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## EDITORIAL

Editor: K. Holroyd.

News: J. Glaze.

Sport: C. W. Whale.

Sub-Editor: G. B. Milner.

Since the examinations began this term, visiting the Staff room has become increasingly like storming the Bastille, for the masters' chamber has been transfigured from a scene of ease (a characteristic which it shares, at more peaceful seasons, with the Prefects' room) to one of muffled and tense industry. The unwary visitor who has rapped loudly at the door has been met with stony glances from some disturbed occupant, who, until that moment, had been slumped over a pile of practically illegible exam, papers which, no doubt, absolutely bristled with Americanisms and witty, original, unheard-of spellings. To accelerate the despatch of business at the masters' room certain members of the Vlth are seriously thinking of inventing a machine which would establish, scientifically, the identity of its occupants. Such a machine would certainly scotch the subtle methods used by the Staff to escape detection, interruption, and distraction. Those happy mortals who have only been engaged in doing the examinations this term have been driven, while looking on the heroism of the Staff, to acknowledge the truth of the remark ' the worst is not so long as we can say " This is the worst," ' and consequently to be thankful for their happy lot.

The Vlth, who are beginning to trickle back into School after their "studying leave," complain that the monsoon this year has seriously interrupted the recreational activities in which they have been wont to indulge during this period. Tennis and cricket have been practically impossible and even picture-going has been continued at the risk of a soaking. Still, many of the Vlth have been so bent on enjoying themselves this June that they seem to have devoted a mere eight hours a day to their studies!

There are few people left who believe that the British Empire is likely to endure for a thousand years but most people agree that temporary classrooms (like prefabricated houses) tend to be used almost that long. Such a classroom has been erected this term outside the dining room, to meet the immediate need for more accommodation, and it is the only one of its kind to kill three birds

with one stone: it will be used to house studious boys; it nicely obscures the canteen staff's view of Church Lane; it also acts as a barricade in another direction!

Since this is our last editorial, we would like to take the opportunity of thanking all who have contributed in any way to the production of "The Frestonian" during the past two years, especially the Headmaster and Mr. James, who have given us enthusiastic help in every difficulty.

### T.H.H.

The philosophy of Heraclitus assumed that in nature the sole actuality is change. All things are perpetually becoming even though they appear to remain the same. It is not surprising that the old philosopher was depicted as weeping for the life which was perpetually changing. In the life of a school there is also a constant flow as staff and pupils change and pass. And here, too, there must be frequent sadness as a well-known figure leaves the stage it has graced for so long. Such an occasion, it seems to me, now occurs at Normanton with the early retirement from teaching of T. H. Hewson. I hope that this brief tribute to him will find an echo in the thoughts and affections of all who with me have cherished the study of English after sitting at the feet of T.H.H.

In the late 1920's the psychological tone of Normanton and the surrounding mining areas could hardly have been described as stimulating. The bitter legacies of the General Strike and the grey shadow of the dole queue were never far from everyone's thoughts. But it was in this atmosphere and at this time that I learned to love the study of English and to realise, with the aid of T. H. Hewson, that to drink at our "well of English undefiled," our national literature, was to receive a draught more inspirational and healing than those offered in any other field of study. Not that all was poetry and easy going.

"He settled Hoti's business—let it be!—

Properly based Oun—

Gave us the doctrine of the enclitic De."

T.H.H. closely followed up the dicta of that very fine and much revered Headmaster, Mr. Brittain: "There's many a man walking the streets of London today because he didn't know the difference between active and passive."

Indeed, to us in the junior forms he was often a black devil, uncertain of mood, flaming in wrath but

inexplicably kind and gruffly sympathetic, and invariably stingy with his marks. In the middle school he was a hard taskmaster, and necessarily so. Through his careful preparation, the most guileful context questions framed by the Joint Board appeared but a revision of last term's work. And yet Shakespeare continued to live for me in spite of the overconcentrated study that winning scholarships in that period demanded. The words remain still with me because T.H.H. knew that to immature youth only through the words could the dramatist finally communicate his meanings, and T.H.H. was always faithful to his texts.

But it was in the Sixth forms that one really came to know a little more about the man by this time surreptitiously referred to as Tag. In the quiet of the Library the wealth of Chaucer, of Milton and Wordsworth was revealed to me. The cloudy Romantics of course were there, but I remember with more delight being encouraged to dip into Crashaw and Vaughan, esoteric matter indeed for the pupils of a mining town. It was Lucullan fare on which I fed and T.H.H. presented to me a rich, Falstaffian, rip-roaring world of spirit and imagination, an oyster to be opened. And in time I won an Open Exhibition in English at Cambridge and I went to open my oyster world, and have scarcely been back to Normanton since that time.

But I know where the roots of my love of English were planted and nurtured and I am sure that with me there will be many who will regret the departure from Normanton of T. H. Hewson and of his kind and charming wife. He was a good and wise teacher of English who showed us how to use English words as tools of reasoned argument but equally as the symbols of the high romance that lurks somewhere in our meanest souls.

E. B. Haslam.

#### VALETE

L. Dyas.  
 R. Harrap.  
 M. Howarth.  
 R. Jukes.  
 W. H. A. Major.  
 E. Proctor.  
 D. Sandham.  
 T. Taylor.  
 B. Turner.



## DE OMNIBUS

We wish to congratulate K. Hutchinson on his appointment as a School Prefect, and E. Proctor on obtaining a Royal Navy Cadetship.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of the "Wintonian" and of magazines from Leeds Central High School, Batley Grammar School, and Wakefield Grammar School.

On Friday, 18th April, a small group of VIth form boys visited Ackworth to see the Ackworth Music and Drama Society's production of the American play, "My Three Angels." Those who took part in the pilgrimage will remember the trip as a feat of organisation!

On Monday, 28th April, a party of six boys went with Mr. Fox to visit the Huddersfield branch of the I.C.I. Mr. Toyne, who visited School last term, acted as guide to the party when they toured the huge plant.

Several of our VIth attended a meeting of the High School branch of the S.C.M. early this term. K. Hutchinson tried to give a brief answer to the question "What is the Church?" and Miss B. Lealman talked about "The Monastic Life." We would like to thank Miss J. Harris for her kind invitation.

Mr. L. F. Virgo, an Old Boy, who recently received his B.E.M. for Civil Defence services from the hands of Lord Scarbrough, gave a very interesting lecture-demonstration on "Silicones" to some of the Vth and VIth last term. It was very much appreciated. It is most fitting that a member of an older generation of Frestonians should seek in this way to enrich the School life of the present generation.

Our second successive venture in opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore," which we gave for four nights in late March, followed the successful presentation of "The Pirates of Penzance" in 1957. Our synthetic maidens are always much appreciated, but this time a diminutive Midshipmite did his best to steal the show. We have not decided yet whether to stay in the Gilbert and Sullivan rut or to venture into a new field.

Captain Lockwood, Royal Signals, gave a film show and talk on Welbeck College in March to some of the Middle School.

We record with pleasure the gift of some very attractive American magazines from A. M. Smith, Esq., Old Frestonian and Vice-Chairman of the Governors.

County Councillor W. E. Metcalfe, a valued member of our Governing Body, has moved to 2, Prospect Crescent, Scarborough, and has had to resign his position as a Governor. We regret his departure very much. Mr. Metcalfe, in a valedictory letter, writes:—"I have always regarded it as a privilege to serve on the Governing Body of N.G.S. I was elected by the Normanton U.D.C. in 1947 and since 1956 have represented the Divisional Executive.

"My memories are of many happy Speech Days, hearing of the progress of the School, and year by year watching the progress of the boys—some on to College and University—hoping all will make a success of life. Who knows? Can the School turn out a future scientist who will help this country to launch an earth satellite which can do the return trip?

"I remember the School's outstanding successes on the field of sport. My own interest has been in the general development of the School and, after years of solid achievement, I can still foresee a bright future for N.G.S.

"The School has outgrown itself; therefore, I hope the plans we have made for the extension of the buildings and playing fields will not be long delayed.

"I would like to see more "Civics" introduced into schools; that is, the basic information about local and national government, rates and taxes, the judicial system, and so on. It can lead the pupil to a wider conception of his status and responsibilities as a citizen of this country, and of the relation between this country and the British Commonwealth and the United Nations.

"The School can offer him the experience of School elections and of School councils with representative responsibilities. It can establish an Information and a Reference Library.

"All this will in itself help to fit the pupil to play his part in society when he grows up.

"I have always been surprised at the small number of N.G.S. Old Boys coming forward to take part in public affairs. I am sure they have a valuable contribution to make."

"Panora Ltd." once again photographed the whole School this term, the last occasion having been in April, 1956. It is quite an ordeal waiting for that slowly-moving torpedo tube to point in your direction, knowing that you are bound to have to sneeze or scratch your nose at the critical moment.

Some interesting films on 19th Century History were shown by Mr. James to boys of the IVth and Vth early this term.

As we go to press, we still have no date for the commencement of our major building operations. Two temporary classrooms have, however, been erected.

A cricket tour to Beverley, Bridlington and Scarborough by two School XI's at Whitsuntide was, we believe, a new venture. It was certainly a successful one, as readers may discover from the detailed account printed later on in this magazine.

The preacher at Founder's Day this year is Rev. J. P. Newell, Headmaster of Bradford Grammar School.

The Principal Guest at Speech Day in November is to be Mr O. L. Davis, Senior External Affairs Officer to the High Commissioner for Australia.

The Ascension Day Service was held on Thursday, 15th May, in the Parish Church. The service began with the introit, " Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake." The lesson was read by the Head Boy, K. Holroyd, from Acts I, 1-11, and an address was given by the Vicar, the Rev C. A. O. Warman, who is also a Governor of the School. The collection was given to the Church Building Repair Fund.

## **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: A. Westerman (1946).

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.

A deputation of the O.F.A. discussed with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Governors the question of the Governors' support for the O.F.A. and School proposal to seek an official grant of arms for the School. The Governors later considered the matter in full Committee and have signified their approval.



An extraordinary General Meeting of the O.F.A. has been called for the 8th July, when it is hoped that a Joint School and O.F.A. appeal will be launched to defray the considerable expense of obtaining a grant of arms from the College of Heralds.

The Annual Dinner on 29th March was a success, the attendance being 68. The Committee, however, would like to see the century mark of diners being passed in 1959.

After , the Old Boys v. the School Cricket match on 19th July, a dance has been arranged in the School Hall. Old Boys, parents, friends and senior boys are all being invited. E. Richardson's band has been engaged.

The School v. Old Boys Tennis match is on 10th July.

The Social given by the O.F.A. to boys leaving School will be after the School Swimming Sports, at 7 p.m., at School.

The Committee has decided to invite masters of long service to supply a photograph of themselves, which can be made into a portrait, framed and displayed permanently in the School. As a start, Messrs. Gimblett, Swallow, and Whittlestone are being approached by the O.F.A. Secretary.

Members will be glad to know that the Headmistress of the Girls' High School has again permitted Old Frestonians to use the High School tennis courts on Wednesday evenings.

Once again an Old Boys' XV has played the School at Rugger. The writer of these notes is not, strictly speaking, an Old Frestonian; so he chooses not to describe the battle in detail. Suffice it that the Old Boys beat the School rather too handsomely. Mr. James of our staff played for the Old Boys, the most venerable of whom, J. W. Hawkins, left School in 1946. The rest of the XV included:—

1952 vintage: B. A. Quarmby, J. S. Rowley.

1953: F. A. Benton, G. Brookman, A. Greenhalgh.

1954: K. J. Dransfield.

1955: J. P. Cork, R. A. Crane, D. E. Kirby.

1956: A. V. Brookman, G. M. Fryer, B. Searby.

H. C. Thompson (1951), having completed his course at Chester Training College, has obtained a post, specialising in Physical Education at Stanley Modern School, near Wakefield. His younger brother, J.H., is in the 3rd form.

D. J. Hopwood (1957), son of N. Hopwood, Headmaster of Martin Frobisher School, Altofts, who is also an Old Frestonian, has been placed 4th out of 38, in the 1st year examination for the Diploma in Aeronautical Engineering at Loughborough College of Technology.

C. E. A. Holden (1951), youngest son of the late Headmaster, visited recently with his wife, and lunched with the School. Dr. Holden had just finished duty at St. Giles' Hospital, Camberwell, and was on leave prior to commencing a period of five years' service in one of the armed services. His mother now lives at Cherry Farthing, Four Marks, Alton, Hants.

E. V. Binns (1944) is a Chartered Surveyor, with the Welwyn Garden City and Hatfield Development Corporation. He is the brother of our present Captain of Cricket.

E. Proctor (1958) was translated, on 2nd June, from the dignity of the Prefects' Room and the 3rd year VIth Science to the dignity of a Cadetship in the Royal Navy. He has now begun six months' Fleet Air Arm basic training at the Royal Naval Engineering College, Plymouth.

J. E. Roberts (1925) is Joel Professor of Physics Applied to Medicine in the University of London. Professor Roberts, who holds the degrees of B.Sc. (1st Class Honours, Physics), Ph.D. and D.Sc., has been President of the British Institute of Radiology and, in 1956, was Visiting Professor of Physics at Cairo University. He teaches and examines medical students and directs research work in biophysics. He is closely concerned in the work of the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

Another Old Boy whose distinguished career has brought honour to the School is H. Brooks (1907). We are privileged to print an article by Mr. Brooks at the end of these Old Boys' notes. During the 1914-18 war, Mr. Brooks received the Military Cross from the hands of King George V. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, and is Vice-President of International Correspondence Schools, Ltd., a world-wide organisation.

His brother, P. Brooks (1900), now lives in Scarborough, having retired some years ago, as Manager of the Barnsley branch of Barclays Bank. P. Brooks visited our cricket match at Scarborough College on 31st May and kindly brought his Governors' Silver Medal for the members of our 1st XI to see.

There are nineteen Old Frestonians who have sons at School at present. They are:—R. Busby (1917); S. A. Lord (1920); B. Reynolds, S. W. Pearson, K. H. Newton and H. Jowett, all of whom left in 1923; A. Sykes and G. A. Rummings (1927); G. Cudworth, H. Shaw, G. Senior and C. E. Buckle (1928); A. W. Teasdale and J. Dean (1929); C. J. Makin (1930); J. L. Wilby (1934); G. Harrison (1935); G. M. Spires and R. W. Warburton (1936). The Editor would

be glad to hear of any Old Boy-Parents omitted and apologises to them in advance.

H. Howker (1927) now lives at 164, Newlands Road, Johnsonville, Wellington, New Zealand.

P. Hanson (1954) is at St. Luke's College, Exeter, after two years in the Navy. His brother, Richard, is in the Vth form at School.

O. P. Edmonds (1939), who is N.C.B. Area Medical Officer at Nottingham, recently obtained his M.D. degree at Leeds University. His brother, E. L. Edmonds (1934), visited our Whitsuntide Cricket Tour Party in Beverley and gave us welcome help with our arrangements.

D. Allen (1938), who is employed in the Ministry of Pensions, is married with two daughters and lives at Glasshoughton.

We congratulate T. Hatherton (1942) who has been awarded the O.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours for leading a party of New Zealand scientists to Scott Base. Dr. Hatherton, a former Head Boy, now aged 34, lives in New Zealand and works in the Geophysics Development Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in Wellington. He is at present in Washington, U.S.A.

R. G. Hilton (1915) is an accountant in Castleford. A married man, he has two daughters.

F. Ford (1905), a wages accountant, describes himself now as "semi-retired."

A. J. Blaza (1942) is a Chartered Auctioneer and Estate Agent in practice in Pontefract. He was formerly in the Merchant Navy. His brother, A. R. Blaza (1943), was a Navigator/Bomb-Aimer in the Royal Air Force, read History at University College, Oxford, and is the Yorkshire and Westmorland Investments Manager of the Alliance Building Society.

R. A. Griffiths (1941), who proposed the toast to Squadron-Leader Burgess, M.B.E., D.F.C., at the Old Boys' Dinner this year, is a former Head Boy, who went up to University College, Oxford, to read Medicine. He followed his three years at Oxford with two at Guy's and is now a doctor practising in Derby.

L. Truelove (1939), who attended Hartley Theological College, is a Royal Navy Padre. He has been to Ceylon as a missionary and is now Padre on "H.M.S. Ganges," the boys' training ship.

G. Smith (1945), who went from School to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where he obtained a first in Maths., then worked at the Cavendish Laboratory and obtained his

Ph.D. degree. He is now researching in Atmospheric Electricity for the U.S. Air Force in Boston, Massachusetts. He has married an American girl and has a baby daughter. He may, eventually, take American citizenship.

K. B. Scoffield (1953) attended a War Office Selection Board in November, 1957, and has been recommended as suitable for training as an Officer.

B. D. Clayson (1953), a draughtsman with Pollards' Bearings, Ferrybridge, was married this June, at Kippax Parish Church, to Miss M. Bellwood, who is the Secretary at Whitwood Technical College. Congratulations!

J. K. Hedgecock (1943) is managing W. H. Smith and Co.'s Bookshop in Lewes, Sussex.

B. A. Sayles (1955) has obtained a B.A. in History, with 2nd class honours; F. Smith (1955) also has a 2nd, having graduated B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering; E. W. Matthews (1955) has obtained his B.Sc. with 2nd class honours in Physics. All are at Leeds University.

It is a very sad duty to record the death of one of our very distinguished Old Boys. J. E. Preston (1904), who died recently at York, was Life Manager and Chief Actuary of the Yorkshire Insurance Society. In the Headmaster's Lobby, there is a board recording the attainments of some famous Old Frestonians. J. E. Preston heads the list. The inscription shows that he was M.A. (Cantab.), 25th Wrangler, and a Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries.

As a boy, he was top in all England in the Matriculation and received his certificate from the Earl of Rosebery at the same Convocation at which King George V and Queen Mary, then Prince and Princess of Wales, received honorary degrees. He later became an Open Exhibitioner of Christ's College, Cambridge, where he won various College prizes. His seventeen prize volumes, beautifully bound and stamped with School and College arms, have been presented to his old School.

Together with his family, the present generation of Normanton Grammar School mourns the passing of a great Old Frestonian.

We also regret to record the recent death of R. L. Leake (1907), brother-in-law of Mr. Brittain, who was Mr. Holden's predecessor as Headmaster. R. L. Leake, who served as an officer in the first World War, was the well-known builder and contractor. He used to live at the Manor House, Normanton, and was followed at School by two sons, R. Leake (1943) and J. Leake (1944). We offer our sincere sympathy to this notable family of Normantonians.



H. Blackburn (1923) is Cost Accountant with Yorkshire Imperial Metals at Castleford.

S. Smith (1938) is an Executive Officer with the Inland Revenue at Nottingham.

A. Laycock (1934) is Senior History Master at Lydney Grammar School, Gloucester.

### 50 ODD YEARS AGO

I made my mark the very first day I attended N.G.S! The reason—I happened to bring the total of pupils to 50, or 60, or whatever it was—so the Head (the late Mr. C. E. Brittain) gave the school a half holiday! Apart from “detention marks” this was about the only mark I ever made!

Also on that first day the Head, telling the boys the reason for the holiday, also referred to my brother, Percy, who did so well both scholastically and on the sports field—Head boy—Victor Ludorum—captain of cricket and football, etc. Mr. Brittain expressed the hope that in due time I would emulate him. What a hope!

I never made the 1st XI at either football or cricket, and was a dud on sports day. It is true that with a start of about 150 yards I came in 3rd in the half mile and the ink-stand which I received as a prize still adorns my office desk! Scholastically it would be fair to say that I was mediocre.

So the reader might be forgiven for saying that my sojourn at Normanton Grammar School was a dead loss—both to me and the School. How wrong they would be.

The facts are that N.G.S. gave me something which was to prove invaluable in the later years, and for this I shall always be grateful. The masters of those days were all good chaps, as no doubt they are now, and the individual help and encouragement I received from them all, including the Head, made me long to do something with my life. I had my heroes among them as well as among the senior boys. Johnnie Preston was a legend, and in my day the good humoured and kindly Dixon of the VIth was my particular hero. Charlie Leake was one of my contemporaries and always headed me in form. How glad I am he has done so well in life.

The something I acquired was ambition, and if N.G.S. did nothing else for me it endowed me with this priceless asset.

Against the wishes of the Head my father took me away from school early—it was essential that I contributed to the family budget—and soon after leaving I took a German

language course by correspondence — something quite novel in those days. I made good progress and when an offer of a job in London came along I jumped at it.

From then on I suppose I could say I have had a reasonably successful business life. Good luck, some Yorkshire commonsense, and plenty of application resulted in my finally becoming Chairman of the important company which I first joined on leaving Normanton. I have a vitally interesting job which has taken me all over the world, and I've still not finished as I anticipate visiting Australia and New Zealand in the Autumn of this year.

This is not intended to be a success story, but rather to encourage those boys who feel they are lagging behind their fellows in school and perhaps are feeling discouraged and downhearted. To them I would say that, even if they are not in the top ten of their form, they are, perhaps unconsciously, laying a foundation of general knowledge on which, if they have character and ambition, they can build themselves a happy future. Good luck to them all.

H. Brooks.

### THE STAFF

The retirement of Mr. T. H. Hewson, M.A. (Leeds), after 38 years in the teaching profession, all spent on the staff of our School, is the chief item of Staff news. Mr. Hewson, who is retiring before the usual minimum age, is moving to Westbury-on-Trym, where he will continue his authorship activities. His four books are still selling well and we know it gives him pleasure that the name of Normanton Grammar School has become better known at home and overseas through the medium of his successful text-books.

We know also that he will take with him to the West Country pleasant memories of what he modestly describes as "occasional successes" in Staff Cricket matches, and he will be long remembered, not only as Senior English Master, but as House Master of Bennett House (The Blues) since 1932.

An appreciation of Mr. Hewson appears elsewhere in this issue.

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Mr. D. Harrison, B. A. (Durham), is also leaving us at the end of this term, after two years on the Staff. Mr. Harrison, who has an Honours degree in French and has given great help with our Soccer and Athletics, is to be married soon, and is emigrating to Canada. We wish him happiness and thank him for his work here.

Mr. I. E. Hallas, L.R.A.M., L.T.C.L. (C.M.T.), joined us in April as Director of Music. Educated at Queen Elizabeth's, Wakefield, Hull University, and St. John's College, York, Mr. Hallas is a well-qualified and experienced Music specialist, whose pleasant and vigorous personality has already made its mark on our School life. A talented cricketer, he plays regularly and achieves some remarkable bowling figures for Leeds in the Yorkshire League.

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Mr. D. Montgomery, M.A. (Oxon.), formerly Exhibitioner of Wadham College, has been with us temporarily this term. His services have been appreciated and we wish him success in his permanent post at Ashford Grammar School.

### THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We wound up our year's activities on a pleasant social note with our second annual dance, at which we have as guests senior students of the School and their counterparts from the High School. With examinations behind them, the young people were in the mood for celebration, and the opportunity for doing just that was appreciated, judging from their expressions of thanks to Association officers.

The School Hall was comfortably filled for the occasion with parents constituting about half the number of guests. This was quite up to expectations, but it remains a mystery to us why we cannot depend upon a greater degree of support from the general body of parents. We endeavour to vary events to suit all tastes.

The potential is tremendous, of course: some 900 parents. If we could rely upon only one-tenth of this figure at each of our promotions we would be very happy indeed. We shall keep hoping.

During the year we handed over to the School Fund some £30. This represents, in part, subscriptions from parents—the membership fee remains at 1/—and also profits from our activities. The sum could be so much bigger, of course—with the right backing.

In a variety of ways, numerous womenfolk of the Association were behind-the-scenes workers at school events during the year. There was the concert, the play, the Sports' all of which found our members busily engaged in unseen work. Theirs also was a big contribution to the Autumn Fair. We think it vital work, which could be shared by so many more.

Each annual intake of new boys brings fresh parents' faces in supplementation of our committee ranks, however. We hope to see more at our annual meeting to be held in the School on Wednesday, the 8th October.



A break during the Dress Rehearsal of "H.M.S. Pinafore," 24th March, 1958. — Nine synthetic girls and a real Midshipmite.

Left to right:—G. A. Pawson, A. Sharp, G. Brown, J. M. Cook, P. Oxley, L. G-. Westwood, J. T. Davison, R. Smith, R. D. Hunter, A. G. Pattinson.

## H.M.S. PINAFORE

With the success of one Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera, "The Pirates of Penzance," behind them and with the inspiration of Mr. Addy, their Musical Director, the cast of H.M.S. Pinafore took the stage with confidence on their first night, Tuesday, March 25th. After many weeks of preparation, costume-making, rehearsals, and stage directions, the cast played their parts like seasoned veterans.

From the School of Cecil B. de Mille, the "Cast of Thousands" policy was borrowed, and it was quite a considerable feat to get the whole assembly on the stage together.

With a lusty chorus from the "tars," vigorously sweeping an already spotless "deck," the curtains parted to reveal the quarter deck of H.M.S. Pinafore, embellished with a dazzling array of nautical bric-a-brac.

Through the four performances which were presented, the continuity was accurate and the singing faultless, and it is with great difficulty that the performance of any one person can be singled out. A. R. Jones, as the hero Ralph Rackstraw, gave a creditable performance in both singing and acting, as did the "leading lady" Josephine, played by L. G. Westwood. D. Rose, as Captain Corcoran, and A. Jenkins, as the First Lord of the Admiralty, played their parts with a discreet blend of gravity and humour, and their comic scenes were greatly appreciated by the audience. M.C. Clayson played Dick Deadeye, whose villainy and black-hearted bravery made him "the most unpopular man in the Fleet," as the programme mildly put it. He handled his difficult vocal part extremely well.

The back-stage helpers are to be congratulated on their labours. R. Cooper, concealed behind his piano, played the musical accompaniment with his usual fervour, and J. M. Cooper's guitar strumming provided a suitable background to Rose's "Moonlight Serenade." The multitude of helpers: the electricians, painters, wood-workers, make-up assistants and refreshment servers, are too numerous to mention, but their willing services towards the successful production of the opera were invaluable and much appreciated by the cast. Special mention must be made of the labours of Mr. Moreton, the Stage Manager, Mr. Robinson, who was in charge of the scenery painting, Mrs. Law, head of the make-up department, and the Headmaster who produced the opera.





**The most unpopular man in the Fleet, Dick Deadeye (M. C. Clayson), menaced by Marines E. M. Ellis and G. K. Reynolds; Able Seamen R. J. D. Smith, R. D. Roydhouse, A. Womersley, C. W. Whale, M Farrell, R. Ward; the Bosun's Mate (D. Street) and Ralph Rackstraw (A. R. Jones): a scene from the Dress Rehearsal of "H.M.S. Pinafore" on 24th March, 1958.**

BOATSWAIN ..... D. Street  
RALPH RACKSTRAW (Able Seaman) ..... A. R. Jones  
DICK DEADEYE (Able Seaman)..... M. C. Clay son  
CARPENTER'S MATE . ..... A. Paul  
MIDSHIPMITE ..... P. Oxley  
SERGEANT OF MARINES ..... D. K. Benton  
MARINES .....T. Abbott, E. M. Ellis, L. H. Pyrah, G. K.  
Reynolds.  
SAILORS..... M. Farrell, R. D. Roydhouse, R. J. Smith  
R. Ward, C. W. Whale, A. Womersley.  
LITTLE BUTTERCUP (a Portsmouth Bum-boat Woman)  
K. Norton  
CAPTAIN CORCORAN ..... ..D. Rose  
JOSEPHINE (the Captain's Daughter).....L. G. Westwood  
SISTERS, COUSINS, and AUNTS of the First Lord  
G. Brown, R. M. Copley, J. T. Davison, R. Dawson.  
P. M. Haigh, D. M. Hall, J. M. Haywood, R. D. Hunter,  
D. N. Jowett, W. J. Kettlestring, A. Knowles, P.J. Lock-  
wood, J. H. Moorhouse, A. H. Morgan, A. G. Pattinson,  
G. A. Pawson, D. Powers, I. Robinson, A. Sharp, A. Sim-  
mons, R. Smith  
COUSIN HEBE ..... J. M. Cook  
THE Rt. HON. SIR JOSEPH PORTER K.C.B.  
(First Lord of the Admiralty) .....A. Jenkins

The first three forms in the ticket-selling competition for the Opera were:—  
IB, VIth Arts, VIth Science

It is a sad reflection on the creaking machinery of the Society that there have been far more committee meetings than meetings of any other sort this term. The two meetings which have taken place, however, were very enjoyable.

On Wednesday, 30th April, the Society held an "Any Questions?" in the High School library. Miss S. Kynaston was in the chair and the panel consisted of Miss Richardson, Miss Webster, Miss Machleb, Miss Goalby, C. W. Whale, G. B. Milner, and K. Hutchinson.

There was not much variety in the questions, which hovered around compulsory sport in School, marriage for money, equality for women, convention, and the marriage of non-Christians in Church. A comforting thought was struck by the girls, who seemed to believe that women despised those men who regarded them as equals. A not-so-comforting aspect of the proceedings, perhaps, was the attitude of the panel to the last topic. They were almost all against the marriage of non-Christian people in Church.

The second meeting of the term took place in our library on Wednesday, 14th May. Two plays "Paradise Perplexed" and "The Man in the Bowler Hat"—produced by J. Glaze, were read by a mixed cast who almost outnumbered the audience. The plays caused considerable merriment, especially as the cast saw fit to make discreet alterations in the text whenever the spirit moved them.

At the time of going to press the film fans in the Society have been disappointed by the committee's decision to cancel the visit to "The Ten Commandments," but all are looking forward to the annual outing which will take them to Bridlington.

### IIIA LIBRARY

Our form library is made up of books borrowed by the School from the County Library, Wakefield. These are changed half-yearly and this term we have received many interesting new books: indeed our library has grown from forty-seven to a hundred and one—a notable increase. The library is run by two boy librarians, and is open every dinner-time, and for a quarter of an hour after school. Thirty-two of the thirty-five boys in the form take advantage of the library and use it regularly.

The library has plenty of thrillers and Space stories, including H. G. Wells' "War of the Worlds," from which a very exciting film was made. Some of the famous Biggles books are also included in the library.

The non-fiction section of the library has a varied collection of books to suit all tastes and hobbies, ranging from "Camping for Boys and Girls" to "A Book about Castles," "Amazing Scientific Facts," and "See through the Sea," a gaily -coloured book of life in the sea.

With such an excellent selection of books maybe we in IIIA will be able to set an example to other forms by reading more books, and spending less time watching television.

R. M. Barr.

## WHEN KELLY CAME TO TOWN

The rider spurred his lathered horse into the sleepy town and skittered to a halt outside the Wells-Fargo office.

"He's coming! Kelly's coming to town!" he yelled to the bystanders lounging in the heat of the noonday sun. One of the oldsters approached:

"Hold on, Jack," he grated. "Who is this Kelly hombre? And why should we care if he's coming to town?" The wild-eyed youngster spun round.

"Who is he?" he gasped. "He's got eighteen notches on his gun butt, that's who he is. Now let me go—I want to get out of town before any shooting starts." He wheeled and was gone. The oldster and his companions gazed after him momentarily, and then followed his example. Within minutes the whole town had been warned.

The sun had traced its sightless path across the sky and shadows were creeping eastwards when Kelly arrived. He was a tall man, dressed in typical rangeland garb. His face was cold, expressionless, and a drooping moustache accentuated his grim look. Around his waist two belts supported worn holsters, sagging under the weight of heavy black guns, and on the butt of the right Colt, carved out of the bone grips, were eighteen notches.

He sat his horse atop a small knoll and gazed down upon the town.

"So this is Coyote Gap," he mumbled. "Looks like a pretty quiet town,"

He 'chukked' softly and his horse moved down the rise and into the town, hooves muffled by the thick alkali dust.

Old Ben Dawson dozing on the sidewalk started as he heard the creak of leather.

"Where can I find a room, stranger?" Kelly asked.

"Right down the Street, Sir" was the answer.

Kelly moved on and dismounted outside the small hotel. He entered and approached a bespectacled clerk seated behind a mahogany desk.

"My name's Kelly," he said. "I want a room."

"Certainly, Mister Kelly," replied the clerk. "You can have the best room in the house. It's right here on the ground floor,"

"I don't like sleeping on the ground floor," Kelly replied: "I'd like a room on the front of the second floor."

"B-but the only room up there is reserved by Hawk Murdoch, the gunfighter," the clerk retorted nervously.

"It is, eh? I suppose . . ."

"But you can have it," the clerk cut in. "I'm sure Hawk won't mind. I'll take you up to it."

The sun was painting the skies in pastel shades, flinging up spears of light in the west, when Hawk Murdoch swaggered into the hotel: a burly man, clad in fringed buckskins. A cartridge belt buckled around his waist supported one gun, thonged down in its sheath on his right leg.

"I heard that some coyote's taken the room I reserved," he snarled.

"That's right, Hawk," whimpered the clerk, "but I couldn't help it."

"Well, I'll have to get rid of him in my own way," laughed Murdoch.

He slipped the Colt deftly from its oiled holster, and spun the chamber menacingly.

"But Hawk," interrupted the clerk, "didn't they tell you? He's got eighteen notches on his gun."

Murdoch paled suddenly and the Colt slipped from his grasp and clattered to the floor.

"Eighteen notches!" he repeated breathlessly. "That's more than Wild Bill himself."

The sound of footsteps on the oak staircase brought their heads round. Kelly stood there.

"Did I hear someone mention my name?"

"N-no Mister Kelly," stammered Hawk and the clerk in unison.

"Well, I changed my mind about staying tonight," retorted Kelly. "If I travel through the night I should reach Abilene by daylight. I'll pay up now."

"No, sir. You don't have to pay me a cent. It's on the house, Mister Kelly. Glad to have accommodated you."

Kelly nodded his thanks and left the small hotel, collected his horse and rode out of town into the gloom. He topped the crest of the ridge and twisted in the saddle to watch the river, a tinsel ribbon in the moonlight, wend its tireless way through brush and scrub-land. He spoke to himself and his voice carried far...

"I reckon folks out here in the West are friendlier than they said they were back East. Ever since I came out here for my health, people have treated me like a king."

He slid one of the Peacemakers from its sheath and eyed it thoughtfully.

"... And I've never even had a chance to use these guns I bought in New York. Except for liking to whittle notches on the butt, I wouldn't even know how it feels to hold a gun..."

J. F. Fairclough.



## THE TEST

As Monday morning comes once more  
I leave my bed of rest:  
I dress, and eat, and then proceed  
To travel to the Test.

The first bus (never comes on time)  
Seems just a little late,  
And so I take my chance, and lean  
A-swotting on the gate.

An uneventful journey, then  
I walk towards our room:  
The day of reckoning has come,  
And so, alas, my doom.

With several other people there,  
The silence yet is drear;  
The boys are learning madly  
Possessed by deadly fear.

At last the bell begins to ring:  
Assembly soon is passed.  
The boys are led out from the Hall  
And into classrooms massed.

The door is shut, the pens are out,  
The battle has begun.  
With question numbers one to ten  
The master's having fun.

And when the boys read out their marks  
Of two, and three, and four,  
There's lines and impositions, and  
Detentions by the score.

So, parents, as this story ends  
I beg of you this day :  
When your boy says he has a Test  
Then please keep him away.

G. P. Smith.

### PUZZLE

My first is in "Hamlet" but not in 'St. Joan,'  
My second's in Venice and also in Rome.  
My third is in writing, but not in essay,  
My fourth's in Shakespeare, but never in play.  
My fifth is in Milton—and in Scott,  
My last is in pen, but not in blot.  
My whole, whose surname it is easy to discern,  
Is a master who'll leave us at the end of this term.

Solution: Mr. Hewson.

May his retirement be a long and happy one.

D. Hoyle.

### A.F.C.

The annual match between the School First XI and the Staff XI was played at Altofts on Tuesday, 11th April. In pleasant sunshine a youthful Staff team, including our French Assistant M. Pierre Voyer, and Mr. John Beddows, took the field hoping to reproduce the form which last year held a strong School XI to a draw. It was not to be, however, for after a goalless first half, School's youth and team-work began to tell, and the result was a decisive win for the boys by six goals to none.

### R.U.F.C.

#### COLOURS

2nd XV colours for the season 1957-58 have been awarded to:—

A. Jenkins, E. Proctor, J. R. Hanson, and A. Womersley.

#### 1st XV v. OLD BOYS

The annual match with the Old Frestonians' XV was played on the 29th March on the Old Leodiensians' ground at Robin Hood. On a very wet and dismal Saturday morning School took the field with a man short against a bigger, but supposedly unfit team. For the first twenty minutes School managed to hold the aggressive Old Frestonians at bay. But towards the end of the first half the Old Boys scored a quick eight points, and from then until the end of the match they continued to pile up the points against a weak and spiritless School team. The success of the Old Boys was mainly due to the ability of their heavy pack who seemed unaffected by the muddy conditions.

Old Frestonians' XV .....24pts.

School 1st XV ..... 6pts.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Old Leodiensians' R.U.F.C. for their kindness in lending us their ground for this and three other matches at the end of last term.

### **CRICKET, 1958**

There has been plenty of Cricket this season in spite of the wet weather, and keenness and enthusiasm run high in the Lower School. This augurs well for the future. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Foster, Mr. Fox, and Mr. Montgomery, who have coached and organised cricket on Saturday mornings, there appears to be a large reservoir of talent.

The cricket field itself has never looked better, and has called forth many an admiring comment. One visiting team marvelled to find what they called "a very pleasant and quiet corner of a mining town." Indeed, when the sun does shine one can relax in a deck chair and by an effort of imagination it is possible to escape from the drabness of an industrial area.

The 1st XI has proved to be rather an unbalanced side this season. The batting has been satisfactory and we have topped the 100 mark on three or four occasions, which is a commendable feat in schoolboy cricket. Certain individual performances are praiseworthy, as the batting analysis will show. Our bowling, however, has proved inadequate, largely, I fear, since K. Barnes has not been able to find a length. He is the spearhead of our attack, and when he fails we have to labour. It is true that the wickets so far have not given him much help, and, perhaps, too big a burden has been placed on his shoulders. Still, he is a natural player and his batting has shown courage; he will improve. Some of our younger members show promise, but they lack experience and strength. Perhaps next season we shall be able to go on to the field with two pace bowlers of proven ability; they should have ample support. Although we cannot claim many victories there has been some cause for satisfaction this term and the cricket has been very enjoyable.

### **THE FIRST ELEVEN**

E. BINNS (Captain). His task as Captain has been made difficult through weakness in bowling strength, but he has used his bowlers intelligently and has helped and encouraged our younger members. He has never been able to do justice to himself as a batsman.

C. RUMMINGS (Vice Captain): A very steady batsman who watches the ball well. Experience and coaching will help him to acquire more scoring strokes and he should become a bowler of strength in the School XI.

D. S. ATKINSON (Secretary): He is developing into a sound opening batsman, his long reach proving very useful. His 63 against Bretton Hall showed that he is now able to put more power into his shots. He has also met with success as a slow off-spin bowler. Much is expected of him.

K. BARNES: He began the Season in a disappointing fashion, but his 62 against Silcoates proved to be one of the most intelligent innings played on the School ground for many years. We hope he will bring the same concentration to his bowling.

J. F. SABEY: A useful left-handed batsman, he has shown what courage and determination can do on a couple of occasions.

P. RHODES: An opening batsman who shows admirable concentration. His innings at Bridlington was a fine example of dourness and determination. He is a fine slip-fielder and shows promise as a bowler. He should make a good "all-rounder."

H. CLARKE: He does not look an attractive batsman, but he is always eager for runs, and, given an element of luck, he has been able to turn a game in our favour.

L. DUNN: He began the season well and "possessing a good eye" hit the ball hard, but he has not maintained his form on "sticky" wickets.

M. MUNTON: In view of the experimental nature of our bowling tactics he must have been rather disappointed sometimes at the way in which he has been used, but he has remained a cheerful and useful member of the side.

M. G. BELL: He has proved to be our most dangerous bowler. On a wicket that suits him he can spin the ball well, but he must learn to flight it.

G. SLEIGHT: He is a most promising young cricketer, but he must learn to discipline himself. He has the makings of a very efficient wicketkeeper, and, although small, should develop into a forceful batsman.

A. NICHOLSON: Another promising young cricketer. He is developing into a good medium-pace bowler and he should make a useful left-handed batsman.

M. FOX: If he makes use of his height he should become a pace bowler of some talent. At present he lacks both strength and confidence. He is an intelligent, hard-working member of the team.

### **1st XI Results**

School 152 for 8 declared (D. S. Atkinson 29, L. Dunn 48), Mr. R. Law's XI 42 (C. Rummings 5 for 8).

School 109 (C. Rummings 30, H. Clarke 42), King's School, Pontefract, 88 for 6.

Hemsworth Grammar School 142 for 4 (M. G. Bell 4 for 35), match abandoned.

School 103 for 9 declared (D. S. Atkinson 17, C. Rummings 43), West Leeds High School 76 (K. Barnes 3 for 24, P. Rhodes 3 for 14, M. Munton 3 for 0).

School 155 for 8 declared (D. S. Atkinson 27, L. Dunn 41, C. Rummings 31, E. Binns 27), York and Lancaster Regiment 74 (P. Rhodes 2 for 3, M. G. Bell 5 for 16).

R.A.F. Leconfield 138 for 9 declared (M. Fox 3 for 26, S. L. J. Jackson 2 for 9), School 82 for 4 (Mr. Malpass 32 not out, C. Rummings 23).

School 27 (P. Rhodes 14 not out), Bridlington School 30 for 0.

School 107 for 7 declared (D. S. Atkinson 30, J. F. Sabey 29), Scarborough College 63 for 5.

School 114 (D. S. Atkinson 65), Bretton Hall 107 for 9 (K. Barnes 4 for 29, M. Bell 3 for 26).

School 67 (D. S. Atkinson 20), Castleford Grammar School 70 for 7 (K. Barnes 3 for 21).

School 142 for 9 declared (K. Barnes 62, G. Sleight 41), Silcoates School 50 (M. Bell 6 for 18, D. S. Atkinson 2 for 6).

St. Michael's College, Leeds, 115 for 7 declared (M. G. Bell 4 for 35), School 52.

### **2nd XI Results**

King's School, Pontefract, 92 (E. M. Ellis 3 for 26, Jackson 2 for 2), School 93 for 6 (G. J. Copley 32, M. G. Bell 34).

Hemsworth Grammar School 52 for 6. Match abandoned.

St. Michael's College, Leeds, 78 (K. Wilson 3 for 16, S. L. J. Jackson 3 for 17), School 58 for 4 (M. Fox 19 not out, J. Senior 30 not out).

### **JUNIOR CRICKET**

At the time of going to Press, the Junior XI's have played 11 matches and there are four to come. It is difficult to generalise about one team, since the age-groups vary. The one that has played most games together is the Under 14 XI (ages reckoned on 1st September last).

This is mainly a third year side, composed of boys who have had three years' coaching at School. It should prove a strong side as an Under 15 XI in 1959, and later as the nucleus of a successful senior side.

At present, one is more conscious of the U. 14 XI's defects than its merits. On the credit side are the keenness and quiet satisfaction with the game of cricket, seriously played, which pervade the boys in the XI; the slow bowling promise of W. R. Watson and M. A. Morley; the quicker bowling of



M. Marsh; the improved batting of D. Lumb, R. A. Hadley, W. R. Watson, I. Dews, B. Nettleton, M. Marsh, J. Mitchell, J. A. Cudworth, J. Evans and P. Davis; the usually good fielding; and the growing confidence and responsibility of the Captain, Hadley. There are also useful players in A. Symonds (who batted stylishly against Bridlington), G. S. Dobson (who hit a massive 6 against Wakefield, though originally chosen as an opening bowler), J. E. Ritson (a very good fielder and a steady opening batsman) and T. M. Conboy (a left-hand batsman and a bowler of good potentiality).

Weaknesses have lain in the tendency to get out through lack of concentration, especially in being indecisive and failing to cover the ball properly; imperfect field-setting; persisting too long with the same bowlers and allowing the opposing batsmen to get comfortably set; and suddenly inventing a "new method" of calling and running, and using it without wasting time on rehearsal.

Older boys, who have played in the few Under 15 games, have had most of their cricket with the 1st or 2nd XI's. Such are A. Nicholson, G. Sleight and M. Fox, all of whom have had their biggest scores with the Senior XI's, being dismissed cheaply in the U-15 matches. R. C. Gayton, the chosen U-15 Captain, has had to be content with leading his team in trial games, having proved over age for the matches arranged. The best achievement of any 4th year boy this season has undoubtedly been B. Williams's 8 for 8 against Wakefield. Congratulations!

Of the younger boys, B. Baker, M. Mitchell, A. P. Richardson and W. S. Harris are still needing the one good innings to give them much-needed confidence. C. Walker, K. R. Wood, T. J. Ogley and P. Barlow are but four of many in the 1st year who have given signs of ability. R. D. Hunter, I. A. Howson and J. K. Jarvis have shown promise as bowlers.

The practices run by Mr. Montgomery on Saturday mornings have encouraged the keenness of a most promising set of 1st year cricketers. Prospects for the future are certainly rosy, though one could wish for more batting ability in the present second year.

## **Results**

### **Under 15 XI**

School 58 for 7 declared (R. A. Hadley 29, B. Nettleton 10), King's School, Pontefract 59 for 4 (M. Fox 3 for 18).

School 36, Q.E.G.S., Wakefield 35 (B. Williams 8 for 8).

### **Under 14 XI**

Bridlington School 69 (D. Lumb 4 for 19, M. Marsh 4 for 16), School 68 (M. Marsh 17, A. Symonds 14, W. R. Watson 12, D. Lumb n.o. 10).

School 74 (D. Lumb 21, M. Marsh 15, W. R. Watson 12), Scarborough College 75 for 4.  
 School 122 for 7 declared (B. Nettleton 24, R. A. Hadley 23, J. Mitchell 21, M. Marsh 16, W. R. Watson 16, D. Lumb n.o. 13), Castleford Grammar School 53 for 5 (W. R. Watson 3 for 7).  
 King's School, Pontéfract, 34 (M. Marsh 3 for 4), School 21.  
 School 63 for 9 declared (P. Davies 16, J. A. Cudworth 12), Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, 33 for 5 (M. Marsh 3 for 11).  
 W. Leeds High School 57 (W. R. Watson 6 for 10), School 40 (J. Evans 12).  
 St. Michael's College 57 (M. Marsh 4 for 22, W. R. Watson 3 for 20), School 60 for 1 (I. Dews n.o. 37, W. R. Watson n.o. 18).

#### **Under 13 XI**

Q.E.G.S., Wakefield, 24 (R. D. Hunter 3 for 6), School 25 for 2 (T. J. Ogley n.o. 14).

#### **THE CRICKET TOUR, 29th MAY—1st JUNE**

I don't know whether this was the first cricket tour made by the School but it was certainly a memorable one. There were forty-two members of the 1st XI and Under 14 XI, baggage-men, scorers, and reserves. Five adults (the Headmaster, Mr. and Mrs. Law, Mr. Malpass, and Mr. Montgomery) accompanied the boys. When we had journeyed for two hours we arrived at a way-side cafe, but our officials did not approve of it and found a country inn more satisfying.

Three hours later we were watching the helicopters buzzing about our heads, while the 1st XI was playing cricket against a team from the air station (R.A.F., Leconfield). Mr. Malpass knocked 32 not out. The officer who showed us round the air station told us how safe the helicopters were, but a few days later one of them crashed at Bridlington.

Our first view of Etton Pasture School, our Headquarters, was through a misty light at about nine o'clock. After being fed and given instructions, we went to bed and settled down to what we hoped was going to be a good night's sleep.

Although on Friday morning the swim had to be cancelled it did not worry some of the older boys because, if the match in the afternoon had to be cancelled also, there would be free time in Bridlington. However, after the sixth formers had prepared some sandwiches (some of which were stained with blood) for lunch, the party set off for Bridlington and fortunately the rain stopped while we were on the way; so both matches were played.

After eating fish and chips in a café near the harbour, we were allowed to have free time in Bridlington for an hour, after which we returned to Etton and bedded down for the night.

The swim before breakfast on Saturday was one for the really tough; even the sticklebacks had goose-pimples. When we had finished our breakfast, we set off in sunshine to Scarborough and arrived there at about one o'clock, just in time for lunch, which was the usual salad.

With rain stopping play almost every twenty minutes, the matches finished at about seven o'clock. Until eight o'clock we had free time in Scarborough; at eight we were to meet outside the Floral Hall where the "Star Varieties" were to be held.

In this show, judging by the applause, Alma Cogan was the most popular performer, with Albert and Les Ward a close second. After the meal at the Clifton, which was excellent, we made our way back to Etton. About half the party went to sleep on the journey back.

On Sunday morning the sun was shining brightly; so that some of us enjoyed a light hearted game of cricket, while others went for a walk, and those who did neither played table-tennis and billiards.

After lunch we sadly packed our bags and prepared to leave for home. However, by now it was raining and on the journey back we did not stop at the pleasant country inn where we had stayed on our way out. About two-and-a-half hours after leaving Etton we were back at home. It is always good to return home after even a short excursion, but we do owe a debt of gratitude to the Head and the Masters who made possible this well-planned and highly enjoyable cricket tour — not forgetting, of course, our long-suffering families who footed the bill.

J. Mitchell, A. Nicholson, J. E. Ritson, J. Sharpe.

## ATHLETICS

It is rather difficult to give a fair account of Athletics this term when the main event of the year — the Inter-House Sports—has not yet taken place. However, the School has already taken part in two open meetings, and despite the atrocious weather, has still managed to keep a fairly regular training schedule.

For the first time a team was sent to the Northern Schools' Athletic Association meeting at the White City, Manchester, on 31st May. The standard was undoubtedly very high, but our team of B. Mountain (who is Captain of Athletics this year), D. K. Benton (Secretary), C. W. Whale, A. Jenkins, and E. M. Ellis, did not disgrace itself and has no doubt profited from the experience. Jenkins,

indeed, reached the second round of the hurdles (3ft. 3in.), and then in the next heat had the misfortune to trip when comfortably placed. It is hoped to send a larger team next year, and also to try to include one or two competitors for events which, at the moment, cannot be practised because of shortage of facilities — namely, the steeple-chase, the triple-jump, and throwing the hammer.

In the Yorkshire Schools' A.A. Championships held at Leeds on 14th June, only E. M. Ellis came near to a first place. In the Intermediate 100 yards, he was narrowly beaten after leading for 90 yards. L. R. Brannon vaulted 8ft. 9in. in the Junior Pole Vault, which was an excellent performance considering this is only his second year at the event; his practising has certainly paid dividends. N. Ellis reached 5ft. 4in. in the Intermediate High Jump, which is three inches below his practice "best," but was, nevertheless, a creditable performance.

The triangular match between King's School, Pontefract, Sir Percy Jackson's Grammar School, Doncaster, and Normanton, is being held this year at Doncaster on Thursday, 17th July. A full team of two per event will be chosen after our Inter-House Championship which is scheduled for the previous week.

### **CROSS-COUNTRY**

On Wednesday, 19th March, School's Senior and Intermediate Cross-Country teams were matched against some very good opponents from Rishworth School. The course was somewhat longer than that used for the Inter-House Cross-Country run, and this may have proved too difficult for our boys. However, this in no way detracts from the excellent display given by our Rishworth visitors who practically "swept the board" in the Senior race, and secured the first two places in the Intermediate event. M. F. Hough is to be congratulated on coming in a gallant seventh for the Seniors, and D. G. Burdon a good third for the Intermediates.

### **HOCKEY**

Once again last term our stalwart Association and Rugby footballers "took to sticks," and, under the coaching of Mr. Bryant, developed into a reasonable team. A 4-0 victory was won over the Girls' High School.

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