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Editorial



In this my one and only editorial I should like to take the opportunity of touching upon a subject which has never before been mentioned in our magazine, but which has come more and more to the forefront recently, that of music, from the classics to rock and roll.

"Mary had a little lamb." These were the first words ever to be heard via the wireless and they were spoken by Edison's assistant. From this science progressed until the invention of the flat record in the early twentieth century, used by a collection of small recording companies in England and America. During the first World War production stopped, but a German invented a method of recording on steel tape and this became known as the Blacknaphone. From this progress followed two lines, those of steel tape and steel wire, right up to the modern tape recorder which has a magnetic-powder coated tape capable of highest quality sound reproduction. Parallel with this invention ran the discovery of the flat records, which were all of shellac base played on various machines of doubtful fidelity, from the horn type to the new electrical pick-up. With the advent of an improved electronic knowledge and equipment, the problem of amplifying sounds electrically instead of automatically led to a rapid improvement in quality. During the 1930's a research programme led to the cousin of the modern L.P. Extensive publicity by radio and advertising led to a revival in the record world which has since shown no sign of abating. Following closely upon what appeared to be the almost perfect sound recording came yet another innovation, for with the addition to existing equipment of little more than another speaker and a new pick-up, stereophonic recordings can be played. No longer does sound appear to emerge from "a box in the corner" but the whole room seems filled with a sound that almost lives. To listen, for example, to the recording of the pipes and drums of the Scots Highlanders is almost to see the swirl of their kilts and to smell the tang of the heather.

Shame is it that, in the face of the now available near-perfection of musical reproduction, the taste in modern music seems to be deteriorating. Rather than listen to the world's finest artists playing the world's finest music that is now so freely available, they almost without exception fall prey to the latest gimmicks of the recording engineer and the meaningless gibberish of the so-called "rock 'n roll" writers, who between them produce the noises which seem to constitute the greater part of what is colloquially known as the "Top Twenty." The gyrating rhythm fans ought to listen to the Ritual Fire Dance of Manuel Defalla and the devotees of the plaintive tune to a Chopin Nocturne. Have the lovers of musical fireworks never heard the Third Movement of Mendelssohn's "Italian Symphony" ?

It should not be assumed from this, however, that all good music is classical, nor that all classical music is good—let us face it. Music after all, is a means of expressing an emotion in the same way that Milton's "Paradise Lost" expresses his. Early jazz was making more than an expression of the newfound feelings brought about by the newly-found freedom of the Southern negro slave; he was musically uneducated and instrumentally ill-equipped, but he had a story to tell and he told it sincerely and to the best of his ability. The folk music of all countries, such as "Loch Lomond" and the American tramp song "The Big Rock Candy Mountains," are an expression of the lives and emotions of many peoples. As well as the classics therefore, one must also include in one's musical education the classical jazz of such men as Fatz Walla, Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet and others. But one's education is unlikely to show any noticeable gaps if in the cause of this study one is unable to find time to listen to the "Pick of the Pops."

In fact, the present trend of modern popular music can best be summed up by lifting from its very midst a title, "Hoots, mon."

School Notes

At the close of every school year there are many things of interest to note and remember.

We said farewell to five teachers during the year, to whom we offer our best wishes, to Miss Rowe, to whom we offer our sincerest felicitations on her marriage, to Miss Hume, who took an interest in many other fields besides mathematics, to Mr. Reeves who left us at Christmas and whose voice will be missed in the Operatic Society, to Miss Grant who joined us at Christmas but left at the summer term, a stay which was "short and sweet," and to Mrs. McGowan whose vitality in the field of sport will be remembered.

To the new members of the Greenhill Staff, to Mr. Bickerstaffe, who has already formed a historical society, and to Mr. Fryer who has ably succeeded Miss Grant, we extend a very warm welcome.

As usual the Scientific Society held its annual quota of lectures, film shows, quizzes, and a "Brains Trust" which was successfully rounded off by its annual social in support of the Society.

The Dramatic Society's second production was the comedy "The Happiest Days of your Life," produced by Mr. Handforth, which was a riotous success. Its fortnightly meetings were addressed by Mr. H. Smith, of the B.B.C., who talked of children's productions, Mr. David Kelsey and Miss Janet Chisholme of the Oldham Repertory Co., who gave interesting and amusing demonstrations of stage make-up, and Miss Bennett, who gave a pre-view of "The Waters of Babylon" in favour of the world's refugees. The society held also its annual dance to promote interest (both spiritual and financial) in the society.

The Athletic Society, with Mr. Cox at its head, included in its annual curriculum a trip to the British Empire and Commonwealth Games at Cardiff, a trip, which judging from individual statements, was exhilarating.

The newest Society which has been established only since September is the Film Society. It has already shown three films and looks as if it will be gaining in popularity.

The annual Xmas parties as usual provided an enjoyable break at the end of a long term. Certain members of the ladies' staff gave a "fashion parade." Miss Hume showed the "how not to wear a sack look" and Mrs. Clark the "Debutantes' passing out look," combined with "Witchcraft" by Mrs. Kuler and "Emily Pankhurst" look by Miss Rowe.

In the summer the annual "Battle of the Courts" was waged by staff and pupils (result—your guess is as good as mine!). This was followed by the staff versus pupils cricket match, which was a victory for the pupils (of course).

In swimming several boys represented Oldham in the Lancashire Championships. In the under thirteen age groups the representatives were P. Brown, F. Higgins, M. Clark and P. Hope. In the under fifteen age group they were A. Clark and S. Brierley. A. Clark was a member of the squadron team which came third in the championships final. The following boys gained their life-saving awards: Bronze Medallion—F. Nunn, M. McHugh, F. Holden, R. Smith, G. Gordon and J. Wood. N. Wright received an award of merit.

At Easter Mr. and Mrs. Pilling took a party of Can-can enthusiasts to see the sights of Paris. Needless to say this was a great success, and a holiday which we hope will be repeated in the future.

The school party went to Castleshaw Camp as in previous years, the girls going first followed by the boys in the second week of the Wakes holiday.

Mr. Wells was extremely busy during this year. The three annual expeditions to York and Knaresborough, the Lake District and Ingleton and District, with the third, fourth and fifth forms respectively again took place

at various times. About fifty members of the Upper School visited the International Exhibition of Modern Textile Machinery held at Belle Vue in October of this year. Members of the Geography Sixth attended a lecture on Agricultural Geography and Scientists in the Sixth Form formed the audience at a lecture on Iron and Steel delivered by Mr. W. A. Gibson-Martin. He afterwards expressed the opinion that the standard of questioning was well above the average of schools he had previously visited.

During the summer Mrs. Pilling and Miss Rowe organised an outing to Chatsworth House in Derbyshire, a trip which has never taken place before, and which was thoroughly enjoyable. Several trips to Opera at Manchester including "Carmen," "Aida" and "The Mikado" were organised by Mrs. Pilling, who also took a party to a Halle concert at Belle Vue. This November, Mrs. Pilling also took a selected number of pupils to a concert of Elizabethan songs, very well performed by four professional singers.

The annual continental trip was, this year, to Switzerland, but it was restricted to members of the middle and upper school. It was a holiday which all enjoyed and many, for whom it was their first trip abroad, will be encouraged to go with the next trip.

At the end of the year Mr. Higson awarded colours to members of the school who were outstanding in the field of sport or athletics. Unfortunately, no colours were awarded to girls this year. They were awarded to Ralphs and Mackenzie for their part in the cross-country running, to Wright Platt for outstanding feats at pole-vaulting, and to Colin Cunningham and Alfred Selby for their proficiency at cricket.

I should like to end on a note of congratulation to Mrs. McGowan on the birth of her daughter, Ann.

Association Football, 1957-58

<i>Team</i>	<i>P.</i>	<i>W.</i>	<i>L.</i>	<i>D.</i>
U/14XI	9	4	4	1
U/15XI	13	4	7	2
2nd XI	4	1	2	1
1st XI	14	3	11	0

The most successful team of the season was the U/14XI, although no team had a particularly good season.

The 1st XI perhaps did not do very well over the season but had one or two good wins. In one match against Hyde, we won with the last kick of the match, 1—0. We had two victories against Hathershaw Technical School, 3—1 and 5—0. In the second one L. Kershaw scored four goals. Middleton found the weaknesses in the team and beat us rather easily as did Glossop. Our rival school, Counthill, also won both duals.

The 2nd XI played only four games, but in one of these they beat Counthill 8—1, after Counthill had previously beaten us 4—3.

The U/15 XI after a disappointing start, losing the first four matches, went on to beat Glossop and then Hyde. They then lost in a very exciting game to Ashton, followed by their second win against Glossop. Counthill then completed the double over us, and then we went to Urmston and were victorious. We then finished off the season by losing to Ashton 6—0.

The U/14 XI were the most successful team of the year. They opened the season with a 5—2 win over Counthill, followed by a win at Middleton. They then lost at Hyde followed by a win over Chadderton. At Ashton they lost and later lost at home to Counthill after a very hard fought game. Hyde completed the double over us and we finished the season losing to Ashton.

The U/12 XI had several matches and two of these were cancelled.

Cricket

Unfortunately the weather caused many of this year's fixtures to be cancelled. Some matches were played, however, and although they did not all result in victory, they were enjoyed by the teams.

The 1st XI played five matches, of which two were drawn and three lost. Dowd and Wild were most successful with the ball and Millward and Selby most successful with the bat.

As usual, the staff match was played during the last week of term. The school, batting first, soon had the staff chasing the ball, and eventually declared at 82 for 5, Selby scoring 31 of these, and Mr. G. Wright taking three wickets for 32 runs. An opening stand of 15 by Mr. Petford and Mr. Tempest for the staff was broken by the dismissal of Mr. Tempest by Wild. An entertaining innings of 26 (which included six fours) by Mr. Sedgley was the highest score of the innings, which finally closed at 73, giving the school a well-earned victory.

The U/15 XI came out just about even over the season. After being dismissed for 9 against Ashton they dismissed Hathershaw Tech. for 8, B. Dyson taking 5 wickets for 2 runs and P. Wood taking 5 for 6 runs. The other matches which they managed to fit in between the showers were all drawn.

The U/14 XI played their first match at Ashton where they were beaten easily. The other two matches, against Middleton and Hathershaw, both resulted in victory, the match at Hathershaw being somewhat closer than the other two.

R. SMITH, *Secretary.*

Tennis

April 24th	1st VI v. Hathershaw	T.H.S.	Won 6 sets to 3.
May 17th	1st VI v. Broughton	Lost	
	2nd VI v. Broughton	Lost	
June 14th	1st VI v. Counthill	Lost	

Rounders

April 24th	Juniors v. Hathershaw	T.H.S.	Won 11—4½
June 14th	Juniors v. Counthill	Won	2—1

Hockey

Sept. 20th	1st VI v. Broughton	Won	4—3
	2nd VI v. Broughton	Lost	12—0
Oct. 12th	1st VI v. N. Man. High	Won	4—1
	2nd VI v. N. Man. High	Won	2—0
Oct. 18th	1st VI v. Ashton	Lost	4—1
	2nd VI v. Ashton	Drawn	2—2
Oct. 26th	1st XI v. Middleton	Drawn	4—4
	2nd XI v. Middleton	Lost	6—0
Nov. 9th	1st XI v. Glossop	Won	4—3
	2nd XI v. Glossop	Lost	4—1
Nov. 16th	1st XI v. Broughton	Drawn	1—1
	2nd XI v. Broughton	Drawn	3—3
Nov. 23rd	1st XI v. Hulme	Drawn	0—0
	2nd XI v. Hulme	Lost	1—0
Dec. 14th	2nd XI v. Hathershaw	Won	7—3
March 1st	1st XI v. Middleton	Lost	6—0
	2nd XI v. Middleton	Lost	5—0

Netball

Oct. 5th	1st VI v. Counthill	Lost	17—7
	2nd VI v. Counthill	Lost	14—2
	Junior VI v. Counthill	Lost	23—6
Dec. 1st	1st VI v. Hulme	Lost	18—6
	Under 15 VI v. Hulme	Lost	28—7

Judging by the results our teams have not been very successful, although the hockey team has improved slightly. One cannot, however, form a true opinion by the results alone. I am sure that our girls, although they gained no great victories, entered into the spirit and enjoyment of the game. They, therefore, should be praised for their endeavour and not their skill. It must also be remembered that our teams travel a considerable distance from school to the games field for practices. Many of them curtail their dinner hour for the honour of the school. Let us then be not too critical and wish them better luck in the future.

Scientific Society Report, 1957-58

President : Mr. T. Higson.

Chairman : Mr. M. A. Tempest.

Treasurer : J. P. Maybury.

Secretary : F. Briggs.

Committee :

Mr. K. C. Petford, Mr. J. Kent, J. Evans, K. Dronsfield, J. Burton.

This year, the Scientific Society, still the oldest, and we think, one of the most flourishing in the school, met regularly to 'indulge in matters scientific'.

We continued our former policy of meeting each Monday in the Physics Laboratory after school. 'Live' activities such as quizzes, Brains Trusts, Lectures, etc., were offered alternately with films of a scientific nature.

One lecture worthy of mention was given by Mr. J. Kent, who demonstrated for the younger would-be scientists the more spectacular Physics experiments. He covered many interesting and unusual electrostatic (including the Van der Graaf generator, recently acquired by the school) and electrical experiments.

A party of about thirty members visited Cape Mill in Shaw where they saw 'Osram' electric lamps being made. All present were fascinated by the diversity of the modern automatically controlled machinery. After walking, for what seemed like miles around the factory, and, believe me, this is no mean feat (feet)—we enjoyed the refreshments provided. All members agreed this visit was well worth while.

Earlier this year, the society held its Annual Social which was a great success again.

Last Christmas, the Arts versus Science Quiz was held. The scientists emerged victorious by one point only.

It is hoped that this year the Society will receive the same enthusiastic support as last year.

FRANK BRIGGS, 6A Sc.

Athletic Society

President : Mr. T. Higson.

Chairman : Mr. G. P. H. Cox.

Secretary : P. Haughton.

Treasurer : J. Crumpton.

This school year 1958/59 marks the second anniversary of the founding of the Greenhill Grammar School Athletic Society. The Society was formed

with the sole aim of developing the standard of athletics in our school. From the success achieved by various athletes in different fields of athletics during the past year, we feel that our aim is indeed being fulfilled. In 1957 we started with a mere handful of members but gradually this membership is being increased. Everyone has displayed keen interest in the activities in the past and it is hoped that they will continue to do so.

Within a short period of the Society being founded, the Chairman had arranged a trip for several members to a Physical Education Display staged by the Carnegie College in Leeds Town Hall on Thursday, March 20th, 1958. The pupils derived much benefit from the outstanding display and altogether an enjoyable evening was spent in Leeds.

On Saturday, July 5th, 1958, a party of members went to the Highland Games in Wythenshawe Park. Among these was W. Platt, a competitor in the games. The competition and performance in both Junior and Senior athletic events were extremely good and Platt obtained first position in the junior pole vault. The visitors saw such athletes as Mike Ellis, Don Anthony and Dave Brands in action.

On several occasions during the past year films giving instructions on athletic skill were hired at quite a large expense to the Society. The Committee was disappointed, however, at the response to the showing of these films and we do hope that in the future boys and girls will take advantage of such invaluable opportunities.

In July, 1958, the Society held its annual dance in the school hall and there was a record attendance of 120 pupils. The event was exceptionally successful from both a financial standpoint and otherwise. The Society made a profit of six pounds and intends to purchase with these funds new equipment for the use of members.

Culminating what can be called a tremendously successful year, seven boys from the Society under the supervision of Mr. Cox, and nine girls under the supervision of Miss Hume, left on Friday, 28th July, for four days in Cardiff to attend the VIth British Empire and Commonwealth Games. The party had a most enjoyable stay and witnessed in action at Cardiff Arms Park some of the finest athletes in the world. Souvenirs of this stay are at present on display on the Society's notice board. On this board from time to time different notices and advertisements are displayed and it would be extremely beneficial to members of the Society to devote a short period each week to reading them.

During the Winter season indoor training sessions are held in the Gymnasium on Monday afternoons and cross-country training on Thursday afternoons after school.

It is hoped that with a year of success behind them the members will work with renewed vigour to attain even greater recognition for this Society in the field of athletics.

PETER HAUGHTON, *Secretary.*

Table Tennis Club Notes, 1957-58

President : Mr. T. Higson.
Chairman : Mr. Martin.
Sec.-Treasurer : A. Clark.
Boys' Captain : R. Smith.
Girls' Captain : E. Marland.

Committee :

Mrs. Kuler, G. Hart, G. Fenton, P. Wood, B. Summersgill.

The table tennis club opened the year with full membership. The boys went down on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the girls Mondays and Wednesdays. Friday was a day open for both the girls and boys. During the year Doubles and Singles Tournaments were held.

In the Doubles Tournament J. Yates and J. Holt, a fifth form pair, beat J. Slater and V. Heath in the final after a hard-fought game. In the singles final M. Taylor beat L. Kershaw in a rather disappointing game. This year we hope to arrange fixtures against other schools.

L. KERSHAW, *Ex Sec.-Treasurer.*

Film Society

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, 1958, a Film Society was formed. There are already 155 members in this non-profit making society.

The 16mm. films are hired from G.B. at a cost of £4 10s. 0d. for a two-hour show. This show contains one main film and supporting cartoon films.

"The Overlanders" was the first film shown and this dealt with the adventures of several people driving cattle across Australia. The next main film to be shown was "Genevieve" which was a hilarious comedy centred on veteran cars.

Films to be shown include "The Battle of the River Plate," "Oliver Twist" and "Where no Vultures Fly." During the next term "The Blue Lamp," "Hobson's Choice" and "The 39 Steps" will be shown.

D. M. PARKIN, 5 Sc.

Dramatic Society Report

President : Mr. T. Higson.

Chairman : Angela M. Taylor.

Secretary : Barbara Jackson.

Committee :

D. W. G. Kershaw, Barry Schofield, John Pestell. Staff : Mrs. Pilling.

This year we lost one of the founders of the society when Miss Rowe left us to be married. We wish her much happiness.

We also wish success to our former chairman Colin Lamb and our secretary, Joyce Deane.

We have had several visits from Mr. David Kelsey of the Oldham Rep. and we were given a very interesting talk on the preparations for and the story of the Refugee Pageant "By the Waters of Babylon" by Miss P. Bennett, one of the producers of the pageant.

In the future we hope to invite Mr. Herbert Smith of the B.B.C. to talk to us once more.

We hope to produce the play "Androcles and the Lion" by George Bernard Shaw on November 28th and 29th, and you are cordially invited to come to this production.

Our new chairman is Angela Taylor and our secretary Barbara Jackson and they would like to extend a welcome to all new members, and they hope they will enjoy their life at Greenhill.

The Historical Society

President : Mr. Higson.

Secretary : Mavis Fielding.

This year Mr. Bickerstaffe and Mr. Fryer decided to form a Historical Society. At the first meeting, November 6th, the secretary and committee were elected. Already there are about seventy members, ranging from the

first to the sixth forms. As the name of the society implies, one of its chief interests is History, but it is also concerned with other subjects on the Arts side.

At the following meeting three films were shown entitled "Elizabethan England," "Medieval England" and "The Last Journey." Besides films there are to be lectures, discussions, visits to museums and trips to places of historical interest. This coming Easter it is hoped that some of the members will be able to go for a weekend hike round part of Hadrian's wall.

A few members of the third form and upwards are going to contribute articles each month to form a small magazine about what happened in Oldham in that month during the past years. They will be sold through the school at a small cost.

MAVIS FIELDING, 4L.

Athletics, 1957-58

The Athletic Society was formed just over a year ago to encourage and foster athletics in the school. With this aim in view the past year has been one of pioneer work. School members have been given more opportunity to train outside school hours and various outings have enabled members to watch first-class athletics in action.

It is unfortunate that our sports fields are so far removed from the school. Valuable time is lost and good intentions of training are sometimes destroyed by the thought of the effort required in getting there. To succeed, of course, in any pursuit requires a little self sacrifice.

We are very much in need of greater participation in this sport. Much talent is lying latent in the school. Field events are most enjoyable, objective and rewarding, and many people of average ability can become good performers.

I would congratulate the people who train so regularly and earnestly and who have their rewards as individuals, but must be sadly disappointed when team trophies are still beyond our reach. Only greater participation can produce a good all-round team. We must have Discus Throwers and Pole Vaulters as well as sprinters and half-milers.

The Athletic sports were held under trying conditions, the sports having been cancelled already on one occasion. The Pole Vault demonstration was once more abandoned owing to weather conditions. The first results were as follows: Fawsitt 358 1st, Lees 346 2nd, Walton 235 3rd. Many records were broken at this meeting which showed an improvement in the standard, particularly in field events.

In the Oldham Schools sports we were again unplaced, although, true to tradition, individuals ran well. Dronsfield ran a fine race to come 2nd in the 100 yds. final. We can win the Oldham Shield quite soon now if more attention is given to training during the winter and early season. Five boys competed for Oldham in the Lancashire Schools Championships at the White City, Wright Platt was placed sixth in the Pole Vault and R. James competed in the High Jump. Ralphs ran a creditable mile in 4-50 under a scorching sun. Dronsfield, who is rapidly developing into a good sprinter was unfortunate to pull a muscle in the 100 yds. and ran gallantly afterwards in the 4 x 110 yds. relay. Blackshaw ran a useful 220 and clocked 26 secs., an encouraging time.

D. Watts, the A.A.A.s National Coach for the North paid a second visit to the school to conduct an examination. He was impressed by the running of some of our athletes.

The Athletic Society visited the Highland Games in Wythenshawe Park and we were rewarded by a fine performance by W. Platt in the Pole Vault. Under trying conditions Platt dismissed his opponents to win at a height of 9ft. and received a medal. Wright Platt was awarded the first Athletic Colours at the end of the season.

The Manchester and District Athletic Committee have invited our school to attend the Winter Training sessions on Wednesday evenings under the flood-lights at the White City. Two of our young promising athletes, Russell and Cook attend. They are thoroughly enjoying training on a track, where we must remember great runners such as Wooderson, Zatopek, Kuts and Chataway have run. We hope to see more of our athletes making the most of this great opportunity next term.

Cross Country

The cross-country season saw Greenhill Playing fields the centre of competition in Oldham. In the Inter-schools races, we did not do as well as in the previous year. However, with more schools taking up the sport, we were glad to have other schools to challenge us. Russell ran very well to win the Junior event.

Holt, McKenzie, Ralphs and Crumpton represented Oldham in the Lancashire Schools Championship meeting at Swinton. Holt 26th and Ralphs 54th ran very well. MacKenzie, Crumpton and Ralphs received the first cross-country Colours awarded by the school at the end of the season.

The Inter-house race was keenly contested and full teams were fielded by each house.

The 1958/59 cross-country season has of course already begun. Friendly matches, against other schools have been introduced for the first time. Our first encounter was against Hyde Grammar, who have a strong tradition, and who were unbeaten last season. We enjoyed entertaining them and hope to narrow the margin in the return match.

		1st	2nd
v. Hyde Grammar	U/13	Hyde 28	Greenhill 53
	U/15	Hyde 34	Greenhill 44
	Senior	Hyde 13	Greenhill 31
v. Hathershaw Tech.	U/13	Hathershaw 24	Greenhill 59
	Senior	Greenhill 36	Hathershaw 44

"The Happiest Days of Your Life"

Members of the Dramatic Society branched out into a different type of comedy with "The Happiest Days of your Life." The story is simple. Members and staff of a boys' school return after the summer holidays only to find that a girls' school is to be billeted in the same building. The play deals with the experiences of the two staffs and two sets of pupils.

Tony Kerr made an excellent "R.A.F. type," as Tassell, the bold romantic P.T. master of the boys' school.

Kevin Dronsfield, as Billings, the shy and reserved junior master, was very pleasant to watch.

Miss Gossage, the girls' P. T. mistress, was admirably portrayed by Mavis Fielding, although at times she tended to have a little too much bounce.

Doris Harrison, as the object of Tassell's affections, Miss Harper, was as ladylike and feminine as one expects a young lady to be.

From Barry Schofield and Veronica Hetherington, as the Rev. and Mrs. Peck, and from Joyce Deane and Donald Kershaw, as Mr. and Mrs. Sawter, both parents of pupils, we received a pleasing representation.

John Lees as Hopcroft and Sian Davies as Barbara Cahoun, pupils of the respective schools, gave commendable performances.

Peter Eckersley made a very droll and amusing school porter by the name of Rainbow.

Frank Holden was excellent as the Headmaster of the boys' school. His voice, memory and movements were good, but he lacked the presence which his part required.

June Brooks, in the part created for Margaret Rutherford, that of Miss Whitchurch, carried the play through wonderfully. She had a praiseworthy stage presence and helped the less-talented and less-experienced people through.

The production was in the hands of Mr. Handforth.

The Sixth British Empire and Commonwealth Games

July 18th, 1958, was a memorable one for the many competitors who were entering the "Sixth British Empire and Commonwealth Games" which were to be held at the Welsh capital, Cardiff. This day was also a memorable one for the sixteen members of the Greenhill Athletic Society who were on their way to the Games accompanied by Mr. Cox and Miss Hume. After we had made our way to Manchester, the train was caught to Crewe, where the Cardiff train was then boarded. On this train many of us became acquainted with our fellow travellers who kindly indicated many locations of famous buildings and landmarks, "Jodrell Bank" being amongst them.

At last our destination was reached and a bus was boarded to the Howardian High School for Boys and the Lady Margaret High School for Girls, which we had already had a glimpse of from the train. On the bus many of the brightly coloured blazers of competitors were recognised by the autograph hunters. After a 'short' walk the schools were reached and received a 'load' of hungry, tired, almost miserable holiday-makers. We were shown to our dormitory and after having a good wash were taken to the dining-room where large portions of 'fish and chips' were served. The school was a large modern one but not as contemporary as the boys', although both had many large beautifully kept sports fields and gardens. All the facilities of the schools were made available to us, and other visitors staying for the Games. These schools were in very easy reach of each other so that meeting places for the two parties were easily available.

Saturday morning dawned bright and sunny for our first visit to the actual games. The two parties met almost directly after breakfast and made their way by bus to the Cardiff Rugby Ground, which had been altered into a magnificent stadium for the high jump, javelin, discus, hurdles and running track. From every part of the field all the events could be seen, the more expensive seats being near the starting and finishing points. The first event was the men's high jump heats, the qualifying height being six feet five inches. The only Englishman to reach the final was A. G. Miller. The games continued with the heats for the hundred yard sprint, which were followed by the javelin throwing. This ended in a victory for England with Colin Smith throwing two hundred and thirty three feet, ten and a half inches, which broke the British Empire and Commonwealth Games record. The finals of the men's high jump ended in a victory for Australia. The four-forty yards hurdles heats were then begun followed by the hundred yards women's sprint. Other events were the eight eighty yards and the six mile. After returning back to school for tea, most of us very sore from being almost 'baked' alive by the sun, we returned into Cardiff for a look round the very large and beautiful city.

Sunday was spent as a day by the sea with a visit to a small Welsh sea-side resort, Porthcawl. On the way to this, we called at the Empire Games village where all the athletes were staying whilst at the Games. Here many autographs of very famous sprinters and hurdlers were obtained. The weather once more proved that we were still in the summer months so much swimming

and paddling was enjoyed. Miss Hume proved herself to be unafraid of anything by accompanying two girls on the 'dive-bomber' in the fun-fair. Needless to say all three emerged white-faced and shaken.

Monday was not spent at the games but at the newly-built swimming pool. The events, however, did not begin until six o'clock in the evening. So everyone spent the day in Cardiff either shopping or going to the pictures as the weather had somewhat deteriorated. The evening, however, was spent delightfully in seeing many of the English swimmers competing magnificently against the remainder of the Commonwealth. Amongst the celebrities were Diane Wilkinson and Judy Grinham who broke her own world record for the 'back-stroke.' Ian Black also gave credit to Scotland in his magnificent 'butterfly' race.

Tuesday came and it was the day to return home, but not until some of the games had been seen for the train was not until four o'clock. The weather was not quite so encouraging as on the previous visit to the stadium and watching the games was not quite as inviting. There were, however, on this visit victory ceremonies in which the bronze, silver and gold medals were awarded. The flag of the victor's country was raised and the national anthem played as the gold medal was presented to him. All too soon it was time to go.

So our holiday ended as the train drew into Manchester Victoria station where Mr. Handforth, Mr. Higson and a parent were waiting to take us into Oldham. I know that all the members will remember their visit as they see the same athletes through the medium of television instead of seeing them in 'real life' as at the Sixth British Empire and Commonwealth Games, Cardiff.

CATHERINE SMITH, 5S.

Music and the Theatre

During the last school year, many parties were organised for visits to the theatre and to concerts. A group of seniors attended the Youth Concert at Belle Vue. This was especially memorable as it was the Halle centenary year.

Other visits were made to performances of "Carmen" by the visiting Covent Garden company and to popular productions. On the more serious side, a mixed party went to the Library Theatre for very-well produced performances of "Twelfth Night" and "Macbeth."

A great deal of enjoyment and, doubtless, benefit was derived from all these occasions. It is to be hoped that they can be repeated in due course.

J.M.P.

Speech Night

On Tuesday, 18th November, our annual Speech Night was held at Greenacres Hall. We were fortunate to have as our Guest of Honour Mr. Cyril Washbrook, the Captain of the Lancashire Cricket Team. As the Chairman, Alderman Hilton said later, "He is one of the few Lancashire men that have come from Lancashire."

Everyone was prepared for this rare occasion, well-scrubbed faces, well-brushed hair and fresh white blouses. The school and the parents rose as the platform party entered and after they had taken their places the school hymn was sung as on previous occasions.

Alderman Hilton began the proceedings with an address in which he referred to former Speech Nights and introduced the guests. Then Mr. Higson gave his annual report on the progress of the school during the past year. He referred to the many varied activities which had occurred, and also he spoke of the need for the re-introduction of the distinction mark at Ordinary level. Two songs were then sung by the Choir.

As the choir sat down the Chairman introduced Mr. Washbrook by acclaiming his many successes in the field of sport. Mr. Washbrook spoke of the need for education and also of the great personal value of sport. He referred to an incident when he met George Hirst whilst playing twelfth man at an early cricket match. This former cricketer had told him that if he was never satisfied he would never become swollen-headed and so he passed on this advice.

After this speech the Choir sang another two songs and then prize-giving began. There were many prizes to be given out but when this was over the Choir once again entertained us with great success. The night passed quickly and all too soon we were singing the National Anthem and saying goodbye to Speech Night for yet another year.

The School Outing to Switzerland

This year Mr. Handforth, Miss Turner and Mrs. Lees took us to Switzerland. The journey there can be described in one word, "terrible." Hard seats, a wet Channel crossing, long train journeys and heavy cases. However, once in Switzerland it was worth the uncomfortable travelling to see such a beautiful country. We were all amazed at the mountains and the beautiful lakes. The hotel where we stayed was comfortable, and the juke-box drew a lot of attention. We went on several outings, one of which was to the Blue Lake. This lake was a clear blue, and the fishes in it could be seen quite clearly. In Brienz, where we stayed, the chalets were beautiful and the shopping centre was picturesque. At the end of the holiday when we had all packed our bags, we said our goodbyes and left behind, regretfully, the beautiful country of Switzerland. Our thanks are due to Mr. Handforth, Miss Turner and Mrs. Lees for a holiday that we shall all remember for the rest of our lives.

MARIE OTZMANN, 5L.

The Trip to York and Knaresborough

At 8.00 on Monday, 21st July, a group of third formers collected at the top of West Street for the trip to York and Knaresborough. Mr. Wells and Mr. Handforth came and shortly afterwards the coach arrived. We all settled in our seats, that was, with the exception of one boy, Dunkerley. Ten minutes later he hurried across to where the coach was waiting. Dunkerley found a seat, the driver started the engine, and we were off. We stopped en route to pick up the rest of the party. The noisiest crew possible congregated on the back seat—Sudds, Platt, Rodgers, Kitchen and Feeley, with Walker not far away. Half-way a female, who shall be anonymous joined them. The weather became warm, clear and sunny, with a promise of a good day, and we reached York about 10.30 a.m.

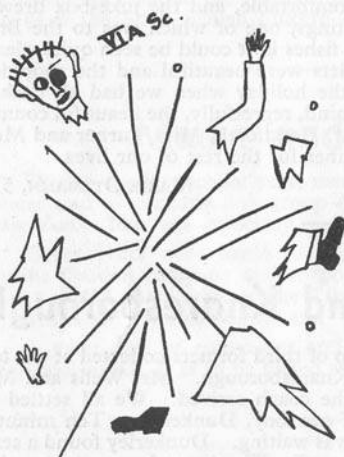
The coach parked in the Castle Coach Park and we all got out.

First we all visited the Castle Museum under supervision. Most people found the Museum very interesting especially the Medieval Streets and Shops. Then, after being told to return to the coach at 3.30 p.m., we split up to visit the places of interest. Mr. Wells had kindly had street maps of York printed for us, and armed with these we invaded the City of York. Most of us visited the Minster, the Shambles and Clifford's Tower. After that everybody satisfied his individual taste, most boys I suppose visiting the Railway Museum.

At 3.30 p.m. everyone was back at the Castle Coach Park. Parcels of food and presents were put on the racks, and we left York for Knaresborough. We drove through quiet country lanes with songs and other noises issuing forth

from the coach. The coach pulled up in the cobbled market place. This was surrounded by cafes and sweet and souvenir shops. A street led to the nearby gardens and ruined castle. From the top of the cliffs we had a wonderful view of the river and woods. To reach the riverside one had to climb down a hundred or so steps. The weather became gloomy but this did not deter many of us from going on the boats. Nearly everyone went to see Mother Shipton's Cave and the Petrifying Well and a few of us were lucky enough to see a very bold red squirrel in the woodland path on the way. Some found time to visit the Chapel and House in the Rocks. In the lane leading to these five boys, who shall be nameless, managed to become drunk on Dandelion and Burdock and some girls found it good for the feet to walk barefoot. At 7.30 p.m. everyone was back at the coach except a few who could not bring themselves to leave the lovely places Knaresborough had to offer. The journey is without doubt something to remember, as far as certain members of the party are concerned. At roughly 9.0 p.m. we reached a wet and dismal Oldham. Our thanks are due to Mr. Wells and Mr. Handforth and all those who helped in any way to make the trip such an enjoyable one.

J.A.H.



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HOUSE NOTES



On behalf of the House of Representatives, I am pleased to announce that the House is currently building up a staff of representatives for the year to follow. Although the year was not quite so successful as we had hoped, we will still be able to meet our goals and the year will be a very successful one. We will continue to work hard to ensure that the House is the best it can be. We will continue to work hard to ensure that the House is the best it can be. We will continue to work hard to ensure that the House is the best it can be.

Fawsitt House Report

HOUSE OFFICERS.

House Master : Mr. Wells.

House Mistress : Miss Turner.

Staff Members : Mr. Anderton, Mr. Handforth, Mr. Fryer, Miss Taylor, Miss Parker.

House Captains : Frank Briggs, Barbara Jackson.

Boys' Senior Sports Captain : Alan Kindon.

Girls' Senior Sports Captain : Velma Heath.

Boys' Junior Sports Captain : Douglas Abbott.

House Secretary : A. Clark.

RESULTS 1957-8.

Senior Boys :	Soccer 6 Pts.	Senior Girls :	Netball 4 Pts.
	Cross country 2 Pts.		Hockey 6 Pts.
	Cricket 2 Pts.		Tennis 4 Pts.
Junior Boys :	Soccer 4 Pts.	Junior Girls :	Netball 6 Pts.
	Cross country 2 Pts.		Hockey 6 Pts.
	Cricket 2 Pts.		Rounders 4 Pts.

This year we have once again proved ourselves capable of great achievement by winning all four sports trophies, and it will be an event of great importance when our representatives receive them from Mr. Cyril Washbrook on the platform at Speech Day. This will be the climax of a year of fierce competition, with the final results very close. The most commendable feature is the way increasing proportions of House members have contributed small successes to the final all-round triumph of the House, although deserving credit must be given to those individual members who have by their outstanding prowess and willingness to serve, set the very high tone and standard of performance.

It is anticipated that those who have this year assumed important and responsible positions in the organisation of house affairs will maintain these excellent standards and advance our prosperity still further.

In the competition for the Work Shield, we occupied only third place, so this is a department of house activity where there is room for improvement on the part of every member.

Lees House Report

Senior House Master : Mr. G. Wright.

Senior House Mistress : Mrs. J. Pilling.

House Masters : Mr. Hollos, Mr. Kent, Mr. K. Wright, Mr. Bickerstaffe.

Boys' House Captain : Rodney Smith.

Girls' House Captain : Sylvia Sutton.

House Secretaries : June Brooks, Garry Highton.

Boys' Senior Games Captain : Colin Cunningham.

Boys' Junior Games Captain : Alan Milligan.

Senior Hockey Captain : Dorothy Rainford.

Junior Hockey Captain : Sandra Schofield.

Senior Netball Captain : Avril Smith.

Junior Netball Captain : Iris McKinley.

On behalf of Lees House we extend a welcome to all 'Blue' newcomers, and we would like to remind them that Lees House is steadily building up a fine tradition for them to follow. Although last year was not quite so successful for our house as previous years, we still hold the Merit Shield, and in sport the Junior boys distinguished themselves by gaining the maximum points possible in all competitions. We must remember, though, that even if Lees

House wins no trophies at all this year, it will not be really important so long as we can say "We did our utmost."

HOUSE RESULTS :

		<i>Played</i>	<i>Won</i>	<i>Lost</i>	<i>Drawn</i>
Football—	Seniors	2	1	1	0
	Juniors	2	2	0	0
Cricket—	Seniors	2	2	0	0
	Juniors	2	2	0	0
Netball—	Seniors	2	0	2	0
	Juniors	2	1	1	0
Hockey—	Seniors	2	0	2	0
	Juniors	2	1	1	0
Rounders—	Juniors	2	0	2	0
Cross Country—Seniors 3rd, Juniors 1st.					

J.B. and G.H.

Walton House Report

House Masters : Mr. Martin, Mr. Cooke, Mr. Fogg, Mr. Petford, Mr. Tempest.

House Mistresses : Mrs. Kuler, Mrs. Clark.

House Captains : Graham Hart, Olive Shaw.

House Secretary : Barbara Jones.

Senior Hockey Captain : Olive Shaw.

Senior Netball Captain : Eileen Marland.

Senior Tennis Captain : Olive Shaw.

Senior Soccer Captain : Graham Hart.

Senior Cricket Captain : Leslie Priest.

Senior Cross-country Captain : John Crumpton.

Junior Hockey Captain : Eileen Baybutt.

Junior Netball Captain : Edna Lees.

Junior Rounders Captain : Norma Bocking.

Junior Soccer Captain : Rodney Dransfield.

Junior Cricket Captain : Rodney Dransfield.

Junior Cross-country Captain : Steven Shaw.

On behalf of the officials and members of last year's Walton House, I should like to extend a warm welcome to all those who have joined us this year.

In previous years Walton House has never been able to boast numerous senior members but this year we hope to be able to strengthen our senior teams from members who have moved into the fourth year.

Although it is some years since Walton has attained any particular merits in games, we did manage to come very close second for the Games Cup this year. Despite this fact we did not do too well in the athletics or the swimming.

Last year we again tried very hard for the Merit Shield and did not quite make it, but this year we hope that, with the advent of the new members to help us in both work and play and with the promotion of some juniors to strengthen our senior section, Walton House will show that they still have a very strong fighting spirit.

BARBARA JONES, 6A Lit., *Secretary*.

Form 1A Report

We now attend Greenhill Grammar School. The school, I admit, is nothing to look at from the outside, but that does not matter very much. It is the people that are inside the building that make the school. Thirty-three

people have to share 1A's classroom, so our form master, Mr. Fogg has quite a problem on his hands. Yet on our first day at school he made us all very welcome. Although we do not know the pupils of Greenhill they all seem a jolly nice crowd.

Our motto is "*Qui Exeracet Sapient,*" which means "He who works will be wise," and we all try to live up to it.

GEORGE BROWN.
JENNIFER ETCHELLS.

Form 1B Report

In our form there are fifteen boys and sixteen girls. Many of our form are in the different societies. There are six in the film society including myself, two in the Scientific Society and one in the Dramatic Society, seven in the choir and eight in the Scripture Union. There are two girls in the Nursing Club and several who hope to join. Our form teacher is Miss Taylor and she also teaches us Religious Instruction and sometimes Needlework. Our classroom is very bright and is painted green and cream.

M. POTTS.
K. ABBOTT.

Form 1G Report

There are thirty-one children in 1G, all girls. Our form mistress is Mrs. Pilling who takes us for English and music. We have seven lessons a day including swimming, gym. and games, or rather only swimming and games, as we have no gym. mistress, but instead we have private study. There are several societies in our school such as the Film Society, the Dramatic Society and many others, also the choir, and library. During the year half the class go to needlework and the rest go to cookery. We think our form is one of the best for bringing charity pennies, because if we miss one week we always bring twopence the next.

P. CLEGG.
H. SLATER.

Form 2A Report

In the dusky depths of the lower hall, in hut 4 (not 29) to be exact, are encamped 2A, a united body striving to the level of better learning, led by our form master Mr. K. Wright. Our little army consists of nineteen boys and eleven girls. A new experience for us this year is the form going on 'split ops.', when one party attacks German and the other Latin (*Veni, Vidi, Vici*—we hope). Most school societies are patronised by members of the form in off-duty time and a few boys are already playing on the Under 14 Football Team. We can now look back on our first year in G.G.S. and as second formers advance, remembering as the French say, 'Ce n'est que le premier pas qui couste.'

J.M.T.S.

Form 2B Report

There are sixteen girls and fourteen boys in our form. Our Form Master is Mr. Fryer, who also takes us for English. The Form Captains are James Hickling and Christine Snowdon.

Some of the boys of 2B are members of sports teams. John Barlow is an enthusiastic cross-country runner. This enthusiasm is also shared by James

Hickling and Jack Minton. We are well represented on the school swimming team by Jack Minton, Peter Brown and Frank Higgins. Peter Brown and Frank Higgins also are members of the Oldham Swimming Team. The sports mostly supported by 2B boys are cricket, soccer and rugby (League of course!).

The girls have not yet gained any honours in the sporting field, but we are hopeful for the future. The girls' most popular sports appear to be netball and rounders.

Some of 2B's pupils are members of various societies. Science seems to be the most popular subject, and Clifford Rowbottom is the jester of the form. Altogether 2B is a contented class.

CHRISTINE SNOWDON.

Form 2G Report

Our Form, 2G, consists of girls taken from the three forms of last year. We reside in Room 17 which serves as the music room. Miss Parker has the misfortune to be our form mistress, and also has the difficult task of instructing us in the arts of French. However, she seems to be bearing up well under this added strain.

Several of the class are members of the many societies which belong to the school. Two girls from our form have entered for and have been successful in gaining A.S.A. swimming medals. This term our sporting activities have been limited owing to the absence of a gym. mistress, thus leaving us rather stiff-jointed.

An item of interest occurred when a team of actors arrived and gave the lower school an enjoyable afternoon. On another occasion a lady from Dr. Barnardo's gave us a talk on her work. This also interested many of us. Speech-day looms ahead, and our combined efforts are in the choir and other activities concerned with the great day.

J. TAYLOR.
L. BUCKLEY.
M. WILD.

Form 3A Report

3A form room contains twenty-nine assorted specimens. Among them we have a budding scientist, who is slightly "Rusty," "Spike," the mathematician, plus one cheerful Charlie namely "The Laughing Cavalier." We inhabit cell No. 8, which place of residence is known as "The Teacher's Nightmare." We suffer under Miss "Maths" Turner, Madame Kuler, Herr Martin or Magister Fryer. We partake of many hobbies such as collecting butterflies, gardening, athletics (cross-country running), writing short stories, needlework and playing truant and various others not to be mentioned.

J.J., H.G., E.J., J.L.

Form 3B Report

As we open the big bay windows which line one wall of our prison, twenty-one pairs of tired eyes gaze out on the glorious scene of Oldham, in one corner the flour mill while all the rest of our view is taken up by the gas works. But—a step behind us tells us that our warden (Mr. Hollos) is here. He takes out his big whip, and shepherds us to our places.

We have various types of prisoners in our den. The sporting types are Edna Lees and Sylvia Merritt who are on the netball team, while Joan Minton

and David Wilson (Willy) contribute to the swimming team. Then the "clonk, clonk" of football boots is heard as B. Clarkson (Clarky) and I. Pearson, alias Podders, sling their boots round their necks as they leave the jail house for a welcome game of football.

We have lost some memories of Form 2B but are honoured to have the blanks filled up by Christine "Mary" Smith, Merle Clough, Irene Orchard and Mervyn Whitehead.

*"On our desks we could do with cushions of foam,
But that's all for now from Edna and Joan."*

Form 3G Report

There are twenty-one pupils, thirteen boys, eight girls. We occupy room nine. Our form master is Mr. Bickerstaffe who is a recent addition to the school. Morris joined us coming from last year's third form. Five other boys, Ronald James, Gavin Haigh, Keith Graham, Peter Missom and Fred Hollingworth joined our happy band, coming from 2B. Jacqueline Cooke has won medals for dancing and Sandra Schofield has a paper-round. There are two boys in the Film Society and James is in the under fifteen football team. Peter Hope is in the swimming team and the under fourteen football team, as are Roger Rooney and John Holt. Four girls are in the choir.

KAY HARGREAVES.

Form 4L Report

This year the roses of the 4th and one thorn, inhabit Room 11, and we are governed by the iron rod of Madame Kuler.

As one enters the form room first thing in a morning a babel of voices is heard saying, "Have you done your Maths?" "Have you done your French?" "Can I borrow it?" etc. Or on the other hand there is the ardent Lonnie Donnegan supporter (not mentioning any names) singing (hem!) one of the top tunes, e.g., "Gingerbread," not forgetting the sturdy band of United supporters (Manchester, of course).

Some of our ladies play for the ever victorious hockey or netball teams, while the boy on the other hand tries, I think, to play football.

Being in the Lit. Lot we are, of course, a very sensible form. That is why we can usually be found hanging out of the windows (believe it or not, they do open), looking at the he-men playing silly games of football in their yard.

On the whole, however, we do try to realise that Mrs. Kuler is a "Member of Staff," and that we are here to learn, because "This is a School!"

N.B.—Our Motto—Oh! for a Man.

S. DAVIES.
D. CADMAN.

Form 4S Report

This year we 'hang out' in Room 10. Every morning over the register we are greeted by the smiling visage of Mr. Kent (what a start to the day!) and with his melodious voice echoing in our ears troop out to assembly. The *supposedly* stronger sex, outnumbering us by two to one, cower in their two-thirds of the classroom, scared to put a foot over the boundary line.

Under the guidance of Messrs. Kent, Petford and Tempest, we are fast becoming budding scientists (?).

On that note we conclude, mainly because we cannot think of anything more to say.

So long !

The female population of 4S.

Form 4G Report

We are the nomadic 4G. Our cell is the blacked out Geography room and our "beloved" keeper is Mr. Wells. We are a mixed bunch of eighteen girls and eleven boys. Five of the girls are in the choir and three are in the school hockey team.

Of the boys, one of them, Peter Lawton takes a great interest in football, and every Saturday he and his followers troop to the 'Latics to watch that team playing. Another boy, Stephen Brierley, is a very good swimmer and is in the Oldham swimming team. Richard Bennett is interested in cycling and Jack Butterworth likes motor racing.

Some of the girls like to go horse-riding, one, Jean Overton, prefers ice-skating, and all the girls like ballroom dancing.

The favourite lessons of the boys are woodwork, swimming and games, and of the girls cookery, art and English. For an essay on the latter, one of the girls thought that Pat Boone was an ideal subject, but Mr. K. Wright thought differently.

We have not been with Mr. Wells very long, so we do not know much about him except that he is very fair and reasonable and we are looking forward to our year in 4G with him.

C.S., P.G., J.S., S.B.

Form 5L Report

We have in our sect. this year twenty-four girls (a motley crowd if ever there was one), four boys and one woman-hater (need we say who ?). Naturally we are all hard at work, swotting like mad, and simply lapping up our homework with tears of joy.

On the sporting side we are proud to possess several members of the hockey team (girls, of course), and two members of that distinguished group, the football first-eleven. On the academic side we possess all the brilliant "Lit-types" who delve as merrily into the beauties of Latin, History and even Greek, as the lot next door delve into the horrors of physics and chemistry.

With unperturbed calm we await the approach of that great milestone the G.C.E., which words are never uttered, the milestone simply being referred to as "the exam." Of course, we shall all come through with flying colours.

A. KERR, 5L.

Form 5S Report

I, the only literate member in a form of budding scientists, have been chosen to write about us, the elite of the fifth. Mr. Kent, who emerged pale and shaken from being form master to us in our fourth year, has, sorrowfully, handed us to the tender care of Mr. Petford. Hidden amongst the bottles of sulphuric acid we have a celebrity, Dronsfield, who, after his appearance in "The Happiest Days of our Lives," has had many fans in the lower school.

I think the more exotic side of the form-room deserves a mention, where the six beauties of the fifth, including Katy, the red-haired choir girl, who treats us (*ha, ha*) to the latest attempts of the choir, struggle through their chemistry homework. The wits of the form, Schofield and Evans, must not be forgotten as they endeavour to keep us smiling, sometimes not succeeding, but they try, as we tread our weary way to the labs. It is Professor Knowles, however, who keeps us amused (though he does not know it) by his intelligent—? questions.

Form motto : The worse the smell the better the experiment.

Form 5G Report

The continuation of the development of our intellectual ability commenced this year with a diminution of the numerical strength of our form, caused by the retirement of several of its fellow members, who ventured to face the dangers of the open world. From the previous fifth year, we have managed to obtain the services of Lily, the girl (obviously) and John, the boy (doubtful). The exalted and responsible position of form master was undertaken by Mr. Martin, who has had no undue concern inflicted on him by our cultured friends. L. Kershaw makes his bid for fame in the role of the form tax collector (supposedly for charity, but the method is the same) whilst, in another direction, the never-ending quest of the female side for the "Perfect Schoolboy" has proved successful in the election of "that clever lad on the front row," David Partington. The teachers, no doubt, will have reached full disagreement on his election.

In conclusion, may we say that the remarkable facility with which we assimilate the multitudinous gems of wisdom with which we are dutifully plied with consummate regularity, is a source of perpetual wonderment to our incredulous mentors.

PERKIN, "*The Profit*," and LAWRENCE, "*The Loss*."

Form VIA Lit. Report

(*With sincere apologies to John Keats*).

Gentle Reader,

Now to my humble muse falls the annual report of Bacchus and his six Ariadnes of the "Lit Lot Swots."

Our Hippocrene is now the library where, under the sympathetic eye of our literary mentor we gather each day to begin :

"The weariness, the fever and the fret

Here, where men sit and hear each other groan."

The only drawback of our 'level chambers' (and this is but a seldom occurrence) is our proximity to the Dorian rhapsodising of the girls' choir, but then :

"The hall door shuts and all the noise is gone."

On the whole our thirst for truth is unquenchable, and we harken profoundly to the sagacities of our guides :

"Slow stepped and robed in philosophic gown."

Only seldom are we :

"Deaf to his throbbing throat's long, long melodious moan."

when in a torment of mental indigestion, most acute do we cry :

"O for a life of sensations rather than of thoughts."

J. BROOKS.

Form 6B Lit. Report

Present in the precincts of this famous school is a group of pupils living with the title of 6B.Lit. Should any members of this group be wanted, they can be found either in the school library or in the den of iniquity. The school library houses the more intellectual members, all of whom suffer from inferiority complexes brought about by the constant presence of long-dead authors whose works adorn the shelves. However, this group is a minority. Most of our members dwell in the depths of armchairs in the cellars.

This subterranean refuge has been called "the Common-room" and "common" is the word. It is quite apparent that we are herded into the depths of the building "*pro bono publico*," and not for our benefits. This insalubrious cellar is the home of mis-fits and malcontents, all airing their grievances of scholarly hardships. Anyone not "*au fait*" with our presence down those steps might think that a gang of saboteurs had arrived, using language normally associated with anarchists.

But the populace of the school knows us too well for that. They leave us to our orgies of crime, giving us as wide a berth as possible.

Generally speaking, though, talk in the "Common-room" is about Water-sheddings, the decline of the 'Latics, and the degeneration of the United. Ours is not an intellectual body, although some high marks were recorded in recent examinations and, in fact, some people achieved passes in the G.C.E. Our energies, both mental and physical are conducted into sporting channels, regardless of Chaucer, Shakespeare and Shaw, and consequently we are a happy family, bar those whose recent exodus from the "Common-room" caused a stir in our democratic minds. We all hope this will not be "*casus belli*." We remain, therefore, secluded from the rest of the school, participating only rarely, and then retreating to the depths to argue about topics of paramount importance such as the team for Saturday's match.

We are proud to have in our midst a vigilante committee, whose purpose at the moment is rather vague, and its powers even more so. However, we wish them the best of luck in their object, whatever it may be, and hope for speedy results, whatever they may be. Possibly these members are to help those *non compos mentis*. We fervently hope so, for their numbers are increasing. Perhaps I may be able to tell you of their success in the successor to this magnum opus next year.

EDITOR PRINCEPS.

Form 6 Sc. Report

The legend you are about to read is true and only the facts have been altered to protect the guilty.

Once again that den of ill-repute, the prefects' common-room has been besieged by hordes of backward children, who are now known as 6B.Sc. Most of these creatures are of the male species, but two are actually female. However, only the most scrutinising eye of a Leslie Kershaw could recognise this fact when everyone is wrapped in a heavy lab. coat. It's no use looking for long hair; some of the lower sixth boys have got longer hair than the girls.

All last year's Upper Sixth have left and each has pursued his respective career.

Contrary to rumours at the end of last year of the impending arrival of a new laboratory the same dilapidated one still remains, in spite of attempts by that eminent chemist from the wrong side of the Pennines, and his colleagues to blow it up. Poor Mr. Kent, downstairs in the Physics Lab., is never quite sure when we will be dropping in on him.

However, the chemistry laboratory still remains the only form room in the

school where, by a process of complicated mathematics, two plus two can be made to give five (or is it three?).

Here we conclude our annual exposee of the rather dubious activities of the "Science Shower" and can only hope that anything we have said will not be used in evidence against us.

THE SILLYCATES.

The Consolation of Youth

Anguish, frustration, tormenting despair,
Are these all the fields to which we are heir ?
Each bright hope destroyed, young lives seem bereft
Of sympathy, tolerance, guidance—and yet
In each budding heart it bursts through again
This flower of faith which follows the rain.
It weathers the storm
Of doubt, which corrodes
The vessels of hope in blood bold and young.
It blooms in the draught that flows through each lung,
Like fresh, full-bodied wine, potent and strong.
These are the gulps of sweet-smelling calm,
Breathed gratefully deep, absorbed like a balm,
To soothe and revive the soul from the bier—
The lighting of awe, the thunder of fear.
Thus thrives the once-frail flower, now the soul
No longer forlorn,
Gives reign to new hopes.
Many times blows this storm, which shows no relief,
Each wind blows a loss and unsalved grief.
'Till blossoms again our symbol of faith
Each storm a landmark, with visions of truth,
Bodes new wisdom now, means death to our youth.
Maturity dawns
Storms give way to peace.

J. BROOKS, 6A.Lit.

Nor the Moon by Night

He sat in front of the dying fire, rocking himself, dozing contentedly as the night grew older. A soft breeze suddenly fluttered the curtains. He woke suddenly and stared out into the garden, now bathed in a mystic dazzling radiance from the full moon. He turned his head, trying to escape the lure, the taunt of the full moon. He tensed, roused within himself.

Suddenly the outside world interrupted his struggle 'twixt moonlight and fire. Outside in the passage he could hear that someone was about to come into the room. In an instant he was out of the window and running down the garden path. Whatever happened tonight, he must not see anyone. The moon had him in its grip. He must walk. Fresh air might help, but always there would be that ghostly lantern looking down, vacant, yet ever haunting.

In the lane, the high hedges seemed to be held in the sway of the master of the night. He sat down by them and looked at the great globe. Its face was marked as if it held some great secret and brooded over it through the night. It surveyed the passing clouds, tinting them with its majesty as they scurried on their way. The whole world, bowed to the control of the uncanny light shed by the moon.

He stood up, stretched, and walked along the other hundred yards to the village. He walked round the houses, bright and gleaming in the bright rays.

Sometimes he walked through the gardens of the tiny cottages, digging his toes into the soft earth of the flower beds, anything to distract his attention from the moon. He strolled between the back fences of the end cottages. He was tense.

He left his meanderings and took to the lane again. He ran, strengthened by the sultry rays. The air was crisp. Running made him warm.

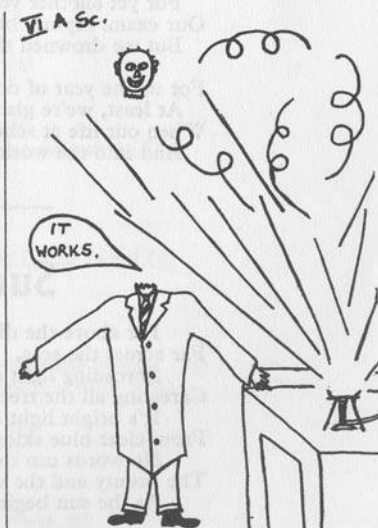
Suddenly a house, serene and challenging rose from the side of the lane. The garden was a big luxurious one. It lay flat in the moonlight. He was entranced by beauty once more. Yet, of all the houses in this district, this was the one he knew he should not come near tonight. Even so, he crept through the shrubs and hid in the shadows, dodging from one to the other till at last he was in the shadow of the great house itself.

A window glowed its orange light to the back garden. He stopped short, his heart pounding. It was her silhouette he saw black against the orange curtain. He tensed himself nervously. Her form, black against the orange was perfect. His heart beat faster. The window was open. Sliding on to his stomach, he crept on all fours towards the fateful window.

He pounced and was, in a moment, on the high broad window sill. He listened. She seemed to be alone. Suddenly she started to sing. He breathed heavily. He peeped through a chink in the curtains. A table covered with a rich red velvet cloth stood by the window. She sat at the other end, singing at the top of her pretty voice. She was definitely alone. He began to squeeze through the gap, intent on having the blood of his prey; the moon knew no bounds with him. He had squirmed his head through the curtain and was about to spring when in walked a middle-aged stout woman. She stopped dead. Her chin dropped, her eyes rounded. For a second the two stared at each other. She stopped singing. Suddenly the woman rushed towards him. He squeezed from the window, jumped to the lawn and bolted from the garden. The woman threw open the window and screamed her threats at him, but he did not listen. He ran to the lane and scrambled through the village. As he neared his home he stopped, sat on a mound and looked at the moon. He yawned.

The poor cat had once more failed to catch that juicy, luscious tempting bird.

D.A.B., 5S.



Trials and Tribulations

When first we came to Greenhill School
A goal ahead there lay ;
It was the wise and not the fool
That helped us on our way.

To be a second former
We thought was quite a thrill
Till Mary broke a window
And we had to foot the bill !

In spite of this we reached the third
We really did work hard ;
Things happened, until then unheard
Which put our teachers on their guard.

Form four then found us parted
From friends we loved so dear,
And then the trouble started
With—"the best !" from every sphere.

At last we were nearly at our goal
The G.C.E. loomed near,
And though not yet quite on the dole
Our hearts were full of fear.

The G.C.E. is over now ;
Our fears were all in vain ;
Despite our pledge—we break the vow—
We're back at school again !

To start again was very hard,
But at last we understood
We had at last to play that card—
The thought of livelihood !

We rested on our laurels
For yet another year ;
Our exam. reports brought quarrels
But we drowned them in good cheer.

For us the year of doom has come,
At least, we're glad to know,
When our life at school is really done,
And into the world we go.

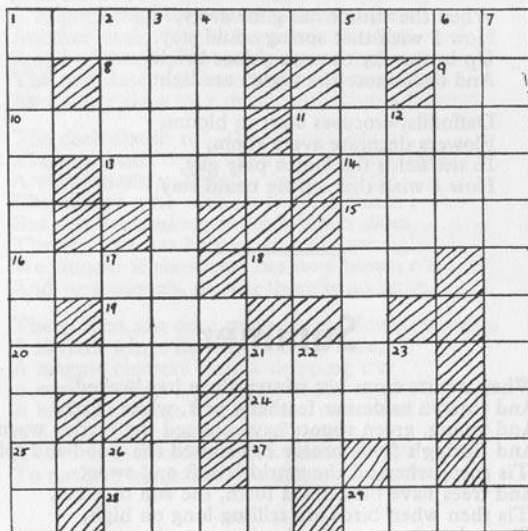
The Tired Troupers.

Sunrise

Far above the distant hills,
Far across the seas,
Spreading light o'er dark grey mills,
Caressing all the trees,
It's bright light shines,
From clear blue skies,
No words can quite describe,
The beauty and the wonder,
As the sun begins to rise.

Susan Smith, 1B.

Crossword



Clues Across.

1. A cabalistic word used as a charm (11)
8. Period of time (3)
9. If you cannot find the word you may be said to have had — (2)
10. One might find it in the oyster bed (5)
11. Thoroughly versed or well skilled (5)
13. Draw it thus colloquially and so not exaggerate (4)
14. Does crazy Vera assert positively ? (4)
15. This Miss Turner was a film star (4)
16. A member of the German National Socialist party was one (4)
18. Eschew (4)
19. Poem about a female rabbit ? (3)
20. The gloomy Dean (4)
21. Musical riot, perhaps in the teashop (4)
24. A pile (4)
25. Alternatively Little by Little (4)
27. Progress is sometimes as going thus (2)
28. Abbreviated figures from the desert for dessert ? (4)
29. The river is doubled (4)

Down.

1. Sorcerers' odd job men ? (11)
2. Decapitate the fish and enlarge a hole in the metal (4)
3. A Mediterranean farewell (11)
4. Boy in the theatre (4)
5. Spanish province (9)
6. Mature (5)
7. Forthcoming ones are often advertised at the cinema (11)
12. Was this the man who gave us the weather vane ? (4)
17. Former king of Albania (3)
21. In this way it could be frankincense (4)
22. Fabric with a finely corded surface (3)
23. Musical soup ? (4)
26. Small word expressing condition (2)

Solution on Page 38

Spring

When the winter has gone away,
How I wish that spring could stay.
Up in the sky the sun shines bright
And once more the nights are light.

Daffodils, crocuses start to bloom,
Flowers decorate every room,
In the fields the lambs play gay,
How I wish that spring could stay.

P. Irving.

Summer

1. When nature from her wintry sleep has 'waked,
And thrown aside her feathery, soft, white cloak,
And young, green shoots have pierced the earth's warm bosom,
And Spring's fresh breeze has roused the woodland folk,
'Tis then, when all the world is soft and sweet
And trees have blossomed forth, the sun to greet,
'Tis then when birds are trilling long on high,
That winter's cares dissolve in azure sky.
2. Then nature waves again her magic wand,
And promptly undergoes another change,
The trees and bushes all are in full leaf,
The greens selected from a varied range.
The lush grass waves, the trees obey the wind,
The hedges up against the fence are pinned ;
With thunderstorms the country is then met,
And spring makes way for summer, hot and wet.
3. The town is blistered in the torrid heat
The countryside lies still, too hot to stir,
The trees hang motionless, the grass likewise,
The mountains roll into a distant blur ;
The whole land shimmers as the summer sun
Beams down upon the stillness it has won :
The flowers droop beneath the singeing rays,
And cattle, sheep and dogs in pastures laze.
4. But wait, behind this peaceful place there lurks
A silent enemy, a watching cloud,
So innocent and yet—but wait and see,
Beware, and do not meditate aloud,
For nature thinks it time to intervene,
And cast another spell upon the scene.
An instant, then the still and quiet air
Is ripped asunder, fleeing everywhere.
5. A boisterous wind pursues it 'cross the fields,
Returns, whirls round, then chases it again
Meanwhile dark clouds, unnoticed, hide the blue
As, riding on the wind, they bear the rain
O'er woods and fields, towards the sun ;
The cattle, sheep and dogs for shelter run,
A heavy bank of cloud begins to form,
A jagged flash denotes a thunderstorm.

6. The wind lets fall its reins, the sun is lost,
 An inky blackness enfolds all the world,
 A streak of blue tears through the quaking Heavens,
 A mighty clap, the rains are then unfurled
 Another flash of lightning rends the sky,
 A roll of thunder answers, by and by,
 The rain descends in torrents on the towns
 And angry skies look down with dismal frowns.
7. The dark clouds roll, the storm rages on,
 The rain beats down upon the startled earth ;
 A vivid streak and then a fearful crack,
 The valleys echo with its fiendish mirth ;
 But now we notice yonder brighter skies,
 The thunder has become just distant sighs.
 We wonder if the storm has now blown o'er,
 And sure enough, of rain there is no more.
8. The golden sun once more beams down on earth,
 A skylark wings its way into the blue,
 A magpie chatters from a dripping tree
 A swallow darts from underneath a yew :
 A blackbird sings and whistles sweet and clear,
 A heron glides across a shady mere,
 A church bell in the hollow lends its chime
 To nature's songs in beauteous summertime.

C.W.

Autumn

Whispering, fluttering, down fall the leaves,
 Tinged with silvery hue,
 In the fields are stacked corn sheaves,
 Oh, Autumn, thanks to you.

Crimson berries hang on trees,
 Red as blood they be,
 Gently they stir in a passing breeze,
 Oh, Autumn, thanks to thee.

The emeralds of the trees are old,
 But in their place are seen
 Many colours, red, brown, gold,
 Where Autumn has just been.

K. McConnell, 1G.

Winter

When we see the glittering snow,
 That makes our fingers tingle and glow,
 We think of fires with glowing ember—
 And toys at Christmas in December.

I love to hear the robin sing,
 And go to sleep with head under wing ;
 I like to see him sing and dance
 As I look round with a wary glance.

When all the birds have flown away
 The trees begin to sway and sway ;
 The whistling wind comes all in a clatter
 And makes our teeth chatter and chatter.

Ethel Ashton.

Chem-Cross Symbol

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	14				15	16	
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		25	26				27
28		29				30	
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34		35					

Clues Across.

- Methyl Alcohol.
- Caustic Soda.
- The source of Bromine in sea water.
- Atomic weight of sodium.
- Formed when aluminium reacts with nitrogen.
- Element associated with Madame Curie.
- Allotrope of oxygen.
- The weight of 8 atoms of calcium.
- Hydroxyl group.
- Phosphine.
- The substance from which hydrogen peroxide is usually prepared in the lab.
- $2\text{CO} + \text{O}_2 =$
- anhydrite.
- Compounds containing this element give a red flame on a platinum wire.
- A very light metal.
- $\text{NH}_4\text{NO}_2 = \text{---} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Tungsten carbide.
- At. weight of calcium.
- Two molecules of the compound which when heated gives nitrous oxide (laughing gas).

Down.

- Aluminium Bronze.
- 3 molecules of manganous oxide.
- xy-en-a gas.
- The gas prepared by the action of bromine on moist red phosphorus.
- $3\text{Mg} + \text{---} = \text{Mg}_3\text{N}_2$
- $2\text{KNO}_3 = 2\text{KNO}_2 + \text{---}$
- Phosphorous acid.
- See 12 across.
- Phosphoric acid.
- $\text{---} + \text{O}_2 = 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- Lanthanum.

19. Sulphuretted hydrogen.
21. The white precipitate formed when barium chloride is added to a solution of a sulphate.
22. Two molecules of the substance on which water reacts to give acetylene.
24. $\text{CaCO}_3 = \text{CaO} + \text{---}$
26. The metal obtained from the electrolysis of alumina.
27. Nitrogen trioxide.
32. Carbohydrates contain the elements --- , --- and oxygen.
33. Cyanide group.

Solution on Page 38

The French Calypso

Chorus.

French, lovely French,
 With French there is no stench
 French is smashing—our pride and joy,
 Our French teacher's a lovely boy
 I wish they'd shoot that ding-dong bell,
 Then we'd go on with French that we love so well.

1. When our French teacher comes into the room,
 He brings in joy and dispels all gloom,
 But then one phrase our peace disturbs,
 "Yes, you can pass French on your verbs."
 2. And sometimes, when we've done our verbs
 Another phrase our peace disturbs,
 For if someone we read of does miscontrue,
 He says, "Never let that be said of you."
 3. So we do our best not to miscontrue,
 But very often we really do,
 And you'll never guess what comes out then,
 "They did it last year and they'll do it again."
 4. And so goes on our tale of joy
 Do we like French ?—sure it's really coy,
 We live on happily ever after
 Thanks to Froliques Francaises and lots of laughter.
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Beware of Witches

1. Now the phantom strikes again,
 Now the fires gleam as before,
 You beware of someone knocking,
 Knocking, knocking at your door.
2. Weird noises, little laughs
 You be careful, you beware,
 You beware of someone knocking,
 Lest you have a dreadful scare.

D. Slater, 1G.

Lady to newsagent : "Have you any fly papers."

Newsagent to Lady : "Don't know lady. What sort of papers do your flies read ?"

Wife to husband : "Quick, John, our Jack's swallowed the bottle of ink."

Husband to wife : "Here you are then, borrow this ball-pen."

Teacher to pupil : "I hope I didn't see you cheating Peter !"

Peter : "I hope so as well."

The Robin

The robin is a pretty bird,
With his breast of red,
He hops about the garden path
Picking up the bread.

But if you try to touch him
He'll surely fly away,
Back to his nest to feed his young,
He never seems to stay.

Pamela Clegg, 1G.

The Greenhill Songsters

O-I-E -H-W
V-L-A -E-T-
G-E-D- F-N-O-
E-L-E- M-R-A-D
S-L-I- S-T-O-
J-N- B-O-K-
A-G-L- T-Y-O-
B-R-A-A -A-K-O-
B-R-A-A -O-E-
D-R-T-Y -A-N-O-D
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C-L-N -U-N-N-T-N
J-H- E-A-S
W-I-H- P-A-T
F-E- O-D-N
M-L-Y M-H-G-

It's all in the game.
Reet Petite.
Blonde bombshell.
Girl of my dreams.
A certain smile.
June is bustin' out all over.
With a song in my heart.
Don't.
The girl can't help it.
Mad, passionate love.
Momma's little baby loves short'nin' bread.
Technique.
Skinny Minnie.
Gamblin' man.
Patricia.
Hot dog.
The square on the hypotenuse.
You need feet.
Under the bridges of Paris.
Big man.
Teacher's pet.
Wear my ring.
Moore than ever.

Four 4th Form Prefect-lovers.

Solutions to Crosswords

Across. — 1. Abracadabra, 8. Era, 9. It, 10. Pearl, 11. Adept, 13. Mild, 14. Aver, 15. Lana, 16. Nazi, 18. Shun, 19. Ode, 20. Inge, 21. Trio, 24. Heap, 25. Eric, 27. Up, 28. Figs, 29. Isis.

Down. — 1. Apprentices, 2. Ream, 3. Arrividerci, 4. Call, 5. Andalusia, 6. Ripen, 7. Attractions, 12. Evan, 17. Zog, 21. Thus, 22. Rep., 23. Opus, 26. If.

Across. — 1. CH₃OH, 5. NaOH, 8. MgBR₂, 10. 23, 11. Aln, 12. Ra, 14. O₃, 15. 320 18. OH, 20. PH₃, 21. BaO₂, 23. 2CO₂, 25. CASO₄, 28. SR, 29. Al, 30. N₂, 31. WC, 34. 40, 35. 2NH₄NO₃.

Down. — 1. CuAl, 2. 3MNO, 3. Og, 4. HBR, 5. N₂, 6. O₂, 7. H₃PO₃, 9. Ra, 13. H₃PO₄, 16. 2H₂, 17. La, 19. H₂S, 21. BaSO₄, 22. 2CAC₂, 24. CO₂, 26. Al, 27. N₂O₃, 32. CH, 33. CN.

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