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EDITORIAL

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The end of this term marks the end of an era. It is not only the end of the School year, and the end of the road for pupils who, for one reason or another, have decided to take their leave ; it also signals the departure from the School of two outstanding figures, the Headmaster and the Deputy Headmaster, Messrs. Hamilton and Law respectively. With all due respect to Mr. Law, I would like in this Editorial to write something on behalf of Mr. Hamilton (although if he knew I was writing about him he would probably have me shot at dawn!).

Here is a man much liked by a few, and probably never fully understood by the great majority. He has asked little of pupils but has given a lot, although few realise quite how much. He has worked harder than anyone on administration. Some have objected to his inelegant appearance in assembly, but this is probably accounted for by the fact that he is often to be found burning not only the midnight oil, but the 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. oil also!

One cannot but admire him for his forthrightness. He does not mince words, as many have discovered, frequently to their cost, during his eleven years of rule. He has rarely

seen eye to eye with the School governors, and it was this lack of harmony which was the eventual cause of his resignation. But if he did not always get on well with all the right people in all the right places, he is nevertheless not someone who would be described as a “greaser” by many of his pupils.

I have often heard this School likened to a prison camp, but when one puts things into perspective and looks at them objectively, is this really so ? Admittedly ours is not the most go-ahead permissive school in the world, but it could be far worse. The prison camp fallacy probably stems from the fact that the only occasions on which many pupils entered the lion’s den were after they had committed a breach of the peace. Often I have heard, in an apprehensive murmur, “Ah’ve got to go to t’ Boss’s office.” I am sure that if one cared to approach Mr. Hamilton with a problem, one would find him as reasonable as the next man.

Make no mistake, I am not carrying a torch for anyone; I am merely trying to point out a few less well known facets of probably the most controversial headmaster ever to cross the threshold of Normanton Grammar School.

Paul Golding.

[We hasten to assure readers that what appears above is Paul Golding’s personal opinion, and does not necessarily represent the views of the Editorial Committee].

SCHOOL NEWS

Readers with good memories will recall these words from a *Frestonian* editorial of three years ago: "A few editorials have been written criticizing various qualities of the School and the way it is run, but no more will appear, partly because the national press have made a habit of giving wide publicity to what was intended only for school audiences."

A fair comment, but apparently a vain hope; for even when it speaks in more muted tones the *Frestonian* does not fail to provide fodder for the press. The decision not to censor or amend our current editorial, therefore, will be considered either enlightened or, more likely, 'asking for it.' Yet, rightly or wrongly, our editors have always been allowed *carte blanche* in their choice of topic, and Paul Golding has set down his thoughts sincerely and honestly—certainly not for the purpose of arousing the sort of cheap publicity which anything even mildly sensational seems to attract, while a piece of news to the School's credit is passed over in silence. To end in appropriately stick-wielding mood, we would point out that, however over-permissive we may be, we are still old-fashioned enough to believe in the common courtesy of asking permission before quoting from this magazine.

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Few, at any rate, will disagree with our Editor when he describes the end of this term as 'the end of an era.' In order to mark this rather sad event in the happiest possible way, Mr. and Mrs. Law, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Harrison were the guests of the staff at a dinner held at Monk Fryston Hall. Mr. Law was in his liveliest mood — in fact he seemed to grow progressively younger as the end of term approached — and entertained us with a few reminiscences of his awesome forty years of service. We are already savouring the prospect of some 'Recollections in Tranquillity' which he has promised to write for the next issue of the *Frestonian*.

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Instead of filling two whole days, the SCHOOL SPORTS were spread over four afternoons, an innovation generally welcomed by competitors, spectators and ice-cream salesmen alike. It also meant that on the two afternoons devoted to field events non-combatants were spared the annoyance of carrying chairs to and from Dalefield, so that the proceedings had a kind of 'walkabout' informality; spectators strolled from one event to another as though they were fairground sideshows.

Down at Dalefield the times are a-changing, and so are the distances. For with the exception of the 100 yards (which on its present site could be extended only by demolishing the boundary fence), all of the track events were impressively metric. The revolution has not yet reached the throwing and jumping events, which are still measured in good old feet and inches. Race winners therefore had the added satisfaction of knowing that they had automatically set up new records, but they had to wait until the end of the fourth afternoon before receiving their awards, which were presented by Mrs. Law.

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Our athletes have had a splendid season, and their exploits are fully reported in the games section of the magazine. Perhaps the most unusual sporting honour went to John Whiteley, who was selected to play in the YORKSHIRE COLTS (UNDER 25) GOLF TEAM against Lancashire and Derbyshire. With a number of keen golfers in School, two fanatics on the staff and a nine-hole course only 'down the road,' one wonders whether the School could one day be as famous for its golf as it is for its rugby.

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Rather less well-known, and deservedly so, is the STAFF GENTLEMEN'S XI, which under Mr. Atkinson's inspiring captaincy has been playing gentlemanly cricket fixtures against the staffs of neighbouring schools. Readers may be forgiven for doubting whether the team's title is well chosen, especially since during the last match one gentleman from either side was escorted to hospital. With

some misgivings, then, their secretary reveals plans to revive the staff v. parents fixtures next summer, thereby giving ambitious parents a fine opportunity of making big scores and settling old ones. Mr. Johnson will be pleased to hear from any parents, preferably fathers, who are keen — or just plain willing — to play.

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On the face of it, a connection between MODERN MATHS and ANCIENT GREEK is not easy to find. Yet this term the very first batches of candidates sat public examinations in these subjects. A less welcome link was the discovery that two papers clashed on the same afternoon. So it happened that the fearless few who were attempting both subjects took the Greek exam in the morning, and spent the next three hours imprisoned and incommunicado in room 18. They were revived in time for the afternoon session, though with what success is not known at the time of writing.

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The current swing away from the humanities has not deterred four pupils from opting for the new SIXTH FORM CLASSICS COURSE of Latin, Greek and Ancient History and Literature, a combination which offers far wider career prospects than is generally thought. To encourage them and their successors, Mr. Hamilton has asked the Foundation Governors to accept on trust the amount subscribed at his departure by staff and pupils in order to provide a prize for work in classics at a standard beyond 'O' level or any future equivalent ; the prize would be awarded annually by the Head for the time being in consultation with the head of classics, and would continue for as long as the School continues to provide teaching in the Latin or Greek languages to the necessary standard, and for as long as the Foundation Governors continue to make a general prize grant to the School; it could be withheld if in any year no candidate was felt to deserve it. no pupil could win it more than once; and it would not bear the donor's name.

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Whether or not this year's SUMMER REVUE was the funniest ever, it must surely go down in history as the cleanest. The School fund, which benefits by £42, can no longer be accused of living on its immoral earnings — at least, not until next summer.

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We are grateful to Miss M. V. Halmshaw, Lecturer in English at Lady Mabel College of Education, for deciding the destination of the GOVERNORS' ESSAY PRIZES. Miss Halmshaw commended the entries for their "variety, individuality and their writers' awareness of what is going on around them." She confessed to finding the task of judging difficult, since no two entrants stood out clearly as winners, and wondered whether there was a case for awarding the prizes irrespective of sex (not the first time the point has been made). The awards, and our congratulations, go to Heather Kearsley and M. Levitt, with Barbara Dolby-Glover and M. Stones the runners-up.

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MUSIC-MAKING was a healthy mixture of the professional and the do-it-yourself. There were concerts by a West Riding Orchestra and recitals of chamber music by the West Riding String Quartet, who were making a welcome return visit to the School. Musical conservatives, who used to dismiss chamber music as unmanageably long-haired (presumably before this style of appearance was adopted by alien groups), would have blushed to the roots had they heard the thunderous applause with which a first-form audience received items by Webern and Stravinsky.

Our own musicians turned out in force for the annual Normanton Schools' Musical Festival, held at the County Secondary School. Mr. Beardsley writes: "These two evenings were a most rewarding experience for all concerned. I think many will have to admit, if only secretly, that there is a great deal of pleasure to be gained from singing in a choir (and not only because rehearsals involve 'free periods!'), and that communal music-making, despite its old-fashioned overtones, can still bring satisfaction to people of widely differing ages and tastes."

The performances were later to reach a still wider audience, for a tape-recording of the concert was relayed

to the inmates of Pontefract Infirmary, where we trust it had a wholly therapeutic effect.

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One of the soloists at the festival was Michael Woodhead, whose brilliant trumpet-playing has brought him a CANDLIN EXHIBITION at the Royal College of Music, Manchester, after a gruelling and highly competitive examination. We were also delighted to hear that David Fairer had added to his academic successes the MATTHEW ARNOLD MEMORIAL PRIZE, which is arguably the most distinguished prize awarded by Oxford University for work in English.

These splendid achievements could only be outclassed by an appearance on television; and in fact both Woodhead and Fairer became TELEVISION STARS, the former on 'Opportunity Knocks' with the Whitwood Music Centre Brass Band, the latter as captain of the Trinity College, Oxford, team in 'University Challenge,' his own account of which appears later in the magazine.

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"The adjudicators of the READING COMPETITION were impressed by the adventurous and original choice of passages. The clear and musical voices of many readers would have surprised anyone who had heard only everyday conversation in the school. The standard premised well for future dramatic productions and the number of entrants revealed a pleasing keenness."

So writes Miss Harrison, who judged the senior section, and whose wonderfully clear and musical voice will be sadly missed next year.

Prizewinners :

SENIORS : Briony Burdon and Alan Bolton.

JUNIORS : Ann Garbutt and Pamela Oakley.

INTERNS : Peter McDougall and Rita Newton.

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Efforts in aid of DR. BARNADO'S HOMES broke all records this year. Some pupils will go to any lengths to raise money for a good cause — witness 3W, who for a variation of the sponsored walk completed 290 circuits of the school grounds and thus raised £50 in an hour and a half.

STAFF NEWS

As already announced, the Headmaster left at the end of the summer term. He was appointed, in June, Headmaster of the three form entry mixed Grammar School at Dorking, Surrey.

Two members of staff, both with a very long association with the School, retired at the end of term. Mr. R. Law joined the staff at Easter, 1930, the last man to be appointed by Mr. C. E. Brittain. This was his first teaching appointment, and he served the School faithfully for over forty years, apart from his war service. He became Senior History Master and, at Easter, 1964, Deputy Head of the Boys' Grammar School. At the amalgamation in September, 1965 he was appointed Senior Master of the amalgamated school, but, on the promotion of Miss Temple, became once more, in September, 1966, Deputy Head. His teaching was sound and effective, and rewarded, especially in the pre-war years, by successes at Oxford and Cambridge. In the administrative posts which he held from 1964 through a most difficult period his experience was most valuable, and helped particularly to provide stability. He also gave much valued help to the School's cricket during the first thirty years of his time, and both he and his wife were mainstays of the Old Frestonian's Association. He was most loyal to the four Headmasters whom he served, and both trusted and respected by his colleagues and pupils. He was the last of those whose service began before the war, and his going is a sad loss to the School, though he is well placed in his retirement to continue to follow its fortunes with the same keen interest.

Miss L. Harrison's association with the School went back even further. She entered in 1920 and left in 1929 to go up to Oxford as a scholar of St. Hugh's. She came back in 1958 as Head of the English Department and Librarian in the Girls' High School, and, on amalgamation, became Librarian of the new school. All these posts she filled with distinction and devotion. The High School had a very strong reputation in her subject, and she played a full part in the remarkable successes gained in her subject by the new school. She faced a most difficult task as Librarian after 1965, with two libraries to combine, and one to re-classify, and tackled it most successfully.

To her, and to Mr. & Mrs. Law, we offer best wishes for long and happy retirement.

Three members of the teaching staff gained promotion — Mr. J. H. Stell, who has been with us for four years, a Head of Department in Physics at The Catherine McAuley Upper School, Cantley Lane, Doncaster, Mr. C. J. Beardsley, a Lecturer's post in the teaching of English at the University Mons, Belgium, after three-and-a-half years, and Mr. J. C. Midgley the Senior Maths, post at the Princess Mary High School, Halifax, after three years. Besides their part in the teaching of their subjects, they all contributed to the general life of the School, Mr. Beardsley particularly by the production of plays, Mr. Midgley with valuable help in rugby and cricket.

Mrs. C. A. Astley obtained a post as Lecturer at Wentworth College of Education during her secondment to Sheffield University and did not, as was originally expected, return to the staff. She had been with us since the amalgamation.

Of the ancillary staff, Miss S. Haries left at Whitsun to train for nursing, after nearly four years as Assistant Secretary, and Mrs. P. B. Sherratt, who had been Laboratory Steward for four years, left at the end of the summer term, as her husband, Mr. Brian Sherratt, formerly on the staff here, had been appointed to a Lecturer's post at Avery Hill College of Education.

As the numbers on roll continue to decline, Mr. Law's post has not been filled, except that Mrs. V. J. Williamson, wife of Mr. K. Williamson, will be teaching History part-time during the coming year. On the departure of Mr. Law, Mrs. Armitage becomes Deputy Head, and Mr. W. F. Moreton Senior Master. Mr. R. B. Atkinson takes over from Mr. Moreton as Deputy Head of the Lower School. Miss R. A. Forth takes over responsibility for Religious Instruction and Scripture Knowledge from Mr. Moreton.

Miss Harrison is succeeded by Mr. J. D. Hadfield; he has a good honours degree of Leeds University, and has been Librarian and second in the English Department at Temple Moor School, Leeds, since 1965. He was associated there with Mr. Coar in the production of Gilbert and Sullivan

operettas, and we look forward to their partnership bearing fruit at Normanton.

Mr. Stell's place is taken by Mr. R. M. Scott, who has a good honours degree of London University (University College) and the P.C.G. from the Birmingham University Institute of Education. Mr. M. H. Haigh becomes second Physics Master.

Mr. Beardsley's post will be filled by Mr. C. Best, Clare College, Cambridge, who has good honours in German and French. He has spent a year as an English Assistant at the Friedrich-Wilhelm Gymnasium in Cologne, and has the P.G.C. of the University of Keele Department of Education.

Mr. P. E. Turner succeeds Mr. Midgley. He is an Old Frestonian, with previous experience in Wakefield schools, and also in Zambia, where he was Deputy Head of The Masala Secondary School, Ndola.

Mrs. P. Statham took over after Whitsun as Lower School Secretary. She has several years' experience of secretarial work with the National Coal Board. Our new Laboratory Steward will be Mrs. S. Dalby-Glover.

The staff rooms and the teaching of French were much enlivened during the past year by Mademoiselle Anie Mourruille from Marseilles. Her successor will be a man, for the first time in many years — Monsieur Charles Larroque from Toulouse, who has chosen Yorkshire for his stay in England as an Assistant, and is reputed to be a keen rugby player.

To all those joining the staff for the first time, and to those taking up new and more responsible appointments, we offer best wishes.

BOB LAW

In the past few months much has been said in praise of Bob Law and of his services to the School. I trust, therefore, that I may be forgiven for any repetition.

I have had the privilege of serving with Bob over the past 24 years, as a colleague and a friend. During this time there have been many changes in the staff and school, but he has always been there as a vital link in the School's continuity. This goes back to 1930, when he joined the staff straight from university — surely a record for any schoolmaster.

Pupils past and present will have many memories of him, both as a teacher and later as a friend. There must be many scholars at school to-day whose fathers were taught by Bob, and all of them will agree that they are indebted to him for his help during their school days and advice in their choice of career.

Such a legendary figure as Bob is bound to accumulate over the years a series of stories and anecdotes, all of which contain at least an element of truth, but which are far too numerous to mention here; readers of this article will no doubt have their own favourites.

In the field of sport he showed his prowess in those hardy annuals, the Staff v. School matches. He played soccer, but his main love was cricket. His tweekers, bowled down the wicket in a gentle manner, caught many a School batsman off his guard!

In this appreciation, mention must be made of Mrs. Law, who has in so many ways been a great help to her husband and the School. Her help with the Frestonian Association, School plays, parties and teas, etc. was always freely given. On top of all this she was Bob's 'private secretary'!

"Where there's Law, there's order" has been quoted of him many times. It may seem a rather harsh judgement, giving an outsider the impression of a person of hard and impersonal character, but this, as is well known, is far from the truth. He has a keen sense of humour and a strong sense of justice. His judgements were always fair, as far as was humanly possible. Those who have been at the "receiving end" will no doubt bear this out.

"Our firm" does not give inscribed gold watches and canteens of cutlery for long and faithful service; on the contrary, it gives precisely nothing! The presents that Bob received, therefore, are a measure of the appreciation, not from the authorities but from the countless grateful "customers" and colleagues, past and present, who have come into contact with this sincere and conscientious gentleman. May he and his wife enjoy a long and very happy retirement.

P. B. Robinson.



BOB LAW

PRIZE GIVING

On the last Thursday of term, the Headmaster addressed parents and friends for the last time before relinquishing his post. Some thought it a pity that the occasion should be a mere prize giving, which this year replaced the traditional Speech Day; yet if its title was humbler, the event proved in no way less memorable.

After explaining that the proceedings would be less formal than usual, the Headmaster gave force to his utterance by delivering his Report without the aid of a notoriously unpredictable microphone. The excellence of the School's record, both academic and sporting, contributed to an unusually lengthy Report; and in the sticky atmosphere there were signs of growing restlessness as the detailed catalogue of success was enfolded. Day dreamers, however, were soon to be forcibly reminded that they were on School premises and that a headmaster was speaking, for he proceeded to rebuke his audience for so taking for granted their School's achievements that they had greeted every one of his announcements with stony silence.

Red-faced still, we can only plead in our defence that the Headmaster was mistaking indecision for complacency. Several guests were heard to remark afterwards that although they had wanted to applaud, they had been restrained by the fear that spontaneous clapping would have been out of place. There are, after all, degrees of informality, and to most outward appearances this was another Speech Day.

In a forceful peroration, the Headmaster appealed directly to parents as potentially the most powerful source of influence on educational policy, and urged them to take a more searching interest in the forces which were shaping the School's future. His audience's applause, albeit overdue in at least one person's opinion, was loud, long and ungrudging.

We were very glad that Mrs. Hamilton had been persuaded to present the prizes, a quite arduous task which she performed with a diffident charm none the less pleasing because we have come to expect it of her. Can there ever

have been a headmaster's wife less willing to be the centre of attraction ? Yet it is hard to remember a school occasion, great or small, at which she has not been present, unobtrusively showing her quiet joy in whatever the School was doing. Later, in the very briefest of addresses, for which she characteristically disdained to use the speaker's rostrum, she spoke of her happy memories of Normanton and its people, as well as affording glimpses of domestic life in the Hamilton household.

The choir and solo instrumentalists were, as usual, in excellent form. This year, the Hall really did justice to their performances, thanks to the new acoustic ceiling tiles installed last term. After all the compliments heaped on the School during the evening, the choir's response was appropriately modest: "Not unto us the praise, O Lord"; while their final exhortation to "Go Forth with God" sent us away to face an uncertain future with a degree of confidence.

L.T.J.

MR. E. E. TURNER

Mr. Turner, who takes over as headmaster from the 1st September, has degrees of London and Birmingham Universities, and aside from two years in a boys' school in Kent, has spent the whole of his teaching career in co-educational schools.

His most recent appointment was as deputy headmaster in West Bromwich, firstly at the local grammar school, and subsequently at Menzies High School, when education in the Borough was reorganised on comprehensive lines. He is accustomed to large Sixth Forms in that those at both his last schools numbered over two hundred people.

Mr. Turner apologises for the fact that, although he played football for his university, the game in question was soccer! However, he says that he is interested in rugby, although not professing to be particularly well-versed in the finer points of the game.

He has two daughters and a son, all of primary school age.

We welcome him warmly and hope that he will be very happy with us.

OUT OF SCHOOL - II

Introducing the new 'Out of School' feature in our last issue, Mr. Burns wondered whether 'we have amongst us someone who like the boy in the new film ' Kes,' trains kestrels'

Falconry as a hobby

by Christopher Toft

In our ordered, semi-artificial lives (tied as most of us are, body and mind to desks for six or more hours a day), hobbies and interests are of untold importance in helping us to relax. My hobby is falconry, but for me to say it is a hobby is insufficient. For me falconry is a way of life. I think, read, study, even dream, falconry above all else. Yet if you were to ask me why, I could not give you a straightforward answer.

Probably the main reasons are that I have a deep love of nature and wild life, of the countryside and of field sports. This was the foundation upon which to build my interest. A falconer must have the basic love of life and living things, but his love must have sufficient depth to be beyond sentiment. A falconer sees in a bird of prey all of those highest qualities that he admires, courage, strength, energy, co-ordination, a physical perfection that sets them apart from all other forms of life, a perfection that is real and necessary in order that they may survive. Their lives are spectacular and shrouded in an aura of romance. Earthbound man can only watch and admire them and wish that he could share their lives.

The falconer with his skills and special knowledge can do just this. He can form a working partnership with a living bird. She belongs to him, her life is his responsibility, she must be perhaps the most important thing in his life. By careful, patient treatment she can be brought to accept him and his clumsy movements, his strange sights and activities, so that she loses her inherent fear of this strange creature who cannot fly. Once the bird is 'manned' he can begin her training. Her trainer by careful feeding the regulation of her appetite can condition her to fly to him. She becomes attached to him by an invisible bond and when her training is complete she will not fly away

from him intentionally, since in her eye he has become the of God. From him all that is good comes, he provides her shelter and her food; even the freedom of the skies is given to her by his hand. She looks forward only to the time when she is on his fist and at this stage she is safe to be flown free. If she is an eyass, the medieval falconer's term for a nestling, she has never known any but the easy life given as a falconer's bird. She has never had to hunt for herself; she has to be taught even this by the falconer. If the bird is a haggard, a wild-caught passage hawk, she has to be re-introduced to this most natural of functions. Once the bird, be it eyass or haggard, has made a kill the falconer must approach her quietly and carefully. At all costs she must not be frightened. If she is well conditioned she will not worry about the falconer and will allow herself to be taken up and will continue to feed on her master's fist; now she is truly made. She will hunt and kill, free, but for her training, and when she has killed allow her master to take her up from her, kill to be fed upon his fist; or if she should fail to kill, return of her own free will to the falconer, to wait to be served again with quarry. This is falconry.

Falconry is not for everyone. One must be the master of oneself before one can hope to master a hawk. Falconry is an everyday activity. Time and patience are the two main requisites. Set out to keep a hawk and you are fully committed. Your charge is not like a fishing rod or a gun. It cannot be stored away, but must be fed and exercised each day if it is to be kept in flying condition. Birds of prey are not pets, and if they are kept as such, their keeper is not a falconer.

Not everyone would wish to become a falconer. There are many who will find it objectionable. Falconry is a blood-sport, and in recent years the word 'blood-sport' has become a dirty word, soiled by misuse. Followers of such sports are frowned upon by people who whose judgements are fogged by other people's prejudices. People seem to forget that man is an animal, and as such is entitled to be a hunter and obtain pleasure from hunting. He is more intelligent than the cats and birds of prey, but as an animal, he is no better; in many ways he is worse. In nature man is a hunter. Our artificial lives have dragged us away from this. Is it wrong when our hobbies and interests uncover the hidden man? Man the animal.

UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE

David Fairer, O.F., has sent us this account of his adventures in Granadaland, as captain of the Trinity College, Oxford, team:

We first began to feel like television stars when we hailed a taxi outside Manchester Station. "Granada Studios" we said, in as off-hand a way as possible, as if we did it every day. But when we arrived at the large glass-fronted building there were no red carpets, no reception committee, only the porter to give us our dressing-room key, pointing down a flight of stairs to a basement corridor. We preened ourselves in front of our individual mirrors, and then made for our free lunch in the Granada canteen. We were not in the mood to take full advantage of this, though I did allow myself an extra yoghurt and a second cup of tea. As in most canteens people didn't seem to be enjoying their meals: characters from 'Coronation Street' would appear, gazing glumly into their trays of salad and apple crumble. Len Fairclough was there talking about darts (very much in character, that). The place was full of cameramen, Granada supergirls and harrassed producers. Then Bamber made his entrance. He glided through the door, smiling at the air in front of him, and gathering up his food like a pheasant.

Our next port of call was a long committee room, one wall of glass, where we met the other two teams (two matches are recorded each session) and our own particular harrassed producer with his dutifully calm secretary. Mundane matters at first, expenses, accommodation, et cetera, and then we were shown a play-back of the previous match. Not very heartening for us, since it showed our opponents soundly defeating Aberdeen University: the Christ's, Cambridge team were re-living their own half hour of glory, and we were beginning to regard ourselves as lambs being led to the slaughter. Salford University were there too, and would play us if we did manage to win. They too seemed to consider this a remote possibility, though the producer was quick to assure us of the uncertain workings of fate.

In this state of mind we trooped off along more corridors and more flights of stairs to a pair of swing doors

opening onto the studio. There was the well-known facade of seats and scoreboard, rather roughly painted, and the screen behind extended no more than ten feet (the cameras never venture any higher). There were about a hundred canvas seats to the left and above our heads groups of heavy spotlights hung in darkness. As we walked forward we were immediately struck by the heat and glare of these lamps, warm and enervating as the Mediterranean sun. This was the nerve-centre, in fact. Here we were cut off from the surface world, in the grip of a great machine, subject to its own laws of time and motion. This was only the first short rehearsal, and was for the benefit of the cameras, which, like Daleks, glided towards us across the floor. We were strangers and they had to get used to us. All we needed to do was to sit in our appointed seats and answer a few questions, grilling gently under the lights while they went through their routine.

Now it was time for tea, and back in the canteen we were asked, to fill in forms, this time for the benefit of our own local newspapers. Mike, one of our team members, lists 'Black Magic' as one of his hobbies, assuring us that this is genuine. That should shock the 'Tenterden Gazette.' Next in the schedule is what we have all been looking forward to. Make-up time. Inside the make-up room half a dozen young ladies are waiting to welcome us. Each stands in front of her own mirror! and table with a card bearing her name. 'The Duchess' lays me back in her chair and smothers my face and hands with cold cream, and then begins to powder me around the ears and nose. When we gaze into the mirror the effect is memorable. There we are as we really meant to be. Five minutes before we were pale, harrassed students, now we are relaxed, sun-bronzed gods just in from the beach. Barry says he will leave his make-up on for the rest of the week for his girl friend's benefit. Derek admires his more confident-looking moustache, Mike is flattered to be told that he needs hardly any make-up, and I become rather unpopular when I suggest that the bright lights will neutralize the effect anyway.

Glowing with health, we are back in the studio for the full dress rehearsal. This time Bamber is there, also radiant and confident in his new skin, perched on his stool with the questions before him. And the routine begins once more, this time in earnest. Twenty-five minutes later the

game is over and Trinity have 'won' by over a hundred points. Our astonishment is considerable.

Now for two hours we are allowed to break free of the machine and spend our time as we wish. The others go off for a meal with our eight staunch supporters, who have just arrived by coach; but I have been invited by a friend at the University to dine with him in his hall of residence. It is during this meal, as I sit on the high table opposite the Warden, that I remember my make-up. What can they think? I am naturally convinced that every eye is on me.

By 7.15 we are gathered in the annexe of the studios, surrounded by our little bevy of supporters, waiting for the last act to begin. One of our lady supporters in a maxi-fur thrusts a woollen kangaroo into my hands, insisting that I hold it up when the camera is on me. Somehow, when the moment comes, I happen to forget.

7.30 comes and everything is ready. The whole operation accelerates in its final moments. It is conducted with the efficiency and accuracy of a moon-shot, and there is even a countdown. The well-known cheerful music rings out and the Daleks glide towards us. The earphoned announcer pulls nervously at a cigarette as he looks down at us from his chair (which is perched on a table opposite us). "University Challenge, Asking the questions . . . Bamber Gascoigne." The 'Applause,' lights flash on, and the audience reacts obediently. Bamber smiles ecstatically, just as before, and all is now clear. He is not smiling into the air, but into the camera; he has done this for so long over the past eight years that it has become a second nature to him, a radiant smile directed about twelve feet in front of him. We manage to introduce ourselves without disaster, and suddenly the questions begin. This is the moment when we take over. Buttons are pressed, there are howls of anguish, and the occasional chuckle of glee or relieved sigh. Trinity 50 points up. The music question is luckily classical, and we swallow it. Then the picture question comes. A castle in Kent. I press. "Trinity. Fairer," says the announcer. There is a long pause, and the only sound to be heard is "Hee . . . Heeeee . . ." as I grope for a word which I know is in my mind, but which refuses to come forward. The seconds pass as I continue to grope. "Hee . . . Heeeee . . ." Bamber grins. This is 'good television.' "You're on your own. Have to hurry you."

Suddenly it comes. "Hever!" I shout at him, just as he is about to give the answer. "How do you spell it?" "H-e-v-e-r." "Well done." The cheers ring out and I throw myself back in the seat, blowing out my cheeks. What an ass I must have looked.

Two minutes to go, and Trinity are 80 points up. Half a minute to go, and we are 30 up. Then ten seconds, and the margin is five. What is happening? There is time for a final starter. "What do you do with a chipati?" A Christ's, buzzer goes. "Eat it!", and the gong chimes like the day of judgment before Bamber has time to reply. We have lost by five points. The calamity doesn't quite reach us. We manage to say what is a mixture of goodnights and goodbyes, and the music dies away with the final applause. Bamber and the producer dash over to us excitedly, assuring us that it has been the most exciting game ever. For the rest of the evening every sentence we utter begins with the words "if only . . .".

The evening ends informally with the usual party where we can carry out a full post mortem. To our delight we find that Bamber is insisting to the producer that Trinity should be asked back again at the beginning of the next series: there' has been some irregularity, and we are to be given another chance. Now everyone is satisfied: Christ's are through to the quarter finals, Trinity are to be asked back again, and the producer has had an exciting game. In two months' time viewers throughout the country will be watching the programme over cups of tea or the tops of their newspapers, and perhaps a small part of the excitement will reach them. I wonder?

ANTHOLOGY

BRITISH RELIGION

Mexico, the land of sombreros, sunshine and temperamental fans, boosted its tourist trade when three hundred and fifty-two fighting-mad heroes landed, with one thing in common — to win (except, that is, for Morocco and El Salvador, who only went for the ride).

Twenty-two fearless, fighting-fit English giants went too, accompanied by a thousand good lucks, Winston the Bulldog and twenty-two four leaf clovers.

The World stops at tea-time. Old ladies retire to bed for a couple of weeks with a 'good book.' The so-called 'experts' give us highlights, reviews, and reviews of reviews. Colin Bell and Francis Lee are gods as far as Malcolm Allison is concerned. After we have listened to all their biased opinions, we finally get on with the game.

The kids are given half a pound of sweets each and sent to bed, all doors are shut tight, the telephone is taken off the hook and the 'engaged' sign is put on the back door. Beside the television are a spare picture valve, sound valve, two screwdrivers and a hammer.

The national anthems are played as Mum swoons over the enemy's full-back.

They begin.

"And it's to Moore, Ball back to Charlton, to Hurst. He's got an open goal! Off side!"

"What's off side?" queries Mum.

"It's . . . It's ... oh shh," answers Dad sharply.

Half time is the busiest ever and wonderful trade for the public loos.

The second half begins.

"Foul!" cries Dad, as he waves his Union Jack.

"Penalty!" shouts Uncle Harry, jumping up from his seat and hitting his perspiring brow on the lamp shade.

No deal. The ref's playing well.

The game is over. England's lost. We weep.

"Shall I go and get your gun, dear, or are we going to be brave this year?" soothes Mum, as Dad dashes himself to the ground.

One minute's silence.

Back at the local pub, tragedy has struck. There is no singing, gaiety or laughter. Everyone's head is hung in shame.

"What'll it be ?" says Meg, "Usual half o' bitter ?"

"Better make it a double whisky," says Alf as Harry collapses with grief.

"What's that Ramsey fella' think he's doing, then ?" they screech.

It's all over. Brazil has won. The delinquent Brazilian fans celebrate in their usual fashion.

"Course, we said they would."

Claire Williams

COMPROMISE

Be good and you'll go to Heaven.
 Be good and Santa won't forget you.
 Be kind and we'll love you;
 Be generous and we'll love you even more.
 Give me something and I'll give you something back.
 Love me and I'll love you.
 Otherwise go to Hell.



CLOUDS

Trapped in a prison of
 Familiar faces
 Familiar places
 Familiar races
 I look beyond a dead routine.
 And see a land
 I've never seen before,
 A land of smoky forests
 Misty pine and sycamore.
 Smudged against a moody sky
 It beckons me to leave my cell
 And draws my spirit out into
 Another world, a world of
 Ever-changing spectrums
 Turning passages and spinning mirrors.
 Mesmerised by moving facets,
 I watch. Too late.
 I weep as a world is dissolved
 In the remoteness of space and time.

IF AND WHEN

"When my children grow up —"
 But will they?
 "I wouldn't let my children go there."
 This world.
 "I wouldn't let my children mix with such people."
 These people.
 "I wouldn't let my children play with such toys."
 The Bomb.
 "I wouldn't let my children do that."
 Be born.

Briony Burdon, L 6

ODE TO EMILY INSTEP AND THINGS

. . . . lost in thought, alone in a moving crowd
 she appears.
 and for a majic moment our eyes light up together
 then cheesing a smile' i'm lost
 on a deserted beach, sandals hung over my shoulder,
 jeans rolled up, wading, sliding, cruising
 along together
 or on some windy hill (preferably without pylons)
 stroking the hair from each other's face
 away from plastic knives and paper plates
 and poems no one can understand or criticise,
 Is it really so hard to be literally avant-garde
 while little Stuart gets high
 eating juicy pears watching rainbows ?

R. S. Harrison, L 6

PARASITE

The fly buzzed angrily and uncompromisingly around the window frame, knocking blindly into the glass in a boorish, clumsy fashion. I did not notice it at first, but soon its horrible, insolent noise disturbed me. How repulsive was the evil black body, glinting with a blue sheen, hard and brittle as though it would break. I hated the thought of this insect, which had probed the filthy, stinking gutters, interrupting my thought. Its sensual insect arrogance was disgusting and I was afraid, yes, afraid of such a small creature. I was supposed to be all powerful, but I had no power over the fly. It was like the many people who preyed upon my life, evil conspirators, stealing my thoughts in their terrible self-possessed ways. I longed to destroy the fly and destroy the image which plagued me, but I could not; the fly would outwit me. My revenge was in the cold, grey, pure icy, winter winds, which would destroy the core of the fly's life and purify mine. Winter would destroy it, but it would be resurrected again by the sun.

Louise Poulson

DEEP FREEZE

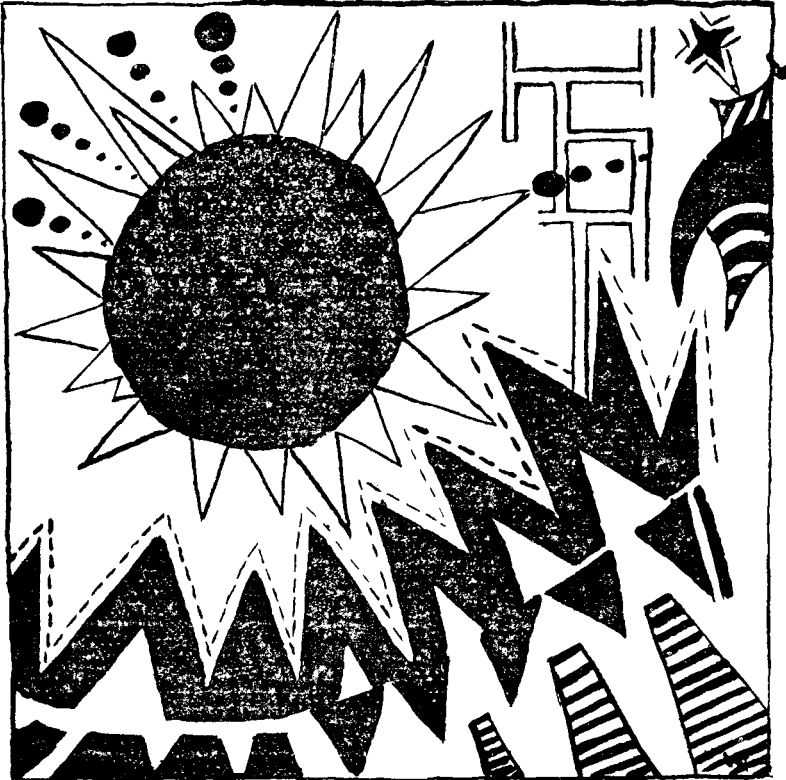
Old Man Joe walked down,
Scanned the view,
Sighed, felt blue.
Old dreams disappeared.
Only cold dreams on 5th Avenue.
Everyone's got frozen dreams,
Frozen lives, frozen wives.
'Restorate your story, Joe,
Live again next year.'
The preacher's voice was hollow:
'Think about it carefully, son,
Don't die of fear,
Leaves are green, so's the night,
Live again next year.'
Joe sat down, head in hands.
The sky was deep and low.
(Lord above, help me please,
I don't want to go).
'None of that!' the preacher screamed,
'My word's the law.
We gotta be cold, it's healthier,
Stand there while I freeze your jaw.'
'Oh, but preacher stop it,
I'm happy in this life,
I don't want frozen kids,
I don't want a frozen wife.'
It was too late, Joe was froze,
His life and dreams were dead.
The preacher carried off his corpse,
Heavier than lead.
Placed it in the ice-box,
Even shed a tear:
'Never worry, Joe man,
You'll be back next year.'

Gail Loundes, L 6

EVEN BETTER TIMES

Where have all the good times gone?
 A question asked by more than one.
 Lost in a cloud of atom bombs
 Biafran children, Flanders mud,
 Gone for ever in a sooty haze
 Of politics, fallout and Big Brother's gaze.
 Goodbye, nettle pop;
 Farewell, innocent 'rock.'
 Into the future with measured tread,
 Drawing the noose about our head.

Nicholas Hill, 3 F



TOADY

Toad on the dole,
 Now in the hole,
 By the swamp.
 In my bed.
 Whatever next ?

Gail Loundes, L 6

FRONT LINE

The moon was out and in a few minutes we would be setting off. The men were standing in the front line trench quietly chatting and smoking, yet some were sitting on their own, thinking. Thinking of their homes, their friends, their loved ones. Wondering if they would ever see them again, for, in this inferno that was war, the odds were stacked greatly against them. It was a grave thing when the motherland had to send their young boys into the fray knowing that few would return in good health. They would return, some of them, to fill the hospitals, the mental homes. They would return some of them to wear their artificial limbs or to ride their wheel chairs. They would be looked upon with pity for these had been the invalids who had given their tomorrow for our to-day.

We now began to move slowly, stealthily over the parapet into the mud. But we were used to that for we had slept in it, lived in it, eaten in it and now we were clothed by it. Six of us set off that night, only two would return. The other four would be left out in "no man's" land with the rest of their fallen comrades. There they would lie their flesh torn, their bones broken, their faces showing a dying expression of futility, their mouths asking why, and for what cause they had been fed to the guns; whilst their ears were deaf to the answer, for there wasn't one.

They would already be forgotten, for the next time a barrage came over they would disappear, burned piece by piece with their comrades in the soldier's tomb. Their tombstone would be a torn off limb or some barbed wire. Here to-day, gone tomorrow. Those few forgotten thousands. Poor devils that they should be caught up in the turmoil of war at such a tender and wonderful age.

Stephen Tomlinson, 4 L

POEM FOR THE BOY WITH THE SUN IN HIS SOUL

People shouldn't speak of Love.
 I, unable to speak of love,
 Look at you with the sun in your soul
 The green grass of emerald moon-shine
 Stood tall and rippled,
 Seeming to be the fur on the cat's back.
 And you like the withered fairy
 Tree,
 Young but not young,
 Old but not old.
 And from your soul the heat
 Radiated
 And filled the space all round
 Until it became white-hot
 And smouldering.
 Your laugh like a feather eiderdown
 Wrapped your heat
 Around me.
 And you, so far away,
 Seemed within me.
 I don't think I was
 Within you.
 You, being self-contained, needing no gift.
 Unconsciously you gave, but were unable
 To take.
 I took all, and though so far away
 Touched your soul
 And burned my fingers.
 The scars will remain
 For ever,
 Although they disappear from sight
 And new skin grows.
 To touch and not remember
 Would be to sin.
 I hope that time will not dim
 Your sun.
 For, in the apathy of my
 Life,
 And unnoticed by you,
 The warmth and happiness
 In you
 For a moment was mine.



'HOW TO DO IT' — PAUL MORGAN DEMONSTRATES THE ON-DRIVE



TOMMY GITTINS IN DEFENSIVE MOOD

NEWTON'S PRAYER

Our Newton, which art in heaven,
Hallowed by thy formulae.
Thy penduli swing,
Thy physics homework be done
In the lab. as it is at home.
Give us this day our daily ergs,
And forgive us our experimental error,
As we forgive them that do Arts against us.
For thine is the kinetic energy,
The mass and the acceleration,
For effort and effort.
Work done.

P. Harrison and Friends
(L 6 Physics group)

GLAD TO BE ALIVE - BUT ARE WE ?

Everyday someone complains about something. "I wish my nose was not so pointed," "I wish my exam results were better," "Why should I not own a car like that ? " After my 'experience', (for no other terminology seems adequate), I find these matters trivial and pointless. The 'experience' was gained from a visit to a mental hospital just outside Doncaster. The impression it left on my friends and me was so stirring that I find it necessary to try to describe that extraordinary Tuesday afternoon.

As I walked towards the first department, my stomach denoted all the apprehension that had mounted during the journey. Should one treat the patients as 'ordinary' individuals or ignore their gestures in case a difficult situation might arise ? Then the moment came. My first confrontation with a group of mentally handicapped people. My very first feeling was one of distress and fear, then came a gross sense of pity and helplessness. The children (actually many were sixteen or seventeen years old), came to hold our hands and show us their beloved toys. I gradually relaxed and my fears turned to a deep interest in this new and fascinating world. There then followed a tour of the various therapeutic sections of the hospital. We saw some women pleased and proud to show their crafts: some basic, others immensely intricate. The men were coconut mat makers, basket weavers, tailors, carpenter's assistants; and many greeted us or shook our hand with a touching politeness and happiness not usually found in the outside world.

In another region men and women were working contentedly to produce "Lucky Bags," soft toys and pack bags of nuts. Each had his job to do and the atmosphere was friendly, almost like a family factory. Next, we visited the children's ward. Here my thoughts of distress returned. I noticed a boy with hands and feet described as 'lobster-shaped,' who, though in a cot, was about seventeen years old. A lump came to my throat as I thought of God creating such a being. I thought of my life compared to his. There was also a child in the semblance of Biafran children because her food would not build up her body. A young girl had scratched her eyes into blindness. A boy of seventeen years suffering from 'water on the brain' told us a joke.

We left, the hospital with a strong admiration for the staff. I felt satisfied and goaded to tell the world what a mental hospital is really like. Our guide estimated that about fifty per cent, of the patients were visited, twenty-five per cent, would be visited once or twice a year and the rest never even saw their friends or relations. Let us get rid of this old idea about mentally sick people. They are not to be forgotten as some freak of nature. They are extraordinary people with sometimes peculiar illnesses but they are part of the human race. If one sees their deficiency, our own seems minute and unimportant. However, the sight of these wretched but happy people gave me strong reason to be grateful and glad to be alive.

ON STAGE : REVUE REVIEW

This year's Revue promised to be the best ever and it certainly lived up to its expectations. The members of the cast were both lively and enthusiastic and it was extremely pleasant to see so many new faces on stage. However, the total lack of Juniors gave the Revue an impression of being a sixth form monopoly with a few fifth formers and members of staff here and there. Surely it is not enough to ask for contributions from the Lower School and leave it at that. There were several places where Juniors could have been used effectively and would have given a greater range of variety.

After a slow beginning the cast managed to overcome its nervousness and settle down, although they were not helped in this by the lunatic fringe at the back of the hall, who seemed determined to make as much noise as possible. The rest of the audience, on the other hand, was appreciative, well-behaved and enjoyed the humour which, to a great extent, was of high quality (sorry, but a bribe *is* a bribe). As the Revue progressed and the audience became more responsive it was inevitable that the performers would deviate from the scripts (if there were any such things), and a few times they were enjoying themselves too much at the expense of the audience, which led occasionally to over-acting and over emphasis of a particular point or joke. On paper this all sounds worse than it actually was but, unfortunately, the same could not be said of the organization.

It soon became apparent that any organization that existed was crumbling and as the interval between sketches became increasingly longer, Mr. Lumb, as compere, was forced, to draw out his prepared jokes (it would not have been so bad if they had been good).

An obvious state of chaos reigned backstage and this showed itself in the performance. Even Mr. Lumb was not sure of what was coming next. The lack of good continuity was compensated for by the sketches themselves which, if not wholly original, were enjoyed by the audience although the quality was uneven.

The most popular entertainment of the evening was provided by 'The Quintangle,' who can be described as nothing less than superb. Their impact upon the audience was helped by the lighting and full credit is due to the technicians who did a difficult job well not only in this part of the Revue but in all of it.

This review would not be complete if I did not make some mention of the Grand Eating Competition. The sight of four boys stuffing themselves with three slices of bread and butter (all at once), a bag of crisps and two glasses of cold (Ugh!) rice pudding in such a relaxed manner was certainly the funniest I have ever seen.

In conclusion, I have tried to avoid direct reference to any particular sketch or person (except Mr. Lumb, who I am sure will not mind!), but I feel it necessary to draw your attention to Stephen Kynaston who overcame his disability with the greatest courage and won my and, I hope, everyone else's admiration. If I seem to have been too critical in places, it is only because I consider a thorough analysis of the Revue as part of my commission. The purpose of any show is to entertain and it is as entertainment that it should finally be judged. The Summer Revue was good entertainment and a great success.

John Sharp

ACTIVITIES AND SOCIETIES

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SECRETARY: GEOFFREY SPINK

This term has marked the end of a successful year for the Historical Society. During the past three terms, the Society has been run on a much more formal basis, with staff and pupil representation in the form of a committee. The policy of the committee has been to organise meetings, which were not directly relevant to either 'O' or 'A' level syllabuses, thus providing subjects which were of a much wider appeal. The policy appears to have been successful as the attendance at all meetings has been good. This, however, may be partly the result of an efficient publicity campaign.

The last meeting of the society this year saw Mr. Johnson giving a lively talk on modern Greece and the present military regime, which was accompanied by some rather moving Greek folk songs.

The highlight of the term was an outing on Thursday, June 9th. First place to be visited was Skipton Castle, once a medieval castle, two-thirds of which was destroyed by Cromwell after it had been used as a Royalist stronghold during the Civil War. The castle was restored to some extent by Anne Clifford in the 17th Century and there is a charming Jacobean air to it.

From Skipton we moved on to Fountains Abbey, a monastery founded by the Cistercians in the 12th Century. The Abbey was dissolved by Henry VIII and now stands partly ruined but still impressive especially the church, which is now roofless, and the windows devoid of their once-splendid stained glass.

The last place to be visited was Newby Hall, a country house, built in 1705 and later added to and redecorated by Robert Adam. The Hall is famous for its beautiful tapestries, still in first-class condition, and its collection of sculpture, much of which dates back to classical times.

The Society hopes to continue as usual next term with a new committee: I. Ayris, Vicki Maxwell, Louise Poulson and R. Levitt.

THE JUNIOR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

PRODUCER: JOHN SHARP

Although meetings of the Society have been hampered by the school exams and subsequent events, the group has continued its work on improvisation this term and I hope that the present trend of enthusiasm will continue next term. Since the formation of the Society in September it has shown, through its two productions, 'The Little Man' and 'The Mazarin Stone,' that the Seniors have a lot

to learn from their enterprising Juniors. The members of the group have shown that they have considerable ability and when one considers that their average age is only 13, their performances have been truly remarkable.

The society is open to all members of the Lower School and Fourth form and meetings are held every Friday in Room 30. If you make an effort and come along, I can assure you that you will enjoy yourselves.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

SECRETARY: A. J. SHIEL

It is with considerable pleasure that I note this to be the last report I shall have to write for the Photographic Society.

The writing of society reports should be a pleasing job, but the apathy which exists in this school makes it difficult to find satisfying subject matter for such reports.

When I took over the society some 3 years ago, I determined to put great effort into building up a large membership, but I soon found this to be an impossible task, and like my predecessor Chris Oxley, I found the Society revolved round a few regular, mainly senior members.

The Society has a fairly well-equipped darkroom, which unfortunately has largely fallen into disuse.

It would be nice if my successors as Joint-Secretaries, Martin Levitt and David Lockwood, could find the support required to make the society strong again. Lockwood is rather young to take on the post of secretary, but there was no choice, since he is the senior member, in fact almost the only one who is not leaving this term.

There have been only two meetings this term., one a trip to Leeds Radio Station, which had a pitifully small attendance, the other a demonstration of the science department's video tape recording equipment (our thanks to the science staff for that), which was fairly well attended.

I am very sorry to be leaving the society in this sorry state, and sincerely hope that the members of the School and particularly of the lower school, will give far greater support to David and Martin than I have received.

To them, in this new post. I wish the Best of Luck.

THE COUNTRY DANCING DISPLAY

Unlike other years the display of Country Dancing was held separately from Barnardos Day and had an evening of its own on

Monday, 13th July. This was a very successful night, on, which all the seats around the Upper School Hall were filled.

The evening commenced with the first years who danced the Clap Dance. The other first year dances which followed were all lively and danced with enjoyment.

All these dances were performed in summer uniform, but when the second year girls appeared they were all dressed American style, with the 'men' dressed in corduroy jeans and coloured shirts with cravats. The 'women' wore divided skirts and white blouses. The American square dance was danced as ordered by the caller. Miss Forth.

Next was the Flamborough Sword dance, performed by the third year group in fishermen's clothes. Accompanying the third years in Dargeson and Morpeth Rank were some of the 4th year and 5th year girls who showed a higher standard of dancing owing to their years of experience. They also danced 'The Blue-Eyed Stranger,' using white handkerchiefs.

In between Miss Forth's selection. Miss Kirkham's Scottish team and the morris men took the floor. The Scottish dances were skilfully done, showing great agility in the complicated steps. The boys, then gave us a selection of morris dances in which they used 'bean sticks.' The last dance was a very impressive Italian dance. The hoops used were very gaily decorated with a number of assorted flowers supplied by the dancers. This was a very colourful dance and a good one to finish with.

This evening proved to be very successful thanks to the help of Miss Forth and Miss Kirkham and everybody else who assisted. This display was repeated the following Friday, when it was danced for the people of Norman house where the dancers were rewarded with orange juice and biscuits. They also have been asked to do some more displays later on in the year.

Anne Carrington.

GAMES REPORTS

GIRLS' ATHLETICS

School Sports

JUNIOR SECTION

1	Levett	51 pts
2	Ward	48 pts
3	Dodsworth	46 pts
4	Preston	42 pts

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

1	Freston	80 pts
2	Dodsworth	56 pts
3	Ward	41½ pts
4	Levett	38½ pts

SENIOR SECTION

1	Levett	51 pts
2	Freston	28 pts
3	Ward	20 pts
4	Dodsworth	8 pts

OVERALL RESULT

1	Freston	148 pts
2	Levett	140½ pts
3	Dodsworth	110 pts
4	Ward	109½ pts

STANDARDS CUP

1	Dodsworth	283 pts
2	Freston	265 pts
3	Levett	260 pts
4	Ward	234 pts

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Under 12	C. Camps and L.. Roberts
Under 13	C. Ibbotson
Under 14	J. Gill
Under 15	J. Noble
Senior	C. Smith

Girls' Results at Fartown Sports 1970

1	Junior Section
2	Intermediate Section
4	Senior Section
2	Overall

GIRLS' SWIMMING GALA 1970**House Championships****JUNIOR SECTION**

1	Levett	43 pts
2	Dodsworth	39 pts
3	Freston	38 pts
4	Ward	30 pts

INTERMEDIATE SECTION

1	Levett	23 pts
2	Ward	22 pts
3	Preston	18 pts
4	Dodsworth	7 pts

SENIOR SECTION

1	Preston	19 pts
2	Levett	17 pts
3	Ward	16 pts
4	Dodsworth	8 pts

OVERALL RESULT

1	Levett	90 pts
2	Freston	78 pts
3	Ward	73 pts
4	Dodsworth	59 pts

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONS

Under 12 — J. Higgins
 Under 13 — A. L. Cressey and L. Hanby
 Intermediate — L. Bywater
 Senior — S. Griffiths

New Records — 15

Cup for most promising Swimmer — Jane Higgins

Cup for most improved Swimmer — Kathryn Bruce

Girls' Swimming Standards Cup

Standards are awarded on a basis of swimming examinations passed.

1	Levett	142 pts
2	Freston	108 pts
3	Dodsworth	106 pts
4	Ward	76 pts

Girls' Swimming Awards**WEST RIDING CERTIFICATES**

Elementary	..	23	
Proficiency	..	17	
Advanced	..	2	— Jane Higgins and Anita Sparham

Royal Life-Saving Society Awards

ADVANCED SAFETY AWARDS — 18

PRELIMINARY SAFETY AWARDS — 11

BRONZE MEDALLION — 18

K. Anderson, J. Barker, D. Burton, A. L. Cressey, J. Dunkeley,
H. Eaton, C. Griffin, L. Hanby, A. Havcock, K. Hill; S. Morgan,
R. Rankin, C. Roper, J. Tate, S. Penn, A. Davies.

The high standard of swimming has been maintained and continues to grow and show itself with the number of very good successes in the examinations. It is still very disappointing and regrettable that there is no continuation after the 2nd Year.

GIRLS' HOUSE RESULTS 1970**ROUNDERS**

JUNIORS	1	—	Levett
	2	—	Dodsworth
	3	—	Freston
	4	—	Ward

INTERMEDIATES

3RD YEAR	1	—	Freston
	2	—	Dodsworth
	3	—	Ward
	4	—	Levett

4TH YEAR	1	—	Ward
	2	—	Levett
	3	—	Dodsworth
	4	—	Freston

SENIORS	1	—	Levett
	2	—	Dodsworth
	3	—	Ward
	4	—	Freston

TENNIS RESULTS

SENIORS	1	—	Levett
	2	—	Freston
	3	—	Ward
	4	—	Dodsworth

INTERMEDIATES	1	—	Ward
	2	—	Dodsworth
	3	=	Freston and Levett

GIRLS' TENNIS**1st VI**

CAPTAIN : J. OLIVER

TEAM:

D. Bubb, A. Draycott, R. Fergus, L. Ibbotson, Jennifer Camps, J. Oliver.

Also Played : K. Cooper.

RESULTS:

May 2	v	Castleford	A	40 — 41	Lost
May 16	v	Thornes House	A	45 — 36	Won
June 6	v	Rothwell	H	29 — 52	Lost
June 13	v	Danum G.S.	A	33 — 48	Lost

If one merely takes results into consideration, this season has been an unsuccessful one for the School tennis team, but it has given players from last year's U.15 team the chance to play against senior opposition in preparation for the next season. For them, next year should be a particularly good one. Only one player, Diane Bubb, remained from last year's team and she joined Andrea Draycott to give last year's junior a helping hand in her first senior season. Ruth Fergus and Lynne Ibbotson have had the most successful and most promising season. It is a pity Ruth will not be at School to continue next year.

The first match against Castleford was a fairly good start as we only lost by one game and were playing a school which had already had a match. That gave us confidence when we successfully played Thornes House. However, after a three week break with no practice, we were defeated decisively by a Rothwell team which included a Yorkshire Schools' team player. It was unfortunate that we lost to Danum in games as we won five sets to their four.

Next season should see much success for the experienced players from this year's team and talented ones from the U.15 team.

U.15 VI

CAPTAIN : K. WHITE

TEAM from:

K. White, A. Garbutt, J. Willox, D. Taylor, A. Rushton, M. Wilkinson, K. Brown, L. Vallance.

RESULTS:

May 16	v	Thornes House	(away)	Won	52 — 59
June 6	v	Rothwell	(home)	Won	41 — 40
June 13	v	Danum	(away)	Won	45 — 36
June 27	v	Colne Valley	(away)	Won	41 — 40

This year the team has been very successful, having won all matches played. However, it was rather disappointing that a few more fixtures could not have been arranged due to the fact that many schools could not provide us with any opposition. In spite of this, next year, we hope to continue our unbeaten record. The senior team should have a very promising future next season if the high standard continues.

ROUNDERS

U.14

CAPTAIN : J. WATSON

TEAM from:

P. Oakley, A. Carrington, Susan Machin, S. Lloyd, M. Saul, K. Hill, M. Beresford, S. Conway, J. Watson, J. Dooler, C. Ibbotson, Wendy Machin.

RESULTS:

Castleford	Away	Won	7	—	4	2nd May
Rothwell	Home	Won	7	—	4	6th June
Danum	Away	Won	19	—	5	13th June
Colne Valley	Away	Won	4½	—	4	27th June

The rounders team this season has been very successful in winning all four fixtures.

This season we have introduced many new members to the team. M. Saul, K. Hill, M. Beresford, J. Dooler and C. Ibbotson. All have helped in paving the way to victory. My congratulations to Janice Dooler on being the top scorer with 11 rounders.

BOYS' ATHLETICS

Perhaps the most striking feature of this year's athletic season is that all but one of the matches arranged have taken place — the one match having been cancelled because of internal school affairs — a rare occurrence indeed when one considers that in the past the weather has mutilated the athletics programme, or the aftermath of the exams and the desire to take up paid employment has lured competitors away from the School. Thus not having been conquered by the weather the athletics team, taking full advantage of the fine weather, finished the season undefeated.

This season also saw the advent of the metric system into the School running and throwing distances, except when the meetings were held at Dalefield where, owing to the size of the field, 100 yards still has to be run, but this is hoped to be rectified in the near future. Therefore all times attained this year will stand as new school records.

The season itself started with a cliff-hanger of a match at Doncaster where School only managed to snatch victory with the last race of the meeting — the senior relay. Although not gaining many first places, it was School's strength in depth which became the eventual decider. It was this same strength which won the next meeting against Danum and Thorne. This match showed, however, the athletes' growing fitness and confidence, especially the senior team, which after a few fits and starts was beginning to settle down to a steady rhythm.

The match against St. John's College, York, was significant because it was the first time that the senior team had won there. The match against Hipperholme and Castleford G.S. only emphasised the trouble other schools have in keeping senior athletes at school after the exams. Castleford managed to bring only 5 seniors and Hipperholme 8. This fact was again emphasised in the last match of the season at Pontefract where Nunthorpe G.S. were sadly lacking in competitors.

AT DONCASTER

1	School.....	196 pts.
2	Doncaster	193 pts.
3	Retford G.S.....	136 pts.

AT DANUM

1	School.....	290 pts.
2	Thorne G.S.....	258 pts.
3	Danum	191 pts.

AT YORK

1	School.....	138 pts.
2	St. John's College ..	119 pts.
3	Archbishop Holgate's	106 pts.

AT NORMANTON

1	School.....	427 pts.
2	Hipperholme G. S. ..	309 pts.
3	Castleford G.S. ..	210 pts.

AT NORMANTON

1	Normanton	270J pts.
2	Temple Moor	195½ pts.

AT PONTEFRACT

1	Normanton	352½ pts.
2	K.S.P.....	243 pts
3	Nunthorpe	160½ pts.

Senior

The senior team has been given a good start in matches with Baker and Lambert consistently gaining first two places in the 100 and 200 metres and Lambert will be available next year. L. Ward after an indifferent start to the season finally settled down in his running to become the school's regular 400 metres runner. His ability to change from one event to another is reflected in the fact that he is the number one hurdler in the School, also runs 3,000 metre races as well as being outstanding in the triple jump. A bright hope for the future is Midgley who is equally at home in the 400 or 800 metres. He formed a very good partnership with P. Jones in the 800 metres until the latter's abrupt departure from the School. Towards the latter end of the season D. Brown and B. Smith had also begun to form a good partnership in the 1500 metres. Being accustomed to longer distances, vividly brought out when he easily won the 3,000 metres at York, Brown must be acknowledged for the time, patience and perseverance which have gone into his training in order to run the 1500 metres at a quicker pace. Smith also worked hard and finally reaped the rewards of his efforts as the season progressed.

Preene and Sairuter have been regular competitors for the high jump in the team. Preene has jumped exceptionally well, but with more training could have done better. Combining hurdling with his jumping Sainter has also done well but has been hampered by exams. Long jump has been one of the problem events of the season with seven athletes trying their luck at it — Bailey-Lee perhaps being the best prospect. Shot putting was the same with J. Dyson doing the best throws. Tomlinson, though only in the 4th form has established himself as leading javelin thrower while S. Carrington has done the same in the discuss as well as showing his running ability in the 400 and 800 metres. D. Smith is a very good prospect in the pole vault despite the lack of competition — his only match being at York. The relay team of Dyson, Poole, Baker and Lambert has only failed to come first once. Mention must be given to Poole who has attended all the matches even though he has been only running in the relay — the last event of all.

Intermediate (U.15)

Like their senior counterparts, Adams and Lindley have been very successful in the 100 and 200 metres and Lindley is only in the third form. Fisher has performed equally well in the 400 metres, high jump and the long jump. Banks has been undefeated in the 800 metres, while his partner Hodgson, still only in the third form has been consistently second and should be a good prospect for next year. In the 1500 metres he has formed a firm understanding with Dobson. Bridges has performed well with the javelin while Friend has done the same with the discus. The relay team has remained undefeated all season.

Junior (U.13)

The Junior section of the athletics team has shown tremendous enthusiasm and dedication towards their athletics, and because of this have done very well. Buckingham has been master of the 100

and 200 metres. Hartshorne has done exceptionally well in the High Jump and also performed usefully in the long jump and 400 metres. Banks has done very well in the hurdles as well as the 800 metres while Wakenshaw has been master of the 1500 metres. Graveling has shown promise in the discus and Short has done the same in the javelin. As usual the relay team has dominated the relay races, showing how persistent training pays off in the end.

Fartown Sports

School had the unique distinction of winning all the boys' sections and therefore the West Riding Shield for winning overall. Previously we had won 2 sections and had been equal first in the other section, but this has been the first time since the commencement of the competition that any school has won all three. At the meeting Lambert had the distinction of beating the Yorkshire Schools' 400 metre champion in both the 200 and 400 metres.

1 — Normanton	147 points
2 — Colne Valley	120 points
3 — Penistone	106 points
4 — Holme Valley	97 points
5 — Hemsworth	70 points

School Sports

Due to G.C.E. examinations the senior school sports were later than the junior but like them were split over two days with field events on the first and track on the second. Also like the junior, they were blest with fine weather and two new records were attained by Preene in the senior high jump and Adams in the U.15 long jump. Lambert in the senior 100 yards also equalled the school record.

SENIORS

100 yds.	..	Lambert 10.3 secs. = Record
200 m.	..	Lambert 22.9 secs.
400 m.	..	Ward 53.6 secs.
800 m.	..	Brown 2 mins. 12.0 secs.
1500 m.	..	Smith 4 mins. 40.3 secs.
Hurdles	..	Ward 15.6 secs.
Long Jump	..	Bailey-Lee 19 ft. 7 ins.
Triple Jump	..	Ward 40 ft. 0½ in.
High Jump	..	Preene 5 ft. 8½ in. = Record
Pole Vault	..	Smith 10 ft. 6 ins.
Shot	..	Dyson 39 ft. 1 in.
Discus	..	Carrington 114 ft. 8 ins.
Javelin	..	Carrington 113 ft. 9 ins.
Relay	..	Levett 46.7 secs.

Individual Champion — L. Ward

INTERMEDIATES

100 yds.	..	Adams 11.3 secs.
200 m.	..	Adams 24.8 secs.
400 m.	..	Fisher 57.0 secs.
800 m.	..	Banks 2 min. 16.5 secs.
1500 m.	..	Hodgson 4 min. 39 secs.
Hurdles	..	Fisher 12.1 secs.
Long Jump	..	Adams 19 ft. 2 ins. *
High Jump	..	Fisher 5 ft. 0 ins.
Triple Jump	..	Ratcliffe 37 ft. 1 in.
Pole Vault	..	Tuffsi 8 ft. 9 ins.
Shot	..	Tinker 39 ft. 6¾ ins.
Discus	..	Friend 113 ft. 5 ins.
Javelin	..	Fisher 116 ft. 0¾ in.
Relay	..	Dodsworth 50.0 secs.

Individual Champion — A. Fisher

* NEW RECORD

Yorkshire Schools' Championships

With the School having entered the Ackworth and District side, its entrants were very limited, but out of the NINE who went, SIX managed to get in the final six of their events.

C. Lambert	1st	Senior Boys'	200 m.
J. Baker	2nd	Senior Boys'	100 m.
M. Lindley	5th	Junior Boys'	200 m.
D. Smith	2nd	Intermediate	Boys' Pole Vault
L. Ward	2nd	Senior Boys'	400 m. Hurdles
Christine Webb	5th	Senior Girls'	High Jump

As a result of this Baker and Lambert were chosen to represent Yorkshire at the English Schools' Championships in their respective events as well as the senior relay. L. Ward was nominated as reserve for the Yorkshire side.

Northern Counties

These were held at Derby this year and C. Lambert was entered for the 100 and 200 metres against very strong opposition. In very blustery conditions he powered his way to victory in both events in times of 11.4 and 22.8 seconds. Congratulations on his selection for the National A.A.A. team at the meeting to be held at the Crystal Palace in August.

English Schools' Championships at Solihull

C. Lambert won his way through to the semi-final of the 200 metres, where he was knocked out by the eventual winner of the competition. Baker narrowly failed to qualify for the semi-final of

the 100 metres. Both, however, were in the Yorkshire relay team, which reached the final in the second fastest time of the day, but a dropped baton, and a seemingly justifiable appeal to the track judges, which was rejected, lost them a probable winners' medal.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

Another successful season for our junior athletes. The only loss was by our Under 12 team against John Smeaton C.S. In our other three matches we won quite convincingly and no single age group was defeated.

Our first match was against Garforth C.S. at Dalefield and the result was a win for the School — 299 points to 202. The best team performance being by our Under 14 team who had first places in nine out of the twelve events. Best individual performances were by J. Bridges — 43 ft. 9 ins. in the U.14 shot, M. Hartshorne — 4 ft. 11 ins. in the U.13 High Jump and S. Burnage — 12.5 seconds in the U.12 Hurdles. D. Buckingham in the U.13 age group displayed his all round ability in winning three events, 100 metres, 200 metres and Shot. M. Stabler, U.14, too maintained his improvement in the 1500 metres by coming first and beating boys a year older in doing so.

Next came the match against John Smeaton C.S. for our U.12 team at Temple Newsasn track. Up to this match the team had won all their other matches very convincingly. It was evident from the first few events that we were going to lose. The John Smeaton boys were physically much bigger and just that little more talented and our fate was sealed as soon as we saw their top sprinter do 26.8 seconds for the 200 metres. Our only victories came in the 75 yards Hurdles by S. Burnage and Javelin by R. Davenport.

Rothwell C.S.S. were our opponents in the next match. Again we managed to win all three age groups and finish with a score of 188½ to Rothwell's 141½. Another extremely good win by M. Stabler in the 1500 metres. M. Lindley and J. Bridges as usual produced their high standards, J. Bridges having a triple success by winning the 100 yards, 200 metres and Javelin. B. Banks in the U.13's recorded his best putt in competition, when coming first with 37 feet. R. Wakenshaw ran well when winning the U.13 800 metres in 2 mins. 39.5 seconds. Another triple victory was by J. Burnage (U.12) in the 100 yards, 200 metres and high jump. A. Whittam, who has emerged as a very good middle distance runner, ran the 800 metres in a good time of 2 mins. 43.4 seconds.

The final match of the season was against Worsbrough H.S. During the evening there were 27 events of which we won 24. The outstanding performances were by T. Barker (1st year boy) 66.3 in the U.13 400 metres and yet another triple victory, this time by M. Lindley in the 200 metres, 400 metres and javelin. The final result of the match was a win for the School 171 to 105.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS (BOYS)

UNDER 14

100 yds.	..	Bridges 12.2
200 m.	..	Lindley 25.9 *
400 m.	..	Lindley 64.1 *
800 m.	..	Bridges 2 mins. 29 secs.
1500 m.	..	Marson 5 mins. 5.1 secs.
Hurdles	..	Marson 13.5 *
Relay	..	Dodsworth 52.3 *
Discus	..	Whalley 106 ft. 7½ ins. *
Shot	..	Bridges 38 ft. 2¼ ins.
Javelin	..	Bridges 127 ft. 8¾ ins. *
Long Jump	..	Lindley 17 ft. 0 ins.
High Jump	..	Spragg 4 ft. 7 ins.
Triple Jump	..	Lindley 37 ft. 4 ins. *
Pole Vault	..	Haytack 6 ft. 9 ins.

UNDER 13

100 yds.	..	Buckingham 12.2
200 m.	..	Buckingham 28.1 *
400 m.	..	Hartshorne 64.5 *
800 m.	..	Banks 2 mins. 32.6 secs. *
1500 m.	..	Travis 5 mins. 22.3 secs. *
Hurdles	..	Hartshorne 11.6 *
Relay	..	Preston 55.5 *
Discus	..	Hoyle 83 ft. 7 ins.
Shot	..	Banks 36 ft. 10' ins.
Javelin	..	Short 98 ft. 11½ in.
Long Jump	..	Hartshorne 15 ft. 5 ins.
High Jump	..	Hartshorne 4 ft. 10 ins.
Triple Jump	..	Buckingham 32 ft. 0] ins.
Pole Vault	..	Kirk 6 ft. 9 ins.

UNDER 12

100 yds.	..	Bumage, J. 12.5
200 m.	..	Johnson 29.4 *
400 m.	..	Barker 67.6 *
800 m.	..	Whittam 2 mins. 44.4 secs. *
1500 m.	..	Whittam 5 mins. 26.6 secs. *
Hurdles	..	Burnage, S. 11.8 *
Relay	..	Preston 58.8 *
Discus	..	Johnson 78 ft. 9 ins. *
Shot	..	Johnson 35 ft. 10 ins. *
Javelin	..	Davenport 92 ft. 3 ins.
Long Jump	..	Bumage, S. 14 ft. 1½ ins.
High Jump	..	Burnage J. 3 ft. 10 ins.
Triple Jump	..	Davenport 29 ft. 10½ ins.
Pole Vault	..	Bumage, S. 6 ft. 0 ins. = Record

* NEW RECORD

U. 14 Champion	..	M. Lindley, J. Bridges
U. 13 Champion	..	M. Hartshorne
U. 12 Champion	..	M. Johnson

CRICKET

1st XI

CAPTAIN : R. CUSWORTH

This year we have been able to enjoy the blessings of warm sunshine and hard wickets. In addition, much hard and skilful work by our new groundsmen, Messrs. Hall and Farrow, has removed much of the venom from the Dalefield wicket. Fine weather and reasonable pitches have encouraged good cricket and the First Eleven have had an enjoyable and successful season. Six matches were won and three other opponents narrowly escaped defeat. Exciting games against King's School, Pontefract, and the Staff were lost by four and five runs respectively and only at Roundhay did the batting let us down and cause a substantial defeat.

The bowling was the main strength of the team. Harris and Hayes both took over 30 wickets, maintaining a steady and penetrative attack throughout the season. Harris obviously enjoys bowling and by cutting the ball in from the off and getting considerable bounce off the wicket he was never mastered by any of our opponents, Hayes complemented him well at the other end. He usually bowled with great economy, a full length and late outswing. Later in the season, in search of greater pace, he tended to lose his line and length, but there is no doubt that he is a bowler of great promise. In support Newton and Gathercole had successful games, Newton with fast-medium in-swingers, Gathercole with slow off-breaks. Slow bowling tends to be regarded with scorn in school cricket these days but with 14 wickets at less than 9 runs a piece, Gathercole proved the value of this method of attack. He has good control of length and line and can spin the ball sharply at times.

The batting made up with good sense and determination what it lacked in technique and style. Stones and Burniston normally set the tone well and though they made 96 for the first wicket against St. Thomas Aquinas, their most memorable effort was to blunt the Rothwell Grammar School attack. They made only 7 runs in 7 overs but prevented a breakthrough. The middle batting depended on Hayes and the Cusworth Brothers. All three averaged about 20 for the season and played vital parts in the matches won. Hayes and L. Cusworth improved greatly as the season progressed. Success early on brought confidence to play an increasing range of shots and both should score heavily next year. R. Cusworth virtually won two games on his own. He owed little to the M.C.C. Coaching Book but has a good eye and immensely powerful wrists. At Rothwell he contributed 38 of the 53 runs scored while he was at the wicket. At Sowerby Bridge he came in with 3 wickets down for 6 runs. Sampson smote the Philistines with the jaw-bone of an ass; Roy Cusworth used his bat at Sowerby Bridge, hitting seven sixes and three fours in his innings of 67. Gathercole, Clarke and Barrett played valuable innings at times, though they have yet to make large scores, while Sheldon, who came into the side at the end of the season, has the aggression and eye for a bad ball to do well next year. Two main weaknesses characterise the batting at the moment : too many players inhibit off side shots by their grip and right-handedness; too many bad balls pass by on the leg side unpunished.

The team always took their cricket seriously, with smart turn-out and an enthusiasm to get on with the game. They generally fielded well, though the match against the Staff was probably lost by dropped catches. L. Cusworth impressed by his mobility in the deep and the accuracy of his throwing Gathercole shows promise in the slips and R. Cusworth and Burniston fielded aggressively and effectively close in front of the wicket. Ayris always tried hard behind the stumps but at vital moments he tended either to snatch at the ball or react too slowly.

Much of the team's success stemmed from the disciplined leadership of R. Cusworth. He set a fine example with the bat and in the field and never allowed his team to wander from the job in hand for long. He handled his bowlers with increasing assurance and had the imagination to employ Gathercole when, more conservative captains would not have taken the risk. The steadiness and determination of much of the batting was largely the result of his willingness to allow time for the foundations of an innings to be securely laid.

At the end of the season colours were awarded to D. Burniston, E. Gathercole, P. J. Hales and L. Cusworth. The bowling prize was won by K. Harris; the batting prize by R. Cusworth and the all rounders' prize by P. J. Hayes.

The TEAM was:

R. Cusworth (Captain), M. Stones, K. Harris, D. Burniston, E. Gathercole, P. J. Hayes, L. Cusworth, I. Ayris, C. Newton, R. Clarke, P. Sheldon, S. Barrett.

RESULTS:

- v J. C. Midgeley's XI (Home)
 School 115 for 5 (R. Cusworth 28, L. Cusworth 28 n.o.)
 J. C. Midgeley's XI, 22 for 7 (Harris 4 for 12, Barratt 3 for 10)
 Match Drawn
- v Goole G.S. (Away)
 Goole G.S., 123 for 5 wks. (Gathercole 3 for 30)
 School 54 for 6 (Burniston 27)
 Match Drawn
- v Emysted's School (Home)
 School 113 for 6 (R. Cusworth 32)
 Emysted's 56 for 7 (Hayes 3 for 5)
 Match Drawn
- v Sowerby Bridge (Home)
 Sowerby Bridge 62 (Harris 4 for 27, Hayes 4 for 6)
 School 63 for 7
 Won by 3 wickets
- v Rothwell G.S. (Away)
 Rothwell 87 (Harris 6 for 49)
 School 88 for 5 (R. Cusworth 38)
 Won by 5 wickets

- v Temple Moor G.S. (Home)
 Temple Moor 92 (Harris 4 for 35)
 School 88 for 5 (Stones 28)
 Won by 4 wickets
- v Sowerby Bridge (Away)
 School 122 for 9 (R. Cusworth. 67, Hayes 30)
 Sowerby Bridge 48 (Hayes 6 for 13, Harris 4 for 34)
 Won by 74 runs
- v King's, Pontefract (Away)
 School 6 for 0 — rain
 Match abandoned
- v King's, Pontefract (Away) — 30 over match
 King's, Pontefract 106 for 9 (Hayes 5 for 36)
 School 102 for 8 (Stones 33)
 Lost by 4 runs
- v Roundhay (Away)
 School 69
 Roundhay 70 for 6 (Hayes 4 for 27)
 Lost by 4 wickets
- v Castleford G.S (Away)
 Castlefordl G.S. 82 for 9 (Harris 4 for 21, Gathercole 3 for 27)
 School 85 for 2 (Hayes 35 n.o., Cusworth, L. 30 n.o.)
 Won by 8 wickets
- v St. Thomas Aquinas
 School 127 for 1 (Stones 56, Bumiston 45 n.o.)
 St. Thomas Aquinas 79
 Won by 48 runs
- v The Staff
 Staff 96 (Midgeley 42, Gathercole 4 for 10)
 School 91 (L. Cusworth 24, Haigh 4 for 11)
 Lost by 5 runs

Team Record : Played 13, Won 6, Drawn 4, Lost 3.

TEAM AVERAGES

BATTING

	Inn.	N.O.	H.S.	Total	Ave.
Cusworth R.	10	0	67	223	22.30
Hayes	13	4	35*	182	20.22
Cusworth, L.	10	3	30*	133	19.00
Bumiston	12	2	45*	155	15.50
Stones	12	0	56	177	14.75

* denotes not out score

BOWLING

	Overs	Runs	Wkts.	Ave.
Hayes	96.4	220	34	6.47
Gathercole	35	119	14	8.50
Harris	129.5	352	37	9.51
Newton	41	116	7	16.53

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2nd XI CRICKET

Goole	away	Lost
Roundhay	home	Lost
King's School	home	'won' (see text)

There have been only 3 matches this season and although the results have not been brilliant, the games have provided fun for the enthusiastic participants. The loss at Goole has been unanimously put down to early season rustiness. The pitch was found to be a closely-cut hockey pitch completely drenched from a downpour. Despite the antics of everyone on both sides the ball absolutely refused to bounce. The match was therefore reduced to 'grass cutters' (Royston slang for a ball that doesn't bounce). Goole were shot out for the ridiculously low score of around 120 (nobody takes the precise figure in 2nd XI) and our reply was just short at 70 odd. The pitch was about 2 miles from the school and it seems the bus company decided to punish us for our defeat by not sending a bus, and we had to walk back.

The match against Roundhay at Dalefield was lost and everyone put it down to the mid-season slump every team experiences. The side was strengthened by the inclusion of 1st XI players who had completed a match earlier in the day. Roundhay went in first and scored a few (I forget the figure) and our reply was 'quite a few less.'

The K.S.P. match holds its own story. The excuse worked out beforehand was 'end of season tiredness.' The match was supposed to start at Dalefield at 2 p.m. As that time approached one could just see through the driving rain and swirling mist what looked like one umpire and two enthusiastic (or mad?) home players. By half past two there were 5 home players, eleven K.S.P. players and two umpires. Another half hour passed and there was still no sign of the missing 6 players. Not wishing to appear downhearted, the umpires got their heads together and after being assured that everyone could swim, decided to brave the forces (it was still throwing it down) and play we did. Both umpires went into the home side as well as two K.S.P. players. The result was a win for the 'combined' 9 and the lover of cricket.

One cannot close a report on the 2nd XI without a review of the players, and it has to start with Filer, that demon Anglo-Australian who saw fit to grace the cricket fields of England with

his unique bowling action. Many unsuspecting batsmen have gazed in astonishment at the style for too long, and it has proved fatal. P. Lawrence and S. Yates have always been enthusiastic and willing to play. (I forgot to add that one usually has to be press-ganged into the 2nd XI). We cannot fail to mention the boys from the lower forms, such as Strangwood, Hobson, Guillou and Hobbs. There is special acknowledgement too, to the 5 players who turned up for the K.S.P. match — P. Lawrence, P. Sheldon, R. Eames and R. Smith and myself. In this match we were greatly honoured to have the services of Mr. L. T. Johnson who gave up England's offer of a Test place so that he could participate in this game. He did not actually bat but his guiding influence and pipe were in evidence throughout the match.

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U.15 XI CRICKET

CAPTAIN : M. BEEDLE

VICE-CAPTAIN : G. TINKER

TEAM and appearances:

M. Beedle (8), S. Bridgewater (10), G Chapman (7), A. Curtis (7), T. Higgins (7), B. Lomas (10), D. Lomas (10), I. Mason (9), C. Ratcliffe (9), M Smith (4), R. Smith (7), G. Tinker (9), D. Ward (7).

Also Played:

A. Northrop (3), R. Sharp (2), K. Plant (1), I. Westwood (1).

RESULTS:

2 May	(A)	School 86 (Ratcliffe 19) Goole G.S. 29 (Ward 7 for 12) School won by 57 runs
9 May	(A)	School 39 St. Michael's College 40 for 8 (Mason 4 for 7) School lost by 2 wickets
16 May	(A)	School 43 for 8 (20 overs) Sowerby Bridge G.S. 44 for 5 (Tinker 3 for 8) School lost by 5 wickets
21 May	(A)	School 25 Ermysted's G.S. 27 for 1 School lost by 9 wickets
6 June	(A)	School 62 for 7 declared Danum G.S. 49 for 7 (Ward 4 for 16) Match drawn
13 June	(H)	School 67 for 7 (Higgins 20 not out) Sowerby Bridge G.S. 68 for 0 School lost by 10 wickets

15 June	(A)	School 108 for 6 (20 overs) (Bridgewater 36; Ratcliffe 25) Rothwell County S.S. 35 for 7 (Ward 3 for 4) School won by 73 runs
20 June	(A)	School 32 Temple Moor G.S. 15 (Ward 4 for 5) School won by 17 runs
27 June	(A)	School 9 for 0 v King's School Rain stepped play
30 June	(A)	School 66 (Bridgewater 21) King's School 67 for 5 School lost by 5 wickets
4 July	(A)	School 56 (Bridgewater 23) Q.E.G.S. 59 for 4 (Higgins 3 for 27) School lost by 6 wickets

Record: P. 10. W. 3, L. 6, D. 1.

BOWLING AVERAGES

	Overs	M.	Runs	W.	Average
Ward	46.3	16	80	20	4.0
Bridgewater	72.4	27	143	11	13.0
Higgins	20	2	74	5	14.8

BATTING AVERAGES

	Innings	Runs	N.O.	Highest	Average
Bridgewater	10	113	0	36	11.3
Higgins	7	44	2	20*	8.8
Beedle	8	44	2	14*	7.3
Lomas, B.	10	62	1	16*	6.9

* denotes not out score

CATCHES

Chapman—6

Although in terms of results this has not been a particularly successful term for the under fifteen eleven, yet the season has been a satisfying one for another reason. The prolonged spell of settled weather has meant a continuity of fixtures and practice sessions, which have given scope for experiment with different players and different batting positions. The latter problem has been hindered by the variable fortunes of the team and by the development of players during the season. The selection of Bridgewater and Mason as opening pair at the beginning of the season was based on tradition and although it had the advantage of containing a left and a right hander who could both play shots, it was soon found rather unreliable and lower order batsmen were getting the job of stemming the opening attack. Eventually Smith R., and Beedle

progressed to the opening positions and the 36 they put on for the first wicket at Rothwell is indicative of the performance it was hoped they would produce more often. Bridgewater batted more and more sensibly as the season went on and in both the last two games against King's School and Q.E.G.S. he held the side together from the number four position. Higgins has been a big all round asset to the side. A very good eye for the ball combined with a ferocious swing has been a helpful contribution to quick runs, and has usually added some excitement to the game. Tinker has captained the side with confidence in the absence of Beedle and although he has not made any big scores, he has demonstrated some of the qualities that have appeared lacking from time to time in more able batsmen. Indeed if a general criticism of the batting can be made it is precisely that there has been an absence of mental application. The initiative has far too often been given to the opposition bowlers because school batsmen have been too impatient and have given their wickets away with absurd strokes in the hope of some quick runs. Ratcliffe has been particularly disappointing in this respect. He is well equipped technically but until he exercises self-discipline and waits for the right balls to hit, he will rarely achieve any good scores. Of the remaining batsmen Brian Lomas has made some useful runs but is always vulnerable in the first few overs. David Lomas has been somewhat less successful with the bat though his fielding has always been first rate. Curtis and Mason have both had an indifferent season and it is to be hoped that luck will be kinder to them next year. If Mason could have produced on Saturdays, his performances in the nets, his tally of runs would surely have been formidable.

It will be noted that in every game this season the school has batted first — an advantage they never really exploited. This was the result of some phenomenal coin tossing by Beedle and Tinker. In all eleven spins the decision went in our favour and this is all the more remarkable since Beedle has won every toss as captain of the under fourteen eleven the previous season. The decision to bat first and the moderate run total that generally ensued have meant that the pressure has always been on the bowlers. They must get wickets yet they can afford to give no runs away. In this restrictive role they have done very well. Ward, when he has been available, has bowled with accuracy and penetration and his figures speak for themselves. Bridgewater has usually bowled throughout the innings from the other end and with his consistency of length and direction, he has been unlucky not to pick up more wickets. In the absence of Ward, Higgins has opened the bowling and the more overs he has bowled, the better he has become. In the last match against Q.E.G.S. he took three wickets and looked to have established himself as opening bowler.

The fielding has not really been of a satisfactory standard and one feels much more should be done in practice sessions in this direction. The bowlers' task has frequently been made too difficult by dropped catches and more especially by silly runs given away by slow thinking. Only Higgins and David Lomas have acquitted themselves adequately — nearly everyone else has been guilty of a lapse at one time or another. Behind the wickets Chapman has taken some good catches and although he still prefers to dive rather

than move his feet, he has proved quite effective in this position Brian Lomas has been a capable deputy when required.

While the team was playing most of its matches on Saturdays, the Rothwell District XI which is made up of school players from the area, was enjoying a spirited challenge for the Yorkshire Cup. Bridgewater and Ratcliffe have played regularly for the side and Beedle has been twelfth man. After beating the Castleford, Wakefield and Leeds' districts, Rothwell finally lost in the semi-final to Huddersfield and district.

The players, I feel, have enjoyed their cricket this season, and although this should perhaps not be the only consideration, it is at least an important one. The team must be one of the most widely travelled sides, since they played only one of their matches at home, yet they have all been willing and happy to spend long hours in transit, often on inconvenient public transport.

Finally the trophies this year have been awarded to Bridgewater for his consistent performances in batting and bowling, and also to Higgins who has easily earned the title of the most improved player.

U.14 XI

CAPTAIN : M. STABLER

TEAM from:

Stabler, Martindale, Dean, Westwood, Dransfield, Plant, Gibbons, Hill, Grace, Davies, Gamble, Storey, Spragg, Grant, Bridges.

RESULTS:

May 2	Goole G.S. (a) Won by 34 runs School 65 Goole 31 (Plant 6 for 15)
May 16	Q.E.G.S. (h) Lost by 7 wickets School 37 Q.E.G.S. 38 for 3
June 6	Danum G.S. (a) Won by 4 runs School 40 Danum 36 for 8 (Storey 5 for 12)
June 22	Garforth C.S. (h) Won by 4 wickets Garforth 44 (Westwood 6 for 15) School 45 for 6

June 27	v	King's School, Pontefract (h) Won by ¹ 2 runs School 101 for 5 declared (Spragg 53) King's 99 for 4
July 4	v	Temple Moor (h) Won by 26 runs School 75 for 7 Temple Moor 49 for 8 (Westwood 4 for 23)
July 11	v	Castleford G.S. (h) Won by 5 wickets Castleford 70 (Storey 5 for 26) School 71 for 5 (Plant 31 not out)
July 15	v	Garforth C.S. (a) Won by 3 wickets Garforth 18 (Plant 5 for 8, Gamble 4 for 10) School 19 for 7

RECORD : W. 7, L. 1.

We have been very lucky with the weather this term, having played all our games on good hard wickets. These have enabled the team to concentrate on batting well, which they have done on most occasions, as the record suggests.

The season began with a game at Goole which was won in convincing fashion. Steady batting saw a reasonable first game total of 65 followed by a good performance in the field to dismiss Goole for 31 with Plant bowling particularly well. Next followed the only defeat at the hands of Q.E.G.S., due to rash batting which was never repeated all season. On a difficult wicket at Danum we batted much better even though the total was only 40. Westwood was not out at the finish and stayed there very well. Again we fielded well and held them to 36 for 8 due to four good catches and Stoney's bowling. Both Garforth games were won but deserve little mention as few of their side even knew how to hold a bat correctly and consequently we played neither match with the correct attitude. The final three Saturday games were all good ones from the cricket point of view. Against King's we batted well to be able to declare at 101 for 5 after Spragg scored 53 and received good support from Grace and Westwood. The rain had just started and we wanted to be able to finish the game so we closed our innings, but with fine judgement as it turned out. King's School finished up with 99 for 4, only two runs short, but throughout our bowlers had to bowl in constant drizzle with a ball like a piece of soap. Yet the team kept their heads in the field especially the keen Gibbons and deserved their narrow win. Westwood and Spragg again batted well against Temple Moor and another good fielding display gave us an easy win, Westwood taking the most wickets this year with four. Stoney was chief wicket taker against Castleford with five and their score was competently beaten by five wickets, Plant and Stabler sharing in an unbroken stand of 42 to win the match.

The improved batting has been the best feature of the team this season. Westwood, Spragg and Plant have got runs consistently and they have received good support from Stabler, Grace, Dransfield and Dean. Most of the time we have batted correctly, playing the good balls and punishing the bad ones. The bowling has always been good as it was last year. Stoney and Plant have opened very well and Westwood and Gamble have been very successful as change bowlers. Westwood has kept wicket very well in three games and bowled well in the other five, although he tends to bowl too short. Gamble is now bowling over the wicket with a fuller length than before and the results have been a vast improvement. Dean has been an able deputy for Westwood behind the wicket and the fielding generally has been very keen with few missed chances and many good catches taken. Stabler deserves some credit here for keeping them interested both by word and example. The general discipline was good, rarely did anyone miss a practice and the reserves always turned up as did our regular scorer, Cooper. If they again concentrate on the batting next season they should do very well.

U.13 XI

CAPTAIN : D. HARTLEY

TEAM:

D. Hartley, D. Pennell, A. Grice, M. Finan, J. Allen, P. Wenn, R. Wells, B. Banks, M. Hartshorne, Melvin Hayward, Martin Hayward, P. Sykes, N. Gibson, C. Havward, T. Barker, S. Burnage, M. Smith.

RESULTS :

4 May	(H)	School 45 all out King's, Pontefract 45 all out (Hartley 4 for 10) Match tied
9 May	(A)	School 83 for 7 (Finan 28 not out) St. Michael's 24 all out (Hartley 5 for 13) School won by 59 runs
22 May	(A)	School 101 for 9 (Grice 29, Barker 24 not out) Ermysted's, Skipton 81 all out (Hartley 7 for 19) School won by 20 runs
24 May	(A)	School 48 all out (Hartley 24) Temple Moor 15 all out (Hartley 7 for 5) School won by 33 runs
5 June	(A)	Q.E.G.S. 102 for 6 School 32 all out School lost by 70 runs
17 June	(A)	King's, Pontefract 37 a'l out (Hartley 5 for 11) School 37 all out Match tied

18 June	(H)	Q.E.G.S. 93 all out (Barker 6 for 40, including the hat trick) School 72 for 8 School lost by 21 runs
27 June	(A)	School 48 all out Roundhay 50 for 7 (Barker 5 for 13) School lost by 3 wickets
6 July	(A)	School 52 for 7 (Hartley 35) Garforth 54 for 5 School lost by 5 wickets
14 July	(H)	School 74 for 2 (S. Bumage 33; Hartley 31 not out) Garforth 71 all out (Barker 5 for 34) School won by 3 runs

SEASON'S RECORD : P. 10; W. 4; L. 4; D. 2.

In contrast to the last two years the weather has been excellent throughout the term. This has enabled all the fixtures to be fulfilled and some very interesting cricket has been played. The record of the team is much improved from last season when they won only one of five matches

The team is not a particularly strong one, the main weakness being a lack of depth in the batting. However, the team has been enthusiastic and only in one match were they soundly beaten.

Three of the matches ended in nail biting finishes — against King's, Pontefract twice — when rather unusually both were tied, and against Garforth at Dalefield. In the latter match School scored 74 for 2 with some stylish batting by Hartley and Stephen Burnage. In reply Garforth had a chance of winning at 67 for 9 with one over left. A four off the next to last ball brought the score to 71, but Baker bowled the last Garforth batsman with the last ball of the match.

Hartley, the captain, has had an outstanding season both with bat and ball. Against Temple Moor, on a hard fast wicket his bowling was particularly hostile. His batting has showed both good technique and fine concentration. In contrast the rest of the batsmen, Barker and Stephen Burnage excepted, have proved disappointing — they have too often got themselves out by not concentrating sufficiently and making silly shots — Grice, Allen and C. Hayward particularly. Finan did not maintain; a promising start to the season whilst Fennell has not shown the ability he displayed last season, though he played a determined and valuable innings at Roundhay.

The bowling — by Hartley, Barker, Gibson and Banks — has been good. Only at Q.E.G.S. was the bowling hammered and this was partly the result of being unable to gain a safe foothold. If the bowlers had been wearing boots they would have overcome the

difficulty. Hartley and Barker provided most of the penetration though Banks and Gibson have bowled steadily and accurately. Baker, a first year boy, has proved outstanding and in his last three matches for the team he took 16 wickets including the hat-trick.

Except against Garforth away and Q.E.G.S. away the fielding of the team has been of a high standard. The match against Garforth was lost because six catches were dropped. Good fielding will win matches and all players must be alert in this facet of the game. Hartley has shouldered the responsibilities of captain well in this respect and delivered sharp rebukes to fielders who stray from their correct positions or who fail to concentrate on the game.

Wicket keeping has been a problem during the season and three boys — Grice, Fennell and Allen played in this position. Grice tackled the job enthusiastically at first but he lacked sufficient mobility to move quickly to cover a low ball. Allen seems to show the most potential, moving his body well to get behind the line of the ball.

Hartley leads the batting averages (18.75 for 9 innings) and the bowling averages (37 wickets at 4.64 runs each).

TEAM PRIZES:

Outstanding Performances — D Hartley.

Most Improved Player — S. Burnage.

U.12 XI

CAPTAIN : T. BARKER

TEAM :

T. Barker, S. Burnage, M. Smith, R. Newton, P. Morgan, N. Green, S. Bray, T. Gittens, R. Betts, C. Dix, S. Crawshaw, P. Schofield, D. Sinclair, P. Robinson, M. Jennings.

RESULTS :

13 May	(H)	Ermysted's, Skip ton 49 all out (J. Bumage 5 for 7) School 51 for 8 School won by 2 wickets
15 June	(H)	School 126 for 5 (S. Burnage 44, Smith. 25. J. Bumage 25 not out) King's, Pontefract 42 all out (Bray 5 for 12) School won by 84 runs

17 June	(A)	School 74 for 7 (Barker 22 not out) King's, Pontefract 33 all out (Barker 5 for 9) School won by 41 runs
19 June	(H)	School 50 all out (Jennings 16) Q.E.G.S. 54 for 3 School lost by 7 wickets
29 June	(H)	School 83 for 6 (Barker 22, Morgan 20) Garforth 67 all out (Bray 5 for 12) School won by 16 runs
2 July	(A)	St. Wilfred's 8 all out (Crawshaw 3 for 2) School 11 for 3 School won by 7 wickets
3 July	(H)	Q.E.G.S. 74 for 9 (Smith 4 for 29) School 60 for 6 (Barker 20) School lost by 14 runs
6 July	(A)	Garforth 43 for 9 (Barker 6 for 10) School 42 all out (Barker 23) School lost by 1 run
17 July	(A)	School 60 for 6 (Barker 26) Rothwell 44 all out (Barker 6 for 15)

SEASON'S RECORD: P. 9; W. 6; L. 3.

The Under 12 XX has played nine fixtures this year, a great increase on previous years. Their enthusiasm has been outstanding and they have considerable ability. Though they suffered three defeats during the term two of their matches should have been won.

The season opened for the team against Skipton on a glorious May day — little did we know that this weather was to last much of the summer. The team won this match more comfortably than the score suggests, as we could have dismissed Skipton for less than 30 — it seemed a pity to waste such a good afternoon by finishing too early. Matches against a weak Pontefract side followed, the main feature of which was a fine 44 by S. Bumage in the fixture at Dalefield.

Against Q.E.G.S. we lost both our matches. In the first game our batting crumbled unnecessarily against only accurate bowling whilst the return fixture at Dalefield should have been won comfortably. On this occasion, the batsmen chasing 74 and with wickets in hand, allowed themselves to fall behind the required rate of scoring.

On only two occasions did the batting fail — at Q.E.G.S. and at Garforth. At Garforth having dismissed the home side for 43, School were 37 for 4 and should have won. However, the score became 42 for 9 and a very exciting finish resulted — chasing the run to level the scores, Newton was dubiously given run out so School lost by 1 run.

However, the side shows much potential and should do well in future years. The batting strength is considerable with Barker. S. Burnage, Jennings and Morgan having done well and showing a good technique for their age. Gittens has also recently developed as a batting prospect. Green, Newton, J. Burnage and Smith also show promise for the future, provided they work hard at eradicating the faults pointed out to them.

The bowling strength of the team is also strong. Barker has been outstanding as an opening bowler showing hostility and accuracy, though he has yet to learn the value of a good rhythmical run-up to the wicket. J. Burnage and Smith, if not quite as effective, have supported him well. Bray has added variety to the attack and not without success. His slow left arm bowling has been accurate, except against Rothwell, and he has deceived inexperienced batsmen who think slow bowling is 'easy to hit.' The school needs to develop more slow spin bowlers and it is to be hoped that the improvements in the nets next year will encourage young cricketers to develop and experiment in this neglected art of the game.

Generally the fielding of the team has been good and some excellent catches have been taken, with very few dropped. Gittens, Smith, Barker, Scholfield and J. Burnage have excelled in their fielding.

S. Burnage shows much promise as a wicketkeeper,, though he needs to improve his stumping from slow bowlers — he must take the ball level with the stumps and not a foot behind them.

Barker has proved an inspiring captain, criticising when necessary, and setting a high standard amongst his players. It has been pleasing to notice the improvements in his field placing as the season progressed and as his knowledge of the game grew.

Baker heads the batting averages with 19.5 Bray heads the bowling averages with 16 wickets at 4.53 each.

TEAM PRIZES :

Outstanding Performances — T. Barker.

Most Improved Player — S. Bray.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The Association is pleased to report the formation of a new branch by the Walton parents. They have held two successful functions, firstly a combined Beetle Drive, Victoriana bric-a-brac and Coffee Evening, secondly a Folk Dance Evening. Profits were £33/10/-. This branch is now to be extended to include Kirkthorpe, Warmfield and Heath parents and we wish them every success in their future ventures.

A target of £500 was set by the Committee at the beginning of the year and will almost certainly be raised. Balance of the Association funds is approximately £320.

The summer months are normally quiet function-wise and were brought to a close by a very successful end of term Buffet Dance.

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