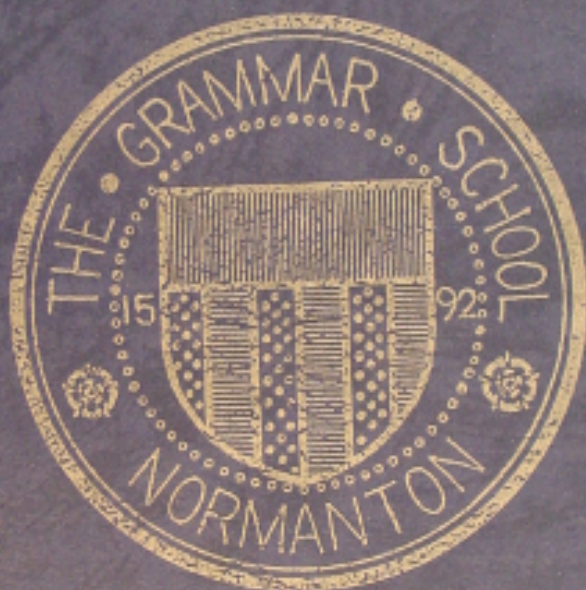


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EDITORIAL

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Art : T. E. Turner
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"There is a certain relief in change even though it be from bad to worse ; as I have found in travelling in a stage coach, that it is often a comfort to shift one's position and be bruised in a new place" wrote Washington Irving over a century ago. Even if the days of the stage-coach are over, there is still much truth in this facetious statement, and we can easily substitute "a railway- carriage" for the archaic phrase. Change can still be a relief.

In other spheres, too changes can be equally a relief, and if the changes are beneficial then a feeling of thankfulness is super-added. The changes that the last few months have witnessed at School come within this latter category. Some of them are very radical, (such as the introduction of compulsory full School uniform) and will require a year or two before they are perfected. Nevertheless this does not minimise their practical value.

Changes of office, especially such a responsible one as that of a headmaster, often bring other changes in their wake—changes which may clash with the sedentary habits and free-and-easy attitudes of some people whom they may concern, but which, if they are improvements, will be welcomed by those who realise their value. That is why we look forward to the time when everyone will be neatly attired in grey flannels, blue blazers bearing the new School crest, and new School tie.

Though slight protests may have arisen in some quarters and some parents complain of extra trouble, we must remember the warning given in another famous quotation : "Change is not made without inconvenience even from worse to better."

J. D. GRABOVSKI

We have the very sad duty to record in this issue the death of Jan Darian Grabovski, a IVb boy, aged 14. Jan was fatally injured in a road accident during the Christmas holidays.

He was a very cheerful and popular boy, who will be greatly missed. We have already offered our deep sympathy to Jan's mother and father, and Mr. Whittlestone and Mr. Exley represented the School at his funeral in Leeds.

AUTUMN TERM, 1955**SALVETE**

Form IB	Barr R. M.	Lord R
	Bright K.	Lumb D
	Brown P.	Mosby D.
	Burke J.D.	Omant J.
	Carter V.L.	Powell M
	Cheetham R.	Powers D.
	Craddock T. A.	Scott J. P.
	Davis P.	Scranage M.
	Evans J.	Shaw S. F.
	Gee M. D.	Shaw T.
	Gilmartin J. W.	Slater T.
	Gray H.	Towler E.
	Hadley R. A.	Whalley E.
	Harrison R. M.	Wilby R.
	Hill A. A.	Wilkinson A.
	Jowett D.	Winter J. D.
	Kyte G.	

Form IA	Amery J. A.	Mann S. J.
	Baxter J.	Marsh M.
	Bullock J. M.	McNally D.
	Cheetham H. J.	Nettleton B.
	Close P. A.	Philpott T.
	Cudworth J. A.	Kitson J. E.
	Dean M.	Routledge P. A. L.
	Fryer J. P.	Rummings J.
	Garbett M. A.	Sharpe J.
	Hall P. M.	Shaw J. H.
	Hampson C. S.	Stephens R. W.
	Herrell D.	Wardle F.
	Holland M. I.	Watson W. R.
	Hughes G .	Webster E. J.
	Jones T.	Wilde C.
	Lockwood P. J.	
Form IIB	Backhouse R.	Form VA Hill M.D.

VALETE

Form IIA	Dunham R.N.	Form L.VIA Johnson R.
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SPRING TERM, 1956**SALVETE**

Form IB	Brogden D.	Form IIIC Alderson A.R.
		Monks D.L.
Form IIB	Ball C.	
	Brown M.E.	
	Dainton R.	Form IIIB Greatorex B.
	Hebden C.	

VALETE

Form VIA	Lumb D.F.	L. VIS Bullock K.P.
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DE OMNIBUS

The Head Boy this year is M. Bluck, who is supported by the two Senior Prefects, E. H. Cooksey and T. K. Paley, and by A. V. Brookman, J. L. Akers, J. M. Bullingham, M. E. Brogden, J. Butterfield, P. G. Dunham, W. R. Dyson, G. M. Fryer, D. J. Hopwood, P. J. Kirk and T. E. Turner.

During the Autumn Term we received the kind assistance of Mr. I. J. Carpenter in Mathematics and Mr. G. O. Yorke in Science.

They have been replaced this term by Mr. N. R. D. Griffith, B.Sc. (Liverpool) and Mr. J. D. Periam, B.Sc. (Hull) who has been doing research for the M.Sc. degree over the last few years.

Mr. Openshaw, B.Sc. (Manchester) came to us for teaching practice during the Autumn Term and made himself very much at home. His activities included a talk to the Upper Sixth on life in universities.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of magazines from King's School, Pontefract, The High School, Normanton and Batley Grammar School.

This year the Head Master has issued to everyone in the School a calendar, in which important events of the term are listed. We feel that this is a good idea, having already realised their convenience.

All senior members of the High School and Grammar School were invited to a Dance in our School Hall on November 4th. Friends of the two Schools were also invited and the event appeared very popular. A cake was raffled off during the evening. All proceeds were given to the School Fund.

Members of the School were doubtless interested to read last term of the death of Mr. Robert Thompson, the famous wood carver. This name may not mean very much to some people but if we add his nickname, "the mouse man," many will (or should) easily recall our school lectern, which was specially carved for us by Mr. Thompson. He carved his trademark, a mouse, on all the goods he made.

There are many interesting ways of helping the School, but none can be more original than the idea of A. D. Burton (lllc) who made a model of Fountain's Abbey Church. It was put on display and the money collected from it was given to the School.

A small party from U. VI Sc. went to the annual Christmas Lecture, held this year in the Physics' Department of the University of Leeds. Professor Wilson's talk, entitled "changing atoms," proved to be both interesting and helpful to the Sixth Science course.

The annual Hockey Match with the High School took place in the Autumn Term. The girls were outplayed by a faster and enthusiastic boys' team, who however lacked polish, which comes only after much practice. The final score was 3-0 to the Grammar School, our scorers being Bullingham (2) and Miller.

A visitor from Nova Scotia, Mr. Noble a Physical Education Adviser, came in February with Mr. Woolerton, the County P.E. Adviser, to see some of the work of Mr. Williams' department.

As last year's Jumble Sale was so successful it was decided that the event should be repeated this year. Consequently on October 21st the second Jumble Sale was held. This proved to be an even greater success, and the articles so generously contributed by parents soon disappeared from the stalls.

Our ancient sound film projector has been given a new and more vigorous lease of life in recent months owing to the initiative of Mr. White, who has organised an efficient band of projectionists in the U VI Sc.

The most important films which have been shown include the 1936 Olympic Games and Sir Laurence Olivier's "Henry V."

On Tuesday, 14th February, Mr. N. E. England, F.R.I.C.S., M.I.Min.E., Area Chief Surveyor of the National Coal Board, came to the School to speak to the IVth and Vth forms on "Mining Surveying."

With the help of maps and charts he gave a very vivid and interesting talk, which interested most of the boys present. The vote of thanks was given by A. Jenkins VA and seconded by C. W. Whale VA.

On Thursday, 3rd November, Mr. Roberts of the Youth Employment Service spoke to the Vth form in the gymnasium on the subject of careers. After he had been introduced by Rose (VB) he proceeded to give a very authoritative talk. He outlined the careers open to boys who went on into the VIth. He then went on to talk about careers which would be suitable for boys leaving school after taking their G.C.E. (ordinary level), giving the necessary qualifications. After answering questions put by the boys he was thanked by Hardcastle (VB).

As the selling of Christmas Cards is such a lucrative trade the School decided to take part in it this Christmas Mr. Robinson designed a simple but attractive card, showing, in black and white, an older part of the School. Many Old Boys and members' of the School supported the venture to make it a success.

During the last few months two rival magazines have entered into competition with us. The first appeared under the title " The Ship Club Gazette" and incorporated a guide to the exhibition then being given by the Ship Club. Our second contemporary is the IIIA Magazine. Both magazines would have been much better if they were legible, for—alas! —the printing in each of them left much to be desired ; in fact we are still wondering what some contributions mean. Nevertheless we would like to congratulate all those concerned on their enterprise and we hope their next attempt will be more successful.

County Councillor W. E. Metcalfe came to School on Thursday, 3rd November, to speak on National Savings. After being announced by Benton, IVA, in the Hall at 3-40, he gave a short address to the first four years, explaining the advantages of National Savings. His talk was well received and he was thanked by Rossall, IVA.

There has been a National Savings Group in the School for some time. It is run by Mr. Giles and the membership has risen appreciably since the talk.

This year there was more variety in the form of the Armistice Day Service, held as usual on November 11th. We remembered with sorrow those boys and masters who had made the supreme sacrifice in the two world Wars. After the lessons had been read by L. T. Brannon (IIA) and T. K. Paley (U. VI. S.), J. Glaze (VA.) read Rupert Brooke's sonnet, "The Soldier". The Head Boy then read out the Roll of Honour and placed a wreath of poppies on the memorial plaque. After the customary two minutes' silence the service was brought to a close.

This term has marked the formation of a School Bank under the auspices of Mr. Exley. Its purpose is to help boys purchase items of School dress and to save money for School functions.

On February 6th the School was visited by Mr. George MacDonald, the leading trumpet-player from the Alhambra Theatre. Bradford. He gave a display of his skill to members of the School, during the lunch break.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

At a meeting held on Wednesday, 5th October, 1955, it was decided to form a society to be known as Normanton Grammar School Parents' Association, the purpose being to enrich the education of the boys at the School.

Officers appointed were :- President, Mr. H. Harris ; chairman, Mr. J. T. E. Akers ; vice-chairman, Mr. J. H. Pyrah ; general secretary, Mr. D. L. Burke ; minutes secretary, Mr. A. C. Cudworth ; treasurer, Mr. W. H. Major.

In addition, representatives from each area served by the School were voted to a Working Sub-Committee ; and volunteers were appointed to a Social Committee.

The headmaster accepted an invitation to give the first talk to the Association (on "Careers") at a meeting to be held in the School at 7-30 on Wednesday, 19th October.

As the latest "addition" to the family of societies which exist under the same roof, we have been invited to mention ourselves and speak of the place we hope to fill in this ancient foundation.

Briefly, how it all started was through the headmaster's frank submission that he could not run the School as he hoped without the support of a parents' association, and we would stress that this is a Parents' Association as distinct from a parent-teacher organisation.

Our aim ? Well it can be summarised in a few words — the enrichment of the education of the boys at the School.

To reflect for a moment, we were formed at a meeting held on 5th October, 1955, at which officers appointed were as stated above. Since then, Mr. Burke has resigned office because of pressure of professional and domestic responsibilities and his duties have been assumed by Mrs. Ryder

A Working Committee was formed consisting of parents from all areas served by the School.

Our membership, at the time of writing, comprises some fifty per cent of the School's parents. We anticipate the time when it will have grown to embrace the other fifty per cent. Membership fee is a nominal 1/-.

The formalities of establishment have engaged us more than anything else so far, but now that business is left behind, the way is clear for development on lines the members believe to be most desirable. We have reached out socially (in a very modest way, it is true) with a whist drive ; we have lingered with the educational in the form of a talk on careers by the headmaster ; and at the moment we are arranging an evening on sport, at which Yorkshire and England cricketer, Johnny Wardle, is to present a film on the M.C.C. Australasian Tour of 1954-55. Incidentally, plans for this show are such that the boys of the School attending will be guests of the Association.

We well know there are many, many other avenues which an association such as ours can explore and, by doing so, bring us into closer and more active contact with the boys. Any ideas would be most acceptable, nevertheless.

One last word. Please do not get the impression we are after your money all the time. It is true that we hope, from time to time, to hand over monies to stimulate the School Fund, but our primary object is the well-being and culture of the boys.

And for those parents living outside Normanton—we hope, as we become more firmly established, to bring events into your areas.

DEATH IN THE AFTERNOON

A lone rider jogged his horse lazily through the Badlands, occasionally wiping the perspiration from his brow, as the midday sun beat down mercilessly on both horse and rider.

Above him towered innumerable rocks, dotted with sage brush and cactus and from one vantage point a rifle barrel followed him. Suddenly he saw the glint of steel as the sun reflected from an assassin's gun.

The rifle spat fire, but with a cat-like spring the rider hit the dust and his hands flashed towards the twin Colts strapped at his hips. The hammers fell; the gun belched flame and hot lead. The gunman overhead crumpled and crashed down the rock face.

Holstering his smoking Colts, he climbed the face once occupied by the gunman. Below stood the camp he had been expecting. The remaining three outlaws were spread out under cover, expecting an ambush after the fall of their comrade.

Squatting silently behind a nearby rock he again drew one

of his Colts. Clicking back the hammer to its full extent he aimed for the nearest gunman, whose Stetson bobbed about uneasily. A flash of orange spat from the barrel, its glitter dulled by a puff of blue-black smoke, as the gun jerked out its message of death. The bullet ricocheted off a rock close to the bandit's head and made him duck. The battle was on !

The stranger dived headlong over the ridge and landed with a jarring crash in the depression below. Immediately bullets zipped around his ears like angry hornets. He stood firm, thumbing out a stream of bullets from the red-hot barrels of his guns, neither asking nor giving any quarter.

Suddenly the gunfire ceased and when the biting, acrid gun-smoke cleaned, the silent bodies of the gunmen lay there with the smoking six-guns still in their hands. A deathly silence spread over the mesa.

The stranger mounted his stallion and rode onwards towards the afternoon sun, the cloud of smoke from his horse's hooves marking his path, until he vanished from sight over a distant ridge.

J. F. Fairclough.

THE FRESTONIAN SOCIETY

The Society began its new session auspiciously on September 27th with a reading of "The Monkey's Paw," the play based on W. W. Jacobs' famous story. Those taking part were Miss C. Lindley, Miss S. Richardson, Mr. J. L. Akers. Mr. M. Bluck, Mr. E. H. Cooksey and Mr. T. E. Turner.

At the next meeting on October 11th, we were privileged to hear Mr. Lyle O. Allen of Rochester High School, Rochester, Minnesota, temporarily teaching at Doncaster. He gave us a most interesting and illuminating talk on American education. Afterwards many questions were put to Mr. Allen, and the meeting came to an end only through lack of time, not because of flagging interest. This is the first time, though, we hope, not the last, that the Society has been addressed by a non-member and we are grateful to Mr Allen for visiting us.

The next meeting, on October 25th, took the form of a debate on the motion : "This House believes that examinations serve no useful purpose." The motion was proposed by Miss S. Lee and Mr. G. Cooper and opposed by Miss D. Crossley and Mr. C. R. Speed. Despite extremely good speeches from the proposers, the motion was rejected by an overwhelming majority.

On November 15th, the Society enjoyed a musical evening in the Grammar School Music Room. A varied assortment of records was played, including jazz, popular music and serious music. A panel consisting of Miss C. Malpass, Miss P. Rhodes. Mr. K. Holroyd and Mr. D. J. Hopwood commented on the records after they had been played. The audience also joined in the discussion.

Two short talks were given to the society at the next meeting on December 6th. The first talk, by Miss E. Dobbs, was on The Life of Roy Campbell. Mr. T. E Turner then described for us the principles of Rocket Propulsion.

At the end of the Autumn Term the Society held a Social in the Grammar School Hall, to which old boys and girls were invited. There were games and dancing, and refreshments were served during the interval.

The first meeting of the new term (January 18th) took the form of an "Any Questions" discussion. Questions were put to a panel consisting of Miss P. Baker, Miss J. Francis, Miss J. Ratcliffe, Mr. P.J. Kirk, Mr. N. H. Lee and Mr. M. V. Miller. After the panel had discussed the questions the audience gave its views.

Mr. P. J. Kirk gave a solo performance at the next meeting on February 14th, when he gave a talk on "Trams and their place in the Modern Community," illustrated by models. Pamphlets were also given out. He showed a great knowledge of his subject and argued, rather aggressively, for the greater use of trams.

OF ALL THE DESPICABLE TRICKS !

The last day of term ! Delectable thought! All the worries of School life discarded and the Christmas season, with all its gaiety and happiness, at hand. Even Fred, bottom of the form for the seventh term running, savours to the full the dying moments of the term. Almost contemptuously he watches his conscientious form-master putting the last of those treacherous scandal sheets in their envelopes. Soon Fred will be handed his. How naive these schoolmasters are !

Would **you** throw away every chance of a decent, friendly holiday in the bosom of your family ? Would **you** inflict punishment on yourself ? Would **you** put your neck into a noose ?

Would Fred hand his report to Mum or Dad ?

Why, you can be sued for disturbing the peace ! It would be stark madness to hand a report like mine to a father like mine. Even the mildest father would erupt volcanically at sight of such a document. And mine has a temper like Jove's, a hand like Marciano's and a swing like Cotton's.

Of course, thought Fred, I'll have a look at it first before I mutilate it and destroy it. Even such scurrilous libels have a fatal fascination, rather like the worst of the Sunday newspapers or horror-comics. But this was a bit unusual. Was the master actually licking and sticking the envelopes himself ? What WILL they think of next ? Scotland Yard could not handle its criminal records with such care.

Ah ! The bell! Final Assembly. One step nearer freedom, and still no report. The old blighter must have forgotten to give us the wretched things. Poor chap ! Been getting past it for years. Must be quite ancient now ; 39 if he's a day ! Oh well! They can't go on for ever.

"Lord, dismiss us ! " Yes, I suppose we shall have to be back on Jan. 10th. No, I for one won't read that ten-times-cursed holiday reader. A holiday's a holiday. Haven't we **any** rights ?

And now the train at last and jolly nearly missed it, too. Why **must** Headmasters drag out their blessed Final Assemblies ? Are they so loth to part with us ? What a rush ! And, dash me, if this isn't a third-class compartment. My pass, any schoolboy's pass, fully entitles the owner to travel first-class, provided he isn't caught.

But, just a minute ! That old form-master of ours has forgotten to give us our reports. A happy Christmas indeed ! Off to the first-class to gloat over the other forms What a terrific send-off to the holiday !

They've **what** ? They've posted them ? Of all the despicable tricks !
C.T.P.G.H.

PASSING NOTES

The Leeds orchestral concert season commenced with a programme given by the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, conductor John Pritchard, on Wednesday, 26th October in the Leeds Town Hall, and the School party which attended was pleased to see a capacity audience. It seems that the Music Committee's policy of inviting visiting orchestras will be a great success. But why should the audience be almost entirely composed of young people ?

To say that the concert started off with a bang would be an understatement; those familiar with the Berlioz overture "Carneval Romain" will testify to the truth of this remark. The suite "Karelia" by Sibelius followed, and it is interesting to note that Sibelius is now in his 90th year, (making our own Dr. Vaughan Williams in his 83rd year seem quite a young man !) The soloist, Cyril Smith, played the Brahms 2nd Piano Concerto, and the concert finished with that masterpiece of orchestral colour, "Scheherazade" by Rimsky-Korsakov.

The second concert attended by boys from the School was held in the Great Hall of Leeds University on Wednesday, 30th November, and this proved to be music of quite a different nature. The programme was presented by the London Harpsichord Ensemble, a group of seven instrumentalists and consisted of Sonatas Concertos and Suites by Scarlatti, Couperin, Telemann and Bach. This music possessed the intricacy of texture (which musicians call counterpoint) and grace peculiar to the 17th and 18th centuries, and the sounds of the fine Golden Harpsichord used in the Ensemble, reminded many of us of the visit which Carl Dolmatsch paid to the School some years ago.

The violin group which commenced activities in September, 1955 is flourishing, and order is gradually taking the place of the

initial free contrapuntal chaos, judging by the strains of Christmas Carols (with variations) which were rendered towards the end of term. It is hoped that we will be able to start another violin group when sufficient boys come forward, and for those boys interested in other instruments, I suggest either the viola or clarinet, since some boys have already obtained these instruments and are therefore waiting for these classes to commence. The recorder group has continued and meets each Monday and Thursday.

D.W.A.

THE LONDON HARPSICHORD ENSEMBLE

On Wednesday, 30th November, 1955, Mr. Addy took a party of boys to Leeds University to hear a Chamber Music recital by the London Harpsichord Ensemble.

The Ensemble consisted of a flute, two violins, a viola, a violincello, a double bass and a harpsichord, which was played by Millicent Silver, who is often heard on the wireless.

The concert opened with a Sonata by Scarlatti which was for flute, strings and harpsichord.

Two more pieces were heard before the interval, namely a Sonata for strings and harpsichord by Couperin ; and a Quartet for flute, viola, cello and harpsichord by Telemann.

During the interval we wandered round the University, until it was time for the programme to recommence.

The second half was dedicated to Bach, who is one of the most famous composers of the Baroque period. The two pieces which were played, were the Concerto in E for harpsichord and strings ; and the Suite No. 2 in B minor for flute and strings.

These two works concluded a very interesting programme.

D. K. Watts.

THE MUSICAL SOCIETY CONCERTS

The two concerts were given on Thursday and Friday, 8th and 9th December 1955, to appreciative audiences. All the available seats were booked and the choir and soloists were much encouraged by the generous and well-deserved applause. Our guest artist, Miss A. Walker, played a pleasant group of 'cello solos in the first part of the concert, and Vivaldi's Sonata in E minor in the second part. The other soloists were K. Holroyd, D. Brown, E. H. Beedle, all members of the School, and C. P. Salisbury who left only recently.

Salisbury sang well, obviously enjoying the humour of Bennett's "Seven What-nots." Brown again showed the quality

of his voice, particularly in the Pearl's song from the music which Mr. Addy wrote to a "Masque of Aesop." Holroyd played two of his own compositions for the pianoforte. He is one of the few schoolboys who attempt the difficult art of composition in music. Beedle showed that he has made considerable progress on the pianoforte since he played at School two years ago. He revealed technical skill and musical gift of a high order in all his solos, but particularly in the Rachmaninoff 'Polichinelle.'

The choir, nearly a hundred strong, made an excellent impression and their work and discipline reflects great credit on the Music Master, The Junior Choir sang three folk songs from Scotland and Brittany very daintily, and the Senior Choir, with a spirited solo part sung by Salisbury, gave a vigorous rendering of the Vagabond's Song from "The Vagabond King."

The part singing of the Full Choir was well balanced and sensitive. The boys responded to the conductor's demands upon them, and we heard singing of a quality not usual in School choirs. In Thiman's "Gloria in Excelsis Deo," and in Geoffrey Shaw's arrangement of two Irish songs, "Silent O Moyle" and "Avenging and Bright," the beauty of the part writing was sensitively realised. A very successful concert finished with a Carol Fantasia arranged by D. W. Addy. H.W.

PROGRAMME

PART I

Full Choir:

Gloria in Excelsis Deo	Thiman
Ave Verum	Mozart
He that shall endure to the end (Elijah)	Mendelssohn

Pianoforte:

Nocturne in D major	
Sonata in G major	
Solo Piano:	Kerry Holroyd

Songs:

O for the wings of a dove	Mendelssohn
The Pearl's song (A Masque of Aesop)	D.W. Addy
Treble Solo:	David Bown (IIIA)

Violincello:

Fantasia on "Greensleeves"	R.V. Williams
Arioso	Bach
Reel	Thomas B. Pitfield

Junior Choir:

Skye boat-song	MacLeod
Erisky Love Lilt (Scotland)	arr. Fraser
La Tourterelle (Brittany)	arr. D.W. Addy

Full Choir:

Silent O Moyle (Ireland)	arr. G. Shaw
Avenging and bright (Ireland)	arr. G. Shaw

PART II

Senior Choir:

The Vagabond's Song (The Vagabond King) Friml

Songs:

Seven What-nots

Bennet

Bass Solo: Christopher Salisbury

Pianoforte:

Minuet in G

Paderewski

Prelude in C sharp minor

Rachmaninoff

Solo Piano: Ernest Beedle

Violoncello:

Sonata in E minor

Vivaldi (arr. Ticciati)

Solo Violoncello: Angela Walker

Full Choir:

Carol Fantasia

arr. D.W. Addy

THE WEST RIDING ORCHESTRA

On December 14th the West Riding Orchestra visited the School and presented what was probably one of its best concerts. The programme was varied and catered for many different tastes. In addition It included compositions which were of especial interest since they were devoted to displaying the qualities of certain sections of the orchestra.

The programme included :

Five pieces from the Water Music

Handel

Folk Songs: The Lark in the Clear Air

Come My Own One

(Soloist: Miss S. Howarth)

Symphony No. 100 (The Military) First Movement

Haydn

Oboe Concerto

G. Jacobs

(Soloist: Mr. Mitchell)

Andante Cantabile

Tschaikovsky

Praeludum

Jarnevefelt

Aria: The Wife of Bath

Dyson

(Soloist: Miss S. Howarth)

Overture: Ruslan and Lyudmila

Glinka

APPRECIATION OF OPERA

On Friday the 16th December, a school party arrived at Grantley Hall to attend a weekend course on the 'Appreciation of Opera.' This course began with a lecture on Operatic Conventions given by Mr. Brian Priestman, after which there ensued a lively discussion, in which Mr. Priestman's belief that words are most important in Opera, encountered firm opposition. He was not to be moved however and he was ably supported by his fellow

lecturer, Mr. Peter Gelhorn, chorus master of the Glyndebourne Opera Company.

On the following morning, Mr. Gelhorn gave a lively though somewhat unusual lecture on Mozart's 'Don Giovanni', in which he himself played and sang much of the music from the Opera, the records of which were played during the afternoon.

Records were again heard, in the evening, but this time they were used to illustrate a lecture on Wagner, given by Mr. Priestman, which included detailed descriptions of the 'Meistersingers' and 'Tristan and Isolde.'

This was Mr. Priestman's final lecture, and there now remained only one more item, in which Peter Gelhorn discussed Verdi's 'Falstaff', employing similar methods to those used in his previous lecture.

After this the course dispersed, following a weekend which seemed to have been enjoyed by all, and which, at any rate, helped many to understand that there lies behind the production of a successful opera much hard work and thought, which is often unappreciated by the public.

W. S. Hayle, K. Holroyd, M.J. Vonemloh.

THE FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Autumn Term customarily ends with a Carol Service. On December 22nd, 1955 this was again the case, but this time it was held in the Parish Church of All Saints, a most suitable setting for this solemn occasion. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. A. O. Warman, and the order of the Service was as follows :—

"Once in royal David's city" was sung by the Congregation

(Soloist D. Thompson)

Bidding Prayer.

The first lesson (Isaiah, ch. 9, vv. 2, 6 and 7) was read by a 1st year boy (J. P. Fryer).

"O little town of Bethlehem" was sung by the Choir (Soloist D. Brown)

The second lesson (Isaiah, ch. 60, vv. 1–6 and 19) was read by a 2nd year boy (D. Hoyle).

"Angels we have heard in heav'n" ; verse three was sung by the Choir.

A 3rd year boy (C. J. Makin) read the third lesson (Luke, ch. 1, vv. 26–33 and 38)

The Choir sang the fourth carol "Ding ! Dong ! Merrily on high" (Conducted by B. Mountain, L.VIS.)

The fourth lesson (Luke, ch. 2, vv. 1–7) was read by a boy from the 4th year (F. H. Pugh).

"Silent night, holy night" soloist, verse two (J. Strutt).

The fifth lesson (Matthew, ch. 1, vv. 18-23) was read by a 5th year boy (A. Jenkins).

"While shepherds watched..." soloists R. W. Stevens (verse 2) and
D. Senior (verse 4).

The sixth lesson (Luke, ch. 2 vv. 8-14) was read by the Head Boy, M. Bluck.

The seventh lesson (Luke, ch. 2 vv. 15-20) was read by the Head Master.

"O come, all ye faithful" the Choir sang verse three.

The eighth lesson (Matthew, ch. 2, vv. 1-11) was read by the Rev. P. Robinson.

The Congregation sang "It came upon the midnight clear."

The ninth lesson (John, ch. 1, vv. 1-14) was read by the Chairman of the Governors,
Canon H. W. Orgill, M.A.

Prayers were offered up by the Rev. C. A. O. Warman and the Festival was brought to a close by the Congregation's singing of "Hark ! The Herald Angels sing." The Festival was certainly successful and a welcome change from the usual Carol Service.

The collection which amounted to £3 13s. 5d. was given to the Repair Fund of the Church.

A GIFT TO THE SCHOOL

Councillor W. Chivers, who retired from the colliery in January, 1956, has presented a stalactite and stalagmite formation which grew at Newland Colliery, in the relatively short period of fourteen years. The gift is on show in the school.

Mr. Chivers, as well as being a Governor, is also a parent of an Old Boy, J. Chivers, an outstanding athlete, who left Normanton Grammar School in 1938 for Trinity College Carmarthen and is now teaching at a Junior School in Castleford. J. Chivers is married with two children and lives in Cambridge Street, Normanton.

BLESSED COMPANIONS

A few months ago certain members of the sixth form suggested that the School should join a monthly book club. Since then Mr. Hewson and most of the Upper Sixth have contributed towards buying the monthly selection of the Companion Book Club. After the Upper Sixth have read the books they will be donated to the School Library.

The books already bought or about to be bought up to August include : —

"A Toast to Lady Mary" - Doris Leslie (Novel)

"Jump for Joy"—Pat Smythe (Autobiography)

"The Don Camillo Omnibus"—Giovanni Guareschi (Fiction). ("The Little World of Don Camillo." "Don Camillo, the Prodigal Son" and "Don Camillo's Dilemma").

"Cheshire V.C."—Russell Braddon (non-fiction)

"Soldier of Fortune" Ernest Gann (novel)

"Gertrude Lawrence—as Mrs. A."—Richard Stoddard Aldrich (biography)

"Leopard in my Lap" – Michaela Denis (non-fiction)

"The Sea Shall Not Have Them"—John Harris (novel)

A Georges Simenon Omnibus—"Maigret and the Young Girl" and "Danger Ahead."

FRENCH WITH TEARS

"What a waste of money !" I thought, when confronted with the prospect of going to see a seventeenth century play with dialogue in a foreign language. Any hopes I might have had of enjoying this play were swallowed up in the mists of gloom, when we were genially informed by the French master that the actors were apt to speak at a high speed. However, on recollecting all my memories concerning that dull November afternoon, I feel that it was well worth-while.

Upon entering the Leeds University Union building, of which the theatre forms a part, I was not very surprised to see the numerous, gaudily-illustrated posters advertising various social functions. These ranged from a lecture on "Henry VI" to a jazz session, with a well-known dance band. However we had not very much time to admire these brilliant advertisements, as we were ushered into the Riley Smith Theatre itself, and I took my seat to wait patiently for the beginning of the play, which I thought would only expose my ignorance of the French language. Whilst meditating on this gloomy note, my fingers began mechanically, to turn over the leaves of my copy of the play. As my eyes scanned the pages, I was struck by the remarkable number of scenes in each act. It transpires that a new scene begins whenever one of the principal characters makes an entrance. The omission of the English convention of a brief interval between scenes may prove disconcerting for the English audience. However I managed to follow the play perfectly.

As I was musing on this new discovery, I heard a loud knocking, which heralded the opening scene. After the play had been running for a few minutes, I realised with considerable relish that I was able to follow the play fairly easily and, owing to this. I was soon squirming with laughter at the comical antics of Harpagon the miser. This undesirable character had a perpetual fear that his hoard of money would be discovered by some thief, and removed.

He regarded his servant, the exuberant Maitre Simon, with darkest suspicion, and alternately cross-examined and kicked him. In one scene, having discovered the loss of his precious treasure, he threw himself on the ground, spit, kicked, hissed and actually "died" twice before the end of the scene. More good acting was afforded by Elise, Harpagon's daughter, who was in love with Valere. There were two more love affairs in the plot, that between Cleante, Harpagon's son, and Marianne, and the one between Harpagon and Marianne. The fact Harpagon was in love with his son's fiancée afforded much mirth. The miser employed a matchmaker, Froisine, to ensure his marriage to Marianne and he refused finance the marriage of his children. When he found out that he and his son were in love with the same woman, his rage was worth seeing.

Nevertheless the play had a happy ending, with the lovers united with each other and Harpagon re-united with his money. Though many people will think the afternoon was wasted, I think it was well-spent both as regards our entertainment and our "improvement."
J. P. Aldridge.

THE GOVERNING BODY

We are pleased to be able to include in this issue a list of our School Governors. Two places have yet to be filled :-

Rev. Canon H. W. Orgill, M.A., (Chairman of Governors),
Christ Church Vicarage, Wakefield.

A. M. Smith, Esq., 25, Snydale Road, Normanton.

J. Pyrah, Esq., 27, Hanson Avenue, Normanton.

A. Hawkins, Esq., "Linton," Birkwood Road, Altofts, Normanton.

Mrs. M. Sylvester, 70, Firville Street, Normanton.

W. Chivers, Esq., 119, Dalefield Road, Normanton.

W. E. Metcalf, Esq., J.P., C.C., 11, Wakefield Road, Normanton.

B. Bacon, Esq., C.C., 11, Wakefield Road, Normanton.

W. B. Spurr, Esq., School Lane, Walton, Wakefield.

Dr. N. S. Twist, The Croft, Snydale Road, Normanton.

A. L. Middleton, Esq., 4, The Terrace, Boston Spa.

Mrs. M. Moore, M.A., 13, Snydale Road, Normanton.

Dr. B. L. Welch, The University, Leeds, 2.

E. J. Rollin, Esq., "Ryedale," Sharlston Common, Nr. Wakefield.

J. B. Hudson, Esq., 64, Station Road, Royston, Nr. Barnsley.

W. Batty, Esq., Warmfield, Nr. Wakefield.

"HOW CHARMING IS DIVINE PHILOSOPHY"

"An Introduction to Philosophy" does not appear to be a very inviting title for a course of lectures due to last four days. It was, therefore, with mixed feelings that four members of the Upper Sixth set off for Grantley Hall, near Ripon, on Monday, October 31st to attend such a course ; but their short stay there exceeded all their expectations, and they thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of their visit.

The first part of the course consisted of two talks on "The Theory of Knowledge" by Peter Alexander of the Department of Philosophy at Leeds University. We were soon made to feel at home with such philosophical terms as "the behaviouristic approach" or "empiricism," a theory which holds that knowledge can be gained only through the five senses. Before long we were arguing about the real shape of a penny. These talks soon produced eager discussion amongst the audience, which was made up of Sixth form students. Later we split up into small groups and discussed certain philosophical problems.

To divert our minds from philosophy for a short time, we were shown two films on the second day, one on Michael Angelo, the other on Henry Moore. One interesting fact we discovered from the latter film was that often, before beginning some new project, Henry Moore would simply "doodle" until gradually, an idea took shape in his mind which eventually emerged as his plan for his latest work. One free afternoon a small party from the Hall walked to Fountains Abbey to inspect the magnificent ruins, under the guidance of Mr. Lightfoot, the Deputy-Warden. Our visit was terminated by the rain and, taking a so-called short cut through a wood, we trudged through the teeming rain to Grantley Hall where we arrived just in time for tea.

When the second part of the course came round we were all prepared to be interested and Mr. James Cameron, also from Leeds University, did not disappoint us. He chose "Politics and Ethics" as the title of his two lectures and the subject matter proved even more interesting than the previous two lectures. At

one point various people cold-bloodedly argued about the merits of euthanasia and whether septuagenarians ought to be killed as a benefit to the state !

As the various sixth form students said goodbye to Grantley Hall on the Thursday, it is probable that in some of them, at least, an incipient interest in Philosophy had been aroused.

SPEECH DAY

The Speech Day on Thursday, 10th November was particularly memorable for two reasons; it was the first major School occasion attended by our new Head Master, and it was also graced by the presence as guest speaker of Professor B. W. Downs, M.A., Master of Christ's College, Cambridge, Professor of Scandinavian Studies and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cambridge.

After the Opening Hymn, "Great Lord of wisdom, life and light," the School Choir gave their items: "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" (The Flower of Bethlehem) by Thiman, the Irish Folk Songs, "Silent O Moyle" and "Avenging and Bright," and the chorus, "He that shall endure to the end" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah."

The Head Master then gave his report, which he began by paying tribute to the work of the late Mr. Holden and he praised the high standard which he had established. The interregnum, which had followed Mr. Holden's death and preceded the appointment of Mr. Harris, had been a difficult period, but the School had been run efficiently during that time, mainly owing to the tireless work of Mr. Gott as Acting Headmaster. Recognition was also given to the services of the senior masters, who have rendered great service to the School. Mr. Harris then drew attention to the examination results and athletic successes. Finally he said that the Grammar School opens the door to a much higher system of education and he thought that education authorities should encourage boys to obtain places at Universities.

In his report the Chairman, the Rev. Canon H. W. Orgill, welcomed Mr. Harris to the School and endorsed his praise of the senior masters. The guest speaker was then introduced.

After presenting the prizes and certificates Professor Downs gave his address. He spoke of the expansion in education in the last twenty years, which he attributed to the advancement in technology and machines. In learning to use machines, however simple, we were helping in that advance, but we must be careful how we used them. The Vote of Thanks and the singing of " Forty Years On " followed.

The proceedings were brought to a close by singing the School Song and the National Anthem.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

FRANK PARKINSON SCHOLARSHIP, UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS	Smith, F.			
NATIONAL COAL BOARD SCHOLARSHIP	Dunham, R.K.			
DENTAL BOARD OF UNITED KINGDOM AWARD	Barnett, D. S.			
WEST RIDING C.C. UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS	Sayles, C. A.			
	Smith F.			
WEST RIDING C.C. UNIVERSITY EXHIBITIONS				
Ball, D.	Barnett, D. S.	Bluck, M.	Dunham, R. W.	Matthews, E. W.
Miles, R.	Price, D.			

Joint Matriculation Board

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (ADVANCED)

Form U.VI. Sc.

Akers, J.L.	(2)	Cooksey, E.H.	(3)	Paley, T.K.	(3)
Ball, D.	(3)	Dunham, R.K.	(3)	Smith, F.	(3)
Barnett, D.S.	(3)	Matthews, E.W.	(3)	Smith, K.	(1)
Butterfield, J	(3)	Miles, R.	(3)	Turner, T.E.	(3)

Form U.VI. A.

Bluck, M.	(3)	Crane, R.A.	(1)	Price, D.	(3)
Brookman, A.V.	(3)	Fryer, G.M.	(2)	Rowley, J.L.	(1)
Cork, J.P.	(1)	Marshall, C.	(1)	Sayles, C.A.	(3)
				(Dist. In History)	

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (ORDINARY)

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Atkinson, R. W.	(8)	Holroyd, K.	(6)	Nuttall, C. W.	(7)
Barker, B.	(5)	Johnson, R.	(6)	Pell, J. B.	(4)
Bullock, K. P.	(5)	Kaye, R.	(3)	Proctor, E.	(6)
Burchill, J. R.	(8)	Lee, N. H.	(8)	Shaw, J. A.	(7)
Cheetham, C. G.	(6)	Lumb, D. F.	(3)	Shaw, T. J.	(6)
Clark, T. M.	(5)	Major, W. H. A.	(7)	Stewart, T.	(3)
Cooper, G.	(7)	Megson, C. W.	(7)	Turner, P. E.	(6)
Couch, C. P.	(7)	Mountain, B.	(6)	Vonemloh, M. J.	(6)
Donohoe, T.	(8)	Newton, J. D.	(6)		

Form VB

Banks, J.	(3)	Hirst, A. R.	(3)	Richardson J. F.	(3)
Brighton, J. H.	(6)	Jackson, G. V.	(5)	Williams, R.	(4)
Hoyle, W. S.	(3)	Milner, G. B.	(5)		
Hebden, G.	(3)	Mingay, D. C.	(4)		

PRIZE LIST

Form IB

Form Prize	Fairclough, J.F.
Hon. Mention	Gates, A.P.
Hon. Mention	Johnson, K.I.

Form IVC

Form Prize	Dews, M.E.
Hon. Mention	Watson, R.E.

Form IA

Form Prize	Hoyle, D.
Second Prize	Senior, D.
Hon. Mention	Lealman, G.T.
Hon. Mention	Holland, E.

Form IVB

Form Prize	Frost, M.
Hon. Mention	Gray, R.B.

Form IVA

First Prize	Dunn, L.
Second Prize	Preston, K.
Third Prize	Hutchinson, K.
Hon. Mention	Aldridge, J.P.
Hon. Mention	Jenkins, A.
Hon. Mention	Clarke, H.

Form IIC

Form Prize	Cook, B.
Hon. Mention	Copley, K.

Form IIB
Form Prize Preston, P.
Hon. Mention Illidge, J.L.

Form VB
Form Prize Milner, G.B.

Form IIA
Form Prize Popplewell, J.B.
Second Prize Atkinson, D.S.
Third Prize Brown, D.
Hon. Mention Worth, D.A.

Form VA
First Prize Lee, N.H.
Second Prize Shaw, J.A.
Third Prize Donohoe, T.
Fourth Prize Nuttall, C.W.

Form IIIB
Form Prize Rummings, C.
Hon. Mention Ackroyd, J.C.
Hon. Mention Pyrah, L.H.

Form L.VI S
First Prize Brogden, M.E.
Second Prize Bullingham, J.M.
Third Prize Dunham, P.G.
Fourth Prize Searby, B.

Form IIIA
First Prize Tucker, C.
Second Prize Pugh, F.H.
Third Prize Maskill, A.
Fourth Prize Lorriman, B.
Hon. Mention Bailey, A.
Hon. Mention Sabey, J.F.

Form U.VI A
First Prize Sales, C.A.
Second Prize Price, D.

Form U.VI S
First Prize Smith, F.
Second Prize Matthews, E.W.
Third Prize Barnett, D.S.
Fourth Prize Miles, R.

SPECIAL PRIZES

Gimblett Prize for Magazine
A. M. Smith Prize for English
Form V.A. Mathematics Prize
Swallow Prize for History

Forster Prize for Physics

Royce Prize for Chemistry
McKinnon Prize for History in Form VB
George Pearson Memorial Prize

(Presented by Mrs. Munn for Courtesy
and Good Manners)

Charles Pearson Memorial Prize
(Presented by Mrs. Munn for Sportsmanship)

E. B. Haslam Prize
E. H. Dixon Memorial Prize
C. E. Brittain Memorial Prize
J. A. Holden Memorial Prize
T. W. Freston Memorial Prize
Headmaster's Prize for Service to the School

Bluck, M.
Holroyd, K.
Shaw, J. A.
Lee, N.H.
Nuttall, C.W.
Lee, N.H.
Major, W.H.A.
Lee, N.H.
Brighton, J.H.

Beddows, J.

Bullingham, J.M.
Richardson, K.
O'Rourke, C. M
Barnett, D. S.
Matthews, E.W.
Smith, F.
Sales, C.A.
Beddows, J.

HOUSE TROPHY - FROBISHER HOUSE

We are indebted to the "Yorkshire Evening News" for permission to re-print the following extract:

"There may be a few future Northcliffes among the pupils of Normanton Grammar School if a couple of essays I have been reading are any guide.

They were written, and very ably written, by members of parties from the School who recently visited the Y. E. News offices in Leeds. To most people, including some who work in newspapers, the complicated processes by which a paper is produced remain uncertain and mysterious.

But our young visitors took such things as teleprinters, linotypes, picture reproduction, and rotary presses in their stride. They explained them in a few crisp paragraphs, and in handwriting as legible as print."

"EVENING NEWS"

Everyone concerned had waited for Wednesday, the 16th November, and at last we had arrived at Leeds. We left the station in twos and made our way through the maze of streets, past the gaily decorated windows of various shops until, led by Mr. Giles we ascended the steps of the "Yorkshire Evening News" printing works.

Inside we split up into two groups of ten. A guide then took us up some stairs and into a room which echoed with the busy clicking of typewriters. I quickly observed an oddity ; each one was apparently working on its own accord. Before there was a chance to contradict my thoughts a worker approached and explained the mystery of the "self controlled typewriters." They were called teleprinters, all receiving a kind of radio wave from the Press Association in Fleet Street, London. Every newspaper works in the country receives these radio waves. The man showed us the inside of one of the teleprinters. It seemed a confusion of mechanism to my non-mechanical brain.

Soon we were shown to the photographic department. A man then explained how a very thick negative was placed on top of a sensitive "glue"-coated, zinc sheet. When exposed, the compound turned yellow. This was treated with a chemical which turned it dark blue. A "fixer" was then applied and made the "glue" permanent, turning the photograph dark red. Finally it was treated with acid which made it rough, and better for carrying ink.

Type being made was the next thing we saw which was a very difficult process. On one particular linotype a worker showed us how he made the type. He demonstrated how an alloy of lead, tin and antimony could be melted, cast and prepared by the pull of a lever and the push of a button. After this we gathered round a bench to watch the type being set in trays.

In the corner of the same room a hydraulic matrix press was in operation. The controller put the type into use for the benefit of our party. A sheet of special "non-burst" paper was placed on top of the set type of the appropriate page. Blankets were placed over this and the whole was slid into the press, and, when with-

drawn was seen to be clearly embossed. The paper imprint obtained was then taken down-stairs and placed in a small machine and dehydrated. Next it was inserted in a machine which made a metal copy of it in a sem-circular shape. After being cooled with water the metal cast was fitted to the printing mechanism. We were then shown the crude ink in a trough at the base of the press. The ink was passed through rollers until a suitable texture was obtained. Above the trough I noticed massive rolls of paper, the guide told us that they were seven miles long, and each weighed seven hundredweights. That, I thought would have made a school note-book big enough to last a life time !

After a series of " trial runs " the whole press started off with a deafening roar, and copies were whisked off the presses and taken away to be dispatched to certain districts.

With that last memory fresh in our minds we were taken up-stairs and given a copy of the paper.

After this memorable visit we were taken to the station. I think this has been a most interesting and educational trip.

D. Hoyle.

THE LIBRARY

The Librarian acknowledged with thanks gifts of books from Miss Marjorie Yeomans, Mr. D. Young and P. S. Kirk.

The anonymous return of six books from Sharlston is a pleasing result of the working of conscience. There must be many more similarly burdened, who would do well to entrust outstanding library books to the G.P.O., even in these days of heavy postal charges.

We have completed the change in the Lower School to Form libraries, which are convenient and easily administered. Thanks are due to the Form Librarians.

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

THREE-AND-NINE A WEEK

During last term an extraordinary number of changes were wrought in the life of the School, including the reformation of the dinner system.

After a vague rumour that there were to be house dinners and a system of waiters which would cut out the pushing and scrambling which happened every day under the old system, the reform was brought about. Speculation was ended. In the old system complete disorder, which was quelled only by the 'blood and iron' rule of the duty master with a battered spoon, was a common occurrence.

It was with apprehension that we entered the dining-hall on the first day. This first attempt was rather spoilt by the numerous interruptions which left us with cold food and about twenty minutes free time after dinner was over. However, the system has gradually improved and is now quite satisfactory.

Now dinner goes on something like this :-

After entering the hall we take our places and wait in silence (theoretically, if not in practice) for permission to talk quietly. At about quarter-to-one the potatoes arrive, the rest of the first course following five minutes later. As we eat our exiguous ration of undercooked victuals, we watch with envy the masters and prefects eating with great relish on the dais. The dinners vary a great deal in size, the boys, who are first in, grab for nourishment taking more than their share, leaving boys at the bottom with a brussel sprout leaf and a plate to eat. Noting the number of cracked and broken plates, one wonders if some starving individuals have employed this procedure as a last resort. When dinner has been eaten and the waiters have retired, grace is mumbled through by some courageous prefect. It was noted one day grace sounded extremely like " For what we have received may the Lord be truly thankful." The boys then wait to be dismissed, busily employing their superfluous energy in flicking stray pieces of turnip at the boy immediately opposite or testing the solubility of a piece of potato. Meanwhile the favoured few on the dais look down on the throng from their throne which grew to 3 feet high in slow stages.

A flash to end:- 'Sog' has become more popular as boys have been forced to eat it or starve.

K. Preston.

THE MEMORIAL PHOTOGRAPH

A memorial photograph of our late Head Master, Mr. J. A. Holden, was presented to the School on November 28th. The Chairman at the ceremony was the Rev. Canon H. W. Orgill. The Old Frestonians' Association was represented by its President, Mr. J. Bird, who, after making a short speech in honour of the late headmaster, unveiled the photograph.

It was received on behalf of the School by the Head Boy, Maurice Bluck, who commented upon the youthfulness of the portrait, adding that it was perhaps best that the School should remember Mr. Holden as he was in his prime. Before illness had taken its toll of him in recent years, Mr. Holden had been a man of great vitality.

Our Head Master, Mr. Harris, reminded the company, which mainly consisted of old boys and members of the School, of the great number of students who had passed through Mr. Holden's hands. Though he had never seen his predecessor he was acquainted with some of his work for the School, and suggested that Mr. Holden's emphasis on esprit de corps and tradition had been of great value to local education.

The ceremony, though short, was impressive and Mr. Holden's photograph now hangs beside those of two previous Head Masters.

STAMP SOCIETY

This Society meets regularly on Thursday afternoons and a display of stamps of some interest is given usually once a month. During this session, the displays have dealt with—stamps of Great Britain, British Royalty on stamps, the Sudan, France—commemorative and thematic subjects. Attendance at the meeting never matches up to the enthusiasm that is shown at other times and it would help much if boys would forget their early bus once in a month.

ROSES IN DECEMBER

Despite the rain and the cold four members of the School went (in distinguished company) to Otley to see a continuation of the Wars of the Roses. Of course, to us four Yorkshiremen, it was obvious that Yorkshire was certain to win, but our distinguished companion (who is a Lancastrian) was equally sure that his team would emerge victorious. This match was the needle game of the county championship series and therefore it had every possibility of developing into a battle. The weather conditions favoured forward play and so we looked eagerly for fireworks.

Lancastrian fire was soon dampened when in the first minute Yorkshire received a tonic—a penalty goal scored by the Yorkshire full-back Grieveson. Lancashire obtained the ball from the early scrums but Yorkshire's marking was close and sure. When Yorkshire did get the ball from the scrum they successfully tried the sound tactics for a wet and windy day ; they kicked the ball high over the heads of the opposing forwards and then followed up quickly and waited for the full-back to make a mistake. One of these high kicks paid off in the 25th minute. Bazley's defending kick was charged down by Sykes who went over for a try. This was converted by Grieveson. By half time Yorkshire had added five more points from the conversion of another try by Sykes, after

Butterfield had carved a gap in the Lancashire defence, it was a first half for Yorkshire to remember. The D.C.'s only comment or excuse was that it was not a game from which novices could learn anything.

The second half had just as much fire as the first and both sides went near to scoring. The ball did not move among the backs but the forwards had a gruelling struggle. However, there was no further score and Yorkshire's first-half points and opportunities proved sufficient.

We felt some sympathy for our D.C. who had taken the trouble to get us there only to see his team lose. Now the teams would have to play off with Cheshire, to decide the county championship.

Lancashire drew a bye and therefore it was Yorkshire's task to play Cheshire. After a hard game Yorkshire scraped through to win. This meant that the county championship had to be decided between Lancashire and Yorkshire at Blundellsands. On their home ground the Lancastrians reversed the decision at Otley and so they went on to the semi-final of the inter-counties championship. In this semi-final they had to meet Middlesex at Twickenham. Here they met their Waterloo, the outcome of the game being in Middlesex's favour. At the time of going to press the final between Middlesex and Devon has yet to be decided.

J. D. Newton.

WAVES OF DISCONTENT

It all started with the English Language lesson. The form was seething against the whole of English grammar in general, and Noun Clauses in particular. So in a brave attempt to achieve a pacific conclusion to the lesson, the master suggested that we turn to the list of essays at the back of the book. It was then that the diabolical idea struck. A broadcast ! Why not ? The School had hired a tape recorder for the benefit of the cast of the School play. I had encountered this instrument beforehand, and, having been forced to bawl the first verse of the School song into it, I had no wish to come into contact with it again ; but as luck would have it, there was no English homework that night. This was the master's chance. Each of us was given a topic to write on. I was pounced upon to provide a history of the School.

We did not hear anything about the broadcast for a couple of days. The form breathed again. Some of us breathed too soon.

Being appointed editor of the introduction wasn't so bad— if only there had been an introduction to edit. By the end of the day, however, the introduction was the least of my worries.

I did not ask for the editor's job. I was only talking to the editor. Then I said something that upset him. Have you ever had a job thrown at you ? I mean literally hurled at you lock,

stock and barrel. The enraged editor stalked out bellowing, "See how you can do it !" and left me to extract myself from numerous sheets of paper. Like it or not, I was editor of the School broadcast.

I had to have help, and I had to have it quickly. My eye fell on my sub-editor, Whale, who had written an account on the Old Boys. He had been enjoying hugely the spectacle of seeing me buried beneath the raw broadcast material. However he kindly picked me up, dusted me down, and willingly accepted the post of co-editor.

We had two days' half term holiday in the week succeeding those eventful few days. We spent them editing the contributions, and making a rough script. At least three contributions were consigned to the flames after the first reading. The others were cut down, polished up, rearranged and blended, and we finished up with half-a-dozen articles awaiting re-writing.

Alas ! the tape recorder was returned to its owners, and the Broadcasting Bubble burst. I hear, however, that the School is once more having a tape recorder, and I am unearthing the contributions, now over a year old, from the bottom of my desk. I am hoping to revive the enthusiasm which now lies dormant in every breast.

J. Glaze.

WORKS OF ART

On re-starting school after an illness I was surprised to find, in the upper corridor, three new paintings of widely different styles. They hold for me a great attraction, and I feel compelled, as I walk past them to various lessons, to stop and admire them.

They are: -

"The Madonna and Child" by Van Eyck, which is a beautiful study of this subject by one of the early Flemish painters, who lived from 1385 to 1441. He was one of the earliest painters to paint in oils, and this is reflected in the extremely fine detail which is unusual in this medium.

"Brittany Girl" by Paul Gauguin, who lived from 1844 to 1903 is a simple but impressive study of a peasant girl in an attitude of prayer. Most of this artist's work was done in Tahiti, where he captured the beauty and colour of life in the tropics. On questioning members of the School, I find that this painting is not as fully appreciated as it might be on account of its simplicity.

"Flower Painting" by Picasso is an early work by the greatest of our contemporary painters, better known for his more abstract type of painting. Although he is now 77 years of age, he is still producing many paintings and pottery, a new field of work for him, in which he incorporates his designs. This early type Picasso is much more appreciated by the School than his more abstract type of expression, which is generally difficult to understand.

T. E. Turner.

INDUSTRIES INVADED

In December and January the whole School, organised into thirty four separate parties, visited industrial undertakings which included the following:—

Clokie & Co. Ltd Pottery Works, Castleford.
Spencer Wire Co. Ltd. Wakefield.
Railway Yards and Sheds, Normanton.
Lumb's Glass Works, Castleford.
Ewbank's Liquorice Works, Pontefract
Warmfield Brick Works, Normanton.
A. Valentine Stubbs Ltd., Shirt Factory, Royston.
Harraps, Alverthorpe, Woollen Manufacturers, Wakefield.
Paton & Baldwins, Knitting Wools, Wakefield.
Laporte Acids Ltd., Castleford.
Rhodes & Co. Ltd., Steel Pressers, Wakefield.
West Riding Colliery, Altofts.
Whitwood Colliery.
British Ropes, Wakefield.
Ford Motor Co., Doncaster.
E. Green & Sons, Fuel Economisers, Wakefield.
Hudswell, Clarke & Co. Ltd., Locomotive Engineers, Leeds.
Hartleys Ltd., Pottery Works, Castleford.
Allinson Ltd., Flour Millers, Castleford.
Richard Sutcliffe Ltd., Manufacturers of Mechanical Handling
Equipment, Horbury.
Parkgate Iron and Steel Works, Rotherham.
Yorkshire Copper Works.
Slazengers Ltd., Sports Goods Manufacturers, Horbury.
Park Hill Farm, Featherstone.
J. C. H. McLaren, Diesel Engine Manufacturers, Leeds.
Charles Roberts & Co. Ltd., Railway Wagon Works, Horbury
British Jeffrey-Diamond Ltd., Mining Machinery, Wakefield.
J. Haigh & Sons, Ltd., Machine Makers, Huddersfield.

We would like to record our gratitude to the firms who entertained us. We hope that these visits will prove of ultimate value to our pupils.

S.C.M. CONFERENCE.

'Why should I believe in God?' and 'What does being a Christian entail?' were the titles of the two lectures given by Mr. George at the annual S.C.M. Conference held this year at Castleford Grammar School on February 26th.

Mr. George in his first address gave a number of reasons to account for belief in God, the culminating one being the life of Christ. If the speaker had dwelt more upon this point, and less

upon insignificant detail, his talk might have been more convincing. As it was he left us wondering if he had indeed answered the question.

After tea, Mr. George answered the second question far more competently and successfully. He was far more concise in his opinions, and presented unflinchingly some of the stern requirements which are demanded from a true Christian.

The speaker ended the conference by conducting an act of worship.

SCHOOLBOY EXPERIENCES

As I was going to Barnsley that morning, I wasn't at all surprised when my mother asked me to get a few things. On the list, among other trifles was a small pair of white socks for my younger sister. These I was instructed to purchase at Butterfield's where their annual sale was in full swing.

Eventually I arrived at Barnsley and hurriedly made my way to Woolworth's where I was to collect a few odds and ends. Looking around I saw some gaily coloured socks but what caught my eye more was some white ones ; "Just what I wanted," I thought, "only a shilling a pair too," but with the idea of purchasing some cheaper ones I trudged off to Butterfields.

I soon elbowed my way to the stocking counter and scrum-aged around for a suitable pair. After some time at this I came to the conclusion that all the white ones had gone, so tried to find an alternative pair. Finding a pair of warm-looking brown ones I looked frantically for the price. This I found on a small piece of paper which read 6. Taking this for sixpence I took another pair similarly marked. These two pairs I handed jubilantly to the assistant also a two shilling piece, ample to cover the price.

"That's four shillings please," she said, "two pairs at two shillings a pair."

"Oh, yes," I stuttered and gave her the extra two shillings.

I racked my brains frantically, trying to work it all out. How had she got two sixpenny pairs of socks to four shillings ?

Then it came to me that "6" was the size not price.

Quickly I must tell her but I dismissed that idea after seeing what a fool I would appear. I walked thoroughly depressed from the shop feeling as I did so a rather hot sensation about the ears. What a mess I'd made of that errand, the socks weren't even white. I thought, back at Woolworth's I could have got two pairs for the same price as I had paid for one.

Still, I thought, it's a good job I've got a sister and brother: now they can have a pair each.

C. R. Giudici.

THE SHIP CLUB

The Ship Club has made more progress this term and its members now total about twenty-five. The present Committee is:

Chairman : D. G. Staples

Secretary and Treasurer : D. K. Watts

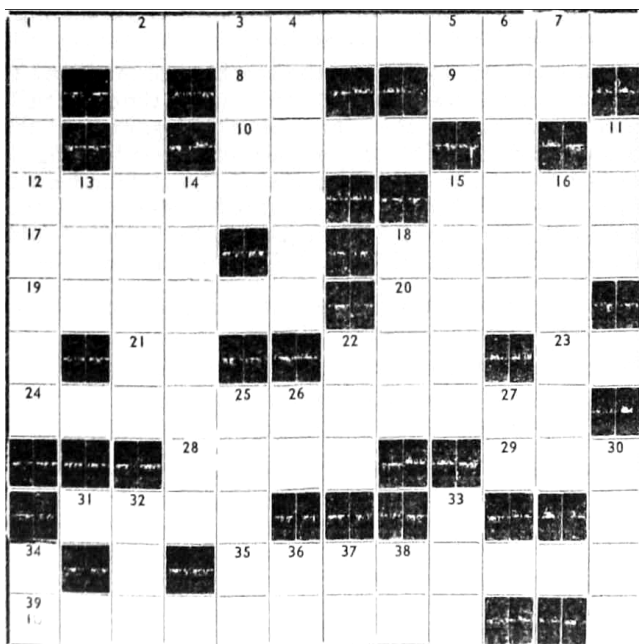
Librarian: P. R. Holland

In December a party of boys went to Hull where they enjoyed a pleasant morning going round the docks. Another trip has been arranged for March 27th, this time to Manchester docks, and it may prove to be our most interesting visit.

The Club has now started to print its own magazine, and will publish it once a term.

The meetings are held every Wednesday in IIA form room, and land-lubbers from the first three forms are invited to join.

CROSSWORD No. 3



CLUES Overleaf

CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Devoted to charitable purposes, adj. (12)
- 8 Conjunction (2)
- 9 A singular clue (3)
- 10 A metal (4)
- 12 A technical term in cricket (6)
- 15 Clotted blood (4)
- 17 To talk wildly (4)
- 18 A heraldic term (5)
- 19 The sea does it to footprints in the sand (6)
- 20 A false god (4)
- 21 Teetotaler (2)
- 22 A snake (3)
- 23 Introduced by Elinor Glyn (2)
- 24 Lazy scamps (11)
- 28 A certain terrorist organisation (4)
- 29 An important word (3)
- 31 An African warrior (4)
- 35 This was sought by King Arthur's knight's (8)
- 39 12 mo. (9)

DOWN

- 1 Highest heaven ! (8)
- 2 To weaken (8)
- 3 You might get lost here (4)
- 4 Another false god, - Egyptian this time (6)
- 5 Clues 5 and 11 are contrary (2)
- 6 A goat or a country (6)
- 7 Regarding (2)
- 11 See 5 (3)
- 13 Found in a boat (3)
- 14 A bird (7)
- 15 See 35 across (5)
- 16 To have a pleasing taste (6)
- 18 A musical instrument (4)
- 22 British West Africa (3)
- 25 To put out (5)
- 26 Allright (2)
- 27 Lieutenant (2)
- 30 Slippery creatures (4)
- 32 A modern organisation (3)
- 33 Evidently not an amateur (3)
- 34 Editor (2)
- 36 A prefix (2)
- 37 Nickel (2)
- 38 General Manager (2)

Answers to Crossword No. 2.

ACROSS 1. Heterodox. 9. Nod. 11. Ampersand. 12. Urn 14. In. 15. Ass.
 17. Rathe. 19. Read. 20. Cp. 21. Ivan 22. Card. 23. Too. 24. Silt. 25. Sup 27. R.G.
 28. Nu 29. Or. 30. Tape. 33. Samovar. 36. Did. 37. Co 39. Ben. 40. Boo.
 41. Incunabula 42. No.

DOWN 1. Houris. 2. Tantalus. 3 Em. 4. Rp. 5. O.E.D. 6. Dr. 7. Osiers.
 8. Xanadu. 9. Nda. 10. Disposed 13. Ravin. 16. Scorpion. 18 Hnt. 19. R.A. 22. Corona.
 26. P.T. 29. Omen 31. Ado 32. I.C.I. 34. Abu. 35. A.E.U. 38. On. 40. B.A.

A.F.C.

Captain : J. M. Bullingham

Vice-Captain : M. V. Miller

Hon. Sec. : E. Proctor

During the present season, Mr. J. Beddows is Coach to both the 1st. and 2nd. XIs., and Mr. D. H. Williams is Coach to the under 15 XI.

The Club was honoured this year in that its 1954-55 Captain, J. Beddows, was awarded his Blue and has been appointed Honorary Secretary and as such is Captain elect of the Cambridge University A.F.C.

The Captain of Football was awarded his colours for the season 1955-56 and so far has awarded colours as follows :—

1 st XI	2nd XI	Junior XI
Miller, M.V.	Cooksey, E.H.	Ellis, M.
English, B.	(Captain)	(Captain)
Hardcastle, A.	Proctor, E.	Barnes, K.
Akers, J.L.	Cooper, G.	Williams, P.
Beavors, A.	Atkinson, M.I.	
Phelps, K.	West, K.	

1st XI FIXTURES

School 2	v.	Batley G.S. 2	Away	Draw
(O.G., Akers)				
School 4	v.	Thornes House 1	Home	Won
(Akers 2, Frost, Cooper)				
School 0	v.	St. Michael's 2	Away	Lost
School 3	v.	Barnsley G. S. 1	Away	Won
(Akers 2, Binns)				
School 3	v.	Holme Valley G.S. 9	Away	Lost
(Lumb, D. 2, Frost)				
School 0	v.	Sir Percy Jackson's G.S. 5	Away	Lost
School 3	v.	Ossett G.S. 1	Home	Won
(Cooper, Bullingham, Akers)				
School 9	v.	Leeds Univ. 5th XI 0	Home	Won
(Beavors 3, Frost 3, Cooper 2, Hirst)				
School 2	v.	Leeds Univ. 4th XI 5	Away	Lost
(Frost 2)				
School 4	v.	O.F.A. 1	Home	Won
(Bullingham 3, Frost)				

2nd XI FIXTURES

School 2	v.	Batley G.S. 4	Away	Lost
(Oliver, Hopwood)				
School 0	v.	Thornes House 1	Away	Lost
School 4	v.	St. Michael's 4	Home	Draw
(Oliver 2, Cooksey, Lumb, D.)				
School 4	v.	Barnsley G. S. 2	Home	Won
(Rummings 2, Hopwood, Cooksey)				
School 3	v.	Holme Valley G.S. 3	Away	Draw
(Turner, Butterfield, Hayles)				
School 7	v.	Leeds Central H. S. 0	Home	Won
(Rummings 4, Hopwood, Powers, O.G.)				

JUNIOR XI FIXTURES

School 21	v.	Thornes House 1	Home	Won
(Atkinson 4, Strutt 3, Barnes 3, Williams 3 Sleight 2, Watts 2, Bradley 2, Hough 1, O.G.)				
School 3	v.	St. Michael's G.S. 5	Away	Lost
(Watson 2, Williams)				
School 2	v.	Barnsley G. S. 6	Away	Lost
(Barnes, Ellis)				
School 4	v.	Leeds Central H. S. 1	Home	Won
(Williams 2, Bradley, Ellis)				
School 7	v.	Holme Valley G.S. 3	Away	Won
(Bradley 3, Strutt 2, Williams, Atkinson)				
School 2	v.	Sir Percy Jackson's G.S. 1	Away	Won
(Bradley, Williams)				
School 8	v.	Ossett G.S.	Away	Won
(Barnes 2, Bradley 2, Williams 2 Strutt, Atkinson)				

SENIOR HOUSE MATCHES

Frobisher	1	v.	Hanson	3
Bennett	3	v.	Freeston	2
Frobisher	5	v.	Freeston	0
Hanson	6	v.	Bennett	4
Freeston	1	v.	Hanson	3
Frobisher	5	v.	Bennett	0

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCHES

Freeston	2	v.	Bennett	9
Hanson	1	v.	Frobisher	6
Bennett	2	v.	Hanson	1
Frobisher	3	v.	Freeston	2
Bennett	2	v.	Frobisher	2
Hanson	1	v.	Freeston	2

House Competition Results to 31st December :
Bennett 4.5 pts. Freeston 1 pt. Frobisher 6.5 pts. Hanson 6 pts.

R.U.F.C.

Captain : A. V. Brookman

Vice-Captain : G. M. Fryer

Hon. Sec. : B. Searby

A Rugby Union Football Club was formed at the beginning of the term with the aim of providing more and varied sport for the School. Coaching and training is carried on during the week and on Saturday mornings under the guidance of the Headmaster, Mr. Moreton and Mr. Giles. For home and training matches, the Castleford R.U.F.C. has kindly loaned their ground at Pinfold Lane.

During the term only two matches were played but several fixtures have already been arranged for the Spring Term.

1st XV FIXTURES

School 9	v.	Castleford G.S. 2 nd	XV 0	Home	Won
School 0	v.	Wakefield G.S. 2 nd	XV 51	Away	Lost

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY AWARDS

The following R.L.S.S. awards have been presented this year :-

INSTRUCTOR'S CERTIFICATE	-	A.R. Hirst, L.VIA
AWARD OF MERIT	-	C.P. Couch, L.VISc.
BRONZE CROSS	-	R. Hopwood, VC
BRONZE MEDALLION	-	S. Ackroyd, IVA A. Thompson, VB
BAR TO BRONZE MEDALLION	-	H. Ellis, VC G. Waite, VB
INTERMEDIATE CERTIFICATE	-	B. Harrison, IIIC

CARNEGIE COLLEGE

It was a cold February morning with snow on the ground, when a happy party from our School reached Leeds, on a visit to Carnegie College. After catching a tram we were soon walking up the College drive.

First of all we saw gymnastics, splendidly performed by the College students. They warmed up on the wall-bars with some beautiful shapes followed by exercises across the gym. Next they performed flysprings and flick-flacks, and then worked in pairs on the beams and ropes. They set up six sets of apparatus and worked freely on it. They followed up this by handsprings and relay races. This concluded a magnificent performance in a well equipped gymnasium.

We were next given the alternative of witnessing athletics or Morris dancing, a type of country dancing with sticks. Some athletes practised baton-charging and sprint starts, while we watched from a balcony. Some of us then went to see the Morris dancing.

After we had a refreshing swim, Mr. Williams thanked the staff for an enjoyable visit.

OLD FRESTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

"For we were nursed upon the self-same hill."

NOTES

The O.F.A. Committee has been very active this year. In particular, we would offer our respectful congratulations to Mr. H. J. Coule, the editor of the "Frestonian Newsletter" two issues of which have already appeared.

Several successful Whist Drives have been held, the proceeds of which have been presented to the School. We would like to thank the O.F.A. for this service.

A new venture was taken with the Annual General Meeting of the Association held on Saturday, February 25th, for it took place in the Black Swan Inn.

At least one direct descendant of the founder of the school, John Freston, will be a guest at the Annual Dinner to be held on Saturday, 24th March.

Two relatively unusual distinctions have come to former head boys of the School: Dr. Trevor Hatherton, a geophysicist in the department of Scientific and Industrial Research at Wellington, New Zealand, will be a member of the Commonwealth Antarctic Expedition in which Sir Edmund Hilary, will take part.

J. Beddows (1955), who is studying at Cambridge, was awarded his Soccer Blue, when he was chosen to play against Oxford at Wembley, on 7th December. The following is a quotation from the programme of that match.

" Tireless and attacking, he is always a tower of strength. Adept at covering a team-mate. Has excellent ball distribution, and can hit a ball with great power from over 30 yards out."

Another former head boy, Mr. D. Young (1948), having graduated at Manchester University, is now teaching in a school at Edmonton. He has maintained his interest in the school, and sends books to the library, the latest one being the Batsford publication, "Railways of Britain."

Mr. S. P. Larter (1951), secretary of the Leeds University Union, very nearly brought fresh laurels to the school, when he failed by only 17 votes to be elected President. We congratulate Mr. Larter on

his distinguished Union career, and we wish him the very best of luck in his M.A. degree, for which he is now completing his thesis, and afterwards at the Department of Education, where, he proposes to spend the year 1956-7.

A surprising change of study has been made by Mr. J. S. Lee (1953), who visited the school in December last year. Studying for a B.A. (Hons.) degree in English, with finals in 1956, Mr. Lee has now turned to Medicine.

At the School's first Rugby Union match played against Castleford Grammar School, the master in charge of the opposition was an Old Boy. He was Mr. T. Headley (1931), who is now Mathematics master at Castleford.

Mr. J. B. Suart (1953), is studying for a degree in General Science, including Bacteriology, Biology and Organic Chemistry. After graduation, Mr. Suart, who is Secretary and Captain of Devonshire Hall C.C., Leeds University, hopes to enter the Colonial Civil Service.

Another visitor to the school during the latter part of 1955 was Lt. R. O. Tordoff, R.N., who is at present undergoing a course in the use of Advanced Weapons at the Royal Naval College, Greenwich.

Mr. Roy Kay (1955) is a pupil Sanitary Inspector with Normanton U.D.C.

Tpr. Crane, R.A. (1955) is with B.A.O.R. 12 and J. Chapman (1954) is a clerk in H.M. Army and is at present serving in Nairobi.

There are three members of the present Sixth form, who are sons of Old Frestonian fathers ; they are J. L. Akers, whose father J. T. E. Akers (1918) is Chairman of the O.F.A. and also of the newly-formed Parents' Association ; D. H. Hopwood, whose father, N. Hopwood (1929) is Headmaster of the Martin Frobisher School, Altofts; and C. R. Speed, whose father, A. Speed(1919), and brother, C. Speed (1940) are both Old Boys.

WEDDING

Mr. J. C. Kappes and Miss A. Panton, 11th February, 1956.

H. Armitage (1944), is now in the Order Department of the Yorkshire Copper Works, Leeds. One of his interests is Rugby Football, and he is secretary of the well-known Y.C.W.R.U.F.C. He runs an Under 18 XV in addition to the senior side and a fixture has been arranged with our new School XV.

A. Metcalfe, A.R.I.B.A. (1944), now of 31, Sandy Bank Ave., Rothwell, has designed a memorial garden for the J. A. Holden Memorial Committee. Mr. Metcalfe has also proposed that boys of the School should enter the prize competitions of the Royal Institute of British Architects.

R. Munton (1943), is now a certified accountant working in Leeds and is a keen golfer. His brother, D. Munton (1950), having recently completed 3 years service in the R.A.F., in which he attained the rank of Corporal, is now back in civil life. There is a third brother, Malcolm, now in the fourth year at N.G.S.

No doubt, some other family can claim more than three brothers who have attended or are attending N.G.S. The Editor will be very glad to hear of similar family-records to that of the Muntons'.

The officers of the O.F.A. elected for 1956 are as follows :—

President : J. Baker, Esq.

Vice-President : J. T. E. Akers, Esq.

Hon. Secretary : W. Smith, Esq.

Hon. Treasurer : G. Fieldhouse, Esq.

We congratulate them on their election and wish them a highly successful year of office.

Mr. W. Dawes of 15, Daryngton Drive, Guildford has vigorously upheld the London branch of the O.F.A. for a long time. Now he feels compelled to resign his leadership of the branch and it looks as though it will have to suspend its activities.

Will any London Old Frestonian reading this please get in touch with Mr. Dawes with a view to keeping the branch alive ? Mr. Dawes is also a keen supporter of the Society of Yorkshiremen in London.

We assure Mr. Dawes of our appreciation of his efforts to keep the Freston flag flying in London. We sincerely hope that some other loyal O.F. will now take over the job and that he will be backed up by others.

Mr. James Howarth Williams B.Sc., A.R.C.S., who left School in 1932, visited us on United Nations Day (24th Oct.), 1955. He is Chief Chemist with the East Anglia Lacquer Co. of Darlington. Formerly he was with the Ministry of Supply working on chemical warfare and spent five years at the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, Trinidad, researching on sugar. He says that his chief interest at School, apart from Chemistry, was Music, and that he used to conduct a church choir in Trinidad.

When told by the Headmaster that his name ought to be on the panel commemorating distinguished old boys he remarked that his brother Mr. Tom Williams had a stronger claim to that distinction. Formerly Director of Education of Northern Rhodesia, Mr. Tom Williams is now Clerk to the Legislative Assembly.

Mr. H. MOAT

A sad, but interesting, link with the days of Mr. Atkinson's Head-mastership has been provided by the arrival of a beautifully-bound copy of G. A. Henty's "On the Irrawaddy." The inscription reads :—

"Moat H.
Form Prize (III Lower)
July 27th, 1898
C. W. Atkinson, M.A., Head Master."

A letter from Mrs. M. A. Moat of "Etharo," Sandyhead Crescent, Scarborough, accompanied the book, telling us that her husband had died suddenly from coronary thrombosis on 7th August, 1955.

Mr. Moat had served in the 1914-18 war and had then returned to his business as an outfitter in High St., Normanton. He retired in 1938 and went to live in Scarborough, where his wife died in 1946.

Mr. Moat later married again. He lived happily in Scarborough until last year and although his health was not of the best, he took a great pride in his garden, specialising particularly in rose-cultivation. The beauty of his roses was well-known to many people.

We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Moat in her great loss.

THE J. A. HOLDEN MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Four meetings of this Committee have so far been held. The members are A. M. Smith Esq., (O.F. and School Governor), H. Gott Esq., J. T. E. Akers Esq., (O.F.), R. Law Esq., J. Bird Esq., (O.F.), W. Batty Esq., (O.F.), D. W. Addy Esq., W. H. Rodaway Esq., (O.F.), W. Frost Esq., (O.F.), A. Metcalfe Esq., (O.F.), H. Whittlestone Esq., (Sec. and Treasurer), A. Hawkins Esq., (O.F.) and the Head Master (Chairman).

So far an inscribed photograph of the late Head Master has been hung in the Hall and the first annual Holden Memorial Prize has been awarded for general excellence in the advanced papers of the General Certificate of Education.

The Committee has also discussed in detail the provision of a memorial garden. In view of proposed building extensions to the school, it has been decided to hold over until April, 1956 the final decision about the memorial garden, as by then it is expected that the building plans will have been approved.

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