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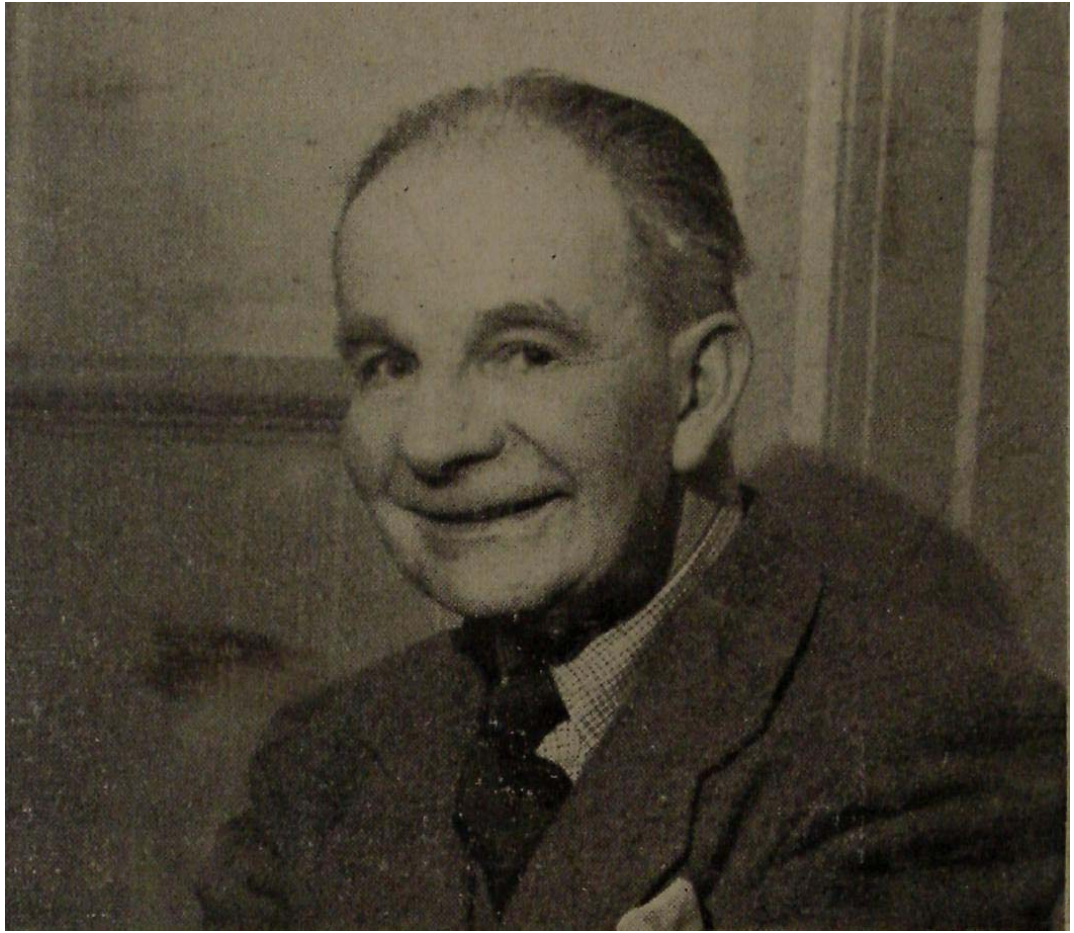
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MR. S. R. MENZIES,
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who retired on 22nd March, 1956, after 19 years on the staff.
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A SCENE FROM THE DRESS REHEARSAL OF
"HENRY V"

of which the School gave five performances in March.

Left to right—

The Duke of Bourbon (B. W. Hardcastle)

The Earl of Warwick (J. F. Sabey.)

The Duke of Bedford (S. Nicholson.)

Princess Katharine (J. C. Allen.)

Queen Isabel of France (D. Brown.)

King Charles VI of France (R. Cooper.)

King Henry V (C. Tucker.)

EDITORIAL.

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Old Boys: J. L. Akers.

As this magazine is going to press the School is once more undergoing all "the weariness, the fever and the fret" of examinations. As usual, the first to suffer from this annual — but unavoidable — affliction, are those who are sitting for exams, in various subjects in the General Certificate of Education; but, soon after, the whole School is to be embroiled in examinations.

As yet "the G.G.E.", as it is unaffectionately called, is probably just an empty name to the junior members of the School, who (perhaps!) are hectically preparing for mere School exams., spectres which have become over-shadowed for seniors by the more portentous threat of the G.C.E. exams.

Up to the Fourth Form this exam., if it is considered at all, is regarded as something dim and distant. It is not until the Fifth Form is reached that the full significance of the situation is grasped, and even then some members of the Fifth Form realize the dreaded proximity of "the thing" only very late in the year, when it is about to pounce on them; then they begin to panic (though even the more experienced members of the Upper Sixth are known to suffer from this same complaint, too).

In the Upper Sixth, however, a further bogey springs up, or at least it does for most of those who wish to go to University: will they be able to obtain a grant? Will they have to reach Bursary Standard or Exhibition Standard first?

Even when these milestones are safely passed and the fully-fledged student arrives safe and sound at University, his troubles are not all over. There are always more examinations!

Actually, the prospect is not really so dismal, except to pessimists for, although they are important, there is much more to School life than exams, as I am sure you have discovered for yourself.

SPRING TERM, 1956.

VALETE

IVB.—

Cawthra A. A.

VC—

Nolan D.

SUMMER TERM, 1956.

SALVETE.

IB.—

Jackson A. P.

IIB.—

Burdon C.

DE OMNIBUS.

Since the publication of the last magazine three new prefects have been added to our august body and we offer our congratulations to M. V. Miller (U.VIA.), C. M. Sadler (U.VIS.), and C. R. Speed (U.VIS.). We are sure that they are sensible of the honour paid to them.

On April 24th, the whole School was photographed and recent visitors to the School will have seen the finished product on the main notice-board.

The boys from the senior part of the School were invited to a dance in the High School gymnasium on April 27th.

At the beginning of June we had, for three days at least, an extra pupil, when a German boy, Hans Jurgen Klumb, made a short stay at School. His host, Mr. Hazlitt, assures us that "he most industriously wrote up his notes on all the lessons he had attended", and he commented on the amount of freedom at our School compared with that in his own. We hope his short stay proved valuable.

We should like to offer our heartiest congratulations to two of our masters who in April became grandparents. Mr. Hewson's daughter gave birth to a child on April 20th, but he had to yield first place in the Grandfather-Stakes to Mr. Parker, whose grandchild was born a few days previously.

Dr. P. G. Saunders of Wakefield Cathedral addressed a meeting of the Normanton Arts Council, to which we were invited, on 6th March in the Music Room. His subject was "The History of Songs".

Visitors to the School in recent months have included the County Education Officer (Mr. Clegg); The Principal of Jordanhill Training College (Mr. G. F. Orr); Mr. H. A. Brown of the Scottish School of P.E.; Mr. G. B. Cruikshank H.M.I, of the Scottish Education Dept; Mr. R. W. K. Brown, the Deputy Education Officer; and Mr. O. O. W. Ginn H.M.I.

In April a party of about sixty boys accompanied the Head Master to the Grand Theatre, Leeds, to see the famous London production of "The Caine Mutiny Court-Martial." The boys were those who had taken part in "Henry V", and this visit was designed to continue their dramatic education.

THE STAFF.

We have to say good-bye this July to Mr. D. H. Williams, who joined the Staff in May 1952. He has been appointed P.E. Organiser to W. Hartlepool. Mr. Williams, who attended the School as a boy from 1936-43, was trained for the teaching profession at Trinity College, Carmarthen and Carnegie. In his 4 years as P.E. Master he has made a great contribution to the life of the School, particularly in Gymnastics, Athletics and Football. He will be missed by many of the boys. We wish him happiness in his new work.

Mr. J. C. Ormerod, B. A. joined us from Manchester University Dept. of Education in September 1953, having taken an Honours degree in English at Cambridge. After only 2½ years with us, we had to part company with him at Easter on his appointment as Senior English Master in a Carlisle modern school. Mr. Ormerod will be remembered for his dramatic work here and we are sure he will do well in his new sphere.

Mr. A. Exley B.Sc. served with us for a year in a temporary capacity but left at Easter, although we should have enjoyed having him permanently on the Staff. In spite of our best efforts, however, we were unable to entice him off the W. Riding supply staff and he is our near neighbour at the moment, whilst assisting Normanton High School with their Mathematics and Science problems.

Mr. J. Wetherill, B.A. (Oxon.) and Mr. R. Marsh, M.A. (Oxon.) have also given us welcome assistance in a temporary capacity this term. Mr. Wetherill joins the staff of Cudworth Modern School in Sept. and Mr. Marsh has been appointed Senior Classics Master at Thorne Grammar School, also from September.

We welcome to the permanent staff this term Mr. G. O. D. Bryant, B.Sc. (Lond.), to teach Mathematics. He joins us from the staff of Christ's College, Finchley. Mr. Bryant was educated at Dauntsey's School, Wiltshire and London University. He confesses to being particularly interested in drama.

FROM HEAD TO TOE (AND BACK).

Any person revisiting the School after a couple of months or so would today be surprised to see senior boys apparently flaunting authority by walking out of the School at tea-time minus headgear. This capless condition is due to the fact that a rule has been introduced which permits the Fifth and Sixth to return home without caps. This is a privilege which has been well received by the boys.

However, the effects of this change have yet to be felt in full. Whether or not this rule will promote mild jealousy among the lower forms is not certain, but we think at least that the privilege should last until the bad weather comes. Of course, if we should wear caps in bad weather, then we should be wearing them the whole time. That is a point that we leave you to ponder over.

Another major operation has been the switch from plimsolls to shoes. After years of soft-footed silence, boys are now allowed to keep their outdoor shoes on in School. This has its advantages such as less crowding in the cloakroom and whiter plimsolls in the gym. The increased noise has not been much noticed, except in the laboratories where delicate instruments have been deflected by the heavy pounding of three or four hundred pairs of feet, passing by the door. There seems a danger that we may become a flat-footed race of walkers, after striving to keep balance on the "marble" floors. The answer to this is to change the composition of the floor but this would prove expensive. A pair of rubber heels per boy would be a more economical investment.

An improvement to the wash-rooms has been the addition of long mirrors on the wall above the basins. Boys frequently admire their handsome visages in these and some have even been known to use them for the purpose of brushing the hair.

J. Glaze.

OVERSEAS STUDENTS' VISIT.

The bleak month of February was made more colourful with an international occasion in the School Hall. The district Rotary Clubs had arranged with the Head Master that they would hold their International Evening in the School and that the School Prefects would be invited to attend.

Writing four months after the event, I must admit that my most vivid impression is of an excellent catered supper which transformed our Hall into a United Nations snack bar!

A barrage of questions was thrown at the panel which included a Swede, a Pakistani, a Frenchman, a West Indian and an American, presided over by the African President of the Leeds University Union. Questions ranging from the alleged degeneracy of the British Empire to the attitude of the British working man to his occupation, gave the panel food for thought.

The Question Master was an Old Frestonian and a School Governor, Mr. A. M. Smith, and he dealt in a very proficient manner with the questions and discussion. We were exhorted at one time to imitate Scandinavian Trade Unionism and, at another, we were told, with significant emphasis, that no country ever had the right to govern another, however much good it thought it was doing.

There were two panels, one of Rotarians (plus the Head Master) and the other of the students. The questions were addressed primarily to the students' panel, who were prompted by the audience to tell us whatever home-truths they wished about "The English in their Native Surroundings." They were also asked whether English employees worked as hard as employees in their own countries; what they thought of the British working man's practice of sending men to Coventry (a topical question), and whether the British Commonwealth was a strong moral force in the world.

The Rotary panel was invited to comment on the answers given and a lively exchange of views resulted. Many of us found the evening extremely stimulating and we thank the five Rotary Clubs of Castleford, Hemsworth, Normanton, Pontefract and Wakefield for their hospitality.

D.J. Hopwood

OUR INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION CONTINUED

In our last issue we recorded visits made by boys of the School in the winter to twenty-eight different industrial undertakings. We now wish to express particular thanks to the Ford Motor Co., Balby, Doncaster and to Richard Sutcliffe Ltd., Manufacturers of Mechanical Handling Equipment, Horbury for allowing us to visit their works on more than one occasion.

In addition, I.C.I., Wilton Castle; British Railways, Doncaster; The Yorkshire Post, Leeds; W. E. Yates Ltd., Worsteds Manufacturers, Leeds; The Manchester Ship Canal Company; The Central Electricity Authority at Skelton Grange; Edward Arnold Ltd., Publishers of Leeds; and John Waddington and Son Ltd., Printers and Playing Card Manufacturers, of Leeds, all kindly permitted parties from School to visit their premises on 27th March.

We also record our appreciation of the part played by the masters concerned in arranging the visits and in accompanying the parties.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR NEWELL.

When you are at School and you are summoned to the Hall to a lecture, you go with mixed feelings. It's a good thing that you have "got out of" French and Maths, or double Physics, but those chairs are hard and University professors, however distinguished, are not always the most hilarious of lecturers.

Professor Newell, however, the J. G. Winant Lecture-Fellow on Anglo-American relations, proved to be refreshing, serious and witty, all at one and the same time. He opened by saying that he was no Government official hired to "dish out the dope." He gave his own views, not an officially-inspired "angle."

He was, he confessed, an out-and-out advocate of the partnership of Great Britain and the U.S.A., but we should get out of our heads the idea that America would always come to our aid because 200 years ago the population of America was largely British. All that had changed and now only 42 per cent of the people were of British origin. The dominant proportion was sprung from other races.

We should be equal partners because we respected each other's institutions, recognised that we needed each other and because economics and defence, and indeed the cause of world peace, would benefit from Anglo-American friendship.

Misconceptions of the American based on our cartoon idea of the typical tourist, in his "duck-egg blue suit with camera slung round his neck, a straw hat on his head and a cigar stuck in his mouth" only blighted Anglo-American understanding. Equally false was the American belief in the supercilious type of Englishman, looking disdainfully down his nose at the uppish newcomer of an American nation.

Although Professor Newell himself could claim direct descent from the Boston Tea-Party, he had more than a foot in the British camp, since his wife was an Englishwoman and one of his sons had adopted British nationality.

After this particular lecture, I heard many boys say that they had never realised how interesting and how amusing an hour spent listening to one man could prove to be. On the proposal of M. V. Miller and P. J. Kirk, a vote of thanks was warmly accorded to our eminent visitor.

THE PRIVATE LIFE OF A FISH.

The addition of two tanks of tropical fish has considerably brightened the corridor outside the Headmaster's study. These provide an interesting diversion while waiting there. Under the enthusiastic care of Lealman and Brown of IIA, the fish are thriving. There are several varieties including Beacon Fish and Fire-mouths as well as a number of snails.

Considerable interest was aroused at the beginning of the term by the draining of the Botany Pond. The general theory was that this was being done because a First Former was missing. This speculation, however, proved to be incorrect.

Having been refilled, the pond assumed an unusual pale-green colour in contrast to its customary dirty-brown. It is hoped to make structural improvements to the pond and then introduce some cold-water fish

The morality of keeping very active creatures imprisoned under the public glare has given rise to much discussion by Sixth Formers who have been studying Philosophy. On the fringe of such debates, I have caught remarks such as "How would you like to be kept in a tank?" or, particularly from female Sixth Formers, "How dreadful to have no private life at all!"

The writer does not take sides in this controversy. He merely records that it is very comforting (whilst waiting to see the Head) to have something to look at which is in a worse plight than yourself.

M.D. Hill.

LOW FOOTBALL.

A ban has been lifted. Playground football is legal again, having been forbidden before the present Headmaster's time. It is now back—on certain conditions.

The School grounds are surrounded by a low wall only four feet high. If the football we play were of the normal type, with balls flying around at any height, there would not be a company willing to insure regular pedestrians on Church Lane. A fierce volley to the roof of an imaginary net could possibly decapitate a housewife returning with the shopping. The air would be thick with blue-blazered boys leaping the wall to salvage over-shots that had gone into the road-way.

So we play on conditions. We must invent a game to keep the ball strictly on the ground. You can imagine that this rule is improving the standard of School football—certainly our ball control and passing. We hope it does not end by spoiling our shooting.

The less skilful suggest that six feet of wire mesh should be put on top of the wall to prevent the ball from going over, but the sky's the limit to some soccer players, especially those brought up on Rugby.

While football was banned in the playground, a new game was invented. It is a type of Rugby League played with a rolled up exercise-book, something like a cosh; sometimes there seems to be several books wrapped together to make one "ball". Certainly the end-product is pretty lethal and, if ever one sailed over the wall and hit a passer-by, there would be an end to "Exercise-Boot Rugby" and perhaps also to the passer-by.

C. W. Whale.

FLOWERS FOR US.

This year has witnessed a remarkable change to the waste ground behind the School. For there, boys of IIIB, IIIC and IVB, under the supervision of Mr. Beddows, have created a colourful garden. Their labour of the winter months manifested itself in the tulips and daffodils of Spring. The purpose of the garden is to provide flowers for cutting to brighten up the School. Asters, chrysanthemums and gladioli are now being grown to this end.

The garden has, however, had a spell of bad luck; the birds and the dry season have conspired to hinder the growth of the sweet peas for a time. A project to expand to Pingle House was unfortunately defeated by building operations.

Flower-beds, which should be a blaze of colour by the end of term, have also been laid out in the neighbourhood of the dining hall. In spite of the drawbacks the project has been quite a success and shows every sign of continuing as such.

THE LIBRARY.

The Librarian gratefully acknowledges the following gifts:—
"Naught for Your Comfort" (Huddleston) from J. K. Hedgecock, Esq.
"Journeys in England" (Simmons) from D. Young, Esq., a number of
books from H. Coule, Esq. and various Book Club issues from P. J.
Kirk.

Boys leaving School this term are reminded that they may usefully commemorate their stay here by the gift of at least one book to the Library. Please do not forget that books suitable for juniors are as acceptable as more erudite volumes. As you leave boyhood why not leave your boyhood books to us?

T. H. H.

ASCENSION DAY.

This year the School celebrated Ascension by attending a service in Normanton Parish Church. The choir opened the service by singing J. S. Bach's introtit, "All people sing thy praises." The simple beauty and harmony of this chorale set the tone of the whole service, which took the form of an adapted evensong. After the Headmaster had read the Lesson, which was Acts I, 1-11, the whole School rose to sing the Magnificat.

The address was given by the Rev. C. A. O. Warman M.A., Vicar of Normanton. He said that it was rather appropriate that we, who had the chance to celebrate Ascension Day, should do so, for it had become the most neglected of the great Festivals. He spoke about the gift of the Holy Ghost which is given to those who ask, and the strength which can be gained from God's grace.

It was becoming that, during an age of lax church-going, when the nation appeared to be growing less conscious of God, the ancient foundation of Normanton Grammar School should celebrate this great Christian Festival with such a dignified and reverent service.'

THE FRESTONIAN SOCIETY.

On February 27th,- the Lower Sixth had their turn at entertaining the Society, when they gave a reading of Ivor Brown's play "Down on the Farm." Those taking part were Miss W. Bell, Miss P. Rhodes, Miss P. Morgan, Miss J. Ratcliffe, Mr. W. Major, Mr. P. Couch and Mr. C. W. Nuttall.

For the next meeting on March 13th, we had another Musical Evening. A panel consisting of Miss P. Morgan, Miss P. Hartley, Mr; E. H. Cooksey and Mr. E. Proctor commented on a medley of records.

At the end of the Spring term the Society held a dance in the High School Library. Instead of opening the new term by a meeting, thirty-five members paid a visit to the Civic Theatre, Leeds to see an excellent presentation of "Wuthering Heights," a play adapted from Emily Bronte's novel by Mary Smith, a member of Leeds Art Centre Drama Group.

On May 15th, Mr. M. Bluck gave a talk on Dickens entitled, "The Inimitable Boz," in which he spoke about Dickens' skill in writing about macabre and pathetic incidents. Mr. A. V. Brookman assisted in reading extracts from Dickens.

The last ordinary meeting of the Society took place on May 16th its subject being "Art Criticism." The critics were Miss M. Bell, Miss S. Lee, Mr. M. E. Brogden and Mr. J. A. Shaw. The paintings chosen for criticism were:—

Flowers in a Copper Vase—Van Gogh.

Portrait of a Girl—W. Scott.

The Peasant Dance—Bruegel.

Brittany Girl—Gauguin.

Madonna and Child—Van Eyck.

The Cornfield—Constable.

The Society's activities this year have been quite varied though, as Science students will not hesitate to point out, the meetings have mainly inclined towards artistic subjects. Apart from the usual decline in attendance which was noticeable as the G.C.E. Exams, approached, the meetings were well supported and we hope that the present Fifth Form will patronise the Society next year, when they graduate to the Lower Sixth.

HENRY THE FIFTH.

Owing to the pressure of examinations, the Spring Term is not usually the time for a school play; but Normanton Grammar School solved this difficulty by entrusting to the Fourth Forms the performance of "Henry V." The limitation imposed by a cast of forty-six from two forms was a bold experiment, which the producers must have been happy to see so richly justified.

Many boys showed a good deal of natural talent which should be useful to the school for some years. R. N. Butcher made an excellent Pistol and A. R. Jones (Fluellen) gave an outstanding performance in a difficult part. Although there was a tendency to under-play some of the parts, this could not be said of the members of the French Court. R. Cooper (King of France), C. R. Guidici (Dauphin), B. W. Hardcastle (The Duke of Bourbon) and C. Rossall (Constable) all gave the impression that they were enjoying themselves to the full. The title-role was played in alternate performances by C. Tucker and D. Ashton. They had a tremendous number of lines to remember and at times the burden seemed to weigh them down. They began too quickly, almost diffidently, but gained confidence as they went on. Tucker's performance was perhaps the smoother, but Ashton was often effectively forceful, especially in his, "Once more unto the breach," scene. P. A. L. Routledge was suitably perky as the Boy; and the "ladies" added charm to the final scene. A. Paul attempted the dignity of a Bishop, if not of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The audience appreciated the great improvements to the stage, which is now on three levels with useful additions to the wings. The lighting effects were good, especially in the night scenes before Agincourt. Colourful costumes and excellent makeup added much to our enjoyment.

It is often taken for granted that a great deal of work is done by the Staff and back-room boys before the play can be presented. These people do not have their names in the programme, but we cannot omit them from this record. It must be remembered that most of them never had a chance to see the play except piecemeal through very imperfect rehearsals.

Producers: The Headmaster and Mr. Ormerod.
 Stage-Manager: Mr. Moreton.
 Sound-Effects: Mr. Addy.
 Electricians: Mr. White and B. Ryder.
 Publicity and Tickets: Mr. Exley and Mr. Giles.
 Make-up: Mr. & Mrs. Law.
 Wardrobe: Mrs. Carter.

Members of the Parents' Association helped to make some of the costumes, were assistants to Mrs. Law and provided refreshments.

The Play was presented on three evenings and two matinees from 21st to 23rd March, and at the end of the final performance bouquets were presented to Mrs. Law, Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Walker.

Characters in Order of their Speaking:

Chorus	J. Glaze
The Archbishop of Canterbury	A. Paul
The Bishop of Ely	R. Marks
King Henry the Fifth	D. Ashton or C. Tucker
The Duke of Exeter, uncle to the King	C. M. O'Rourke
The Earl of Westmorland	A. Maskill
The French Ambassador	J. S. Hepworth
Bardolph	K. Blakeway or D. K. Benton
Nym	A. Lee
Pistol	R. N. Butcher
The Hostess of Eastcheap Tavern	R. J. D. Smith or J. Gaughan
Boy	P. A. L. Routledge
The Duke of Bedford, brother to the King	S. Nicholson
Lord Scroop	K. Proctor
The Earl of Cambridge	C. Riley
Sir Thomas Grey	H. Mayes
Charles the Sixth, King of France	R. Cooper
Louis the Dauphin, his eldest son	C. R. Guidici
The Constable of France	C. Rossall
A Messenger	B. D. Fraser
Fluellen, a Welsh officer in King Henry's army	A. R. Jones

Gower, an English officer	T. Taylor or M. D. Price
Jamy, a Scots officer	L. H. Pyrah
MacMorris, an Irish officer	T. P. McNamara
The Governor of Harfleur	J. S. Hepworth
The Duke of Bourbon	B. W. Hardcastle
Montjoy, a French Herald	K. Abson
The Duke of Gloucester, brother to King Henry	C. Rummings
The Duke of Orleans	B. Lorriman
Rambures, a French Lord	M. Thompson
Sir Thomas Erpingham	R. Ratcliffe
Court, an English soldier	G. I. Powell
Bates, an English soldier	B. Cooper
Williams, an English soldier	C. M. Wood
Grandpre, a French Lord	M. Munton
The Earl of Salisbury	M. Munton
The Duke of York, cousin to the King	T. Davis
French soldier	P. J. Arscott
The Earl of Warwick	J. F. Sabey
An English Herald	R. B. Govan
Isabel, Queen of France	D. Brown or K. W. Parker
The Duke of Burgundy	M. Farrell
The French Princess Katherine, daughter to King Charles and Queen Isabel	J. C. Allen
Soldiers and serving men	D. Cliff, J. I. Crane
	F. H. Pugh, J. Myers, G. Tate

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Before the next magazine is published we shall have completed the first year of our existence, and probably this is a good moment to take stock of our position.

If we were talking monetarily, we could point to quite a successful year, during which we have handed over periodically to the Headmaster contributions towards the School Fund. We are happy to know that some of the money we raised financed a project whereby the former custom of prefects wearing their gowns at assembly has been revived. Other monies we have made available have been put to equally effective use for the School's well-being.

Socially, too, we may claim to have achieved worthwhile results, notably by bringing together students and parents at the cricket film show presented by Johnny Wardle, the England and Yorkshire player; and through the social evening we held at the School a little later. We realise there are numerous other avenues in this sphere we could explore.

Educationally, our programme in the last term was confined to the one fixture—a debate in which senior students took on a teacher-parent team. Here, we experienced a disappointing attendance, which was most unfortunate in view of the highly colourful contributions of both teams—and supporters.

Some of us have ambitions in this more serious aspect of School—Parent collaboration. Undoubtedly, notable speakers could be engaged to visit the School, but before approaching such people we would like to feel more assured of a representative audience of parents being there than past experience has indicated. Our principal object is the enrichment of the life of our boys. We can think of no better way of forwarding this ideal than by letting them listen, along with their parents, to well-chosen speakers.

I might add that only a few days before these notes were written, members of our Social Committee played a notable part in providing an appreciated refreshment service at Sports Day.

All in all, we feel our association has established a sturdy foundation for future progress in this initial year, though we would like to find a more active interest from those parents not actively engaged on our various committees.

G.C.

"DOWN UNDER" RIGHT HERE.

Australia came to Normanton on 20th March. The Parents' Association (founded A.D. 1955, but which is so full of wisdom and enterprise that we shall soon have to stop calling it "new") had booked Johnny Wardle to show Vic Wilson's film of the last M.C.C. tour of Australasia. (Incidentally, as we go to press, Wardle is captaining Yorkshire versus Middlesex).

We, who heard Wardle's racy introduction and commentary to the film, are not surprised to know that Yorkshire have paid him the honour of captaincy in W. H. H. Sutcliffe's temporary absence. Everyone, boys and parents, were very much taken with Wardle's bubbling personality, his wit and sparkle.

The film was in colour and proved to be amateur cine-photography at its best. We can well recommend both the film and the accompanying talk to those who have not experienced them.

ATTACK ON JAZZ DEFEATED.

On Wednesday, 9th May, a debate was held in the School Hall between representatives of the School and parents.

The motion was, "This house is of the opinion that the popularity of many so-called song-hits and much jazz-music today is a deplorable reflection on the younger generation."

Mr. D. W. Addy, in proposing the motion, said that a great many young people were wrong in their interpretation of music. He said that they accepted some music and called it jazz. They were often entirely wrong as true jazz, which originated from hymn tunes and marching tunes in South America, was a folk art. Mr. Addy then went on to say that, although many young people believed that there was rhythm in "pop-music" simply because they could tap their feet to it, they were mistaken even in this. To prove his point Mr. Addy played Bill Haley's recording of Thirteen Women, said there was no rhythm

in it but only a beat, and then gave an example of true rhythm. He concluded by saying that admiration for instrumentalists, crooners and the type of music they provide led to alcohol-addiction and other vices.

Mr. J. L. Akers, opposing the motion, pointed out that there was not much difference between present day popular music and the popular music of the time of our parents' youth; therefore why should parents condemn young people for having an interest in popular music? He added that, when young people arrive home after a hard day at work or studying at School, they require relaxation. They therefore tune in to the wireless, to popular music in preference to classical because it requires less concentration to listen to this kind of music. Mr. Akers then went on to say that, after so long, young people dismissed popular music, and began to listen to serious types of music which could either be jazz or classical music; most of them prefer jazz because it is a more vibrant form of music and all the modern exponents of jazz are alive and can be heard and seen playing, whereas many of the great classical musicians have been dead for years.

Councillor J. Beedle, in seconding the motion, said there was nothing in "popular" music, no rhythm and no sensible lyrics. An example he gave was Johnnie Ray's recording of "Cry". He went on to say that jazz was all ragtime music and played, as an example, Lu Watters' recording of "Muskrat Ramble."

Mr. T. K. Paley, the last of the four speakers, supported Mr. Akers and said that people were wrong in their assumption that jazz and alcohol went hand in hand because, contrary to popular belief, alcohol was not sold on the premises of jazz clubs nor was it sold at jazz concerts. He attempted to prove also that jazz was not all ragtime by playing an example of modern jazz by the Dave Brubeck quartet.

This concluded the main speeches and after some contributions from the floor of the House, including a very lively speech from C. M. O'Rourke (who declared that he had come specially "to crush the opposition") and a typical, vigorous and witty effort by Mrs. Major, the Head Master, as Chairman, summed up and the House divided. Amid scenes of great jubilation (as they say at Election Time), it was announced that only nineteen votes had been polled for the motion and thirty against.

MORE WORKS OF ART.

I am pleased to see that the practice begun last term of hanging new paintings in the School has been continued. I think that the works in the upper corridor have received more attention than all the other paintings in the School. Six new works have made their appearance this term, two of the six being originals. They have certainly caused controversy.

The six works are: —

Flatford Mill

The Nativity

The Ambassadors

The painter's daughters teasing a cat

Head of a Girl

Portrait of a Girl

John Constable.

Piero Della Francesca.

Hans Holbein.

Thomas Gainsborough.

Martin Troy.

W. Scott.

Explanatory sheets have been placed under the first four works describing their quality and giving a brief note on the life of the artist.

"Head of a Girl" is a sketch by Martin Troy, a sculptor. It is a typical sculptural pencil sketch. Troy could model a fairly accurate "head" from this sketch and if you look carefully you will see that it is rather like a geographical contour map. In fact all the lines are contours of the face, and the sketch is not a finished work but only a 'plan' to help the sculptor to appreciate the required effect for later work on his model. Henry Moore does many such sketches.

"Portrait of a Girl" by W. Scott is a lithograph. Lithography is the art of printing from stone.

The tablet of stone is drawn upon with a wax crayon and the tablet is then damped. It is only 'wet' on the unwaxed areas. Ink is applied fairly sparsely with a roller and 'takes' only to the wet portions of the tablet. Paper is then laid on the tablet and a print is taken. Wide ranges of colour may be used but a tablet must be made for each colour, and the prints must be laid on the successive coloured tablets precisely to avoid overlap. Lithography is not as easy an art as it appears to be because the 'wax drawing' is the reverse of the required print, as is the 'negative' in photography. Lithography was much used for posters etc., by the French artist Toulouse-Lautrec.

A new form of art has been introduced into the School Library, namely a sculpture. It is the head and shoulders of a girl in a thoughtful attitude, and is executed in "terra cotta", a natural red-brown clay. The artist concerned is K. Jonzen; the title of the work is unknown but it could well be "La Penseuse."

Thomas E. Turner.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS-COUNTRY COMPETITION.

On March 12th, a fine spring day, the School assembled at Pingle House to watch the Annual Cross-Country Runs.

On arrival at the ground, we found that the small gate at the bottom of the football field was locked and the key could not be found. Fortunately, to the rescue came Mr. Exley and Mr. Broster, who proceeded to break down the fence near the gate and make a hole large enough to allow the competitors through.

After this demonstration of strength, the races began on time and some fine running was seen. One of the notable features

this year was the complete contrast between the finishes of the Middle and Senior events. In the Middle event, K. Barnes (Frobisher) won with ease by about seventy yards, whereas in the Senior the most thrilling finish for many years was seen, the distance between J. Butterfield (Bennett), the winner, and J. L. Akers (Hanson), who was second, being only a few inches.

As one who has taken part in the cross-country races over the last seven years, I think that the most exciting part of the race from the spectator's point of view must be the last half-mile; for the runners can be seen the whole time by the School who are no doubt speculating on the winner and looking forward to an exciting finish. Although the races this year were held under dry conditions, the runners encountered much difficulty around "The Swamps." At this point the course descends an old dirt-track between low hedges with a ditch along one side. An abrupt right turn over the ditch and through a very small gap in the hedge follows. The ditch here, however, was muddy, and this obstacle coming immediately after the turn, caused unbelievable difficulty this year, owing to the precarious footholds.

Results:

JUNIOR—1st P. E. Farrow (Frobisher); 2nd B. Williams (Bennett); 3rd N. G. Pickett (Hanson). Time: 7 Mins. 10 Secs.

MIDDLE—1st K. Barnes (Frobisher); 2nd M. F. Hough (Frobisher) 3rd R. Harrop (Bennett). Time: 12 Mins. 54 Secs.

SENIOR—1st J. Butterfield (Bennett); 2nd J. L. Akers (Hanson); 3rd T. A. Hardcastle (Frobisher). Time: 17 Mins. 25 Secs.

THE FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL INTER-HOUSE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

6th June sounded safe enough when the planning was taking place in the winter, but Mr. Young and the Senior "discoboli" must have regarded the day as singularly ill-chosen, as they sought vainly for shelter against the sudden fury of the storm down in their far corner by the practice-net. Everybody else was able to crowd hastily into the marquee (the first post-war marquee!) or the pavilion, which Mr. Lucas (O.F.) and his men had painted for the occasion.

All but two events had been completed when the rains descended and for a time it seemed that the conclusion of the Sports and the final placings of the Houses would have to be deferred. But the lightning, the thunder, the hail and the rain ceased after quarter of an hour enabling us to complete the competition and Mrs. Sylvester of the School's Governing Body to present the House Trophy to J. M. Bullingham on behalf of Frobisher House and the Pentathlon Cup to M. E. Ellis (Bennett House) and J. Senior (Hanson House), the Cup to be held jointly since their points were equal. The Junior Championship went to Hanson House, the Intermediate and also the Senior to Frobisher.

J. M. Bullingham had the satisfaction of breaking the 100 yards hurdles record which had stood for forty-two years. Wherever G Denton is now, let him note that Bullingham's time was 13.8 secs. B. English (Bennett) raised his Shot record to 41ft. 2½ ins.

These were the two new Senior records, but E. M. Ellis broke three Intermediate records and J. Senior three Junior records, Ellis' time in the 220 yards being 24.6 secs, and, in the 80 yards hurdles, 10.5 secs., while Senior's 220 yards was run in 25.9 secs. and his Long Jump distance was 15ft. 11 ins. In the preliminary heats held before Sports Day Ellis also broke the 100 yards record with a time of 10.7 secs, and Senior, the 440 yards record (64.1 secs.)

Before going on to list the rest of the results we ought to thank Mrs. Walker and her staff and the ladies of the Parents' Association for their help with refreshments; to congratulate Mr. Williams on the success of his last Sports Day as P.E. Master at N.G.S.; to acknowledge the work of the groundsmen (not to mention Mr. Robinson's fatigue-parties) in making the field spruce and preparing the track; and to warn future Captains of Athletics to reserve a little wind to emulate M. E. Brogden's neat proposal of the vote of thanks to Mrs. Sylvester.

SENIOR RESULTS.

100 yards: 1. M. E. Brogden (F.); 2. J. M. Bullingham (Fro.); 3. B. Mountain (H.): 10.7 secs.

220 yards: 1. Brogden; 2. Bullingham; 3. Mountain: 23.4 secs.

440 yards: 1. Brogden; 2. T. A. Hardcastle (Fro.); 3. D. K. Benton (Fro.): 56 secs.

880 yards: 1. Hardcastle, 2. Benton; 3. R. Harris (H.); 2 mins. 17.1 secs.

100 yards hurdles: 1. Bullingham; 2. M. I. Frost (Fro.); 3. G. Woods (B.): 13.8 secs.

Relay: 1. Fro., 2. H., 3. F: 50.9 secs.

Mile: 1. J. Butterfield (B.); 2. J. L. Akers (H.); 3. H. Ellis (H.): 5 mins. 9.3 secs.

Long Jump: 1: Brogden; 2. Mountain; 3. K. Phelps (Fro.): 21 ft. 1 in.

High Jump: 1. Woods; 2. Ellis; 3. D.J. Hopwood (B.): 4ft. 11ins.

Javelin: 1. M. V. Miller (F.); 2. Bullingham; 3. E. Proctor (Fro.): 129 ft. 6 in.

Shot: 1. B. W. English (B.); 2. M. Dixon (B.); 3. Proctor: 41 ft. 2½ ins.

Discus: 1. English; 2. M. R. Wallace (H); 3. Brogden; 112 ft. 9¾ ins.

INTERMEDIATE RESULTS.

100 yards: 1. E. M. Ellis (B.); 2. K. Barnes (Fro.); 3. P. Williams (Fro.): 11.1 secs.

220 yards: 1. Ellis; 2. Barnes; 3. Williams: 24.6 secs.

440 yards: 1. D. Bradley (Fro.); 2. D. S. Atkinson (H.); 3. D. Hirst (H.): 1 min. 3.9 secs.

880 yards: 1. Barnes; 2. M. F. Hough (Fro.); 3. R. Harrap (B.):
2 min. 21.7 secs.
80 yards hurdles: 1. Ellis; 2. Atkinson; 3. M. Hill (F.): 10.5 secs.
Relay: 1. Fro., 2. Ben., 3. Han., 53.6 secs. *iy*
Cross-country: 1. Barnes; 2. Hough; 3. Harrap: 12 mins. 54 secs.
Long jump: 1. Williams; 2. Barnes; 3. Bradley: 15 ft. 6¾ ins.
High Jump: 1. Bradley; 2. R. Ratcliffe (Fro.); 3. M. Asquith (B.) and
F. Abbot (F.): 4 ft. 6½ ins.
Shot: 1. Ellis; 2. Barnes; 3. R. Walters (Fro.): 38 ft. 7 ins.
Javelin: 1. Ellis; 2. T. Abbot (B.); 3. Williams: 118 ft. 6½ ins.

JUNIOR RESULTS.

100 yards: 1. J. Senior (H.); 2. T. Shaw (B.); 3. G. Hough (Fro.):
12.0 secs.
220 yards: 1. Senior; 2. J. R. Marchant (B.); 3. N. P. Roche (F.):
25.9 secs.
440 yards: 1. N. G. Pickett (H.); 2. G. Sleight (B.); 3. D. M. Ritson
(Fro.): 70.5 secs.
Relay: 1. Hanson and Bennett (Tie.); 3. Frobisher: 58.6 secs.
Long Jump: 1. Senior; 2. Hough; 3. C. Hebden (H.): 15 ft. 11 ins.
High Jump: 1. L. R. Brannon (B.); 2. Senior; 3. Roche: 4 ft. 1 in.
Javelin: 1. Senior; 2. Hough; 3. J. Evans (B.): 95 ft. 7 ins.
Cross-country: 1. P. E. Farrow (Fro.); 2. B. Williams (B.); 3. Pickett:
7 min. 10 secs.

ATHLETICS.

We are not able to give a full report of this year's events because the season has only just got into top gear and there are several competitions still to be contested.

There are one or two outstanding features to report already. In the School sports there was a happy change in the Pentathlon Competition. For the first time in its history the trophy was not won by a Senior Athlete. E. M. Ellis, an Intermediate, and J. Senior, a Junior, tied for the trophy with twenty points each. This is pleasantly significant; for the first time in five years we have two outstanding younger athletes.

In the House competitions, there were many fine individual performances and eight records were broken, including two hurdles records, though this may have been partly owing to the advent of competition-type hurdles. The House Champion was Frobisher House—it is time they were dethroned!

On June 23rd, at Barnsley, about twelve of our boys competed in the Yorkshire Schools' Championships. The highlight of this meeting, from our point of view at least, was the success of E. M. Ellis in winning the Junior Hurdles Championships. His time of 10.6 was excellent. I was standing near the time-keeper in his first heat, and the man with the watch was so surprised that he doubted the reliability of his watch! We hope that Ellis will go forward to the English Championships at Plymouth. If he is selected he will take with him our best wishes for a happy and successful trip.

Our other success was achieved by M. E. Brogden, the Athletics Captain. He did very well to be placed third in the Senior 220 yards, but I know that he will not be satisfied with this performance as he won the event last year.

Finally our thanks must be recorded to B. Mountain, our secretary, who has helped considerably in the work of the Athletics Club.

D. H. W.

A.F.C.

At the opening of the Spring Term, the Club Captain had to stand down owing to repeated injury, and M. V. Miller was appointed Captain for the remainder of the season; J. L. Akers was appointed Vice-Captain.

The Club was honoured by Miller's being chosen to represent the Yorkshire Grammar Schools against teams representing Lancashire and Middlesex Grammar Schools.

Looking through the list of results for the season 1955-56, one would think that the 1st XI soccer had been reduced to a level well below that of previous years. A closer examination would show; that we defeated Barnsley Grammar School at home and at Barnsley —no mean feat. Years ago, in 1925 or '26, the School was granted a holiday because the 1st XI had defeated Barnsley for the first time. Few XI's have succeeded twice in one season.

At the beginning of the year it was felt that the team was too young to have a really successful season. Many of the players were from the under 15 XI of the previous year and although possessing good football ability, it was doubtful whether they would be able to compete satisfactorily against bigger opponents.

This doubt was soon dispelled but misfortune came quickly. For long spells throughout the season the team was weakened because of injuries. J. M. Bullingham, B. English, K. Phelps and G. Cooper missed many matches and M. V. Miller was also absent for a few games. Fortunately our 2nd XI was one of the strongest of recent years and we were able to give all our opponents a hard game.

Congratulations to all players for their efforts in a very difficult season and a word of praise for E. Proctor who carried out the secretarial duties in a most efficient manner.

During the term, 2nd XI colours were awarded to the following players:—

A. R. Hirst.
E. Binns,
B. L. Lumb.
M. E. Brogden.
T. E. Turner.
D. J. Hopwood.
C. Rummings
M. I. Frost.
R. D. Powis.
D. Powers.

At the end of the term, the eagerly-awaited Masters' Match **was** played. The Masters' Team was strengthened by two old boys of first class ability, J. Beddows Jnr., and D. York, a Blue and a near-Blue respectively of rival Universities.

It soon became evident that the much ridiculed Masters' team was made of sterner mettle than was previously imagined, and although School made a strong opening, they gradually wilted under the keen tackling and general vigour of the Masters' play.

However, justice must be done to School players, in saying that the 2nd XI loaned their goalkeeper to the Masters and it was mainly due to his brilliance that School failed to score in those opening minutes.

Late in the first half, a penalty was awarded to the Masters, and Mr. Williams converted.

At the opening of the second half, with down-hill play and the great advantage of youth, the chances of victory for School still seemed favourable. It was expected that a team, comprising mainly players who were nearing a stage more suited to arm-chair, pipe and slippers than the hustle and bustle of football, would feel the strain of a second half.

However, it was not the members of the Staff we saw dropping from exhaustion, but rather the members of the School XI. It must be pointed out in all fairness, however, that it was not through exhaustion that School's players fell to the ground. If at times certain members of the Masters' XI seemed wantonly robust in their play, it must be attributed to the fact that they have, in the course of their careers, been associated with a game (unmentionable in soccer circles) demanding this "kill or be killed" spirit.

Such violent attacks could not pass unpunished, and, eventually, justice caught up with the culprits. The resulting penalty was well saved by Powis and this was virtually the end of School. It only needed Mr. J. Beddows Jnr. to seal School's fate by adding the finishing touch to a clever centre by Mr. Harris.

The Masters' success was mainly due to a stalwart defence, Mr. Beddows, Mr. Exley and Mr. White being prominent.

Result:— School 0. Masters' XI 2.

1st XI FIXTURES.

SCHOOL 0 v. ST. MICHAEL'S 4	(home)	Lost
SCHOOL 4 v. BARNSELY G.S. 2	(home)	Won
(Cooper 3, Akers)		
SCHOOL 0 v. King's School, Pontefract 4	(away)	Lost
SCHOOL 4 v. OSSETT G.S. 3	(home)	Won
(Frost 3, Binns)		
SCHOOL 3 v. Sir Percy Jackson's G.S. 4	(home)	Lost
(O.G., Beavers, Frost)		
SCHOOL 2 v. CASTLEFORD G.S. 3	(away)	Lost
(Frost 2)		

2nd XI FIXTURES.

SCHOOL 1 v. ST. MICHAEL'S G.S. 5 (Butterfield)	(away)	Lost
SCHOOL 4 v. LEEDS C. HIGH SCHOOL 4 (Lumb D, Hopwood, Butterfield, Beavers)	(away)	Drawn
SCHOOL 1 v. BARNSELY G.S. 12 (Hopwood)	(away)	Lost
SCHOOL 6 v. King's School, Pontefract 7 (Turner, Cooksey, Rummings 2, Butterfield, O.G.)	(home)	Lost
SCHOOL 5 v. Normanton Parish Youth XI 4 (O.G. (2), Cooksey, Hopwood, Phelps)	(home)	Won
SCHOOL 3 v. CASTLEFORD G.S. 1 (Turner, Rummings, Butterfield)	(home)	Won

JUNIOR XI FIXTURES.

SCHOOL 4 v. ST. MICHAEL'S 1 (Bradley 2, Watson, Ellis)	(home)	Won
SCHOOL 3 v. LEEDS C. HIGH SCHOOL 5 (O.G., Barnes, Strutt)	(away)	Lost
SCHOOL 4 v. BARNSELY G.S. 5 (Barnes, Williams 3)	(home)	Lost
SCHOOL 5 v. OSSETT G.S. 1 (Williams 2, Bradley, Strutt, Barnes)	(away)	Won
SCHOOL 7 v. Sir Percy Jackson's G.S. 2 (Harrop 3, Strutt, Ellis, Watson, Nicholson)	(home)	Won
SCHOOL 4 v. CASTLEFORD G.S. 1 (Sleight 2, Watson, Barnes)	(home)	Won
SCHOOL 2 v. King's School, Pontefract 3 (Watts, Strutt)	(away)	Lost

SENIOR HOUSE MATCH RESULTS.

Bennett	3	Freeston	2
Frobisher	1	Freeston	0
Hanson	7	Bennett	0
Freeston	1	Hanson	4
Frobisher	4	Bennett	0
Frobisher	1	Hanson	1

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Hanson	3	2	0	1	12	2	5
Frobisher	3	2	0	1	6	1	5
Bennett	3	1	2	0	3	13	2
Freeston	3	0	3	0	3	8	0

JUNIOR HOUSE MATCH RESULTS.

Hanson	0	Frobisher	3
Bennett	4	Hanson	4
Frobisher	2	Freeston	1
Bennett	5	Frobisher	3
Hanson	1	Freeston	1
Freeston	3	Bennett	0

Team	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against	Points
Frobisher	3	2	1	0	8	6	2
Freeston	3	1	1	1	5	3	1½
Bennett	3	1	1	1	9	10	1½
Hanson	3	0	1	2	5	8	1

FINAL POSITIONS.

1. Frobisher 7
2. Hanson 6
3. Bennett 3½
4. Freeston 1½

CRICKET 1956.

At the time of writing, six 1st XI matches have been played and there are six weeks of the term left to run. The XI has lost 3, won 1 and drawn 2, a poor record in itself but one which hardly reflects the present great interest in the School in cricket. Most nights of the week and several afternoons, Dalefield has been the scene of numerous House, Form and Practice Matches and the improved wickets, green outfield and smart turn-out of the players, together with a much more purposeful attitude to the game, give good reason for expecting that next season and, indeed, the later matches of this season should see a higher standard of performance.

1st XL

At the outset of the season, Brookman, the captain of the XI, received his colours for 1956, and he has worked with a keen sense of responsibility to build up a useful team from the rather limited talent available. Of the 17 boys who have had a game for the XI, only six are Sixth-formers and five are young enough to qualify for an Under 15 side. These younger boys, especially Nicholson, Rummings and Barnes, are promising candidates and it is on them and the others lower down the School that our expectations of better seasons rest.

Brookman has not yet struck his best form with the bat for the School, but his grasp of the art of captaincy has strengthened considerably and he has set a fine example of enthusiasm and service to his young side. He has awarded 1st XI colours to Bullingham, an accurate stock bowler and Binns, the opening bat, who began the season with two useful innings, but has not been so prolific of late. All three have done very well considering that they have been, and are particularly at this time of writing, weighed down with examination cares.

Hayle and Proctor E. have been two of the more successful batsmen, but Beck, who came later into the side, has shown excellent concentration and has begun to score steadily. Nicholson has been the most promising all-rounder, but is closely followed by Rummings and Barnes, who have recently been given, in the 2nd XI, opportunities of increasing their confidence. Rummings, in particular, showing patience and application, has utilised these opportunities. All three of these boys are useful with the ball as well as the bat and possess similar qualities of accuracy and pace off the wicket.

West has been a sound opening bowler and Cooper G, and Cooper B. have shared the job of 1st XI wicket-keeper, Cooper G. having been injured early in the season in an unseasonable rough game Cooper B. has also made one or two helpful scores.

The Secretary, Dunham, has not allowed an unsuccessful season with the bat to damp his ardour for cricket and has been most reliable on and off the field. Frost, by excellent fielding and medium-pace bowling, has made his way into the 1st XI and Proctor K. had an outstanding analysis in the Percy Jackson's match.

2nd XI.

So far, two games have been won and two lost. One was left drawn. While there has been a willing spirit amongst the team, no one can say that the standard of performance has been high. The fielding has at times been very slack and the throwing-in was particularly poor in the Leeds C.H.S. game. Occasionally, a player has been put down to bat at number 10 or 11 and not been asked to bowl at all. He might understandably have wondered why he had been picked! Captains of all House, School and even Form sides should think more about the meaning of morale and team-management.

Apart from three good innings by Rummings, the batting has been mostly poor, the main faults being the basic ones of cross-bat, drawing away to leg and failure to watch the ball closely and get the nose over it. We hope to put all these matters right with the younger generation.

The best aspect has been the bowling where Dixon, Barnes, Proctor K., Frost, Beavers and Lumb B. L. have shown interest and promise. Dunham, when not playing for the 1st XI, and Akers have displayed good qualities of leadership as captain of the 2nd XI.

SCHOOL CRICKET IN GENERAL:

We have now changed to a full afternoon for cricket, the 1st and 2nd years being out together on Mondays, the 3rd and 4th on Thursdays and the 5th and 6th on Wednesdays. The groundsmen, Messrs. Goodall and Brook, have put a lot of work into the Dalefield wicket and outfield and we are beginning to reap the reward. Altofts Welfare C.C. have kindly lent us a good pitch in the afternoons and we gladly record our debt to them.

We are trying to persuade more schools to play us in the afternoons as Saturday morning matches, allowing 1¼ to 2 hours batting a side, are often unsatisfactory and are certainly unprogressive, if young batsmen are to be allowed to get set and not hurry their stroke. If we begin at 2 p.m., we think that stumps should not be normally drawn until 6.45, with an extra half-hour at the option of the side batting second.

Under 14 and 15 matches are being arranged and some will be played even this term.

The House matches are being played with great enthusiasm this year and close on a hundred boys are getting regular cricket in addition to their ordinary games afternoon. At the time of writing, the House matches are still limited to twenty overs a side, but, as this makes for hasty batting and means no batting at all for many boys, we hope to be able to extend the time available. Meanwhile, the services of all those masters and prefects who have stayed until 6 p.m. or 7 to umpire the House games are very much appreciated.

In particular, the 1st XI acknowledges its debt to Mr. Law, who is once again coaching the senior teams. Mr. Beddows' work for junior cricket is also very welcome; he has put in a great number of coaching and umpiring hours already this term.

1st XI RESULTS.

King's School, Pontefract 104 for 7 dec. (Bullingham 3 for 23, West 4 for 31), School 53 for 7 (Binns 20, Proctor E. 18 n.o.).

Percy Jackson's G.S., Doncaster 60 (Proctor K. 5 for 6), School 52 (Binns 35).

School 73 (Cooper B. 16, Nicholson 15, Proctor E. 15), Thornes House G.S., Wakefield 74 for 6 (West 3 for 20, Bullingham 3 for 24).

School 100 for 6 dec. (Hayle 37 n.o., Beck 20), Hemsworth G.S. 60 (Bullingham 7 for 13).

Bretton Hall 67 (Nicholson 3 for 9, West 4 for 32), School 37 for 5.

School 97 (Nicholson 31, Beck 18), Castleford G.S. 99 for 5.

2nd XI RESULTS.

School 49 (Munton 14), King's School, Pontefract 40 (Frost 4 for 11, Proctor K. 3 for 9).

School 76 for 7 dec. (Powers 19, Lumb B. L. 17, Frost 16 n.o.), Thornes House G.S. 44 for 8 (Frost 6 for 21).

School 91 (Rummings 22, Akers 21, Abson 18), Hemsworth G.S. 92 for 6.

Castleford G.S. 73 for 8 dec. (Dixon 3 for 18, Proctor K. 3 for 21), School 74 for 5 (Rummings 42 n.o.).

School 49 (Rummings 23 n.o.), Leeds Central High School 51 for 9 (Beavers 5 for 17).

HOUSE MATCHES.

SENIOR: Frobisher 73 for 9 dec, Freeston 30.

Bennett 63 for 8 dec, Hanson 56 for 9.

Freeston 50 for 3 dec, Hanson 51 for 4.

JUNIOR: Frobisher 44 for 9 dec, Hanson 45 for 4.

Bennett 65 for 7 dec, Freeston 33 for 9.

Freeston 38, Hanson 39 for 1.

Bennett 56 for 8 dec, Frobisher 58 for 8.

FEET! FEET! FEET!

The casual reader of "The Frestonian" for Spring Term 1955 might have assumed that rugby football was one of the regular games played at School. Who would blame him for his assumption? An article headed "New Shirts for old" written by "Front Row Forward" and ending with the words 'scrum' could surely refer to no other game.

Perhaps "Front Row Forward" was a seer. Perhaps His thinking was wishful; if so it was certainly powerful, for within twelve months the scrum (just 16 this time!) could be seen shoving, heeling, wheeling—and occasionally collapsing (much to the delight of critical onlookers—"What a rough game! All brawn and no brain"—but to the disgust of those below and Those Above).

The Rugby code had come, not for the first time perhaps, and not without its own birth-pangs. But the egg-shaped ball was no longer lost among its round neighbours in the gym, for our one ball became two; two became four; four became six. Furthermore a Wednesday or Thursday evening would see them all in use at Pingle House, or in the gym when days were short. A fifteen was formed which was bold enough to play some matches, and these showed some good teamwork, some sound promise and much inexperience.

The venture, once made, proved that there was a great deal to be gained. This gain lies chiefly in the future, since, from now on, a boy who is not profiting much from our main winter sport, Soccer, will be able to turn to Rugger.

There are several good players in the School already, who will be glad to help the newcomer to the game.

A. V. Brookman, this season's Captain of the newly-formed R.U.F.C., has played his last game for the School, since he will be heading for University after this Summer Term. He will, however, leave his mark on N.G.S. Rugby, having set a high standard of keenness, performance and responsibility in season 1955-56. He was frequently to be seen on grim, wintry Friday afternoons going round equally grimly to complete his "thirty" for Saturday morning. Then, on the field, he proved himself an excellent leader and his own play earned him a game for the Wakefield R.U.F.C. Schools XV in the Easter holidays.

G. M. Fryer, a much-improved forward, B. Searby, the Secretary and a useful wing-three-quarter, and T. K. Paley, at three-quarter, gave Brookman valuable support both in playing and organisation. Others, who are likely to be leaving school this summer and who have played regularly in our Saturday games, (on the Castleford R.U.F.C. ground, and we take pleasure in recording the Club's generosity to us) are T. M. Clark, a utility threequarter or full-back and C. R. Speed, a heavy forward.

Of those probably remaining for what we expect will prove an even more successful second season are J. D. Newton, a very promising hooker with an excellent style and plenty of life in the loose; J. A. Shaw, a competent and steady scrum-half, inclined, however, to be a little slow as yet; J. M. Barraclough, a talented three-quarter; M. Dixon, who is a very penetrative forward; and J. A. Lyon, a much-improved forward, who has also done well at full-back.

Of the present fourth year, J. F. Sabey at stand-off and D. K. Benton at wing three-quarter or loose forward have been outstanding, but M. Farrell, B. W. Hardcastle, J. C. Ackroyd, B. Pollitt and D. Ashton have all shown promise and enthusiasm, as has D. Wilkinson of the third year.

B. P. Ryder scored a fine "run-away" try against Hemsworth and C. W. Whale played much too good a game against us at full back, when Yorkshire Copper Works needed our reserve to complete their team opposing our 1st XV.

J. Brennan, M. R. Wallace, M.C. Clayson, D. Rose, J. T. Wilby and R. Abson have all played frequently in our Saturday practices and have been very reliable, even though some live at a considerable distance from the ground.

Occasional players from the School A.F.C., have included M. E. Brogden, G. Cooper, T. A. Hardcastle, B. Cooper and S. Nicholson. At least, two of these are addicts of Rugby League, who *condescend* to play Rugby Union.

Results of games, played after our last issue went to print, are:—

School v. Yorkshire Copper Works (away): Lost, 3—9 (Barraclough try).

School v. Hemsworth G.S. 2nd XV (home): Lost, 3—26 (Ryder, try).

IN THE PLUNGE.

The School has the use of Normanton Swimming baths from 3-30 to 5-00 p.m. every Tuesday. This is really inadequate for a school of this size and as the County, as part of its economy campaign, is unable to finance swimming during School time for boys over thirteen years of age, swimming activities have to be very much restricted.

Nevertheless, a group of first year boys is learning to swim under the eye of Mr. Williams and another group is training for Royal Life-Saving Society examinations with Mr. White.

A pleasing feature this year is the number of boys who wish to take the Instructor's Certificate. Unfortunately as each must have a group of at least four Bronze Medallion candidates, it has been necessary to limit the number of instructors to three. There will be trials later to find House representatives for the Annual Swimming Sports on July 23rd.

Each Tuesday at 3-15, the swimmers joyfully say goodbye to their fellows who have to remain in School for the last period, and make their way to the Baths. From disappearing into a cabin to appearing ready for the plunge takes about fifteen seconds. These same quicksilver personalities are hardly recognisable as the lethargic creatures who take up to three-quarters of an hour to complete the reverse process at home time.

It may be thought that the object of a visit to the Baths is to have a swim! For many boys this is not so, all they ask is to be allowed to stand in the showers for the whole period letting the steaming water pour on their naked bodies, their ecstatic faces indicating that here is the schoolboy's heaven. However the heartless slave-drivers in charge will not allow this and with regret they leave the warmth to plunge, or step cautiously, into the icy pool. The time passes quickly, with beginners' exercises at one end of the Baths and release-and rescue-drill at the other.

At four o'clock the older boys appear, to train for the Bronze Cross and Award of Merit examinations. Later in the term they will swim, wearing shirts, trousers and other items. It is quite an experience to dive in the water in ordinary clothes, first of all to feel them buoyant with the trapped air and then gradually to feel the water soaking through, till they cling to the body in clammy folds.

The afternoon ends with a free-for-all with the water-polo ball.

H. W.

GYM COMPETITION.

The gymnastic competition this year was honoured by the presence of Mr. D. D. Wollerton, a West Riding P.E. adviser, who acted as adjudicator and presented the prizes. The competition which has been held in the summer term in the past, was this year held in the spring term. In the hope that we might still have some good weather, the competition was held as near the end of term as possible, but we were out of luck. After a sunny morning, the clouds gathered and soon menacing rumbles of thunder were heard. After hurried consultation, the whole school was packed into the hall, and the competition began. Dozens of boys crowded into their places leaving the 5th form, who had arranged, or rather thrown around, the chairs into some semblance of order, to squeeze in where they could.

While the exciting competition was in progress, the rain continued to beat on the windows, and the thunder rumbled, but inside the hall, all was quiet, save for the sound of the springboard, or the occasional grunt of exertion from the competitor. Soon the competition was reaching the climax. A few points separated the first four contestants, and only the speciality events were left. When these were over the results were announced. A tremendous burst of applause greeted the fact that Cooper of Frobisher was first. Beavers of Freeston, Jones of Bennett, and Mountain of Hanson filled the other places. Hanson won the House Competition.

OLD FRESTONIANS' ASSOCIATION.

"For we were nursed upon the self same hill"

G. Welsby (1944), who is at present serving with the R.A.F. at Wildenrath, in Germany, has recently been successful in an examination which entitles him to promotion to a Senior Technician. On the strength of his new promotion, he has forwarded the subscription for membership of the O.F.A. This is an example which, we suggest, ought to be followed by all former members of the School.

Several boys, who have left School recently, are at present doing their National Service. D. Miles (1953) is a Corporal in the K.O.Y.L.I. at Strensall, Yorkshire. He is a professional footballer, formerly with Bradford, and now with Southport.

J. Ellis (1954) is A/Cpl. in the R.A.F. Police at R.A.F. Bovingham. When demobilised in August 1956, he will proceed to Trinity, College, Carmarthen, for a two-year course. He then proposes to take a 3rd year, specialising as a Physical Education master. Whilst at School, he kept goal for Yorkshire Grammar Schools in seasons 1952-3 and 1953-4. He has been abroad to play soccer for R.A.F. Bovingham against a combined XI in Paris. W. T. Smith (1954) is at present a Radar Operator (Senior Aircraftsman) stationed at R.A.F. North Luffenham, Rutland. He is also going to Carmarthen, in September 1956. During his service he has been to Germany.

F. S. Walker (1953) is a Shipwright Artificer Apprentice, stationed at Rosyth. He recently broke his ankle playing Rugby in the Navy.

J. S. Walker (1953), his twin brother, on leaving School, joined the Education branch at the County Hall, Wakefield as a clerk. He is now with R.A.F. Geilenkirchen, near Dusseldorf.

C. P. Salisbury (1954) has been accepted for training at the Pool of London as an Assistant Preventive Officer in H.M. Customs and Excise.

M. Reynolds (1955) who since leaving School has been with Sidney Husbands, Electricians, of Pontefract, is now hoping to become an apprentice electrician with the Coal Board. He is playing right wing three-quarter with Featherstone Rovers' second team.

A. J. Allen (1954) is with Sidney Raines Ltd., Heating Engineers of Wakefield. His younger brother, A. G. Allen (1954), is at Whitwood Colliery.

R. Wilby (1949) is working in the Treasurer's Department of the W.R.C.C. He is hoping to transfer from Local Government to Banking. Whilst doing his National Service with the R.A.F., he served in Egypt and Cyprus.

J. Wilby (1942) is a Cost Accountant at Armstrong Siddely's works in Coventry. He used to play soccer with Yorkshire Amateurs and had a trial for Hull City.

H. Chapman (1924) is a charge-hand electrician for the Yorkshire Electricity Board in the Castleford district. He played for 10 seasons as a centre (or wing) three-quarter with Castleford R.L. Club 1st team.

E. Chapman (1930), his younger brother, is teaching Mathematics at Braintree High School, Essex. He was sports champion of the School, in 1928, 1929 and 1930. Winning a County Major Scholarship, he went to Durham University. During an Inter-University Sports at Stamford Bridge, he ran the hundred yards in 9.9 seconds.

A. G. Senior, M.Sc., A.M.I.C.E. (1945) spent two years with I.C.I. at Wilton. He then worked for three years with Oscar Faber and Partners of St. Albans. He is now with W. S. Atkins of London. Mr. Senior married Miss Sheila M. Lockyer of Altofts. He is a consultant civil engineer.

J. Atack (1950) visited the School recently. After two years at Chester Training College, he is now on the staff of the Stanley Modern School.

D. Nolan (1956) is now a Junior Clerk in the Goods Depot of British Railways at Dewsbury.

We offer our deepest sympathy to Mr. J. J. Smith (1923), Mr. K. S. Brooke (1933) and Mr. J. McNally (1928) on the sad loss of their wives in a disastrous motor-car accident at North Featherstone Cross Roads on 14th April, 1956.

J. W. Brown (1927), after leaving School, worked with the Whitwood Chemical Co. Ltd., and then at the I.C.I. Billingham. Later he worked at the Ministry of Aircraft Production on the Development of Pyrotechnic Weapons. He is at present London Divisional Engineer to the Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd. His present address is: 22, Reynolds Road, New Malden, Surrey.

J. Birkby (1953) recently began his National Service in the Army, where he is training to be a Gunner/Signaller. After leaving School he spent nearly three years on a farm at Dorsington, near Stratford-on-Avon. When he leaves the army he plans to go to an agricultural college.

We are very pleased to print in this issue an interesting message from Mr. S. H. Thomas, who entered the School in 1897 and left in 1903. Mr. Thomas was for a quarter of a century second master at the Grammar School, Melton Mowbray, where he now lives in retirement.

30, Craven Street,
Melton Mowbray.
8th June, 1956.

Dear Mr. Headmaster,

You ask me for a message to "The Frestonian". Here it is.

At the end of one summer term at the School which I entered in 1897 at the age of 10, our head, Mr. C. W. Atkinson, who was loved and respected by us all, set us a prize essay for the holidays on the theme, "To thine own self be true for it shall follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." I am sorry to say that I could not make head or tail of it at all, and in addition, having a schoolboy's natural resentment to doing work in holidays I did not send in an essay. Neither did any other boy, but one.

Although I did not understand it, yet I believe I have conformed to its philosophy during my 70 years on this earth, and have found it a very good and satisfying guide to a happy life.

I also remember pinning under my desk a Latin tag which appealed to me, "Quicquid agis, age pro viribus." I did a lot of things, but cannot say that I did them with all my might, as I was a lazy boy at School.

In December 1902, I managed to pass the London Matriculation Examination, and as I was staying on until July, the Head asked me whether I wanted to take it easy or do some more advanced work, while I looked out for a job in a bank. I agreed to the latter course and he suggested that I should sit for the County Major Scholarship, at the same time informing me that he didn't think I had a chance, but that he wanted to see how his school compared with the other schools in the West Riding. To his surprise and mine also, I was awarded a Free Studentship to the Yorkshire College at Leeds, which afterwards became the Leeds University.

As the Victoria University was on the point of splitting up, I decided to take a London Degree in Science with a view to becoming a Science Master, on the advice of Mr. C. E. Brittain, who was not yet Headmaster. I got my degree in December 1905 and stayed on to obtain a Diploma in Education of Leeds University.

In September I was appointed assistant master at the Morley Secondary School where I stayed until 1911, when I was informed that I had reached my maximum salary of £130 a year. (Present teachers, please note).

I left Morley to go to Melton Mowbray, a lovely but quiet town in Leicestershire.

My first impression was that I would not stay there very long as it seemed too slow for me. But the Leicestershire clay got firmly stuck to my boots and I have been there ever since, having been Second Master for about 25 years.

I spent some time as a Meteorological Officer, R.N.V.R. stationed at Calshot, Hampshire, and enjoyed my respite from teaching very much.

At the age of 60, I retired from school in July, 1947, and have had nine years of glorious retirement, in spite of my very inadequate pension.

My hobbies, in order of merit, are playing dominoes, reading thrillers and doing a minimum amount of work in the garden.

I have always been a lover of sport, and I am a keen upholder of Yorkshire, in this Midland County, and can speak the broad dialect as well as when I was at Normanton. I was captain of the football team and vice-captain of the cricket team at school and played Soccer and Rugger for Leeds University Second Eleven and Fifteen.

I never excelled at anything, but performed more than well and enjoyed a multitude of activities, and if I could give a last word of advice to young people it would be: "Don't get tied up and lopsided about one subject but enjoy a wide and varied number of activities and recreations."

In conclusion I would like to wish Normanton Grammar School all the success it has enjoyed in the past and send my thanks to the School for all it did for me and would have liked to have made me.

We are also pleased to print extracts from a letter from Mr. C. S. Earle (1906) of 53, Oakington Avenue, Wembley Park, Middlesex. Mr. Earle was appointed to the important post of Controller, Telecommunications, London Region in 1951.

After reading the last issue of "The Frestonian", Mr. Earle decided that his family's record beat that of the Muntons described in that issue.

Mr. Earle is one of four brothers who were at N.G.S. F.M. (1907) who died three years ago was a distinguished headmaster and educational author; A. Earle (1912) recently retired from Batley branch of Martin's Bank, and N. Earle (1913) is Chief Engineer to Firths, Carpet Manufacturers. There were also three sisters, two of whom were at N.H.S. One is now Second Mistress at Carlisle Girls' High School and the other first lectured in Pharmacy and is now married to a chemist in Scotland.

We still invite other families to write in about other family records connected with the School.

Extracts from Mr. Earle's interesting letter follow:—

"The break-up of the London Branch of the O.F.A. is to be regretted. During its short existence I met many of the boys I knew and played with in my years at N.G.S. and it was entertaining to be

reminded of the Atkinson, Brittain days when Headmasters believed that to spare the rod was to spoil the child. Frank Bickerdike, Syd. Thomas, Wilfred Dawes and Fred Fossey and I were all of the 1900-1906 era and all seemed to have prospered in different walks of life. Opportunities to get a good start off in those days seemed to be few and far between. Nevertheless, whether one finished his school years at the top or bottom of the form one seemed to find a post which after years of striving led to a worthwhile job.

In London, I fear, distances, family commitments, coupled with business ties make it difficult for the older members of the Old Frestonians to get together frequently enough to keep the Association alive and it really needs an energetic young man to do so. Wilfred Dawes' idea was really to help the younger men new to London through the Old Frestonians in good Managerial and Executive posts, an idea which could develop once it really got on a practical footing."

MIDDLE-AGED SPREAD.

I must be pardoned if I accidentally omit to mention some of the distinguished diners at the O.F.A. Dinner this year. It was a distinguished gathering and this article would be longer than the Editor would print if I made mention of all the distinguished people who were present. Also the more festive an occasion, the less one feels like settling down in the morning to a piece of brisk and comprehensive reporting.

First of all, we were delighted to welcome as principal guest, Mr. R. L. Freston of Whalley Bridge, near Stockport, a descendant of John Freston of Altofts, our Founder. Secondly, there were (for the first time) two prefects present representing the School, M. E. Brogden and J. M. Bullingham, the latter of whom made an excellent speech in response to the toast to "The School and Governors," proposed by Mr. H. Coule. Speculating on the reason why representative boys had not previously been invited to the Old Boys' Dinner, Bullingham suggested that it was probably due to fear that the boys would become discontented, when they heard what a magnificent spread was provided for the Old Boys compared with their own 57 Varieties of Sog!

The Chairman of Governors entertained everyone with a vintage speech of sparkling wit, while the Head made his maiden appearance at this function. Mr. J. Freeston (epitomising in his surname the vagaries of spelling and pronunciation of English surnames) proposed the toast to Mr. R. L. Freston, while Mr. W. Batty moved the health of the President and the Association, to which Mr. J. Bird responded.

The congratulations of all the diners were accorded to Mrs. Walker and her staff for a splendid meal.

All the speeches had their interest but we are particularly pleased to be able to print below that of the principal guest.

**MR. R. L. FRESTON at the
O.F.A. DINNER, 1956.**

Actually I must explain that I am not a direct descendant as the John Freston in question had no children, but he left the residue of his estate to his cousin, Richard Freston, of Mendham in Norfolk who died in 1616. My family is descended from this Richard and I am in fact named after him.

I am very glad indeed to have this opportunity to visit Normanton and the Grammar School John Freston founded. I believe that the traditions and links with the past are one of the great assets of a school of this nature and I think that at this present time when scientific developments seem at times to be racing ahead of Man's ability to control his own discoveries, there is perhaps a greater need to pause occasionally and look back and to draw strength and encouragement from the past.

The School at Normanton founded in the first Elizabeth's reign has a memorable record of achievement and I think it may be fair to claim that much of the inspiration which led to this success will have been drawn from old traditions.

A gathering such as this is a sure sign of a good and successful school; I do not think a progressive and active Old Boys' Association can exist if the School behind it is not doing well. It is gratifying to find the Old Frestonian Association so flourishing and I am grateful to you for inviting me to be your Guest to-night. I appreciate greatly the honour shown to the family name and I am delighted to meet so many Old Frestonians. I have to admit also that your invitation to this gathering has led me to look up old family records which one is inclined to forget. The Headmaster has also sent me some copies of recent issues of "The Frestonian" from which I learn that there is a school prize given in memory of my Grandfather, T. W. Freston, a link with the School I did not know about before.

I think it maybe of interest to tell you what little I know about your Founder. The family takes its name from the village of Freston in Suffolk, which lies on the banks of the River Orwell, 31 miles south of Ipswich. The Hall, Manor and Advowson of the Church at Freston were originally vested in the family, who take their name from the place.

Philip de Freston was admitted a Free Burgess of Ipswich at the time of Henry III and Alan de Freston is mentioned as being Archdeacon of Norfolk in 1257. Near the village of Freston there is a red-brick tower known as Freston Tower and there is a legend that it was built by a Lord de Freston as a place of study and recreation for his daughter Ellen. Every room was dedicated to a different occupation which claimed its separate hour for work; thus, the Lower Room was devoted to Charity in the reception and relief of the poor. The second to Tapestry Work. The third to Music. The fourth to Painting. The fifth to Literature and the sixth to Astronomy, the instruments necessary to which study were fixed upon the turret. It is

a nice idea that so early a member of the family was keenly interested in education, but I believe there is no foundation for this legend.

I know that a branch of the Suffolk family moved into Yorkshire and settled at Altofts in the reign of Edward III. John was descended from this branch and there are records showing that his great-great-grandfather in 1479 married Agnes, the daughter and heir of George Frankyes of Warmfield and this, no doubt, led to an addition of property in the Warmfield area. John Freston was also related to Sir Martin Frobisher, the great Elizabethan sailor and navigator, and I believe one of the houses in the School is named after him.

John himself was a Barrister-at-Law of Grays Inn and married Margery Shepherd; he died without issue in 1594. He was evidently a man of considerable property and advanced ideas and he left a lengthy will of which copies are in existence and which many of you have seen in the School records.

Prior to his death he had completed an Alms House at Kirkthorpe and founded Exhibitions to University College, Oxford and Emmanuel College, Cambridge. I understand that an old boy of the School, John Beddows, is at present at Emmanuel.

In his will he left a sum of 200 marks with which his Executors were to purchase and procure a ground in Normanton and there erect, edify and build a convenient House for a Free Grammar School there to be kept for ever, with all other convenient rooms and mansions for the necessary housing and habitation of a School Master and if needs be an Usher.

The School was to be for 30 poor scholars whose parents resided in the Parishes of Normanton and Warmfield.

He also left sums to benefit neighbouring Towns such as Pontefract and Wakefield. He even bestowed the sum of £30 towards the paving, repairing and mending of highways in and at Normanton, Altofts, Kirkthorpe and Warmfield.

He was evidently a man who liked to think of every detail and his will is full of amusing items, as, for example, he asked that a cloak, coat or gown should be given to many of his friends, each specified by name, to be made in a style and cloth suitable to the wearer's status.

Another interesting point was that under the terms of the will the tenants of Altofts Hall were required to find each year a wain load of coals for the Old People in the Alms House which he had founded at Kirkthorpe. I was interested to find, when I went to see the Old House today, that the present tenant had continued this practice right up to a few years ago when the Alms House ceased to be used.

He also laid down exact provision for the appointment of Executors and in addition he asked the Earl of Shrewsbury and Lord Buckhurst to act as Overseers to see that his will was faithfully administered. He was evidently not prepared to take any chances and instructed that all the accounts in connection with his estates should be

should be written up in two books; one was to remain with his Executors and the other to be kept in a chest locked in the Parish Church of Normanton, which chest was to have three keys, one to be in the hands of Richard Freston, his principal heir, another with his Executors and the third with the School Master of the Grammar School.

There is much more detail than I have time to relate now but I think I have told you enough to show you that your Founder was undoubtedly a man worthy of his age, a man we might all be proud to emulate.

May I end by expressing the hope that future scholars from Normanton Grammar School may attain a measure of individual achievement comparable to that of their founder.

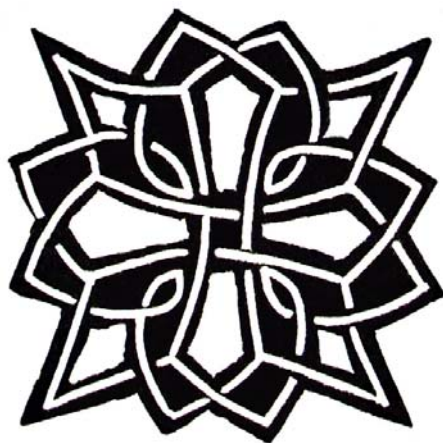
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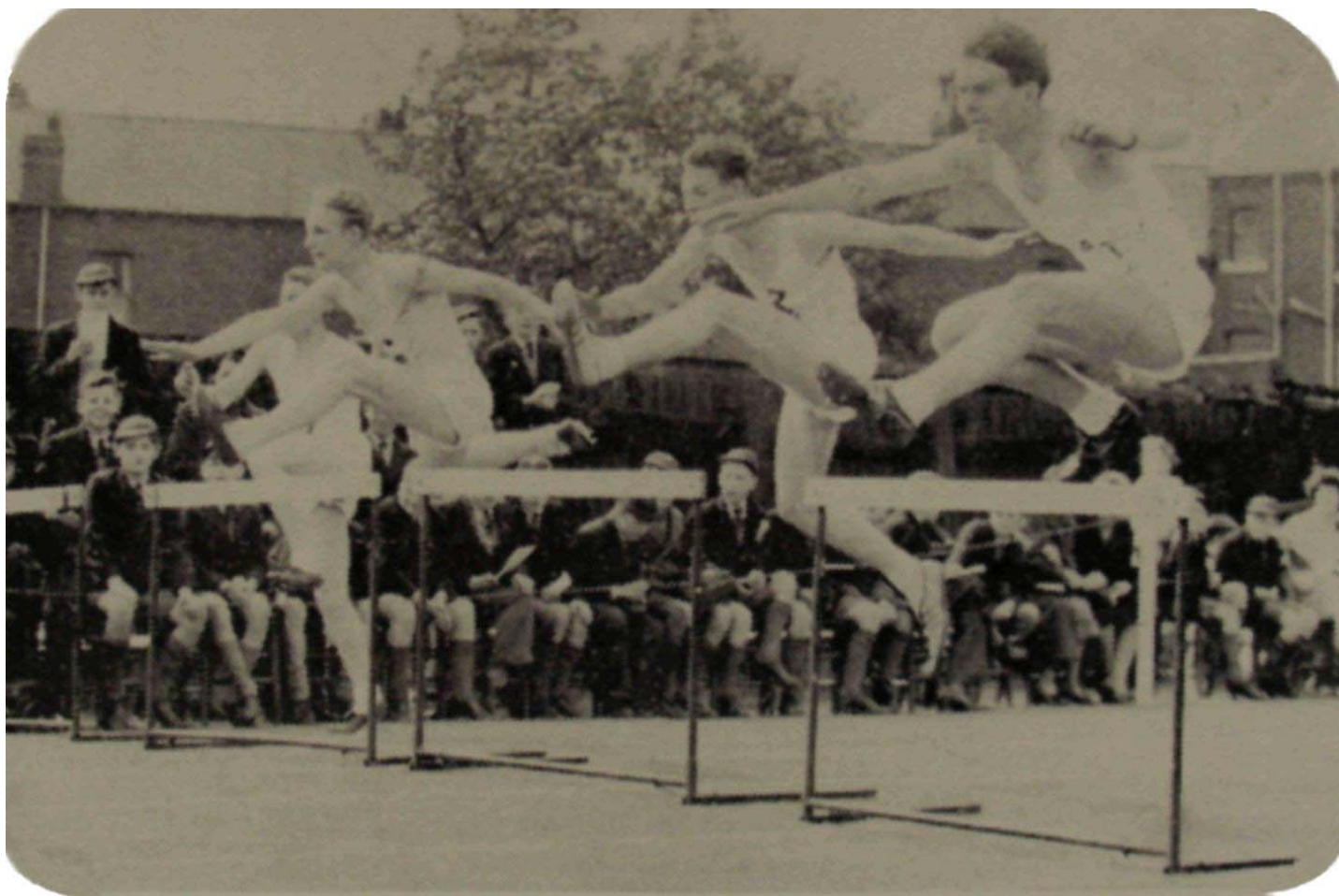
The Committee was formed to decide the nature of the memorial to the late Head Master. The members' first meeting was in July 1955 and Staff and Old Boys were present in almost equal numbers.

So far, the Committee has presented to the School an inscribed photograph of Mr. Holden. (It has also arranged for the photographs of Mr. Brittain and Mr. Atkinson to be inscribed.).

The J. A. Holden Memorial Prize for excellence in the Advanced G.C.E. examinations has been endowed.

There have also been several suggestions under discussion as to the nature of the main memorial. The Decision has been postponed until plans for the building additions proposed in 1957-8 are more advanced, as it is possible that a Memorial Garden could be laid out in the grounds.





THE SENIOR HURDLES AT SPORTS DAY, 1956.

Left to right—B. Mountain, M. Frost, C. Woods and J. M. Bullingham who won the event in the record time of 13.8 secs.

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