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EDITORIAL

The editor of the School Magazine has a particularly thankless task. His is not to reason why; his is but to extract, by threat, force, bribery and corruption, contributions from recalcitrant geniuses throughout the school, who seem strangely averse to putting pen to original work, society notes, and the rest. Frantically gathered in a few days before publishing, the staggering mass of material is sorted through, rewritten, checked, double-checked, tied up in a neat bundle ready for posting, and then somebody comes along and casually suggests that there really ought to be an editorial—tradition and all that, you know.

And what to write? Editors vary, and we make no apologies for verging on the bounds of abnormality. We are very glad to welcome new members of staff, congratulate State Scholars, curse the weather, etc., etc., etc—but not in the editorial. Successive editors have in the past rested in the safe haven of tradition, and built their successive literary masterpieces on the cornerstone of the School Roll. We set out with the aim of refuting this policy, but not knowing quite on what foundations to base our own.

What should the editorial contain, then? A passing comment on the life of the School? A spate of propaganda on moral virtues? An exhortation for more original work? A plethora of benign thank-yous, gracious well-done's, best-hopes-for-the-future, etc? Or should it be omitted altogether?

We do not profess to supply any definite answer to this problem. We can merely sit back and hope that these gems of wisdom will encourage future editors to rise above the humdrum, to make the editorial something of value—an attempt to be a work of art, an inspiration for the attainment of greater heights in editorial writings.

We do not claim to have achieved this—we only hope to have provided food for thought (and a cliché par excellence). We await with scorn from our lofty position the anticipated mutterings and protests which our little revolution will doubtless bring about. We know full well that our successor will probably begin his masterpiece with words of genius such as, "This year the School has completed a full cycle" (a thing it has been doing on and off for the past ten years), or "Our congratulations go to the following who have won State Scholarships in the recent G.C.E. examinations . . ." thus cocking a cheerful snook at these, our pleas and admonitions, and regarding us as an upstart—perhaps (dreadful thought) even dismissing us as an angry young man.

We also know full well that the likelihood of this editorial's being even read is remote in the extreme.

Tradition and all that, you know.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS, 1957 - 58.

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VALETE

Our good wishes go to those who have left us :—

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Rugby), Mavis Bradbury, Judith Harris (Prefect), Gillian
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Mary Watson (Prefect, Captain of Hockey), Ann Whyman (Prefect),
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Brenda Clarke, Ann Fairhurst, Margaret Fletcher, Barbara Fry,
Gillian Gibbs, Pamela Hadfield, Sandra Hobson, Joan Huddart,
Maureen Leighton, Rita Machin, Jean Massey, Gillian Mills,
Katherine Neild, Marie Ogden, Susan Rakestraw, Elizabeth
Storey, Shelagh Trevor, Audrey Worth.

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Furness, Patricia Greenfield, Sheila Hammond, Cynthia Hurst,
Patricia Jacobs, Beryl Jones, Madeline Moore, Susan Needham,
Ann Padgett, Joyce Pilkington, Shelagh Ryan, Jennifer Suddards,
Linda Threadgold, Judith Tomlinson, Patricia Tompson, Glennis
Tonge, Beryl Waters, Barbara Whittle, June Wild, Patricia Wilson.

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C. L. Wilson, E. R. Clarke, R. J. Dunkerley, K. Evans, R. Healey,
S. R. Dawker, I. F. Tunstall.

(V W): K. Andrew, G. Clarke, R. A. Firmin, D. Halliwell, L. Hawley, K. Hudson, S. Johnson, W. Livingston.

(IV Science): G. Grey, S. D. Higgs, J. S. Mosedale, J. A. Tottman.

(III B): M. S. F. Freeman.

(III L): R. Wilkinson.

(II A): M. J. Barnes.

(II C): D. A. Bowdon, B.P.G. Pygot.

(I A): T. C. Hayward.

(I B): A. J. Bennet.

(I C): J. V. Byrom.

(I D): N. Campbell.

SPEECH DAY, 1957

The eleventh Annual Speech Day was held at school on Friday, November 15, and was, as last year, divided into an afternoon and an evening session, for the school and parents respectively. The Chairman was Alderman H. Howard Robinson, J.P., and for our guest of honour this year we were indeed privileged to have with us Dr. J. G. Kellett, the Director of Education for Cheshire.

In his report, the Headmaster outlined the recent trends in the development of the school, and mentioned the various improvements and changes which had occurred to meet the increasing number of pupils. "We are better off today than we have ever been," he said, but pointed out that the lack of a School Hall and (at present) adequate playing-fields was a harsh handicap.

Reviewing the school's progress, Mr. Armishaw stated that the new Metalwork and Machine Drawing Room was a great advantage, and he commented on the success of the new Junior Library. The fine achievements in cricket and athletics were also mentioned, and the Headmaster made reference to a recent survey he had made: "Eighty per cent of the pupils," he said, "participate in one or more of the out-of-school activities. But," he added, "I shall not be satisfied until the figure is a hundred per cent." The school Orchestra (which performed in the afternoon) had given its first public concert; five one-act plays had been successfully staged; and the school's various societies (especially the Photographic and Modelling Clubs) had been very active.

Academically, the year had produced sound results. P. R. Gant had obtained an Open Scholarship to Brasenose College, Oxford, and J. R. Rushton, an Open Exhibition to the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London. Sixty-five pupils had been successful in the G.C.E. examinations, twelve had entered University and sixteen had gone on to Training Colleges.

Dr. Kellett, in his speech, spoke of the necessity to work hard. "This is not a very popular thing to say," he stated, but pointed out that the boys and girls of today's grammar schools have the potential ability to become the leaders in technology, science, politics and the arts, to be the architects of a better standard of living". He went on, "The grammar schools have a double duty—to give the boy the necessary education and build his character, and also to supply the leaders of tomorrow."

Dr. Kellett presented the House Trophies during the afternoon session, and the rest of the prizes in the evening.

The prizes were as follows:—

Form Prizes:

I A.—B. E. Halsall, C. B. T. Latham.

I B.—C. D. Clubbe, D. N. Holt.

I C.—P. R. Blake, M. R. Stead.

I D.—R. B. Goodier, M. J. Roberts.

II Alpha.—C. E. Bradbury, J. D. Llewellyn, D. D. S. Reardon.

II A.—R. Sebright, R. J. Sprowson.

II B.—C. D. Houghton, P. H. Toovey.

II C.—E. R. Haworth, A. G. Hickey.

- III A.—B. Barrett, J. L. Mitchell.
 III B.—J. G. Mellor, M. F. Traill.
 III L.—R. Hay, J. T. Weaving.
 IV Alpha.—J. Lawson, M. R. Longbottom, R. J. Warman.
 IV A.—P. D. Bamford.
 IV S.—J. A. Babbage, C. A. Green, G. V. Oliver, M. A. Perry.
 IV G.—D. R. Dudley.

V Forms :—

(Awarded on results of the General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level).

L. J. Aspinall, J. D. Blagg, I. A. Forrest, J. P. Lawrence, Gillian Mills, Sheila Warren, Lesley Whittle.

Lower VI Arts — Alder Robinson.

Lower VI Science — B. T. Croll.

Upper VI Form Prizes :—

(Awarded on results of the General Certificate of Education, Advanced Level).

The John Cragg Prize for French — Yvonne Slater.

The James Clews Prize for Mathematics — Greta Nelstrop.

Latin — Yvonne Slater.

History — J. D. Owens.

Geography — J. D. Owens.

Physics — P. R. Gant.

Chemistry — G. G. R. Bowker.

Biology — Kathleen Hanson.

The Wilfrid Simms Prize for English :—

J. D. Owens, Barbara Houldin, Mary Eaton, Pauline Malbon.

The Headmaster's Prize :—

J. D. Owens, Margaret Peters.

Physical Education Prizes :—

I. A. Forrest, J. L. Mitchell, J. Wardle, Rita Gardner.

Music Prize :— I. M. Sherwin.

Parents' Association Challenge Trophies for Athletics :—

(Senior Girl) Brenda Butterfield.

(Senior Boy) D. C. Dennis.

(Intermediate Boy) E. Jacobs.

(Junior Boy) P. N. Stinton.

Parents' Association Medals for Cross Country :—

(Senior Boy) J. T. Roberts.

(Intermediate Boy) D. M. Fisher.

(Junior Boy) B. Barret.

House Trophies :—

The David Howard Cross Country Cup Hulme

The Howard Robinson Cock House Trophy Hulme

The Bailey House Rugby Football Cup Bulkeley

The Sykes Swimming Cup Etchells

The Smithies Netball Cup Bulkeley

The Crowther Athletics Cup Hulme

SCHOOL LOG

On September 28, 1956, the tenth Annual Speech Day was held at the School. The distribution of prizes was by Mrs. M. F. Newell, J.P., C.C., at the Junior Session in the afternoon, and by Mr. J. Rothwell, J.P., at the Senior Session in the evening. Both guests are governors of the School.

The Carol Service took place in the last week of the Christmas Term on December 19 and 20, and was held in St. Mary's Parish Church, Cheadle. The School Choir gave an admirable and beautiful rendering of carols and hymns.

On January 30, 1957, the Parents' Association held a debate with the VI Form. The motion was, "This House deprecates the Spread of Television" and was defeated by 32 votes to 16.

The first week of April ushered in highly successful performances of the School Plays: there were five this year, discussed elsewhere in the

magazine. As a mere spectator, we can only say that a combination of dragons, Boy Scouts, Venetians, cops and robbers, and a motley array of Victorians gave us an extremely enjoyable week.

April also saw the Easter trips — three this year : to Paris, Austria and Anglesey. Reports are elsewhere, the latest news we have is that Paris has just about returned to normal, Austria has nearly rebuilt Innsbruck, and the inhabitants of Anglesey are carefully nursing their natural vegetation back to life, "But we can never restore our coastline," they say.

The Founder's Day Service was held this year on May 8, when Mr. J. Rothwell, J.P., came to speak to us, in the absence of Alderman H. Howard Robinson, J.P.

A glorious afternoon heralded the eleventh Annual Sports Day, on May 22, at Woodbank Park, Stockport. In all, fourteen records were broken and four equalled and Hulme House was easily the winner.

The Tenth Annual Garden Party on July 6, was once more blessed with good weather nearly all day. Altogether it was an outstanding success; a report appears elsewhere.

The Swimming Gala took place on July 18, at Stockport Baths. Etechells came first, with Moseley a very close second.

At the beginning of the Christmas Term, we were glad to welcome as new members of Staff, Mr. Bagshaw (Geography, English and History), Mr. Carroll (Metalwork), and Mr. Lea (Modern Languages).

On November 8, members of the V and VI form appeared on the Granada television programme "Youth wants to know", and put questions to Professor Lovell of Jodrell Bank. A highly entertaining evening.

At the beginning of November, we were very sorry to have to bid Mr. Davies, the School's groundsman, goodbye. We wish him all happiness and prosperity in his retirement.

For the eleventh Annual Speech Day on November 15, we were indeed honoured to have as our guest Dr. J. G. Kellett, the Director of Education for Cheshire, who spoke to the School in the afternoon and the parents in the evening.

Finally, among the pupils who have gone on to University this year, we must especially congratulate P. R. Gant on gaining an Open Scholarship to Brasenose College, Oxford and to J. R. Rushton for an Open Exhibition to the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London.

Pupils now attending University :—

OXFORD —

A. D. G. Gubbay, R. R. Robinson, P. R. Gant.

CAMBRIDGE —

J. T. Williams.

LONDON —

P. J. Maddocks, J. M. Brown, N. A. L. Curtis, D. C. Dennis,
J. R. Rushton, Jill Nelstrop.

MANCHESTER —

C. H. Brookes, J. C. Andrew, G. Harlow, R. G. Maund, Yvonne
Newton, Valerie J. Hill, Kathleen Hanson, Patricia A. Verity,
Judith C. Watson, D. Simmonds,

LEEDS —

K. J. Cook, I. Miller.

LIVERPOOL —

P. R. Burton, J. M. Ryan.

NOTTINGHAM —

P. R. Taylor, W. A. Bardsley, C. P. Marsden, R. Mather, Greta
Nelstrop.

BIRMINGHAM —

A. K. Banbrook, G. G. R. Bowker, Pamela K. Sellars.

BRISTOL —

Yvonne Slater.

GLASGOW —

Jean Gellatly.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we record the death last October of Frank Parker, a school Governor, and also Chairman of the Divisional Executive. Though a governor of the school for only a relatively short time, his selfless devotion to duty and his great capacity for work on behalf of the school were an example to all.

THE SCHOOL PLAYS

Petrol rationing prevented the usual full scale school play and in its stead four short plays were performed by the junior and middle school, and a longer farce written by Mr. Blackburn, by the seniors and staff.

The junior plays were of a high standard and were particularly pleasing in that they showed the existence of very promising material which the dramatic society will be able to call upon at some future date.

'Le Café Cognac' was in excellent Grammar School tradition, if we may suffer French to take the place of Latin for the moment, and was performed with extreme confidence and verve by the cast.

The squire's riding boots tramped ruthlessly through Mr. Blackburn's play, "The Fruits of Virtue," moving inexorably towards the heroine's hand via the circular saw, to the great enjoyment of both cast and audience. However the play did not lean too heavily on side burns and wrung hands, but contained verbal humour unforced, unhackneyed and immediately enjoyable.

Altogether in these plays something like a hundred and twenty pupils were involved as actors, or dealing with properties, costume, lighting, music make-up, scenery, and all those other necessary activities associated with play production, and this in itself is a source of particular satisfaction.

E. R. W.

THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The School Year has just been completed, but the Parents' Association Year does not coincide with it, and carries on until the Annual General Meeting on the 25 October, 1957.

This date completes 10 years of active service and practical help to the School and gifts to the value of approximately £1,500 have been provided. In addition replicas of cups and medals have been presented each year at Speech Day on behalf of the Association.

Practically all this money has been raised by the Annual Garden Party and Fête and the 10th Annual Garden Party, held this year on the 6 July, was again highly successful, the sum of £325 being realised.

Special thanks must be accorded to the Chairman of the Garden Party Committee, Mr. H. H. Ryle, and all his helpers, and I would personally like to take this opportunity of thanking everyone who assisted to make this event so successful.

We were, of course, blessed with fine weather, which helped to swell the attendance, despite the many other local attractions.

The preparation of clearing up in the School grounds after the Garden Party has always been a source of wonderment to me, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. D. Durrant for his able assistance. How he does it I am unable to explain. Like the illusionist, "he must do it with mirrors".

Other events during the year were the Moseley Forum in October 1956, the Annual Christmas Party, December 15, 1956, the Debate 30 January, 1957, Whist Drive 22 February, 1957, The Careers Talk 10 May, 1957, all of which were successes. The Careers Talk was of great value to both senior and junior boys and parents, and judging by the number of boys who clustered round Mr. Bygrave, the Editor of the Sunday Express, Journalism is in for very heavy recruitment.

Only one of our activities was curtailed this year and that was the Cricket Match, which after being cancelled and re-organised had to be cancelled again owing to the weather. This was very unfortunate as the Parents had a very good side and fancied themselves to win.

Cricket brings to mind an ambition of the Headmaster, which he mentioned in the Garden Party Programme in 1956, and that was in terms of a Sports Pavilion, initially of modest dimensions and later growing by sections into a building that would give pleasure and comfort to both players and visitors. This ambition I share and this year's proceeds may have their part in Mr. Armishaw's dream of a Sports Pavilion worthy of the excellent athletes the school produces.

In conclusion, I would mention that the Parents' Association is always ready to give their help in School activities when it is required, and under the guidance of the Headmaster hope to make more valuable contributions to the School, in material form.

J. LAWRENSON, (Chairman).

THE GARDEN PARTY

July 6, burst upon us hot and humid and very sunny, and when the time came for the official opening by Councillor A. R. Dineley, (a former Chairman of the Parents' Association), a good crowd had gathered and the sideshows, organised by the sixth form, were already doing brisk trade.

It continued like this throughout the afternoon and early evening. Basketball competitions and a gym. display were held; the pony clopped around the front drive; the miniature railway chugged ceaselessly up and down the veranda; and Punch and July fought on the sixth form lawn. Then there were the flower shows, the handicraft, photographic, art and model aircraft displays and competitions; the bottles of pop (with the advice not to drink it too quickly or you'd regret it), the customary Moseley market, the prize givings, and the innumerable sideshows — one could go on and on, for, looking back, the Garden Party presents a kaleidoscopic impression rather than a clear picture, as much was going on at the same time, all the time.

A special mention, however, should perhaps be made of the school choir and orchestra. As well as playing during the opening ceremony, they gave a concert on the front lawn in the evening. Fine performances of many varied pieces of music were given, but the latter half of the programme unfortunately had to compete with flashes of lightning and dull rumbles of thunder advancing nearer and nearer: the large audience showed their appreciation, however, by staying right until the end, and if the "Clowns' Dance" seemed a little faster than usual, it happily beat the bursting of the monsoon which soon followed it.

And so the Garden Party is over for another year. Whichever way it is looked at, it was an outstanding success — as a great social function, as well as being the means for raising money for the school. There is no room here to thank individually all those concerned — the list would be too long, and inevitably incomplete. We must, however, say a hearty and sincere "Thank you" to the Parents' Association for the tremendous amount of valuable work which they put in each year to make the Garden Party the success it always is.

J. D. O.

THE LIBRARY.

During the past two terms, the Senior Library has acquired a number of new books on specialized subjects, which have proved to be of particular value to Sixth Form studies. The more recent editions of these are kept in the main hall in a fine oak cupboard, which was presented to us by the Parents' Association, to whom we are most grateful.

The fiction section has for some time been inadequate, but lately books of this category have been acquired, and have proved to be very popular.

An investigation was made into what the Junior members of the school enjoy reading: the results will be taken into account when next term's books are bought. In this way we hope to encourage the Juniors to make more use of their Library.

The Reading Room, which is open twice a week, has prospered with the addition of new magazines and there has been no seasonal decline in attendance.

BARBARA RAY, VI Arts.
(Librarian).

THE DEBATING SOCIETY

The first meeting, as has become customary, took the form of an "Any Questions?" Mr. Maund was in the chair, and Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Bescoby gave enlightening answers to questions passed from the floor.

There were three debates this year, covering such diverse topics as the use of cosmetics, capital punishment, and of course, the climax of the year was the annual debate with the Parents, the motion being "This house deplores the spread of Television."

This proved to be a very enjoyable evening; the motion was defeated by 32 votes to 16.

The standard of debating was generally very high, and some excellent speakers emerged. We have high hopes that the same standard will be attained next year.

J. FLATT, VI Science.
(Assistant Secretary).

CHRISTIAN UNION.

This year the pattern of Christian Union activities has followed that of previous years. We have held open meetings, to which we invited speakers from outside school, approximately once a month, together with a weekly Bible study group and a weekly prayer meeting.

Autumn Term.

The Autumn term activities commenced with an "Any Questions" service, the panel being provided by three Methodist-students from Hartley Victoria. They gave us an interesting half-hour answering a great variety of questions. Other visitors were the Rev. R. Downham, the new curate at Cheadle Parish Church, and Captain Fallon, the chaplain to the American Forces at Burtonwood.

The term concluded with a squash at the home of the Rev. N. J. Coleman, in Cheadle. The speaker was John Maitland, a medical student at Manchester University.

Spring Term.

For the majority of the Spring term we continued in the normal manner. Mr. Marsh, the Northern Area Secretary of the S.C.M., Mr. Macmillan, a student from Manchester University, and the Rev. B. Rees, the vicar of Handforth, came to speak to us. However, at the end of term we decided to repeat the special venture of two years ago, when we organised a whole week of meetings specially designed to interest the senior school. We arranged to use the last week of term, and on the Monday the proceedings were opened by a showing of "Dust or Destiny", one of the well-known "Fact and Faith" films. On the Tuesday we were unable to meet because of the school cross-country race, but on Wednesday the Rev. S. Mays, the Vicar of Godley, spoke on the subject "Christ's Death — Plan or Accident?" On the following day, the Rev. G. Harman, the rector of Cheadle, spoke on "The Resurrection — Fact or Fiction?" The week closed with a joint service in which the school choir took part. The service was conducted by the Rev. E. Hardy.

Summer Term.

During the summer term, we were forced by pressure of examinations, to cease our activities at Whitsuntide. However, we arranged two open meetings for the brief period before Whit. Miss Brierlev, a missionary on furlough from Burma, came and gave us a most interesting account of her work and ministry. We also received our first visit from the new Scripture Union representative in this area, the Rev. G. Hart.

Finally, we must once again extend our thanks to Mr. Hare for his invaluable assistance, and our best wishes to those of our members who are leaving at the end of this term. We trust that they, and we, may always be faithful "Ambassadors for Christ."

P. R. GANT, VI Science.
ELIZABETH LORRAINS, VI Arts.

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES

The musical section of the school continues its vigorous life by producing excellent performances at all functions.

The annual Christmas Carol Service was a great success and was enjoyed by all. At the beginning of the year the choir added illustrations of the music of the Elizabethan period to a lecture given by our Headmaster at Bramall Hall. The orchestra and choir again participated in the Summer Garden Fête, but were unfortunately prevented from finishing their repertoire by a heavy thunderstorm.

Regular practices by all members and patient coaching by Mr. Jones has produced a high standard.

GLENISS TONGE, V Arts.

CHESS CLUB 1956 — 1957

Without doubt this year has been the most successful ever for the Chess Club. The truth of this statement is born out by the fact that the school's senior team won for the second time in three years the Stockport and District's Schools' League Cup. In a very exciting programme, Moseley Hall finally emerged victorious after a play-off with Stockport Grammar School. This accomplishment can be even more appreciated when it is realised that only a very few points separated the three leaders of the league, which clearly illustrates the high standard of Chess played by other rival schools.

Perhaps the club's greatest achievement was the emergence of a Junior team which proved to be very strong against other schools in friendly matches. A few of this under thirteen team had learnt chess, from the club's senior members, for the first time at the beginning of the season. One boy, H. Curtis, graduated to the Senior team and also reached the final of the Senior Knockout Tournament having first won the Junior. Other promising youngsters were Bell and Mottram. Mottram, a beginner, shocked quite a few seniors in the Knockout Tournament. These successes augur well for the future of the club.

Noting the keen interest displayed by our Junior members, the league Secretary made plans to start a Junior League. Consequently the Juniors are playing in their own League this year.

Once again Mr. & Mrs. Ridings must be thanked for their tolerance and kind service; particularly Mrs. Ridings who prepared the teas for the home matches.

The teams were as follows:—

Seniors— J. R. Rushton (Captain), P. R. Gant, N. A. L. Curtis, R. Maund
T. Morris, H. Curtis, J. Shear.

Juniors— H. Curtis (Captain), Bell, Turner, Barnshaw, Mottram, Rose.
N. A. L. CURTIS, VI Science.
(Secretary).

GRAMOPHONE SOCIETY

Ods bobs, and shades of Vivaldi's Concerto for violin, organ, and string orchestra! We have a rival! "Some eighty enthusiastic members in the upper part of the school" met, and so the Record Club was launched and our monopoly was for ever shattered.

Having dried the tears, we continued our more orderly existence of fortnightly meetings, under Mr. Whittaker's enthusiastic guidance. The ranks have not been thinned by this competition; the school still has its devotees of classical music, and from all accounts the numbers are increasing—"Blow, Haley, and crack your cheeks! rage! blow! Your

hepcats and Donegans, spout, Till you have numbed our senses, deafened our ear" — but we go on for ever.

The Society lapsed into lethargy in the summer term with the approach of the G.C.E. examinations. "The main season of the society is, of course, the winter", but we prefer to be "sent" as they say, by Toscanini and the Boston Symphony charging through Sibelius.

In conclusion, our thanks must go to Mr. Whittaker for his efforts on behalf of the Society, for the interest which he takes in it, and for his work concerning it. We are indeed grateful.

J. D. OWENS, VI Arts. (Secretary).

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This school year has again seen great progress in the society. Many new members have joined, and the interest in photography has been gaining immensely throughout the school. The filmshows and demonstrations held during the year have been well attended by the exceptionally keen younger members — a very encouraging sign.

The results were best seen at the Garden Party. In addition to the shows of beautiful colour slides given by Mr. Wilson and ciné-films by Mr. Burkinshaw, there was a photographic competition. We were astounded at the number of entries — it was hard indeed, to find room for them all. The standard of work was generally very high, especially amongst the lower forms, and judging proved a difficult task.

The main winners were K. Hollin, (IIIA), and A. Richardson, (IIIA), in Class I ("Faces"); F. Rutherford (IIIB) and A. Richardson (IIIA) in Class II ("Places"); and J. D. Owens (VI Arts) in Class III (Any other subject); and Brenda Clarke (VB) in the colour slides section. Our thanks go to Mr. Burkinshaw and Mr. Westbrook of the Parents' Association for all their invaluable help at the Garden Party; we are indeed grateful.

Next year, it is highly probable that the society, (which incidentally is only two years old), will expand further. A new enlarger has been installed, and many other plans are secretly afoot.

In conclusion, we should like to offer our sincere thanks to Mr. Townsend and Mr. Wilson: without their enthusiasm, co-operation, and hard work, the society would not be flourishing as it now is.

J. D. OWENS, VI Arts.
(Secretary).

8th CHEADLE (M.H.G.S.) SCOUT TROOP

The main features of the troop's activities this year was the visit to the Continent. The party consisted of sixteen boys accompanied by Mr. Conway and Mr. Forbes. We left Stockport on Friday night, 12 April, along with the party going to Paris, and crossed to the Continent by the Dover-Ostend route on the Belgian vessel "Prins Albert". From there we boarded a train to Lindan.

The arrival at Lindan was on a sunny Sunday morning. Lindan lies partly on an island in the Bodensee (Lake of Constance), and three days were spent there during which time excursions were made to Konstanz (on the Swiss-German border) by lake steamer, and to Bregenz in Austria. The following Wednesday we set off for Innsbruck, but did not arrive until late. This was because we deviated into Liechtenstein — a sovereign principality — and into the old town of Buchs in Switzerland. We had a late supper in Innsbruck at the "Golden Winkel", which became a favourite eating place for the five days. Trips were made to Brenner in Italy and up into the mountains particularly to Hafelkan, (over 7,000 ft).

Tuesday morning saw us on the train to Stuttgart, where we continued our practice of staying in Youth Hostels. The second afternoon here was spent at the Mercedes-Benz works, where each of us was given a souvenir after touring the factory and museum. The company also presented a book to the School Library. The return journey was made by train to Ostend, and we had a rough crossing on the "Königin Elizabeth" to Dover. Trains into and out of London saw us home on Thursday night.

More normal Scouting activities were not neglected. One evening in the summer term, a Parents' Evening was held, when Mr. Conway talked to the parents, and Mr. Forbes showed his slides of the trip.

Since the last magazine was published, over sixty proficiency badges have been gained by the Troop.

P/L. M. Longbottom received his Scout Cord, the highest award a scout under fifteen can gain.

"The Den" has also received some interior decoration by the Seniors.

J. RYLE, VI Arts.

THE RECORD CLUB

This year saw a new departure in the way of lunchtime recreation — that of a Record Club.

Having obtained permission from both Mr. Armishaw and Mr. Jones, we held the first meeting — in much doubt as to whether or not such a club would have sufficient members to justify its existence. However, it did, and we now have some eighty enthusiastic members in the upper part of the school alone, and are discussing the possibility of starting a junior section of the club later next term.

Since the club has no gramophone of its own, some members of the stronger sex (so called) of the club have been cajoled, persuaded, and finally bribed to make a gramophone. Thus to provide funds for the venture we have enforced an entrance fee of 1d., (Members please note that, as from next term, nobody will be admitted unless this money is paid at the required time), and we have already saved four pounds, and acquired two rusty needles and an assortment of plugs for which no doubt our "craftsmen" will soon find a use.

The main season of the club is of course, during the winter, when it is far more pleasant either to freeze in the company of Bill Haley and his Comets or shiver to the tune of Strauss' Horgenblätter than to contemplate a cold radiator.

However, in spite of our various handicaps, it is hoped that our members will support their club, so that we can enjoy better times together in the near future, and then we can launch ourselves as a fully-fledged Record Club.

LINDSAY WRIGHT, VI Arts.

JANICE DUNKERLEY, VI Arts.

MODEL AIRCRAFT GROUP

During the year, the Club has held regular weekly meetings, ignoring (as far as possible) adverse weather conditions. All kinds of model aircraft have been flown, and it seems clear that the diesel-powered control line aircraft are the most popular models among the members. These craft give a more lengthy and spectacular performance than other types, and are more suited to the limited field conditions.

A comparatively new type of model, the diesel-powered "flying wing" has been very popular, and has found its able and enthusiastic exponents in B. Croll, J. A. Turner, K. Maddocks, C. Rennie, G. Rose, and L. Hirst.

The Garden Party in the summer term gave members an opportunity to put on a fine display of all kinds of aircraft. The winners were:—

Diesel-powered — B. Croll (1st). R. Dutton (2nd).
Rubber-powered — C. Rennie (1st). J. A. Turner (2nd).
Rubber/Scale — D. Kemp (1st & 2nd).
Plastic — I. Walters.

A flying exhibition was arranged for the afternoon. This proved to be rather disappointing, since only one of the aircraft got off the ground. Crashes during practice runs accounted for all the others. We are determined to do better next year.

Membership of the group is open to every boy in the school, on condition that he constructs a flying model, and is a keen modeller.

W. BARKINSHAW, IV A.

THE MODEL RAILWAY CLUB

At the end of the summer term, the Model Railway Club was formed under the enthusiastic guidance of Mr. Jones. Weekly meetings are now being held on Tuesday evenings with a view to making an EM gauge railway. Much progress has already been made, wagons, track, and trestles having been constructed. For all this, we tender our grateful thanks to Mr. Jones, without whose leadership this venture would not have been possible.

A. GREEN, V Science.

UNIVERSITY LETTER

Perhaps one's first impression of University is the tremendous pace with which everything moves. This fact is well illustrated when one observes one's lecturer who always seems to be rushing to catch a train or gabbling out words of a highly complicated and unintelligible nature, pausing only to peer speculatively at his sleeping audience and mutter his disgust.

The first weeks are undoubtedly the most bewildering to the fresher. As an Old Ched, it comes as quite a shock that human beings can be so active for the most obscure reasons. One is besieged by imploring students attempting to inveigle one into their innumerable societies the moment one becomes a registered student. Union Rag Entertainments, balls, meetings and debates all happen in a very short space of time. It is the "done thing" to take part in everything; this has the speedy result of getting one very much behind with work and one learns how to work hard and play hard in the minimum amount of time.

The student at London University is probably the hardest worked in the country; this is used as a proud boast to fellow students of that "East Anglian Technical College" patronisingly referred to as "Cambridge". However when it is found to be true in practice, the student of London would gladly relinquish his boast.

London, of course, is an ideal centre for a University. If one is a student of King's College, London, for instance, then one has only a few minutes walk to the Thames with its many fine bridges, the Law Courts, Fleet Street, the National Art Gallery, Trafalgar Square, etc. The educational value of being in the centre of some of the world's most historic and artistic achievements cannot be underestimated. Then there are those things which only London can give at such a high standard — the opera, ballet, theatre and art exhibitions.

Many of the colleges have fine traditions and although not very old, they have already established themselves in a high position.

It is agreed by experts that London produces better scientists and engineers than any other university, and when one remembers that King's College, London, has the oldest engineering society in the world, it is not a surprising fact. (It is purely incidental that the letter writer is a King's Engineer).

Recently a new building has been constructed to serve as the University's Union. This is a massive project which caters for every student's need from swimming and fencing to television and studying.

At London there is a tremendous spirit of fellowship, whether from a college in the West End, or an obscure school of the University from outer Middlesex, one can always enjoy a friendly argument over the inevitable cup of coffee with a fellow student.

There is, of course, friendly rivalry amongst the colleges. The significance of this is usually shown by the "rags" which involve the removal of a rival college's mascot. Perhaps the biggest competition is shown by King's and University College, who since the days of their foundation have traditionally waged friendly battle against one another.

One cannot overemphasize the difference between school and University life. The full realisation of how much school teachers do for a pupil only comes when one has to depend on oneself. The amount of home-

work one does at school is governed by the amount set by a particular person and when it is required to be handed in. At University you are free to do as you wish, the only difference being that the responsibility of your failure lies at your own doorstep.

It is very soon obvious that freedom merely brings more responsibility. This does not mean that one yearns for the old easy-going school life: quite the opposite—You plunge yourself more deeply into the exciting life of a University.

N. A. L. CURTIS.



C. BEAVIS, U. VI Arts.

THE PARIS TRIP

I should like to begin this article by thanking the Staff most sincerely on behalf of all of us who went to Paris, for providing us with a truly memorable holiday.

The journey to Paris was comparatively smooth. We went by the midnight train to London, enjoyed a quiet Channel crossing, and descended upon Paris and the Lycée J.B. Say, where we were to stay. The next morning we were given our general instructions, had the mysteries of the Metro system explained to us—and set out.

A trip to the top of the Eiffel Tower yielded a wonderful panorama of Paris, while from the top of the Arc de Triomphe we saw the famous Twelve Avenues; again Paris was seen from a different angle when we travelled up the Seine one rainy morning on a Bateau—Mouche.

Trips to the individual places of interest also produced their rewards.

Fontainebleau and Versailles with their rich historical past; the Notre Dame, where everybody walks around in hushed reverence, with the bitter-sweet scent of incense hanging heavily on the air; the strange, eastern-like Church of Sacré-Coeur on the Hill of Montmartre; the Louvre, with its Venus de Milo and Mona Lisa; the Opéra Comique, and, for the more scientifically inclined, the Palais de la Découvert and Planétarium—each revealing the different aspects of Parisian life and society both past and present.

It was indeed a holiday we shall never forget.

GERALDINE MARSHALL, VI Arts.

SIXTH FORM BIOLOGY VISIT TO ANGLESEY.

During Easter, a party of seven boys and girls from the U. VI Biology set, together with Mr. and Mrs. Bescoby and family and Mr. and Mrs. Lucas, spent a week on Holy Island, Anglesey, studying the ecology of the seashore.

Bicycles were the proposed means of transport once we had reached the island, but by the time we had arrived at the cottage where we were to stay, near Rhoscolwyn, only three out of the nine bicycles were road-worthy: needless to say, the first night was spent doing cycle repairs.

Most of our studies were carried out on the nearby beaches and many specimens were collected and later preserved for observation.

Although it was Easter, at times it was warm enough to bathe: Treador Bay proved most popular for this.

A tour around Southstock Lighthouse proved very interesting, and one afternoon we had a long uphill cycle ride to Church Bay, where we only had time for a quick bathe before returning.

Although our cottage was remote in its position and without electricity, we managed to find fit entertainment for the evenings.

On behalf of those members of our party whose bicycles did not stand up to the arduous journeys, we would like to acknowledge the way in which Mr. Bescoby's car bore the extra weight imposed upon it, and we should like to thank the members of the biology staff who made this holiday possible, also Mr. Lucas for being a willing onlooker.

KATHLEEN HANSON.

MARGARET PETER.

Upper VI Science.



PHOTOMICROGRAPHY

Photomicrography is a very interesting branch of Photography, and much can be learnt from it.

These are the essential pieces of equipment: a microscope with a good lens; a camera; an electric light bulb in a suitable reflector; a few well-chosen slides; a slow film; and a cable release (if the camera is fitted for one). A suitable adhesive is needed for preventing stray light from entering the camera lens.

The apparatus is used as follows. The microscope can either be left in the upright position, or on careful examination it may be found that the curved part (carrying the lens and slide holder) may be tilted at an angle of 90° to the original position. The latter method is the better as it is advisable not to have any pressure on the eyepiece as it forces the microscope out of focus.

The next thing is the lamp. I found that a 75 watt household bulb, in a microscope lamp reflector placed about eighteen inches from the mirror, was adequate. The slide should be of a minute organism such as the Hydra (illustrated) or Amoeba. The slide could be of part of an insect: e.g., a fly's eye, or the flea as illustrated.

The 35 mm. Camera is generally used because the image fills the whole of the frame, and thus it is cheaper to use. In the more expensive range of miniature cameras, the lens can be removed and a special bellows attachment can be used. A cable release will avoid blurred pictures due to camera shake. Slow films are best for the job as they have far less grain than the fast films.

The microscope is focussed by eye. The camera is then placed up to the eyepiece of the microscope. The camera lens must be focused at infinity, and the aperture opened to its widest point. The camera lens and the microscope eyepiece should be wrapped round with a suitable adhesive to prevent any stray light from entering the lens.

The photographs are now ready to be taken. Care must be taken in winding on the film.

It is advisable to use only the low power of the microscope at first, as your early photographs will be experimental, since there is no means of calculating exposure. The best way is to start exposures at say 5 secs., and give about six exposures, doubling the exposure each time. Do not close the aperture, since cut off may result.

The accompanying photographs were taken with a Voigtlander Vito B. 35 mm. camera, at an aperture of f3.5. The exposure was found to be between 6 and 12 secs., on a fine-grain film. The Camera must be removed and the microscope focussed by eye for each individual slide.

K. HOLLIN, *IV Science*.

THE BATH

The bath lay dead, its veins and arteries had been removed. No more would it hear the patter and splash of tiny, and big feet. In its stead a smaller, more stylish model was reign.

No! it would not abdicate, it would rebel. It would fight, waste-pipe and over-flow to keep its throne. For the moment it lay dormant and seemingly dead.

"Take that end and give it a heave, we'll soon 'ave this lump of cast-iron and porcelain out."

Bless its pre-war plug hole. That's what he thought. Battle was joined. Before it could dig its rusted ornate feet into the linoleum, it had been turned through a right angle and was heading for the last, but two, exits.

Not for twenty years had the bath ruled the bathroom, with a lead over-flow pipe, for nothing. It was a master of procrastination. The front end suddenly increased in weight and the lesser of the two plumbers let go. It was jammed in the doorway. The workers of lead stepped back to review the position.

It was decided to remove the four rusted iron protruberances, thus removing the only means of control that they held over it.

The passage of a five foot six bath down a one in four staircase makes for fun and frolics.

At first they tried to walk it down, but after resting it for an instant on their elder plumber's foot it was decided to let gravity take its course. The bath however, thought otherwise; its course was plotted and it was launched. With ever increasing speed the bath ploughed its way through the banister rails and came to rest before the final exit.

Eyes wide with terror the workers of and in lead descended. They viewed the trail of destruction and called upon their patron, Vulcan, to justify their blasting of the bath with venom-tipped words.

Happily, for them, the bath would trouble them no more. It had run its last race. It lay dormant and manageable. Its spirit had departed to the Happy Washing Ground and it lay at rest.

G. HOUGH, L. VI Arts.

FIESTA.

In most catholic countries, the important events throughout the year are the religious feasts and fiestas, and they provide interesting and colourful spectacles for the foreigner. During the past few years, in the island of Malta, I have had many wonderful opportunities of seeing such celebrations.

The feasts for less important saints are marked by a procession that usually includes church dignitaries in black or red cassocks, square black caps, and white, lace-edged surplices. The bishop blesses the crowd as he walks beneath a canopy of rich brocade supported at the corners by choir-boys. Before the procession walk two small boys in black robes, swinging silver bowls on long chains from which is diffused a sweet-smelling incense. As the procession passes, devoted women of all ages join on, and chant responses through their thick black veils.

In the Good Friday Procession, which enacts the story of the Crucifixion, immense statues of gold, wood and plaster are taken out of the domed church at Mosta, carried around the town and back to their resting places for another year. Sometimes as many as thirty men strain beneath the weight of a single statue, and frequent halts are called whilst they lower their treasured burden and rest their aching limbs. Also in this procession are old men, bare-footed and in rags, who shackle long, heavy chains to their ankles, so that it is with only great effort and pain that they struggle forward.

Perhaps the most beautiful procession is that held at Easter, in which thousands of people set off at dusk in a long column to visit the seven churches of the capitol, Valletta. Each carries a lighted candle and the uncanny sight of this shuffling, murmuring river of light, snaking its way along the narrow streets is one that I shall never forget.

Some statues, especially those of the Virgin Mary, are of solid gold, and as they are borne through the streets, decorated with lights, banners and palm-leaves, the crowd kneels to acknowledge them.

The night-time on these occasions is devoted to continuous bell-ringing by the churches and to deafening firework displays, which these devoted people believe will scare away the Devil until the next time that they celebrate a fiesta.

C. BEAVIS, VI Arts.

" THE ASCENT OF EVEREST "

(Part II).

EDALE . . . Edale—we had heard of the name, but did not know exactly where or what it was, and it was therefore with considerable trepidation that we received the suggestion, from one of our fellow-members of the Sixth Form, of an Upper Sixth hike there. How near is it? how hilly? What plane do we catch? and Wouldn't the Upper Nile be a simpler destination? Thus we pestered him. However, with the placid confidence appertaining to a true mountaineer, our more experienced fellow-member assured us of the logicallity of his suggestion. (It is interesting to note that at this stage we were fool enough to let him appoint himself leader of our great expedition).

Thus it was that one misty Sunday morning, last April, saw a mixed party of some fifteen sixth formers invading Tiviot Dale station in Stockport, bound for the barren wastes of the Peak District, and equipped with gear ranging from dancing-shoes to a thumbstick.

The 8-50 to Edale somehow survived our journey, and condescendingly disembarking at the little station nestling beneath the lofty hills of Derbyshire, we allowed it to continue on its way—it had served its purpose, and we bore it no ill-will. From the station, which, we noted with great interest, had won second prize in the Railway stations cleanliness competitions of 18—, we made for the hills.

Whether the hills saw us coming and shrank back in horror, we do not profess to know: verily it seemed to take us a long time to reach them. But they could not escape us, and victory became ours when we reached the summit of Mam Tor, having followed what our leader called the "official path": We would now, quoth he, take our own course, hoping to reach Hope, a little village about five miles away. Striking North, East, South or West (who cares?) we crawled listlessly over the various hills towering above Edale Valley, (only delaying to gag those idiots requesting a harder course). Finally, we reached Lose Hill, and, sinking exhausted to the ground, we joined battle with our sandwiches. Perhaps it was the Sun, perhaps the altitude, (3,000 ft), or perhaps through delirium caused by the four mile walk—we cannot really say—but the members of our party now indulged in recreations totally unsuited to a dignified Sixth Form: one member, who shall be nameless, actually chased his rolling camera all the way down the hill (3,000 ft., I think we said), whilst another, also nameless, gave us a rendering in his own "voice" of "Beethoven's 57th Piano Concerto," written, he tells us, for violin.

The sun was shining strongly, and the clouds were dragging unwilling shadows over the hills around us; away below a tiny speck of a train picked its way carefully across the valley, trailing a long streamer of white behind it; and on the left, we were suddenly invaded by (approximately)

half a million boy scouts, led by an energetic scoutmaster, bespectacled, blindfolded, and singing "Rule Britannia", etc., right lustily. We left them to the tender mercies of the sheep which we had earlier removed, but which were now returning with confidence and ever-increasing numbers, and massing for an attack.

We descended into the tiny village of Hope, which boasted a fine Church, half-a-dozen pubs, and two farms, (slight exaggeration). We dined on the banks of a rather foul-smelling river before continuing again along the opposite side of the valley. Our worthy leader informed us that we were traversing an old Roman Road: What it must have done to the Roman's feet if they wore only sandals, we dread to think.

We were in sight of our goal, Edale station, for most of the hike; but getting down to it proved a difficult matter. Our worthy leader dragged us through streams, gorse, a manure heap, barbed wire, and even a small bog before we reached it, feeling as fresh as dead daisies. Drinks, (non-alcoholic), at the small hotel by the station revived us however.

The train back inconveniently stopped at a place called Chinley, where we had to wait for another train to Stockport. We gathered this from the person who charged up and down the platform shouting "all change," (in a voice something between Dublin and Liverpool, and feeling the effects of the crossing). However, we eventually reached Stockport, where we were given a civic reception by rain.

We all certainly enjoyed the hike, consisting, we are told, of seventeen miles, forty-two yards, and one inch; and we have all, so far as we can gather, lived to remember it. Our worthy leader has suggested another in the near future, and we look forward to it as much as British Railways, the sheep of the hills, and the inhabitants of Edale probably fear it.

But we believe that if Paris can recover from Moseley Hall, Edale can too.

J. D. O. and N. C.

THE WRECK

Ghostly it lay there,
Hung all over with weed,
Swaying to the soft roll of the sea,
Barnacles covering it
And fishes filling it
Into the portholes and out of the hatches,
Ever twisting and turning
And chasing their tails,
Pieces of rope, dangling and floating
From the mast,
That once held the billowing sails.
Ghostly it lay there,
Quiet and still,
Haunted by the lives it took;
Yet the sea rolls in mirth
At its victory.
Parents and friends grieve together
But the sea does not care;
It has claimed another tribute.

J. E. BEAVIS, IV Science.

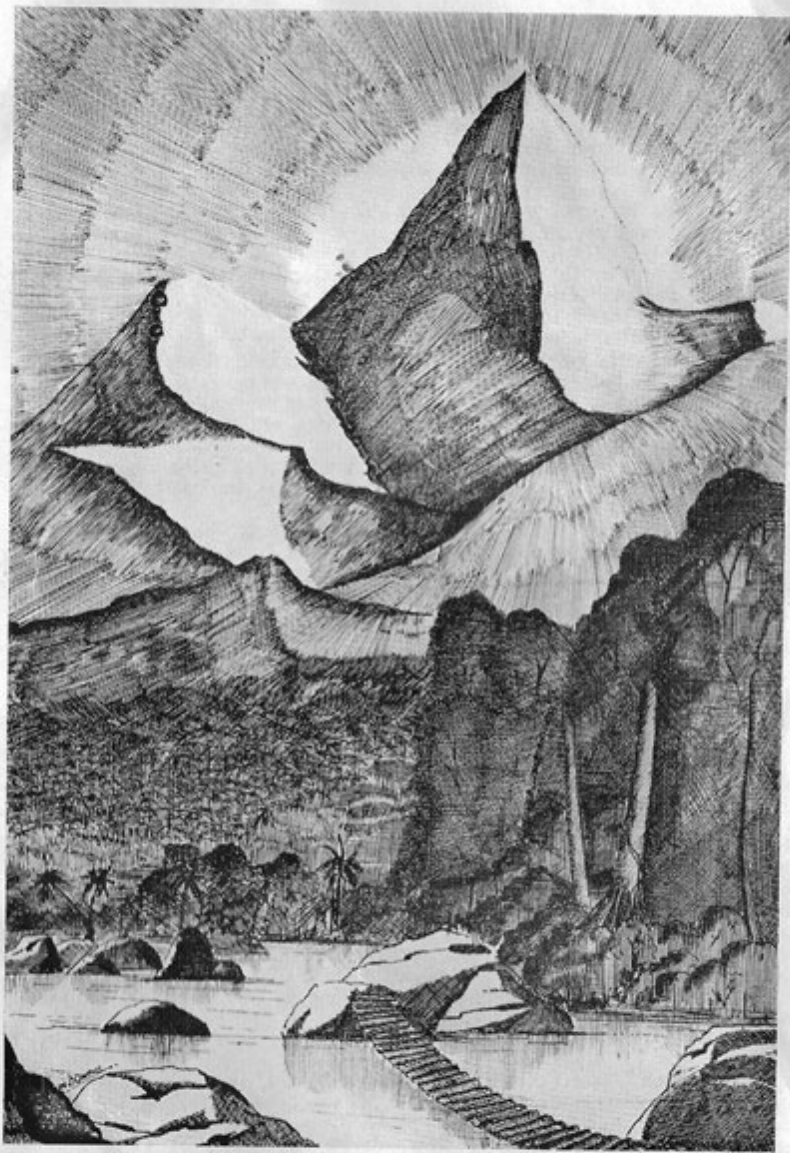
DESERT INCIDENT.

The sun-scorched sand rolled away into the distance on every side, reflecting the blistering searing sun, which was beginning to drop towards the horizon. The deathly quiet was disturbed by a faint sound, a hard intermittent series of gasps followed by long drawn-out groans. Then the silhouette of a doubled-up human form appeared over the ridge of a sandhill and staggered down into the hollow. His hands tore at the contracted furnace that was his throat. His swollen tongue hung lifelessly from blackened, blistered lips. He fell on his knees, and turning his glazed, uncomprehending eyes to the sky, shook both his fists, and exhorting all the devils in hell to give him water. He beat his head with lifeless hands and then, with terrible convulsions shaking his whole frame, he rolled over onto his back, and lay quite, quite still, as the shadow left the bottom of the hollow and crept slowly up the other side.

Five hours later, St. Peter, and his arch enemy Lucifer, were standing one on each side of the lifeless corpse. Both were surrounded with files, and legal-looking documents, and both appeared to address a Respected Person, who sat in state some way above their heads. St. Peter had presumably embarked on a lengthy appeal to his superior for the salvation of the dead man's soul, while Lucifer amused himself by shooting fire from his fingertips and scorching Peter's flowing grey beard. After about ten minutes of this, during which time Peter's beard had become noticeably shorter, he closed the big volume from which he had been quoting, which looked suspiciously like a Bible, and collected his files and papers together, with the air of one who has just finished a laborious day's work, but accomplished nothing. Lucifer smiled angelically, took out of his pocket a grubby little note book, thumbed it open at a well worn page, and delivered a crisp, sharp speech, which so discomfited Peter that he started to gnaw his fingernails with holy anxiety. Then Lucifer collected his papers together, but with the air of a self-satisfied businessman concluding a successful deal. They both stood and waited, Lucifer nonchalantly polishing the three prongs of his notorious fork, Peter gazing at the corpse and clasping and unclasping his hand in nervous agitation. Suddenly a flash of blue light rent the still night air, and a roll of parchment, adorned with an imposing seal fell at Lucifer's feet. He picked it up, slowly unrolled it, and then with a wicked grin on his evil little face, he dug his fork firmly in the cadavre's chest and tied a flag to the handle, marked "Acquisition". He then bowed politely to the unseen one, made rather a rude gesture in the general direction of St. Peter, and disappeared in a cloud of red smoke. St. Peter, realising that he was being watched from above, unclenched his fists, composed his countenance, and sailed serenely up the back stairs to heaven.

Two days later, a desert patrol, out on a routine survey of the barren waste, breasted a ridge of sand, and saw, below them the body of the man, in a position indicative of the agony in which he had died. They drove slowly down to it, unwilling to see death after torture by heat, and pulled up, the sand settling round the smoking tyres. Two men clambered out, and one of them bent over the corpse searching the tattered pockets for any sign of identification. He went through them without any success, and then bent down to examine the man's shirt, through which there were three parallel holes, with brown areas of scorch around them. He looked, scratched his head, and called his companion over to show him the burnt shirt. The other man strolled casually over, glanced at the shirt, and shrugged his shoulders, and went back to his mundane task of filling the water bottles, from a little green banked pool of water, which was not a yard away from the dead man's stiff fingers, through which the hot, yellow sand was slowly trickling.

JOHN PAUL WOOD, L. VI Arts.



J. D. OWENS, U. VI Arts.

" THE BOX OF PIGEONS "

Daniel McSween, the driver, stormed up to his engine for the last time. "Oi'm going", he said. "Oi've waited long enough already." McCreedy the fireman panted along the platform after him. "But they're HERE", he exploded. Daniel looked down from his stately position through a broken pane of glass. "This train", he said deliberately, "is already two and a half hours late. With luck", he added, "we may reach Ballymanah a mere four hours behind time. Now oi'm off—and blow Mrs. O'Connell's birds."

The birds in question were meanwhile being slung—and none too gently—into the train by Feargus, the guard. "Now ye'll be careful with them," said Mrs. O'Connell gravely, "they're very valuable. Oi'm sending them to my brother in Ballymanah—he's the one that keeps the pigeons, ye know—and the instructions on the basket are for the birds that'll be on the journey back tomorrow—and there'll be another basket as well tomorrow. Now they've had water and seed—oi've always wanted some white pigeons, ye know, and these birds of mine should be a good exchange—Oh careful! They're VALUABLE!"

Feargus, with his old clay pipe stuck arrogantly in one of the many gaps between his teeth, mumbled "Yes" to Mrs. O'Connell at one-minute intervals, and maintained a blank look on his wizened face. There were two good reasons for this—one, he was busy wondering if the grouse would be out over the moors, and two, though partly deaf, he was quite used to Mrs. O'Connell.

"And where the blazes d'ye think you're going?" he suddenly spluttered to Daniel McSween, as the train gave a jerk forward. Daniel gave a final blast on the whistle and opened the regulator wider. "D—n ye," muttered Feargus, and made a leap for the door, landing on the back of farmer McDonough's prize sheep, which gave a disdainful grunt, and retired to a corner whence it eyed the bird basket attentively.

"Oi do hope they'll be all right," shouted Mrs. O'Connell after him. "Oi think Oi've told ye everything, but Oi am a bit scatterbrained at times . . ." Feargus heard her voice, and automatically shouted, "Yes," and then the train clattered through the bridge, and out of Killycannon and onto the moors.

"Aah, there's one," said McCreedy the fireman, and reached over for his gun. Daniel McSween the driver jammed on the brakes, the train shivered to a stop, and McCreedy took aim at a grouse wheeling over the heather. Back in the guard's van, Feargus had the same bird in his sights; the two guns fired simultaneously, and the grouse went on wheeling over the heather for a few minutes, and then set course in a direction roughly towards North America. "Ye're out of practice," said Daniel McSween to McCreedy, who gave a disgusted snort. "Oi'm sadly out of practice," said Feargus to the prize sheep, who stared unblinkingly at the chattering bird basket and gave a disgusted snort. "They're out of practice," said Constable O'Malley in the second coach. "Pity, Oi'd like some grouse."

The train moved painfully on again, stitching its way through a cloth of mottled purple and green, threading short tunnels, and brushing past gorse and heather which grew over the track, until it approached Ballykitty summit.

"Now then," said Feargus; he opened the door, and walked up to the engine. "Will ye please stop the train," he addressed Daniel McSween. "Oi have a job to do."

"This train," said Daniel McSween deliberately, "is already two and a half hours late. With luck, we . . ."

"Oi have a job to do," repeated Feargus unabashed. "Himportant," he added. McCreedy, the fireman looked down at Daniel McSween, who reached for his can of cold tea. "Hurry up, then," he muttered, and Feargus returned to his guard's van, where he first removed the prize sheep from the top of a box of eggs, and then took the bird basket out to the trackside. Daniel McSween and McCreedy, together with the train's passengers—Constable O'Malley—gathered round and waited.

"Pigeons : release at Ballykitty Summitt," Feargus read carefully. He set his cap correctly on his head, straightened his jacket, bent down, and untied the ropes around the basket.

"Aah, there's one," said McCreedy, and ran back to the engine for his gun. Feargus looked up at a grouse far above, turned to the guard's van, and checked as the proverbial shot proverbially rang out, and the grouse plummeted earthwards.

"Ye got it—ye got it!" screamed Constable O'Malley" exultantly. "Now ye'll give me a half share o' that bird," he glowered, "or ye'll be in court tomorrow morning . . ."

Quiet please," said Feargus. "Oj have a job to do." He bent down again, and, with a supreme air of pride on his face, ceremoniously flung back the lid.

There was a flash of brilliant colour, and about thirty beautifully plumed budgerigars and canaries took wing and streaked skywards. Feargus with a smile of horror on his face, heard a loud "Baa", a grey shape hurtled past him, and farmer McDonough's prize sheep headed back to Killcannon.

The birds wheeled around over the heather for a few minutes, and then set course in a direction roughly towards North America.

J. D. OWENS, VI Arts.



HOUSE NOTES

BULKELEY

In the rugby competition held for the first time this year, the seniors and intermediates were undefeated although the former team lacked the leadership of Campbell, captain and stand-off. The juniors, although not having the skill of the older members, played some inspired rugby and took second place.

After winning the rugby we had high hopes of doing the same in the cross-country, but we lost the supremacy which we enjoyed last year and finished third.

Individual congratulations must be offered to Fisher, who ran a fine race to win the intermediate competition.

This year the girls of Bulkeley House were again successful in winning the Netball cup for the second year running. An exciting match was played against Hulme in the final, and although our house was victorious the result was close.

Some keen athletics were evident in the sports and our overall position was second. In the Senior events Lawrence and Simcock were outstanding but again the support of Campbell, an exceptional sprinter, was missed. The intermediates, with the help of Weaving and Glover, came second, as did the juniors, among whom Godfrey was prominent.

Our swimming this year met with no marked success, but it is pleasing to note that a Bulkeley girl won the senior girls championship.

Although a disappointing year on the whole, our appreciation must go to the juniors whose enthusiasm, if not great skill, augurs well for future years.

K. HANSON, VI Science.

F. BARKER, VI Science.

ETCHELLS.

In the inter-house rugby competition, Etchells who were unfortunate to be without the services of Howie and Wishart, who had been injured came second equal with Moseley and Hulme. Our only victory was over Moseley, whom we beat despite losing Aspinall with a leg injury early in the second half. The intermediates and juniors fared little better than the senior side, but we are hoping for better results in future when the more promising young players gain experience.

Etchells won the swimming this year, narrowly beating their nearest rivals, Moseley, by two points. Croll of Etchells tied for first place in the Senior boys with Firmin (H), Whalley (M), and Harlow (M). Intermediate champion was Woodford, followed by Maddocks, both of Etchells.

In the senior cross-country, Etchells scored a fine victory with Hall (3rd), Green (7th), Wishart (8th), Maund (9th), Howie (11th), Gardiner (12th). Etchells also won the intermediate run and Woodford came second but we did not have much success in the Juniors, and despite the fact that Minshull and Grayson came third equal, we were last. In the overall placings we came second to Hulme.

In the sports Etchells were last with one point less than Moseley. Hulme had a run-away victory. For Etchells, Jacobs was the intermediate champion and V. Smithies was second in the girls final placings.

R. G. MAUND, VI Science.

P. V. SMITHIES, VI Science.

(House Captains).

HULME.

In the inter-house Rugby competition our juniors put up the best performance. We have several of the 'big' junior boys in the school, and they pressed home their advantage in the matches they played. They show great promise for the future years. The intermediate team did well to be placed second, as they were on the whole a small team. The senior team although made up mostly of first team players, only managed to tie for second place with Etchells and Moseley.

The House was well represented in the cross-country competition. Our juniors again put up the best performance and won in their class. Barratt was the outstanding performer, being placed first, while Stinton was not far behind. In the intermediate class Alcock and McKee ran well, and we were placed third. In the senior class we were placed second. Quantrill was second for the second year in succession. Quantrill also so ran well for the cross-country team throughout the season.

Sports day this year was a day of triumph for us. In the senior class the first three places in the individual championships were taken by Dennis, Fields and Beare. Fields broke his own triple jump record by more than a foot and Beare, who is only in the fourth form, shows great promise for

his remaining years at school. Hare was runner up to the intermediate boy champion, and next year will be hard on the heels of Beare. Yet again our juniors did exceptionally well, and Stinton was junior boy champion for the second time. Jones, who is a first former, did very well to be placed third.

Despite the lack of good swimmers in the senior and intermediate classes, the few who did compete did well in helping our fairly strong junior team to gain third place for the House. In the senior class, Firmin tied for first place in the individual championship and Stinton was the outright winner of the junior championship.

In netball we had a strong team and gained second place.

Our girls' teams, despite have relatively few members, did just as well as the boys in their competitions. In athletics, Brenda Butterfield was outstanding in winning the senior girls' championships for the third year in succession. She broke her own triple jump record and equalled those for the one hundred and one hundred and fifty yards. Rita Gardner and Gillian Mills also performed well.

Our girls' who competed in the swimming competition did very well, the outstanding performers being Rita Gardner and Gillian Mills.

Altogether, we had a successful year and have many good juniors with which to form a firm foundation for several years hence.

D. C. DENNIS, VI Science.
JUDITH WATSON, VI Science.
(House Captains).

MOSELEY

At the time of writing these notes, the House competitions have almost finished. For the first time in living memory, the fortunes of Moseley appear to be on the upgrade! The turning point came with the House Rugby championships just before Easter. The senior team confounded all the experts by crushing the might of Hulme into the mud of the lower field. In our next match with the favourites, Bulkeley, we lost, but only by a narrow margin and after a fierce struggle. The success unfortunately went to our heads, and we lost to Etchells in the third game, which we should have won by a handsome margin. Thus instead of finishing outright second, we were second equal with Etchells and Hulme. Of the intermediate and junior rugby, the less said the better.

In the school cross-country a few days later, a Moseley boy, Roberts, once again won the open event. The seniors were third, the intermediates fourth, and the juniors second.

The athletic sports were held fairly early in the summer term. Once again there were several outstanding performances by Moseley boys. Roberts established a new record for the senior mile, and Chambers, a new boy, had a wonderful run in the junior 880 yards, establishing a *Senior* standard time! He must surely be one of the most promising runners in the junior school. We must also record a fine win in the open relay event. Overall, Moseley were second in the senior events, fourth in the intermediate, and third in the junior.

The most exciting event of the year, however, was the swimming Gala held at Stockport baths. Right from the start it was clear that the only real competition was between Moseley and Etchells. First Etchells, then Moseley led, but we were finally beaten by only one point, in the last and deciding event.

We note with some concern that in every event in the intermediate class, rugby, cross-country, athletics and swimming, Moseley have been bottom of the list. The juniors, by complete contrast, competed with considerable enthusiasm in all the events, and they, together with the usual few stalwarts in the senior section carried the rest of the House. Had the intermediates but pulled their weight, the House might well have won everything. However, taken all round, the position of Moseley is extremely encouraging.

P. R. GANT, VI Science.
GRETA NELSTROP, VI Science.

CRICKET SEASON 1957.

The 1st XI was considerably weakened this year by the loss of I. Miller, P. Marsden, A. Smith, and J. Bradbury, but the return to the side of G. R. Harlow and the introduction of R. Dunkerley as opening bowler have proved very successful.

The opening attack has been shared between Dunkerley and Harlow and after a certain amount of inaccuracy early in the season, steady improvement has been apparent. Daniels and Maund were the main change bowlers.

Harlow has shown himself to be a forceful and attractive opening batsman. The most consistent run-making has come from Baggott whose great concentration, solid defence and good driving on the off-side has been the main stay of the middle batting.

Hart, an aggressive batsman, has scored many runs in the least possible time!

On the whole the fielding has been sound and many good catches have been taken but lack of concentration caused a regrettable lapse in two matches.

The matches against the Parents' Association and Stockport School had to be cancelled because of bad weather.

The 1st XI has won four matches, including two victories over an XI of Cheadle Hulme C.C., drawn two and lost two.

Results :-

May 4—v.—Buxton College (H). Match Drawn.	Buxton	115—7	dec.
	M.H.G.S.	68—9	
May 11—v.—C.H.S. (H). Match Drawn.	C.H.S.	122—4	dec.
	M.H.G.S.	61—4	
May 18—v.—M.G.S. (A). Lost	M.G.S.	52	
	M.H.G.S.	45	
May 22—v.—C.H.C.C. (A). Won.	C.H.C.C.	91—5	dec.
	M.H.G.S.	95—3	
June 1—v.—Macc. Kings School (H). Won.	Kings School	133—3	dec.
	M.H.G.S.	134—4	
June 5—v.—C.H.C.C. (A). Won (Time match).	M.H.G.S.	85—2	dec.
	C.H.C.C.	79—6	
June 22—v.—Chetham's (H). Lost. (Time match).	Chetham's	65—5	dec.
	M.H.G.S.	57—4	
June 29—v.—Chorlton (H). Won.	Chorlton	64—7	dec.
	M.H.G.S.	67—5	
	Played 8;	Won 4;	Drawn 2;
	Lost 2;		
June 26—v.—Chetham's (A). Won.	Chetham's	49	
	M.H.G.S.	34	
June 29—v.—Chorlton (A). Lost.	Chorlton	36—3	
	M.H.G.S.	50—3	
July 6—v.—Chetham's (H). Draw.	M.H.G.S.	83—4	dec.
	Chetham's	47—8	
July 10—v.—M.G.S. (A). Lost.	M.G.S.	91	
	M.H.G.S.	30	
July 13—v.—Stockport School (A). Lost.	M.H.G.S.	50—9	dec.
	Stockport	52—9	

Averages :-

		BATTING				
Hart	...	6	3	99	53*	33.00
Baggott	...	8	2	151	36*	25.2
Harlow	...	7	0	104	39	14.85
Maund	...	8	1	86	42	12.28
Barker	...	6	2	41	16*	10.25

BOWLING

Maund	...	32	4	116	14	8.28
Dunkerley	...	76	14	220	18	12.22
Daniels	...	30	7	67	5	13.40
Harlow	...	50	9	188	9	20.88

Catches :- Baggott 4; Daniels, Feltham, Maund, Hart, 3 each; Shallcross 2; Jarvis, Harlow, Wishart, 1 each. Barker stumped 1, caught 3.

R. G. MAUND, VI Science. (Captain).

Under fifteen played 6; Won 3; Lost 3.

Though on paper, it has not been an outstanding successful season, the under fifteen has enjoyed a series of interesting matches; in two of those lost, the issue remained open until the last over.

One would prefer to congratulate the team for its good spirit and keen fielding rather than single out individuals, with the exception of Shallcross, whose good captaincy deserves commendation. In view of the difficulties in securing playing practice pitches, the team has done very well.

May 25—v.—Chetham's (A). Won.	Chethams	67—8	dec.
	M.H.G.S.	73—7	
May 29—v.—Chetham's (A). Won.	Chetham's	37	
	M.H.G.S.	102—6	
June 1—v.—C.H.S. (A). Won.	C.H.S.	88—8	dec.
	M.H.G.S.	91—3	
June 22—v.—Altrincham G.S. (A). Lost.	M.H.G.S.	53	
	Altrincham	60—8	
July 10—v.—M.G.S. (A). Lost.	M.H.G.S.	52	
	M.G.S.	53—2	
July 13—v.—Stockport School (A). Lost.	M.H.G.S.	50	
	Stockport School	52—9	
<i>Under Fourteen :-</i>			
May 11—v.—C.H.S. (A). Lost.	C.H.S.	92	
	M.H.G.S.	53	
May 18—v.—Stockport School (H). Lost.	Stockport	118—4	dec.
	M.H.G.S.	82	

RUGBY 1956 - 57

In the first season of full scale Rugby all the members of the 1st XV were presented with full colours.

This action speaks for itself. Under the experienced leadership of Campbell, the school held its own against many of the prominent schools of the district. This success was mainly due to the determination of the forwards, but the resolute tackling of the backs must not be left unmentioned.

The first XV who received full colours last season 1956 - 57 :-
S. Campbell (Captain), D. Dennis, J. R. Rushton, P. Gant, R. Maund, R. Clarke, J. Lawrence, M. Brook, E. Jacobs, J. Gardiner, A. Hardman, F. Baker, G. Hough, P. Everingham, C. Jarvis.

The junior teams, although lacking in experience and to some extent in skill, showed signs of improvement towards the end of the season after a disappointing start.

1st XV Results 1957 - 58 :-

October						
6—	Stockport School	...	...	...	Won	6—0
12—	Chetham's	...	...	...	Won	27—0
16—	Central Grammar	...	...	...	Won	5—0
19—	William Hulme (3rd)	...	...	...	Drew	3—3
26—	Burnage	...	...	...	Won	3—0
November						
2—	Cheadle Hulme	...	...	...	Lost	15—0
13—	William Hulme (3rd)	...	...	...	Won	17—5
16—	Audenshaw 2nd XV	...	...	...	Won	8—3
23—	Sale Grammar	...	...	...	Drew	3—3

F. BARKER, VI Science.

TENNIS 1957.

Unfortunately this season the first Tennis VI have not had many fixtures. Three players only were left from last year's team and therefore the rest of the vacant positions were filled by such players as Rita Gardner, who played second couple with Mary Watson, while Barbara Ray and Gillian Browne were third couple.

The games that the team have played have nearly all been victories, but we lost to Fylde Lodge (who in previous years have been our stiffest opponents).

Actual stroke play was not as good as in previous seasons. There was still a tendency on the part of some players who are not sufficiently confident at the net, to stay behind the base-line with their partner instead of both keeping level at all times.

At the end of the season an enjoyable match was played against the staff, the school suffering a defeat of 55 games to 44 games.

KATHLEEN HANSON, VI Science.

ROUNDERS REPORT 1957.

We have been unfortunate in having to cancel many of our matches this season because of bad weather.

The team-work has been good. The bowler — backstop — first base sequence has again been excellent, and we have been fortunate to have a good fast bowler. The batting has not been up to standard, but regular practices have improved our game.

On behalf of the team I should like to thank Mrs. Evans for coaching us, and giving us enthusiastic support.

Team :- Margaret Foulger, Gillian Mills, Elizabeth Storey, Gillian Gibbs, Elizabeth Webb, Maureen Vernon, Julia Ambridge, Glenriss Tonge (Captain), Mary Costello.

Fixtures :-

Fylde Lodge — 5½	M.H.G.S. — 1½.
Macclesfield — Cancelled.	
Oriel Bank — Cancelled.	
Greek Street — Cancelled.	
Cheadle Hulme — 3½	M.H.G.S. — 2½.
Convent — Cancelled.	
Altrincham — Cancelled	
Fylde Lodge — ½	M.H.G.S. — ½.

GLENISS TONGE, V Arts.

NETBALL 1956/57.

The team before Christmas was the same as last year, but we were unfortunate in losing our two shooters, Jean Stewart and Norma Westbrook, at the beginning of the Easter term.

However, their places were taken by Mary Costello and Gleniss Tonge, who previously had been defence players on the 2nd VII, but who, through enthusiastic practice became reliable and efficient attack players.

Regular practices were held each week by Mrs. Evans to improve tactics on the court. Since many of the members of the 1st VII were also members of the hockey 1st XI, a second netball VII was formed and, although not successful in many of their matches, they all showed a true team spirit.

House matches were held at the end of the season and Bulkeley won the cup.

KATHLEEN HANSON, IV Science, (Captain).

THE SWIMMING GALA, 1957.

The Annual Swimming Gala was held at Stockport Baths on Thursday 18 July. In an exciting finish Etchells narrowly beat Moseley; the results were as follows :-

House Championship :-

1. Etchells. 2. Moseley. 3. Hulme. 4. Bulkeley.

Individual Championship :-

Senior Boys :-

Croll. (E); Firmin. (H); Whalley. (M); Harlow. (M).

Senior Girl :- Joan Bond (B).

Intermediate Boy :- Woodford. (E).

Junior Boy :- Stinton. (H).

Senior Boy's Events :-

One Length Backstroke :-

1. Croll. 2. Firmin. 3. Whalley.

Two Lengths Freestyle :-

1. Firmin. 2. Whalley. 3. Barker.

One Length Breastroke :-

1. Croll. 2. Beavis. 3. Harlow.

Senior Boys Dive :-

1. Whalley. 2. Harlow. 3. Coleman.

House Relay :-

1. Bulkeley. 2. Etchells. 3. Hulme.

Senior Girls' Events :-

One Length Freestyle :-

1. Joan Bond. 2. Rita Gardner. 3. Carolyn Heald.

Style :-

1. Gillian Brown. 2. Susan Rakestraw. 3. Margaret Foulger.

One Length Backstroke :-

1. Joan Bond. 2. Carolyn Heald. 3. Gillian Brown.

One Length Breastroke :-

1. Margaret Foulger. 2. Joan Bond. 3. Susan Rakestraw.

Dive :-

1. Gillian Mills. 2. Carolyn Heald. 3. Margaret Foulger.

Intermediate Boy's Events :-

One Length Breastroke :-

1. Woodford. 2. Weaving. 3. Marwick.

One Length Freestyle :-

1. Woodford. 2. Maddocks. 3. Ridgeway.

Dive :-

1. Pauline. 2. Woodford. 3. Gardner.

One Length Backstroke :-

1. Maddocks. 2. Fisher. 3. Woodford.

House Relay :-

1. Etchells. 2. Hulme. 3. Moseley. 4. Bulkeley.

Junior Boys' Events :-

One Length Freestyle :-

1. Turner. 2. Stinton. 3. Trevor.

Dive :-

1. Blagg. 2. Penk. 3. Trevor.

One Length Breastroke :-

1. Curtis. 2. Stinton. 3. Powell.

One Length Backstroke :-

1. Whalley. 2. Stinton. 3. Turner.

House Relay :-

1. Moseley. 2. Etchells. 3. Hulme.

Beginners' Width :-

1. Halford. 2. Allan. 3. Martin.

Plunge :-

1. Harlow. 2. Bebbington. 3. Firmin.

ATHLETICS

The conditions for training were all against a successful year. The track at the Girls' School was unusable owing to the laying of field drains and our tiny track round the rugger pitch was rarely free from water. The weather was too bad for continuous training but we had some highly successful inter schools fixtures and competed in the usual championships.

Our first fixture was against Stockport School, a large school with many years of athletic success behind them. It was held in the evening at Woodbank Stadium, Stockport. Stockport won by the narrow margin of 91 to 86 points. Right through the match the lead was taken and retaken by each side and with only two events to go we led by 79 to 78. The Juniors did very well, winning all but one event.

The Middle and Junior School had a fixture against Broadway and after an exciting evening we lost 79 to 94.

In July we met Stockport Technical School at Wharf Meadow track, Stockport, and, though only eight boys turned up on a wet, windy day, we won by 112 to 84. Fawcett scored 20 points in the junior competition and Dennis scored 18 in the senior.

We were invited to a triangular match against Manchester University second team and Rochdale Grammar School at the University track and came a very creditable second: University 61 points, Moseley Hall 58, and Rochdale 13. In this fixture, the sports masters were accepted as school members which helped us in the throws and sprint relay. Dennis won both sprints in fine style.

In the Northern Schools Sports, Dennis, Roberts and Quantrill each reached the Finals, but the standard was far too high for them to win medals.

In the Stockport Youth Sports, Dennis won the Youth Sprint Championship in 23.1 secs., and broke a ten years old record in doing so.

The School Sports was held at Woodbank Stadium, our own field being waterlogged. Fourteen records were broken and fourteen equalled.

The girls' events were dominated by Brenda Butterfield who won five of the six girls' events.

Stinton broke three records in the junior section, the best of which was 30ft. 4in. for the Hop, Step and Jump, and was easily Victor Ludorum though Godfrey did well.

In the intermediate group Jacobs won four events and broke three records, but the best performance was by Alcock who won the half mile in 2 mins. 25.6 secs.

The senior competition saw Dennis in great form and he won both sprints and the shot but Fields was not far behind him in the struggle for 'Victor Ludorum' and had the best performance of the day, 40ft. 0 in. in the Hop, Step and Jump.

HOUSE POINTS

	Hulme	Bulkeley	Moseley	Ettchells
Girls	30	3	13	9
Seniors	61	19	31	9
Intermediate	22½	36½	9	40
Junior	41½	21½	12	6
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	155	80	65	64
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	1st	2nd	3rd	4th

In the National Schools Athletics Meetings, the School had three members representing Cheshire, Fields, Lawrence and Dennis. Dennis was placed in the final of the 100 yards.

We were pleased to receive the following magazines :—

- 'The Altrinchamian'
- 'The Arrow' Chorlton Grammar School
- 'Baeda'
- 'The Elizabethan' Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Middleton
- 'The Gryphon' Chetham's
- 'The Hulmeian' William Hulme Grammar School
- 'The King's School Macclesfield'
- 'Macclesfield Girls' High School'
- 'The Stoconian' Stockport Grammar School
- 'The Waconian' Cheadle Hulme School
- 'The Wittonian' Sir John Dean's Grammar School



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