

The
Frestonian



Volume LIV, Part 1. Spring Term, 1958

Distinctive Clothing for your son

Boys' Suits — Sports Coats — Shirts
Youths' Suits—Sports Trousers—Underwear
Raincoats — Swimwear — Gymwear — Socks
Blazers — Flannels

AT YOUNG'S

The Boys' and Youths' Clothing Specialists for over 80 years
MARKET PLACE, NORMANTON Tel. 2169

E. LUCAS (O.F.)

Decorator

MARKET ARCADE, NORMANTON

:: Signwriting and Graining ::
Plastic Decorations

Telephone 3235

Estimates Free

PRINTED BY
WAKEFIELD EXPRESS SERIES LTD.

4/6 Little Westgate and 34 Southgate

WAKEFIELD

TEL. 8164-4

The Frestonian

VOL. LIV, PART 1

SPRING TERM, 1958

	Page
Editorial	1
Salvete	2
Valete	2
Mr. D. W. Addy	2
De Omnibus.....	3
Old Frestonians' Association	4
The Parents' Association	6
The School Concert	6
Society Jottings	8
The S.C.M. Conference	9
Dona Mobis Pacem	10
A Stripling is Shocked	10
What's Become of my Form Mates?	11
What's Become of Me?.....	12
An Autobiography	13
My Dilemma	14
The Way I'd Run a School	15
A.F.C.	15
R.U.F.C.	19
Three Years in The First Fifteen	22
Gym Competition	23
The Cross-Country	23

EDITORIAL

Editor: K. Holroyd

News: J. Glaze

Sport: C. W. Whale

Sub-Editor: G. B. Milner

It has often been diverting to watch the antics of a hungry mouse which has sallied forth into the open classroom in search of food. The little creature makes for the waste-paper basket. He manoeuvres carefully, nimbly scales the basket sides and vanishes over the top, only to reappear shortly with a piece of bread, a valuable prize, which has been left there, by accident or design, by some two-legged inmate of the room. Sometimes a bright mouse, an inquisitive one, will venture from the shelter afforded by a radiator to listen attentively to whatever lesson happens to be in progress. He amuses the boys and distracts the master, but the culprit is probably unconscious of the disturbance he will cause if he stays there long. Or is he deliberately out for adventure, for a frolic? Who can tell?

Mid-term saw a change in officialdom's attitude to the colony of mice which has multiplied rapidly during the past few weeks. War was declared. The mice must be totally annihilated.

A Pied Piper would have been the perfect solution to the School's problems, but, since no such talented gentleman stepped forward to offer his services, and, since it is said that "all is fair in love and war," it was decided that the war must be waged with the most deadly weapon in our possession—the mouse-trap.

Before this decision was reached all sorts of horrifying rumours spread round the School. At one time it was feared that a member of the Sixth would be appointed as a sort of game-keeper. Fortunately this rumour proved to be unfounded.

Meanwhile the war goes on. The traps have been very effective so far, although the anti-mouse intelligence corps tells us that a violent new counter-offensive is at this very moment being devised at enemy Headquarters.

Pessimists say that if the present emergency measures, designed to restrict the enemy's food supply, are maintained, the mice will be driven to seek human prey in the Junior form rooms. The School is faced with a crisis unprecedented in its long history.

So far victory has been on our side. The number of mice is rapidly dwindling. The Prefects' tiny friend was one of the first victims of the present campaign. The spot on which he met his untimely, lonely but heroic death has been carefully marked for the notice of posterity. We understand that a large section of public opinion sympathises with the enemy. At any rate those who frequent the Prefects' Room agree that the place will never seem the same again now that its four-footed occupant is gone.

SALVETE

The following boys entered the School in the Spring Term:—

H. Barraclough	J. Ganley	P. Moore
L. D. Britton	M. Garbett	M. Netherwood
J. Campbell	B. Greatorex	D. B. Oxley
T. Dews	L. Hill	P. Pickard
M. Dobbs	B. Jowett	L. Sykes
D. W. Firth	A. Jukes	A. Symonds
		M. Thomas

VALETE

The following boys left at Christmas

J. D. Burke	K. Jenkins	G. Tate
S. D. Crosland	B. L. Lumb	M. Thompson
A. Green	B. Oldroyd	F. Wilson
C. J. Grimley	R. Standeven	C. M. Wood
B. W. Hardcastle	J. E. Swain	

MR. D. W. ADDY

Mr. Addy, Music Master since January, 1948, when he joined the School after nearly four years' service in the R.A.F., has been appointed Music Master at Westfield Comprehensive School, North Derbyshire.

Educated at Royds Hall Grammar School, Huddersfield, and St. John's College, York, Mr. Addy has been responsible for the music at this School for the past ten years. He has also been Secretary of the West Riding Grammar Schools' Choir. He was also partly responsible for the formation of the Frestonian Society.

The School thanks Mr. Addy for his services to our music and wishes him success in his new post.

DE OMNIBUS

We wish to congratulate E. Binns and H. Clarke on their appointment as School Prefects.

On 4th December, 1957, the Yorkshire and England cricketer, Mr. Johnny Wardle, by invitation of the Parents' Association, showed his film of the M.C.C. 1956-7 winter tour of South Africa to an audience of parents and boys in the Alexandra Hall. Mr. Wardle supplied a commentary to the film, well in keeping with his high reputation as a humorist. Afterwards he answered questions on cricketing topics, put to him by members of the audience. The film was introduced by Mr. Pyrah, and L. Dunn expressed appreciation on behalf of the Parents' Association and the School.

Several members of the Sixth form helped local post offices to handle the Christmas mail at the end of last term.

We wish to congratulate R. Dainton on winning an R.S.P.C.A. award for kindness and on being presented with a book, "The Best of Ernest Thompson Seton," which bears the following inscription:—

"R. Dainton for his courage and humanity in assisting in the rescue of a dog from a ledge in the railway cutting, Goose Hill Junction, Normanton, on November 1st, 1957."

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of magazines from Batley Grammar School, Castleford Grammar School, King James's Grammar School, Knaresborough, Leeds Central High School, King's School, Pontefract, and Rishworth School.

The School's Annual Christmas Service of Nine Lessons and Carols was held in Normanton Parish Church on 19th December, 1957. The lessons were read by G. A. Pawson, M. A. Morley, J. Sharpe, R. H. Thompson, M. Ross, W. H. A. Major, the Headmaster, Rev. J. McLoughlin, and Rev. C. A. O. Warman, who also conducted the service. During the service a collection was taken for the Church's Building Repair Fund. The total of £2,000 has now been collected, and representatives of the School attended a Thanksgiving Service earlier this term.

On 12th February, 1958, Mr. Toyne, a leading executive in the Huddersfield branch of I.C.I., addressed the Sixth form and VA on the subject of careers in Chemical Engineering. Mr. Toyne's talk contained much valuable information for science students, and several of our third year VIth formers were reluctant to part with him at all—the question period being continued over tea in the canteen.

Hidden talent lies within our midst! Works of abstract art have appeared in the School. The budding Henry Moores, G. K. Reynolds and M. C. Clayson have put their much-maligned pieces of clay on show to the public, and have been rewarded by gasps of admiration from connoisseurs, and by surreptitious giggles from those who do not appreciate the true value of such artistic expression.

The School is very glad indeed to welcome back Mr. Parker, Head of the Geography Department, after his illness, which entailed an operation and an absence of nearly three months. We wish him the best of health for the future. We thank Mr. W. J. V. Sandercock, his temporary successor, for his welcome services. Mr. Sandercock recently brought his family home from New Zealand and we trust that he will have every happiness in his new post at Chard, Somerset.

Mr. J. H. Young is in hospital, recovering from an operation, as we go to press, and we offer him our best wishes for a speedy and full restoration to health.

J. A. Shaw obtained an Open Exhibition in Mathematics and Natural Science at Keble College, Oxford, and N. H. Lee an Open Exhibition in the same subjects at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in the December 1957 Open Scholarship Examinations. Congratulations! Both propose to read Honours Mathematics, beginning in October, 1958. Lee already held a State Scholarship and Shaw now qualifies for one.

OLD FRESTONIANS' ASSOCIATION

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

Officers for 1958-9 are:—

President: H. White (1937).

Vice-President: J. H. Short (1942).

Chairman: Election pending.

Treasurer: G. W. Fieldhouse (1939), 6, Newland View, Altofts.

Hon. Secretary: J. Bird (1936), Newfield Farm, Normanton.

Hon. Secretary, A.F.C.: J. Richardson (1939), 24, The Grove, Normanton.

The Annual General Meeting of the O.F.A. was held at The Black Swan, Normanton, on Saturday, 15th March. About 25 members were present and a vigorous discussion took place on the reports presented. That of the football

club, financially satisfactory, athletically not so satisfactory, called forth much comment. Any Old Boy reading these notes who has a field to offer for the football club, please write to Mr. Richardson straight away!

Prior to the A.G.M., a Special General Meeting declared itself in favour of the School's having its own grant of arms from the College of Heralds and appointed the President (H. White), W. Frost (1918), R. Hunt (1936), the Secretary (J. Bird) and A. Metcalfe (1944) to discuss the matter with the Governors of the School and to report back to a Special General Meeting.

The Annual Reunion and Dinner will be held at School on Saturday, 29th March, and Squadron-Leader E. H. Burgess, D.F.C., M.B.E. (1940) will be guest of honour. His contemporary at School, Dr. Amos Griffiths, now of Derby, will move the toast to Squadron-Leader Burgess.

The Golf Tournament for the Holden Trophy has been fixed for the 2nd July at Pontefract Golf Club.

The Invitation Dance on 13th December, 1957, in the School Hall, proved a very great success, the number of dancers considerably exceeding that of former years. This dance is now firmly fixed as the highlight of the Association's year, and we have been particularly fortunate in having the School Hall, which forms such a delightful setting for the evening's entertainment. Let us hope that the New Hall, soon to be built out towards the present School playground, will be an even more fitting home for the Annual Invitation Dance.

The Social on 1st February was not such a success as the October one, but the Committee refuses to be discouraged. Do give us your support.

J. Musgrave (1934) has been appointed Headmaster of Charlston Primary School in succession to E. Butterfield who died recently. Mr. Musgrave's appointment maintained the number of local, or reasonably local, Old Frestonian Headmasters, who already included S. Tomlinson (Woodhouse), S. Barnett (Dodsworth), N. Hopwood (Martin Frobisher), E. Teasdale (Normanton Common), W. White (Normanton Church School), W. D. Cartwright (Temple Street, Castleford), J. Dunn (Snydale), D. S. R. Gordon (South Kirkby) and E. Teasdale (Crigglestone).

T. Hatherton (1942) was the scientist in charge at Scott Base and is now back in New Zealand.

F. Harris (1924), formerly Chief Draughtsman, Bradley and Craven, Wakefield, is now in Johannesburg.

H. F. Hardwick (1925) has served 28 years on the staff of Woodhouse School and is at present Senior Master. He is Secretary of the Parochial Church Council.

P. White (1939) has been appointed P.E. and Games Master at Normanton Modern School. A former member of Wakefield R.U.F.C., he now trains the Colts' XV of Castleford R.U.F.C.

J. Bird (1936), who has succeeded W. Smith (1934), as O.F.A. Secretary, previously held this office from 1950 to 1954. He is a Solicitor in Barnsley and holds the LL.B. degree of Leeds University. He was Conservative Candidate for Normanton in the 1955 Parliamentary election.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

As late contributors, we are able to mention the visit to the School on the 18th March, at our invitation, of Mr. H. Hogan, West Riding County Council Further Education Officer. To our intense satisfaction, the School Hall was crowded with parents to hear Mr. Hogan speak on "The paths from secondary to further education." He pinpointed the opportunities that exist for post-grammar school studentship in what he had come to accept as the end of the second industrial revolution.

There was a tremendous amount of vital information on scholarships, grants, and courses in Mr. Hogan's talk, which was delivered in an attractive manner.

This was easily the best-attended of the talks we have arranged, and it would appear that our appeal in the last issue for better support is beginning to bear fruit.

Our social activity in these opening three months of the year has been confined to a New Year Party, at which over a hundred guests enjoyed themselves.

Royston Branch. — Activities during the past year have included an address by Dr. Percival entitled "Miscellaneous Mischief," a social evening, and a mystery tour, besides several whist drives and a Christmas Party. The main attraction at the party was Mr. H. Hough, the Barnsley F.C. goalkeeper, who showed some very interesting films on sport.

The Parents' Association has continued to make contributions to the School Fund.

THE SCHOOL CONCERT

Following the success of last year's presentation, the School gave a Christmas concert on the evenings of the 17th and 18th December, 1957. The concert helped to

put on view a wealth of undiscovered talent, in addition to re-introducing old stalwarts of our stage to the public gaze, and proved very successful.

Included in the programme were two plays with widely differing themes. "The Road to Damascus" by Margaret Wood gave the audience a glimpse of the character of Saul of Tarsus a few hours before his conversion. This play was very well presented, R. Cooper giving a powerful performance as the cynical and frustrated rabbi. There could have been hardly anything more unlike this than the second play, in which the only connection with religion was through the person of a corpulent clergyman of high standing, whose see of mid-Wales was created specially for the occasion. The adventures of this burlesque Bishop with a pair of disreputable poachers and a gamekeeper of coarse temper made J. O. Francis's "Birds of a Feather" an extremely funny play, from which the audience derived much enjoyment. The plays were produced by Mr. W. F. Moreton and Mr. G. Bryant, respectively.

The rest of the items were musical. They ranged from the modern idiom of the Brian Mountain trio to the Bourrée from Handel's "Water Music," and from a choir of trebles and a soloist, L. G. Westwood, to the School's latest daring experiment—a brass ensemble, whose members puffed their way through a waltz and two carols with admirable tenacity.

The cast of "The Road to Damascus" was:—

Proclus	K. W. Parker
Antonius	B. W. Hardcastle
Saul of Tarsus	R- Cooper
Stephen	D. Ashton
The Man	M. Farrell
The Woman	J- Hill
The Boy	R. Barr
Roman Guards	L. R. Brannon, J. F. Fairclough

The cast of "Birds of a Feather" was:—

Twm Tinker	C. R. Giudici
Dicky Bach Dwl	D. Cliff
Jenkins, the gamekeeper	A. R. Jones
The Bishop of Mid-Wales	A. D. Burton

SOCIETY JOTTINGS

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term took place on 22nd January, when Mr. Machin gave an interesting talk on the different types of film. A discussion and practical demonstrations with the Society's "Gnome" tank followed the talk.

On 5th February, members brought to School their own self-processed prints, which were carefully examined by the other photographers present.

A discussion on the toning of photographs was held on 19th February. Examples of black and white, sepia, and colour photography were shown.

During the last few weeks members of the Society have taken photographs of the School and the Church.

Members of the Society might be willing, under certain circumstances, to process a few photographs for members of the School.

CLUB FRANCAIS

The Club has only met once this term. On 29th January, 1958, about twenty members were present to see films of one hundred French paintings whose dates ranged from 1350 to 1950. Present at the meeting was Mr. Robinson, who made use of his experience to help the members understand the changes in manner, subject, and colour which have taken place during this period of six centuries. The impressionist school was the most admired.

THE FRESTONIAN SOCIETY

A social took place last term on Friday, 6th December (just too late to catch the Autumn Term issue of "The Frestonian") in the Grammar School Hall. Miss J. P. Work, Mr. and Mrs. Lowndes, Miss Tolson and Miss Archer were distinguished guests. The success of this meeting was due to the untiring efforts of M. D. Hill and J. Glaze, who went into partnership to arrange the music and games, of E. Proctor who made a gallant M.C., and of Miss S. Kynaston, Head Girl of the High School, who, with her small band of helpers, rallied in the canteen to produce a meal worthy of the occasion.

The first meeting of the Spring Term was a film show held in the Grammar School. M. D. Hill was the projectionist and the three films shown were "The Twilight Forest," "The Purfleet Floods" and "The Persian Story."

On Wednesday, 29th January, Miss A. Cheesbrough spoke briefly about "Television" and Miss B. Lealman about "Religion," at a meeting held in the High School. The discussion which followed these "lecturettes" was lively, if misguided.

Mr. Lowndes very kindly arranged for the Society to visit Wakefield Power Station on Tuesday, 11th February. This venture was very well supported from both Schools. The rather hurried tour of the Power Station was interesting, but at the same time it was rather bewildering.

On Wednesday, 12th March, K. Holroyd talked to a select group of sixth formers from both Schools on "South Africa's Racial Problems." He took his material from "Naught For Your Comfort" by Trevor Huddleston, C.R., a series of three articles which have appeared recently in "The Sunday Times," and "You are Wrong, Father Huddleston," by Alexander Steward.

At the time of going to press it seems that the next meeting on the Society's calendar will be another social.

THE S.C.M. CONFERENCE

We were glad to welcome Miss Aldwinckle, the new regional secretary of the S.C.M., to the School at the annual S.C.M. Conference which took place this year on Friday, 31st January, 1958.

The Conference opened a little late because of bad weather, and several people had to leave early in order to make sure of getting home through the fog.

Our Headmaster was chairman, and the first speaker was the Rev. Canon P. J. Lamb, M.A. His talk, which was entitled, "How do I know what is right?" occasioned considerable controversy. Canon Lamb is the Principal of St. John's College, York, a post which he has held since 1945.

There seemed to be a lack of enthusiasm, a lack of energy, during the afternoon, but after a generous tea provided by Mrs. Walker and her staff, some life was infused into the gathering. The Rev. B. Arthur Shaw, B.A., Minister of Oxford Place Methodist Church, Leeds, spoke clearly and convincingly on "Christianity and Everyday Problems," after which lively discussion in small groups took place. The "open sessions," during which questions were put to the speakers, were particularly useful. Significantly enough, an argument about pacifism developed towards the end of the evening, and this was continued for a while after the closing act of worship. The S.C.M. Conference finished on precisely the same topic last year.

We have no S.C.M. branch in this School at present, but we understand that some members of the Lower VIth are considering forming one. This may or may not be a good idea. Recently we heard a priest declare that the world would probably be a much better place if the time which is at present spent in futile argument were devoted to prayer.

The Annual S.C.M. Conference is held for the benefit of Sixth Formers from Ackworth School, Castleford Grammar School, Normanton High School, Pontefract High School, King's School, Pontefract, and our own School.

DONA NOBIS PACEM

The Grammar Schools' Music Festival was held in the Town Hall, Leeds, on Monday, 10th March, 1958. D. K. Benton, M. C. Clayson, M. Farrell, A. Paul, D. Rose, R. D. Roydhouse, R. J. D. Smith, A. Womersley and C. W. Whale took part in the concert, and many other boys of this School appeared in the audience.

The first part of the programme was well stocked with old favourites — the overture "Die Meistersinger" by Wagner; the first movement of Schumann's A minor Piano Concerto; the recitative and aria "Che Faro" from Gluck's "Orfeo"; the first movement of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, and the last movement of a Mozart Piano Concerto (K.488).

The main work in the programme was the magnificent "Dona Nobis Pacem" by R. Vaughan Williams. Those members of the audience who had felt a little apprehensive when they returned to their places after the interval soon had their fears dispelled. The music was truly inspiring and the performance was a credit to all those who contributed to it.

A STRIPLING IS SHOCKED

I took my Grandpa from his bed
And laid him 'neath a tree;
My span of years was seventeen
And his was ninety-three.

A thing occurred which made me wish
I'd left him in his bed:
Down from the tree-top fell a branch
Which landed on his head.

This heavy branch came tumbling down
Upon that head so white:
The sage sprang up in great distress
And swore with all his might.

He looked so fierce, and stamped with rage,
And cursed so very loud:
The sun did blush to hear his words
And hid behind a cloud.

I can't remember all he said
For he swore such a lot:
He used all oaths that I had heard
And some that I had not.

He lay exhausted on the grass—
I thought that he was dead,
Until he bade me pick him up
And bear him to his bed.

There was no aid, and so I had
To carry him alone:
It was a task, for I was slight
And he weighed nineteen stone.

At last, with sweat upon my brow,
Him into bed I packed:—
I'll ne'er forget the afternoon
When Grandpa's nut was cracked.

J. Glaze.

WHAT'S BECOME OF MY FORM MATES?

When I cast my mind back to my schooldays I often wonder what has become of some of my school pals.

At my School the solid citizens of the future sat near the front. They never had any doubts as to what was expected of them; in due course most of them would pass all their examinations to become bankers and clerks. Nearer the back were gathered the "characters." No-one could tell what would become of them, but it was certain they would not do anything dull.

Take Charlie H..... for example; schoolwork bored him, and he treated it with contempt. He was thought to be idle by most masters, but to us he was a hero, owing to his ability at rugger.

Next to him was R..... He never seemed to do any actual work at all; yet when he was asked a question,

he always answered correctly, and consequently finished top of the form. He was not much of a performer at sport, but he was a walking encyclopaedia as far as the rules were concerned.

Just behind them, I think, were "Fred" and "Ted" who owed the respect with which they were treated to their all-round sporting ability. "Fred" was as untidy as his neighbour was tidy. If "Fred" had ever thought of fastening the knot in his tie he could have done so in the reflection of "Ted's" highly polished shoes.

In the far corner was "Mackie," one of the physical giants of the class. He sat with his chair tilted back so that the games fields were always in view. Sport was his one passionate interest; he played games with tremendous enthusiasm, but he would not stir himself for anything else. The dreamy expression that he wore in the classroom was deceptive, for on the rugger field he wore the scowl of a tiger.

Those were some of the "characters" of the form. What became of them, I wonder?

M. Dean.

WHAT'S BECOME OF ME?

They will never know, the people down below. They'll wonder where I've gone for many a day, but they will never know.

People may guess: they will say that I went East to China, to the mysterious town of Hong Kong. Or they may think I went South, to Australia or New Zealand, to live the rest of my life as a sheep farmer in the bush.

But they will never learn what really happened to me on the fateful night of 18th December, 1949.

It was the night of the "job" at the furrier's warehouse in Bond Street, in London's West End.

Originally the plan was to attack from the back, but one of the "crew" backed out and, fearing that he might go to the "rozzers," we changed our plans. We were to break in at the front, find the best furs, put them in suitcases, and "beat it" out the back way, where a car would be waiting. This would take us to a port from where we could sneak across to France until the stir died down. Then we would return.

The police were informed of our intentions by an anonymous phone call.

All went well until we were in the warehouse itself. Then we heard a muffled shout from Alf, the driver—"The cops are here, bea ——"--- His voice was stifled by a hefty policeman. When the police called on us to come out they received a salvo of bullets from us. Two of the "rozzers" fell and rolled over, and a third screamed in the night as a bullet ripped into his shoulder.

At this the police opened fire and two of my mates were killed. Then Jimmy, my pal, who was only a kid of nineteen, was wounded. He told me to run for it; so I raced for the roof. When I appeared at the top, a plain-clothes detective, whom we all knew as "Tiger," spotted me and fired once, then again, and again. He hit me on the hand, but I went on. Then I felt something thud into my back. All went black until shouts and running footsteps stirred me.

I got up and staggered across the flat roof, intending to cross to the next roof by means of a fire-ladder. Then I slipped, and I felt myself falling towards the edge of the roof. I tried to regain my balance, but as I pushed myself up, my hand appeared as a gory mess of blood and bared bone. This worried me. It was funny how such a trivial thing worried me, just as I was nearing death.

Anyway, here I am, and here I stay. I can see from up here the very warehouse on which it happened. But they will never know, for the gang never carried any means of identification. They will never know.....

P. A. L. Routledge.

AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

The story I am going to tell you is about my life. I am an oak tree. I am 200 years old, and I live in a wood just outside Wood Green. My girl friend is the tree next to me: her name is Mary. The mother and father of Mary are the two tall trees across from me. Their nationality is Beech. I have no mother or father because they were chopped down when I was only 170 years old. This is what happened.

It was the third of June; the sun was bright and the flowers were blooming on the ground below. Then I saw a large lorry pull up outside the wood. Two men, with sharp axes, got out. They walked around for a while and then they saw my parents. Both trees had a white mark on them, and one of the men said: "These are the two." The other replied: "You're right, Joe."

The next time I looked I saw my mother bleeding every time the woodman brought his axe down. That was a sad day for me: I saw my mother and father taken away in a large lorry. I cried all through the night. Sometimes I would open my eyes to see if my parents were still near me, after all, but there was no sign of them.

The following morning I saw a man carrying a notice board. I wondered where he was going with it. Then I saw him stick it in the ground near me. I read the notice and it said that anyone found playing on these grounds would be prosecuted. The next day it started to rain, but luckily I was covered by the larger trees, and I didn't get very wet. As time went on I began to feel better.

Then one day I met Mary who lived behind me. She said, "Hello"; so I said, "Hello" back to her. After our first meeting we became very good friends, and this made me very happy. Mary helped me to overcome my grief.

M. Nettleship.

MY DILEMMA

Life was miserable. Everywhere I went people stared at me, and then shamefacedly turned away. Furthermore, SHE had deserted me. My friends no longer recognised me. I was an outcast from society.

Within myself I was fighting a losing battle. Should I do it? Or should I ignore the opinion of society?

Walking down Oxford Street one day, I saw an old army friend. I spoke. He looked at me for a moment, then hurried on. He either did not recognise me — or he did not want to!

My determination weakened day by day.

At last, whilst at a dance, I saw two young women sitting alone. I advanced and asked the prettier for the next dance. She exploded with laughter, rose, and walked away, saying to her companion, "What! Dance with a creature like him?"

This was the last straw. I felt suicidal. I had lost my self-respect. I returned to my home determined to do it.....

Holding the glinting, evil-looking cut-throat razor in my hand, I drew it across my throat. Blood began to flow.....

I cursed: "I can't even shave off my beard without cutting myself."

D. Hoyle.

THE WAY I'D RUN A SCHOOL

I know the first thing I would do:
I'd start the day with something new
And hand out chewing gum to chew,
To pacify my lusty crew.

I'd make a bonfire of all scraps
And dance around it with the chaps,
Burning history books, perhaps,
And all those pesky, useless maps.

My School would be a special one
Where lessons would be lots of fun.
Each lad would have a water gun,
And ink and water by the ton.

Good conduct wouldn't mean a thing:
My lads could shout and bawl and sing;
And every one of them could bring
Some bells to School to shake and ring.

I'd soon get rid of "softie pads":
The sneaky ones, the rotten cads.
I'd keep the better ones—"The Lads"—
To teach them how to handle dads.

Then in a month or two or three
My special little lads would be
Every bit as good, you see,
At being extra bad, like me.

These thoughts may cause you indignation
And lead to dreadful agitation:
I'd maybe lose my reputation
As leading teacher in the Nation.

W. Horner.

A.F.C.

Captain: K. E. Phelps

Vice-Captain: M. Frost

Secretary: C. Tucker

The 1957-58 season has come to a close and we can look back on it with satisfaction.

In the last issue of "The Frestonian" we stated that several members required experience and weight before their outstanding skill could be put into operation. It

has been pleasing to note the development of these assets, and also the marked increase in confidence on the field. This augurs well for next season, when we hope to retain the majority of our players.

The following boys have played for the 1st XI:—

K. E. Phelps, M. Frost, C. Tucker, H. I. Atkinson, C. Rummings, D. K. Watts, K. Barnes, D. Bradley, E. M. Ellis, E. Binns, M. F. Hough, R. Harrap, P. J. Arscott, J. Gaughan.

The following boys have played for the 2nd XI: —

H. Clarke, J. M. Cooper, M. Asquith, B. W. Hardcastle, B. Lorriman, A. Jones, D. Thompson, N. Ellis, P. Williams, P. Rhodes, M. E. Nixon, R. L. Scott, M. G. Bell, G. R. Dawson, J. Strutt, M. Thompson, D. Trigg, G. Sleight.

The 1st XI

D. K. Watts (goalkeeper): A young player for such an important position, who has gained confidence during the season. He collects a high ball very well, and has mastered the skill of diving at an opposing forward's feet, but he must try to be quicker off the mark for a "snap shot."

M. F. Hough (right-back): A very strong and hard-tackling full-back who settled down very quickly when he was called upon at the end of the season. He distributes the ball very carefully, but he must avoid being over confident and going too far up the field when his team is attacking.

H. I. Atkinson (left-back): An old colour and a very strong defender. His tackling and kicking have been very good, but he must not underestimate the speed and ability of the opposing winger.

C. Tucker (right-half): Another old colour who has given loyal service to the club. He has played with more confidence this season, and has been an inspiration to new members, especially the right-back.

K. E. Phelps (centre-half): Once again he has been the cool, efficient centre-half, dominating and dictating the game, and always ready to cover up.

K. Barnes (left-half): A newcomer who has had a very good season. A tireless worker, he has been an inspiration to the whole team. He tackles very hard, recovers very quickly, and is developing an eighteen-yard shot which has been successful on several occasions.

E. M. Ellis (right-wing): A very versatile player who has played at right-back, centre-forward, and right-wing. He played some very good games at right-back at the beginning of the season, his speed and hard tackling being very noticeable. He was tried as a forward later and was very successful after a few games. As a forward he must try to anticipate passes more quickly and avoid holding up the forward line when in possession.

C. Rummings (inside-right): An experienced player who is capable of taking over command of the forwards. Along with Frost he has dominated the centre of the field and laid the foundation for many victories this season.

R. Harrap (centre-forward): A very intelligent player who has the ability to find the spaces and keep the forwards moving. He is a most unselfish forward and has made several openings for other players. Towards the end of the season he became very confident and acquired the ability of kicking well with either foot.

M. Frost (inside-left): A very strong player who has developed a turn of speed this season and also a long-range shot which has been most effective.

D. Bradley (left-wing): A very talented newcomer who can be highly satisfied with his progress this season. He is very fast and can kick a ball effectively on the run, but he must learn to hug the touch line more, and also avoid coming back too often with the ball.

E. Binns (right-wing), reserve: A very cool and skilful ball player who should try to develop a turn of speed for the long through pass.

P. J. Arscott (left-wing), reserve: A very capable player who takes training very seriously and who is gaining strength and confidence.

Junior Soccer

Despite the appalling weather conditions this term, it has been found necessary to cancel only one match. The teams have turned out in snow, biting wind, and slush, and on "away" home pitches, for Pingle House is now in the process of being levelled.

All the teams have had success, for even the Under-13 team played well enough at Cockburn to have earned a draw, had the defence been tighter. The Under-15 eleven has now settled down into a unit, with the two inside-forwards, G. Sleight and J. Strutt, the captain, and N. Ellis at half-back, forming the core of the team. The hardest game was undoubtedly against Batley, played at Castleford, when a missed penalty (which would have made the scores

level) towards the end of the match, was followed by a breakaway goal by Batley.

The Under-14 team was well beaten at Ecclesfield 6-1, on a pitch much smaller than they were used to. Only J. H. Thompson, who has improved almost beyond recognition this season, came off the field with his reputation undamaged. Since then, however, all matches have been won. St. Michael's provided very strong opposition. Skill was equal on both sides, but the School players determined that they would come out of every tackle with the ball and that they would win. A goal mid-way through the first half by R. A. Hadley, who has displaced D. Holland this term, and a fine goal by W. R. Watson after an excellent movement from the half-backs, gave them victory.

The whole team is to be complimented on its turn-out, its determination, and its excellent spirit.

Colours

1st XI colours for the season 1957-58 have been awarded to:—

K. E. Phelps, M. Frost, H. I. Atkinson, C. Rummings, C. Tucker, K. Barnes, D. Bradley, E. M. Ellis, D. K. Watts.

2nd XI colours to:—

H. Clarke, E. Binns, M. F. Hough, J. M. Cooper, P. J. Arscott.

Under-14 XI colours to:—

W. R. Watson, D. Lumb, C. S. Hampson, J. Mitchell.

1st XI Results

v. King James's Grammar School, Knaresborough (a)	6-1 Won
(R. Harrap 3, D. Bradley, M. Frost, K. Barnes),	
v. Huddersfield New College (h)	6-1 Won
(R. Harrap 2, M. Frost 2, D. Bradley, P. J. Arscott).	
v. Ecclesfield Grammar School (a)	1-2 Lost
(R. Harrap).	
v. Leeds Central High School (h)	5-4 Won
(R. Harrap 3, M. Frost, K. Barnes).	
v. Leeds University (h)	3-3 Drawn
(R. Harrap, M. Frost, E. Binns).	
v. Batley Grammar School (h)	3-4 Lost
(R. Harrap, M. Frost, P. J. Arscott).	
v. St. Michael's College, Leeds (a)	4-2 Won
(E. M. Ellis 2, M. Frost, E. Binns).	
v. Castleford Grammar School (h)	4-1 Won
(E. M. Ellis, M. Frost 2, C. Rummings).	
v. Thornes House Grammar School, Wakefield (a)	8-0 Won
(R. Harrap 3, E. M. Ellis 2, M. Frost, D. Bradley, C. Rummings).	
v. Cockburn High School (a)	2-6 Lost
(E. M. Ellis, K. Barnes).	

The 1st XI, 1957-8



Seated (left to right): C. Rummings, M. Frost, K. E. Phelps (capt), C. Tucker (secretary), H. I. Atkinson.
Standing: D. K. Watts, K. Barnes, E. Binns, E. M. Ellis. D. Bradley, M. F. Hough. P. J. Arscott, J. Gaughan.

1st XV

J. D. Newton (captain) is a talented hooker who is extremely useful in loose play. He has led the team well and on several occasions has driven the forwards into making the extra effort which is so important.

C. W. Whale, the full-back, has had a consistent season and his sound defence has been invaluable.

The threequarters, A. Jenkins, E. Proctor, J. K. Clayton and B. Mountain, have taken some time to settle down, yet, on occasions, they did strike top form.

J. F. Sabey, at stand-off half, has been the spearhead of the attack and the decisive move has usually sprung from his promptings.

J. R. Hanson as Sabey's partner has done sound work at the base of the scrum, and his deputy, G. J. Copley, revealed several flashes of top form, notably against Barnsley.

The forwards have enjoyed a very good season, and they have developed into a formidable combination. They gave the backs a good share of the ball, both from the set and loose scrums, and showed that, when necessary, they themselves could handle with confidence.

C. P. Couch and W. H. A. Major are two excellent prop-forwards. They have contributed greatly to School's success in the set scrums.

M. J. Vonemloh and A. Womersley proved to be a strong second-row pair, linking well with the back-row in the loose. The quality of their covering is amply demonstrated by the team's good defensive record.

In the back row, D. K. Benton has been outstanding as a "line-out specialist," and he has often made a strong break-through. His partners M. Farrell and J. A. Shaw have also played well. Farrell has finished the season as leading try scorer, while Shaw has covered well and has often spurred the pack to greater efforts by his good example.

Other boys who have played with the team are J. Brennan, R. D. Roydhouse, L. Dunn, K. Moorby, A. Johnson, M. C. Clayson, C. W. Nuttall, D. Wilkinson, D. Rose and T. Abbott.

1st XV Results

v. Roundhay School 3rd XV (a) (Try: M. Farrell).	3-3 Drawn
v. Hemsworth Grammar School 2nd XV (a) (Try: W. H. A. Major; Conversion: M. J. Vonemloh).	5-3 Won
v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield 3rd XV (h)	0-0 Drawn
v. Barnsley Grammar School (a) (Tries: M. Farrell 2, J. D. Newton, B. Mountain; Conversions: J. F. Sabey 2).	16-6 Won
v. Barnsley Grammar School (h) (Tries: J. F. Sabey 2, A. Jenkins, B. Mountain, M. J. Vonemloh; Conversion: J. F. Sabey).	17-3 Won

“ A ” XV Result

v. Batley Grammar School (h) (Tries: M. C. Clayson 2, B. Mountain, J. F. Sabey, C. I. Hunter; Goals: J. F. Sabey 2 conversions, 1 penalty goal).	22-0 Won
---	----------

Colts' XV Results

v. Castleford Grammar School (a) (penalty goal: T. M. Conboy).	3-0 Won
v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (a)	0-27 Lost
v. Hemsworth Grammar School (a) (Tries: R. Williams, J. Senior; Goals: T. M. Conboy, conversion and penalty goal).	11-9 Won
v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield (a) (Try: D. Brogden).	3-9 Lost
v. Barnsley Grammar School (Try: R. Williams).	3-9 Lost

Colours

1st XV colours for the season 1957-58 have been awarded to:—

J. D. Newton, B. Mountain, M. J. Vonemloh, C. P. Couch, W. H. A. Major, M. Farrell, J. F. Sabey, D. K. Benton, C. W. Whale, J. A. Shaw.

Colts' XV colours to: —

J. Senior, R. Griffiths, C. Hough, C. Hebden, R. Hunter, A. P. Gates, J. F. Fairclough, L. R. Brannon, D. Brogden.

THREE YEARS IN THE FIRST FIFTEEN

The School Rugby Fifteen, under the guidance of Mr. Moreton and Mr. Giles, has made great strides in the three years of its existence. It started its life composed largely of Rugby League enthusiasts, but luckily most of these "men" have remained long enough to have been converted to "the other code."

In its first year the team naturally had a great deal to learn. Even when playing 2nd and 3rd teams it found itself on the wrong side of the final score. It appeared that however hard the players tried the other side was one move ahead. Over the last two years, however, and especially during this last season, the necessary experience has been gained and the standard of play has improved out of all recognition.

The transition was a remarkable one when certain circumstances are considered. Practice facilities have not been very satisfactory. We have flitted, in the course of three years, from one ground to another, taking in our stride such adversities as Methley floods, Pingle House levelling, and the notorious "Don Pedro."

One unusual development has been the way in which the 1st XV has become self-supporting from the point of view of transport. The whole team now arrives, not on the humble public service bus, but in a fleet of cars, ranging from "Bri's jalopy" to "Bill's new-'un."

In three years of Rugby one is bound to come across some colourful vernacular, especially when those three years are spent in the pack. Happily enough comments such as "Rough 'em up," "Get stuck in," and "Just watch it," which once were directed at us in our first season, have been turned, of late, on to our unfortunate opponents, and, although man for man outweighed, the present team has given a good account of itself in our best-ever season.

J. D. Newton.

GYM COMPETITION

Recent results have been:-

December, 1957			January, 1958		
1st	IIIB	79%	1st	VA	78%
2nd	VA	76%	2nd	IA	77%
3rd	IA	74%	3rd	IB	75%
February, 1958			March, 1958		
1st	IIA	77%	1st	IA	80%
2nd	IA	75%	2nd	IVA	78%
3rd	IVA	72%	3rd	IB	75%

THE CROSS-COUNTRY

The conditions for this year's cross-country run, which took place on the 11th March, were not as favourable as they have been in previous years. The ground was very wet, and isolated patches of unmelted snow still lay on the ground. In these unfavourable circumstances fast times were not expected. The course was not improved by the fact that some fields had recently been ploughed. The proceedings, however, took place without mishap, although there was the usual charge down the whole length of the football pitch, this time in a flurry of mud which caused unlicensed laughter from the competitors. The Junior event was won by I. Dews (Frobisher), in a time of 7min. 13sec. D. Kellett (Hanson) was second, and H. M. Beckitt (Bennett) third. Hanson House won the Junior competition and earned six points which will be added to their score at the Summer Sports. Bennett came second (four points) and Frobisher third (two points).

J. Strutt put up a fine performance in the Intermediate event, winning for Bennett in a time of 13min. 52sec.—a time which was just a few seconds slower than last year's. G. T. Burdon (Freeston) was second, and G. Sleight (Bennett) third. Bennett gained six points; Freeston four; and Frobisher two.

The result of the Senior event came as a pleasant surprise, even to the members of Frobisher House, for they filled the first three places with D. Bradley, M. F. Hough and D. K. Benton. No time was recorded for this event. Frobisher won the Senior competition (six points); Bennett were second (four points); and Hanson third (two points).

Bennett won the championship.

JOHN SMITH

THE MARKET PLACE, NORMANTON

Telephone - - - - - 2210

SUITS - SPORTSWEAR

SHIRTS - TIES

Always a full selection

Telephone Royston 94

Wallace Arnold Tours Ltd.

HIGH STREET, ROYSTON

Nr. BARNSBLEY

**MOTOR COACHES AVAILABLE FOR
SCHOOL PARTIES**

G. THICKBROOM (O.F.)

Pig and Poultry Breeder

ROSE COTTAGE FARM

OLD SNYDALE, PONTEFRAC

Telephone NORMANTON 2236

LARGE WHITE BOARS KEPT FOR SERVICE

N. STEAD & SONS

NEWSAGENTS
STATIONERS, TOBACCONISTS
CONFECTIONERS

DALEFIELD POST OFFICE, DALEFIELD AVENUE
NORMANTON Tel. 3376

J. B. CRAVEN & SON

SPORTS OUTFITTERS TO
NORMANTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The Sportsman's Shop
THE BULL RING, WAKEFIELD Tel. 4826

Complete School Outfitters

SOUTHCOTT'S

BULL RING

WAKEFIELD

Gentlemen's Tailoring & Outfitting

Tel. 3343