record.
2nd Bullingham J. M.

220 Yards—1st Brogden M. E. Time 23.9 secs.

440 Yards—1st Ellis J. Time 54.3 secs. a record

Javelin—1st Ellis J. Distance 145 ft. 3 ins.

Shot—1st Tomlinson J. D. Distance 43 ft. 2¾ ins. a record.

Relay—1st Normanton G. S. Time 1 min. 34.8 secs. a record.
(Bullingham J. M., York D., Brogden M. E., Kinsey B.)

Normanton won the Senior Plaque.

MIDDLES—

High Jump—1st Frost M. Height 4 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{4}$ ins.
Long Jump—1st Woods G. Distance 18 ft. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins. a record.
100 Yards—2nd Woods G. Time 11.6 secs.
220 Yards—4th Frost M.
440 Yards—1st Hardcastle A. Time 59.2 secs.
Relay—2nd Normanton.

Normanton was the runner-up for the Middles Plaque.

JUNIORS—

Long Jump—3rd Thompson D.
100 Yards—2nd Ellis M.
220 Yards—4th Thompson D. (Ellis broke the 220 yds. record in his heat but was withdrawn from the final because of illness).
440 Yards—3rd Atkinson S.
Relay—4th Normanton.

FINAL POINTS—Normanton 65 $\frac{1}{2}$. Honley 53 $\frac{1}{2}$.

THE TRIANGULAR CONTEST.

Following close after the triumph at Huddersfield, School's Athletic team travelled to Doncaster to compete in the annual Triangular Contest. School's team was depleted in strength owing to the absence of Kinsey, Brogden and Bullingham, who were competing in the English Schoolboy Athletic Championships at Ashington. In spite of this School regained first honours, Pontefract our sternest rival coming a close second.

Good performances were given by all School's athletes particularly :

Ellis J. 1st Senior 220 yds., 1st 440 yds., 1st Long Jump, 2nd Javelin.
Beddows 1st Senior High Jump. Tomlinson 1st Senior Shot.
Smith F. 1st Senior Discus.
Woods G. 1st Middle 100 yds., 1st 220 yds., 1st Long Jump.
Frost 1st Middle High Jump.
Ellis M. 2nd Junior 100 yds., 1st 220 yds., 1st Long Jump.

RESULTS—1st Normanton G. S.	138 points
2nd Pontefract K. S.	128½ points
3rd Sir Percy Jackson G. S.	126½ points

THE SPORTS AT ASHINGTON

The Inter-County Schools Athletics Championships were held on July 16th and 17th at Ashington, Northumberland, and the School contributed three representatives to the county team. B Kinsey, having won the Senior 220 yds. at Beverley earlier in the season, was chosen to captain the team and put up a splendid performance to finish second in the 220 yds. final to a much older and more experienced performer. J. M. Bullingham, who is the County Intermediate Long Jump Champion, gained fifth place in the final and was awarded a standard medal. He and M. E. Brogden ran in the team which won the intermediate relay for Yorkshire.

Mr. Williams accompanied the team as steward.

The Yorkshire team was victorious and in the afternoon of July 17th was presented the English Shield by the Rt. Hon. Clement Attlee, M.P., C.H. The moving scenes and great performances seen by those fortunate enough to be present will long be remembered and the county had their most successful year.

M.E.B. (Athletics Secretary).

SWIMMING SPORTS.

The Annual Swimming Sports were held on July 26th, 1954.

RESULTS.

- One Length Breast Stroke, Senior—Kinsey B. (Fre), Barnett D. S. (Fre), Caldwell T. (Fro). Time 18.3 secs.
- One Length Breast Stroke, Junior—Ellis H. (Han) and Benton D. K. (Fro), Standeven R. (Fre). Time 21.8 secs.
- Two Lengths Free Style Senior—Lumb A. A. (Ben), Tucker B. (Han), Turton J. (Fro).
- One Length Free Style, Junior—Parkes K. (Fre), Nicholson S. (Han), Benton D. K. (Fro).

Neat Dive, Senior—Turton J. (Fro), Miller M. (Fre), Couch C. P. (Ben).
Neat Dive, Junior—Hopwood R. (Fre), Proctor K. (Fro), Benton D. K. (Fro).

House Squadron Race (4 lengths) Senior—Bennett, Frobisher, Hanson.
Time 62.9 secs.

House Squadron Race (4 lengths) Junior—Hanson, Frobisher, Bennett.
Time 67.8 secs. New Record.

Novices Race—Hill M., Scott R. L., Beaumont G.

Four Lengths Free Style, Open—Turton J. (Fro), Lumb A. A. (Ben),
Nicholson S. (Han). Time 1 min. 16.8 secs. Record.

Plunge, Junior—Ackroyd J. C. (Fro), Proctor K. (Fro), Langley N. (Ben).
Distance 39 ft. 4 ins.

Plunge, Senior—Turton J. (Fro), Barnett D. S. (Fre), Salisbury C. P. (Han).
Distance 44 ft. 6. ins.

One Length Back Stroke, Junior—Moorby K. (Fre), Jenkins A. (Fro),
Ellis H. (Han). Time 20.6 secs.

One Length Back Stroke, Senior—Turton J. (Fro), Winstanley D. G. (Ben),
Caldwell T. (Fro). Time 18.5 secs.

One Length Breast Stroke (Neat Style) Junior—Jenkins A. (Fro), Tucker
C. (Han), Benton D. K. (Fro).

One Length Breast Stroke (Neat Style) Senior—Kinsey B. (Fre), Turton
J. (Fro). Barnett D S (Fre).

Two Lengths Free Style, Junior—Parkes K. (Fre), Nicholson S. (Han),
Moorby K. (Fre). Time 39.2 secs.

Medley Race, Senior (1 length each breast, back, free style)—Hanson,
Frobisher, Bennett. Time 56.2 secs.

Medley Race, Junior (1 length each breast, back, free style)—Hanson,
Freeston, Frobisher Time 60.5 secs.

Water Polo Match—School 3, Old Boys 3.

CHAMPION HOUSE—Frobisher.

SENIOR CHAMPION—Turton J.

JUNIOR CHAMPION—Parkes K.

OLD FRESTONIANS ASSOCIATION.

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ANNUAL RE-UNION AND DINNER.

The Annual Re-union and Dinner held on Saturday, April 10th, 1954, attracted a gathering of about seventy former pupils to the Grammar School.

The Guest Speaker was Wing Commander J. W. C. Holmes, D.F.C., A.F.C. Mr. R. Law introduced him, and after reviewing his life and achievements, proposed his health. Mr. Holmes responded with a fine speech and his humour was enjoyed by all especially those with service in the R.A.F.

Mr. J. Baker proposed the health of "The School and Governors." Mr. J. A. Holden, M.A., replied for the School and Canon H. W. Orgill, M.A., for the Governors.

Mr. J. Bird proposed "The President and O.F.A." Mr. H. F. Hardwick, the retiring President, in his speech reviewed the achievements and prospects of the O.F.A.

The dinner was of a high standard and amply satisfied everyone. At the Annual Meeting which preceded the re-union, appointments for the year were :—

President, Mr. A. Metcalfe. Secretary, Mr. W. H. Rodaway.
Vice-President, Mr. J. Bird. Auditor, Mr. J. Robinson.
Treasurer, Mr. J. Wilby.

OUR LONDON BRANCH.

One day this summer the Old Frestonians met within the House of Commons where they were welcomed by three prominent politicians of the Normanton District. Later they shared a meal in one of the private rooms on the Terrace of Westminster. Mr. Wilfred Dawes, chairman of the branch, presided. He appealed to us all, the committees of the Parent Association, the Heads of both Schools and to this publication, to help by passing on any useful information about Old Frestonians living in or moving into the London area to these addresses :—

Mr. G. A. Blakeley, 21 Nest Road, Woodford Green, Essex.

Mr. A. G. Thompson, Avoca House Hotel,
43 Belsize Park, Swiss Cottage, N.

CONGRATULATIONS

....to Mr. G. E. Watson of Lee Brig, Altofts, a pupil at this School in the 1920's, upon his recent appointment to the headship of Alexandria Grammar School, Singapore.

....to Mr. R. W. Harrison of Normanton on his golfing prowess. In May he won the Northern Command spring golf championship of the Royal Army Education Corps and in June he became the youngest holder of the Old Frestonians' Association golf trophy.



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