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Editor's Notes

When writing this, in a hazy Bohemian atmosphere, I was, as certain people would say, "half-slewed," i.e. in a "state of intoxication," induced by twice-brewed "fiendish type" black coffee—of disreputable brand—and by struggling to read the pile of contributions beside my by-then prostrate form. I staggered outside for a "breather"

As the policeman said in court the morning after: "Has I were proceeding northwards hin the early hours of the 25th of the previous month, yer Honour, I perceived the accused advancing towards me from the opposite direction. The aforesaid, yer Honour, were walking in an unsteady manner, rollin' from side to side of the pavement. When I attempted, yer Honour, to accost the accused on the aforementioned public highway, yer Honour, he muttered deliriously something that sounded suspiciously like !?! . . . (at this point, riot in the public gallery), and my reply is written on this piece of paper, yer Honour (piece of paper is passed to Judge and he reads this with great interest), etc., etc., and so on and so forth" to use the words of a former King of Siam for the benefit of Yul Brynner fans!

However, this little incident in the Life of Mrs. Dale—oops! Got carried away!—this little incident (to me a small matter of £5) is past history, but it serves as an excuse if this seems rather hazy or befuddled.

Anyway, to proceed, proceed to, with, in aid of, what? That is the question, to proceed or not to proceed, in the words of the Mortal Bard (Mine Hostess herself!) or to bring it more up to date, of that short-lived orator, E——N.

And now, from the Exalted Pinnacle of Fame and Fortune, I bid you Farewell, Komrads, begging you in my temporary absence (8 days for being a public nuisance) not to neglect your daily 5 mins.' Hate.

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School Notes

Another year has passed and in its wake we are left with many things to note.

We offer our best wishes to those who have left us, to Mr. Cooper, who has left the soot-laden air of Oldham for the fresh breezes of Coventry, to Mrs. Morris, who we hope is enjoying her retirement and doing the things she never found time to do before, to Miss Turbefield and Mr. Edwards, who have been with us since we began as Greenhill Grammar School, to Miss Best, to whom we offer our felicitations on her marriage, to Miss Pomfret, who was a very active member of several clubs and societies, and to Mr. Evans, whose vitality we shall miss.

We welcome the new members of the staff with a sincere wish that their stay at Greenhill will be a happy one. Miss Rowe is now known to the historians, Miss Parker to the French linguists, Mrs. Clark is our first Domestic Science mistress, Miss Smethurst and Mr. Cox have come to supervise the Physical Education of the school and Mr. Fogg has joined the Mathematics department.

The Ex-students held their Annual Dance, which was a success as usual, on 11th January, 1957.

The Scientific Society has yet to hold its dance. Most members have visited several places of scientific and industrial interest; and they have had many meetings about many things, not about cabbages and kings, but about a great variety even so.

The Hockey Team held its dance in November and this proved a great success, thanks to the efforts of Miss Smethurst, the Hockey Team, Mr.

Handforth and his amusing song about the Hockey Team, and the other back-room boys.

The Annual Xmas Parties came as a great relief at the end of the long winter term. At the Senior Party, Mr. Nicholls gave his impressions of school dinners from the schoolboy's point of view and caused an uproar with his very accurate and amusing observations. At the Middle School Party certain women members of the staff caricatured the Net-ball Team with Mrs. Kuler as referee.

The only other dance of note was the Prefects' Dance, which was held at King Street Stores and went off with a bang as usual, with Mr. Nicholls as M.C. (one could also put it down to the 300 balloons thrown from the balcony).

The Operatic Society gave its first production on our own stage on March 8th and 9th, 1956, as the Grande Finale to the School Concert. The next Concert will be produced in February.

In Summer a Tennis Tournament was played between the staff and the pupils. Needless to say the staff won. Also there was a cricket match between the staff and the boys, resulting in a victory for the School.

At half-term the girl prefects played the boy prefects at hockey and the boys won! Result: 10-0. A definite case of brute strength and ignorance over skill.

Other things of note this term were the sight of Mr. Petford in drain-pipes for "Trial by Jury" and the women's staff in gym-slips for their net-ball game.

In the Town Swimming Gala, Hilda Silverman, Geoffrey Gordon, John Wood and Derek Morris won medals.

A small party of French students visited an exhibition about Marcel Proust at the Whitworth Art Gallery, Manchester.

A holiday abroad is planned this year in Switzerland. There was such a large response that the party had to be restricted to a certain number. However, the younger ones will have other opportunities to go abroad.

A school party went as usual to the Castleshaw Camp, supervised by Miss Taylor, Miss Pomfret and Mr. Handforth.

Mr. Wells took a party on excursions to the Lake District, Ingleton and York.

The speaker at our Speech Night this year was Dr. Mabel Tylecote, who gave a most interesting and amusing speech with one or two serious ideas. She praised the "plodders" and told them not to be discouraged by the success of their quicker but more superficial friends, the "high-flyers."

I will end on a note of congratulation to Mr. Tempest, who is now a proud father.

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Calendar—Spring and Summer Terms, 1957

Monday,	7th January	Spring term begins.
Friday,	25th January	1st half-yearly examinations begin.
Friday,	15th February	Reports despatched to parents.
Thursday,	28th February	Concert.
Friday,	1st March	Concert.
Friday,	1st March	Close for half-term.

Wednesday,	6th March	Reopen.
Thursday,	14th March	Parents' meeting.
Thursday,	21st March	Parents' meeting.
Thursday,	28th March	Parents' meeting.
Friday,	12th April	Close for Easter.
Monday,	29th April	Summer term begins.
Monday,	3rd June	2nd half-yearly examinations begin.
Friday,	7th June	Close for Whitsuntide.
Monday,	17th June	Reopen.
Monday,	17th June	G.C.E. begins.
Thursday,	20th June	Wakes holiday begins.
Friday,	6th July	Wakes holiday ends.
Friday,	12th July	G.C.E. ends.
Friday,	19th July	School closes for summer holidays.

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Prizes, 1955-56

SPECIAL MERIT PRIZES

1A	Julia Burton	3B	Alan Clark
1C	Kenneth Rodgers	4L	Barbara Jackson
1B	Jacqueline Holt	4L	Veronica Hetherington
2A	Dorothy Chadwick	4L	Doris Harrison
2A	Joan Cheetham	5A	Susan Shillito
3A	Joyce Bayley	5B	Cynthia Chadwick
3A	Hilda Silverman		

SUBJECT PRIZES

Scripture: Patricia Buchan, Anthony Kerr, Margaret Hallett, Clara Roberts, Alfred Selby, Norma Timms, Jean Dyson.

English: Steven Shaw, Anthony Kerr, Eileen Marland, Judith Stott, Joan Scholefield.

History: Julia Burton, Dorothy Robinson, Georgina Horrobin, Judith Stott, Graham Hart, Joan Scholefield.

Geography: Anne Copeland, Christine Abbott, Georgina Horrobin, Donald Feber, Ronald Biggs, Robert Millward, Marion Street.

French: Steven Shaw, Dorothy Robinson, Margaret Mills, Derek Wild, John Mortin, Evelyn Thompson.

Latin: Steven Shaw, Dorothy Robinson, John Evans, Frank Biggs.

German: Anne Halsall, John Yates, Derek Wild, James Slater.

Mathematics: Ian Barnes, Carol Collinge, Alan Smith, Frank Holden, Donald Kershaw, Norman Buckley, Mildred Taylor.

General Science: Kenneth Rodgers, Kevin Dronsfield.

Biology: Barbara Burgess, Fred Ogden, Michael Taylor, Ivan Hibbert.

Chemistry: John Evans, Frank Briggs, Mavis Joyce, Ivan Hibbert, Gerald Carr.

Physics: John Widdall, Rodney Smith, James Slater, Mildred Taylor.

Art: Neil Pickering, Beryl Summersgill, Wright Platt, Joyce Deane, James Slater.

Domestic Subjects: Lynda Foran, Christine Abbott, Carole Grimsditch, Sandra Lord, Pauline Timmis, Susan Shillito.

Woodwork: Colin Jackson, Laurence Kershaw, Jack Travis, Derek Morris, Fred Rothwell.

Phys. Education (Boys): David Hall, Alan Kinson, John Gordon, Rodney Smith, John Wood, Michael Jennings, Melvyn Ratcliffe.

Phys. Education (Girls): Iris McKinley, Avril Smith, Eileen Marland, Geraldine Owston, Mavis Joyce, Evelyn Thompson, Mary Mulholland.

SPECIAL AWARDS

The James Middleton English Prizes: Ronald Biggs, Margaret Treadwell.

The Edward Wild Prizes for Service to the School: Jean Dyson, Melvyn Ratcliffe.

The British Commonwealth and Empire Knowledge Prize: Robert Millward.

The J. M. Farrar Prize: James Slater.

The Sidney Andrew Art Prize: James Slater.

Junior Reading Prizes: 1st, Sian Davies; 2nd, Mavis Fielding.

TROPHIES

Games ("Walkden" Cup): Lees House.

Swimming ("Thompson" Cup): Lees House.

Athletics ("Olympiad" Shield): Lees House.

Merit Shield: Walton House.

Prefects' Cup: 1st Cricket XI.



General Certificate of Education

ORDINARY LEVEL

Girls: 8 Subjects—Susan Shillito. 7 Subjects—Mavis Joyce, Phyllis Wilcock. 6 Subjects—Sylvia Bebbington, Christine Brierley. 5 Subjects—Brenda Flint, Doreen Millar. 4 Subjects—Patricia A. Bayliffe, Leslie Wallis, Margaret Treadwell, Margaret Trotter. 3 Subjects—Sandra F. Wolstencroft, Barbara Wright, Cynthia Chadwick, Marion Haslam, Yvonne Millward, Joan M. Mitchell. 2 Subjects—Anne M. Haslam, Patricia M. Blakeman, Jean Gregory, Joan M. Herd, Marion P. Raynor. 1 Subject—Maureen Dixon, Margaret Jones, Anne Wilkinson.

Boys: 8 Subjects—Ronald Biggs, Frank Lamb. 7 Subjects—Norman Buckley, James Slater, John M. Wood. 6 Subjects—Michael B. Taylor, Geoffrey Newton. 5 Subjects—Graham Hart, Harold Jones, Neil E. Thornley, Norman T. Godfrey, Christopher R. Salisbury, Alfred Selby. 4 Subjects—Gary Faulkner, Colin S. Lamb, Noel H. Wright, Nathan R. Hoyle, John Mortin. 3 Subjects—James Stone, Fred Rothwell. 2 Subjects—Malcolm Grindrod, Alan Davis, Alan D. Owen, Alan Russell, David Wilson. 1 Subject—Gordon H. Mills.

ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS

2 Additional Subjects—Jean Dyson, Melvyn Ratcliff. 1 Additional Subject—Vivien Brooks, Helen M. Mulholland, Marion Street, Norma Timms.

ADVANCED LEVEL

6*A Science*: Sylvia R. Ogden (Physics, Chemistry), Gerald Carr (Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology), Jeffrey Ibbotson (Physics, Chemistry).

6 *General*: Marion Street (English Literature), Melvyn Ratcliff (English Literature).

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED BY THE OLDHAM EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Sylvia R. Ogden, Gerald Carr, Jeffrey Ibbotson.

PUPIL PROCEEDING TO UNIVERSITY

Gerald Carr (Manchester University).

PUPILS PROCEEDING TO TRAINING COLLEGES

Jean Dyson (Doncaster Training College), Marion Street (Nottinghamshire County Training College), Norma Timms (Thornbridge Hall Training College), Melvyn Ratcliff (York T.C. (after National Service)).

PUPIL PROCEEDING TO TECHNICAL COLLEGE FOR HOTEL MANAGEMENT COURSE

Helen M. Mulholland.

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Speech Day, 1956

On Tuesday, 27th November, 1956, we held our Annual Speech Day at Hill Stores.

The evening, with all its pomp and formality, is found to be very trying by the non-prize winners, but to the fortunate ones it is the crowning glory of a year of hard work.

Once again our Chairman was Alderman Hilton, who is the Chairman of the Governors, and, I might add, it is through Alderman Hilton and his persuasive powers that Greenhill Grammar School possesses many of the things that it has.

Our Guest of Honour was Dr. Mabel Tylecote, who is a leading historian and classical scholar. Dr. Tylecote is a very experienced public speaker as she showed the school that evening.

After the entrance of the School Governors, the school hymn, "Now thank we all our God," was sung. This was followed by the Chairman's Address and the Headmaster's Report. I think Mr. Higson should be complimented on the way he remembers everything, no matter how unimportant it may seem.

After two songs by the Girls' Choir we prepared to sit still for three quarters of an hour on seats which—well, I still have not quite recovered—and listen to something which we thought would bore us to tears. Our ideas were shattered, for Dr. Tylecote proved herself to be the school-child's friend. Her speech was neither too serious nor too light, but

it struck the happy medium. She told us that if we really wanted to reach the top we would do so, because nothing would be able to hold us back.

After two more songs, this time by the Boys' Choir, Dr. Tylecote presented the prizes, trophies, special awards, and also, the final triumph after five years in a Grammar School, the General Certificate of Education to some fifty-six boys and girls.

This was followed by two more songs, and it is a cause of some amusement that the Girls' Choir, during this performance, gained the help of two members of the male sex.

The Head Girl, Joan Scholefield, proposed the vote of thanks to Dr. Tylecote, and presented her, on behalf of the school, with a beautiful silver propelling pencil. The Head Boy, Robert Millward, proposed the vote of thanks to the Chairman of the Governors.

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Cricket

	P	W	L	D
1st XI	8	7	0	1
U.14 XI	4	0	3	1
U.12 XI	2	1	1	0

This season there has been much more interest in cricket and the 1st XI went throughout the season without losing a game.

The 1st XI opened their fixture with a game against Middleton and scored 67-8, due mainly to a fine stand between Millward and Jennings which produced 50 runs before Millward was out for twenty, Jennings for 30. Middleton scored 65-7 and the match was drawn. All games were played with fine spirit and many players were prominent in matches. A game which showed the very fine batting performances of the side was the game against Oldham Third. The school scored 113 in twenty overs for the loss of 5 wickets.

The under 14 XI and under 12 XI had only four fixtures and two respectively. The under 14 XI had an average season, winning 0, drawing 1, losing 3, and the under 12's drew one, lost one, both against Chadderton. In the first match Chadderton won on a time limit match. The school scored 43-7, with Vaudrey taking the highest score of 17; Chadderton replied with 44.

In the second match Greenhill won in a very interesting match, the scores being Chadderton 23 and Greenhill 28.

The outstanding fixture of the season was the match against the staff in the last week of the term. The school won the toss and elected to bat on a damp wicket. Wickets began to fall quickly and the school were all out for 44, Kershaw being the highest scorer with 9. The staff's bowling was dominated by some fine spin bowling from Mr. G. Wright, who had 5 wickets for twelve runs.

Mr. Cooper and Mr. Evans opened the batting for the staff, but the wickets again fell quickly, the only resistance coming from a staunch Mr. Higson. Finally the staff were all out for 38 after a grim battle for honours. For the school Jennings had 2 for six and Dyson 2 for seven.

The match on the whole was enjoyable, although both innings were marred by dubious decision by the umpires. Credit must go to Mr. Wright's "Wardle" effort and Mr. Cooper's "Tyson" effort, when the shuff were in the field.

Football

	P	W	L	D
1st XI	13	2	7	3
U.15 XI	11	3	7	1
U.12 XI	5	0	5	0

A brief examination of the above table shows that the school football teams have not had a very successful season, but what this table fails to show is the sporting spirit in which all games were played.

The 1st XI had their best season so far. They played many fine games and were unlucky to lose some of them. The games they won were against Chadderton 5-2, and Glossop 2-5, and in this match all the forward line scored, a great achievement. One of the memorable games of the season was the last, against Ashton. The school lost 2-4, but it was a great game, and shows the fine progress of the team, as they lost the first game 13-1.

The under 15 XI had the best record in the school, winning three games. Again the table does not show the great spirit with which all the games were played. The standard of play which this team has produced gives great hope of a more successful 1956-7 season.

The under 12 XI had a very poor season, losing all their matches, all to Chadderton. However, it is hoped that more fixtures will be arranged for this team in the 1956-7 season, and that the results will not discourage the boys.

This season has shown an increase in interest in football and although the teams have some football ability they have had some bad luck. Also contributing to the lack of success was the bad condition of the pitch in winter, the heavy ball not suiting our young teams.

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Town Swimming Gala

The following successes were gained in the Town Swimming Gala:—

1st Year

One length back stroke—Wilson, 2nd.
One length free style—Hope, 2nd.
Diving—Wilson, Finalist.

2nd Year

Two lengths back stroke—Gartside, 2nd.
Two lengths free style—Clark, 1st.
Diving—Clark, 2nd.

3rd Year

Three lengths back stroke—Dyson, 1st.
Medley—two lengths each—2nd.
Diving—Dyson, Finalist.

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House Notes

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Fawsitt House Report

House Master: MR. WELLS.

House Mistress: MISS TURNER.

Staff Members:

MR. HANDFORTH, MR. HOLLOS, MR. REEVES, MISS TAYLOR and
MISS PARKER.

House Captains: MICHAEL JENNINGS, PAULINE HOWARD.

Rounders Captain: BARBARA WHITE.

Netball Captain: GLENDA FENTON.

Senior Sports Captain: JOHN WOOD.

Junior Sports Captain: ALAN KINDON.

Results of House Matches:

Senior Girls: Hockey, lost 2.

Junior Girls: Hockey, won 2; Rounders, won 1 and drew 1.

Senior Boys: Soccer, won 1, lost 1; Cricket, won 1 and lost 1.

Junior Boys: Soccer, won 1, drew 1; Cricket, lost 2.

Last year the house set itself a very high standard to maintain, but I am sorry to say that this year it has not been maintained. In spite of this, however, we have once again several members of the house on various school teams. We are sorry to say goodbye to two House Captains, Melvyn Ratcliffe and Mary Mulholland, but we are equally glad to welcome their two successors. We welcome the newcomers and Miss Parker to the House. Michael Jennings and Pauline Howard are now the two House Captains.

Although this last year did not prove very successful, we have a bright future in front of us if everyone does his duty.

ALAN CLARK, 4L.

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Lees House

House Masters:

MR. G. WRIGHT, MR. K. WRIGHT, MR. F. D. PENDLEBURY.

House Mistresses: MRS. PILLING, MISS ROWE.

House Captains: VIVIEN BROOKS, IVAN HIBBERT.

Vice-Captain: DAVID SCOTT.

Senior Hockey Captain: DOROTHY RAINFORD.

Senior Netball Captain: JEAN WRIGHT.

Junior Hockey Captain: CAROL GRIMSDITCH.

Junior Netball Captain: AVRIL SMITH.

Senior Soccer Captain: R. MILLWARD.

Secretaries: EVELYN THOMPSON, ROBERT MILLWARD.

Junior Soccer Captain: E. HOLT.

Results:

Senior Girls: Netball, won 1, lost 1.

Junior Girls: Netball, won 2.

Senior Boys: Soccer, won 2.

Junior Boys: Soccer, drew 1, lost 1.

Firstly I must say welcome back to Mrs. Pilling who has taken over from Mrs. Morris since the beginning of this school year and also to Miss Rowe who joined us at the same time. Miss Best left us at Easter last year and we send our best wishes for her happiness in her new post.

Jean Dyson, last year's House Captain, left us and has since entered Doncaster Training College. Her place has been filled by Vivien Brooks, whilst Ivan Hibbert has remained as Boys' House Captain for another year.

I want to congratulate all our members for the wonderful attempt made last year in the various fields of sport and also to thank our staff members for their help and encouragement. We won the Swimming Cup, Games Cup and Athletics Shield and the Captains were very proud to receive these on your behalf. I hope that this grand effort will be an example and encouragement to our newest members as well as the rest of us to try hard to gain the work shield also this year. So do your best, "Blues," and let us keep this position as Top House for many more years to come.

VIVIEN BROOKS, VIALit.



Walton House

House Masters: MR. MARTIN, MR. COOKE, MR. COOPER, MR. TEMPEST.

House Mistresses: MRS. KULER, MISS POMFRET.

Girls' House Captain: M. TROTTER; *Vice-Captain:* P. BAYLIFFE.

Boys' House Captain: A. SELBY; *Vice-Captain:* G. HART.

Secretary: N. GODFREY.

Senior Hockey Captain: O. SHAW.

Junior Hockey Captain: J. MOORE; *Vice-Captain:* A. HALSALL.

Senior Netball Captain: G. OWSTON; *Vice-Captain:* O. SHAW.

Junior Netball Captain: S. CHADDERTON; *Vice-Captain:* S. STOTT.

Senior Tennis Captain: M. TROTTER; *Vice-Captain:* O. SHAW.

Junior Rounders Captain: S. CHADDERTON; *Vice-Captain:* S. STOTT.

Senior Soccer Captain: G. HART; *Vice-Captain:* A. SELBY.

Senior Cricket Captain: A. SELBY; *Vice-Captain:* H. ELLIS.

Junior Soccer Captain: B. DYSON; *Vice-Captain:* L. PRIEST.

Junior Cricket Captain: L. PRIEST; *Vice-Captain:* B. DYSON.

HOUSE MATCHES.

GIRLS:

Junior Hockey:

Green v. Red. Victory for Red.
Green v. Blue. Victory for Green.

Senior Hockey:

Green v. Red. Victory for Green.
Green v. Blue. Victory for Blue.

Senior Tennis :

Green v. Red. Victory for Green.
Green v. Blue. Victory for Blue.

Junior Rounders :

Green v. Red. Victory for Green.
Green v. Blue. Victory for Green.

Boys :

Senior Soccer :

Green v. Red. Victory for Red.
Green v. Blue. Victory for Blue.

Senior Cricket :

Green v. Red. Victory for Red.
Green v. Blue. Victory for Blue.

Until this year we have been rather short of senior members, but this year the upper school is rather healthier in this respect.

We were not very successful last year in the house matches, sports or the swimming gala, but we have at last won the merit shield. This is the first time we have done so and it is up to new as well as old members to help us to retain it.

As regards the house matches, the girls did better than the boys, and our congratulations go to the junior rounders team for winning both their matches.

As this is the second year which we have only just missed first place in the swimming gala, we must all pull in the same direction and put in a little more effort to win the swimming trophy once again.

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VI.Lit. Form Report

It's here!—No, I do not mean the library book thrown at Millward by Lamb—the illiterate genius (sorry, literary genius)—in one of his brighter moments, but the report of those interesting and hard-working (did you say something, Mr. Pendlebury?) characters who “hang out” in a “dive” just behind the map of Central Europe and a chart showing “Table Manners for Vegetarians.” I do hope the English Teachers will excuse my using the word “dive” but it just sums it up and besides the junior forms will know by now that we learn other languages besides French and German.

We few, we happy few, are held together by a gentleman who is probably Britain's answer to Homer and who every now and again demands a sum of money called, I think, the charity shilling, which the boys have never heard of and the girls never pay.

It felt very strange having to return to school to do something which we had never done before, namely—WORK, but after all, look at our poor comrades who have left and are now earning their coppers as reporters, office boys, solicitors, caterers, hairdressers, and the one luckless girl who wanted to enter a zoo.

The girls in the sixth year are kept in order by one nameless damsel who is descended from Boadicea but who I feel sure should have been chosen as the Empress Theodora. This CHARMING young lady is very highly educated—convent-bred, definitely convent—but unfortunately she thinks that “getting hep” is the common name for a disease of the Hepatic Portal Vein.

The boys are kept in rather more lenient ranks by Greenhill's answer to Robert Mitchum.

I think as this is our report we ought to thank Mr. Higson for allowing us (or should I say last year's sixth) to transform the boys' former dressing room into a cosy (hem) homely (h-em, h-em) peace-loving (he-e-e-em) discussion room. (There are no minutes to these discussions—but your guess is as good as mine).

When we returned to school, and managed to see the hall after being momentarily blinded, we found the upper hall and classrooms had been decorated in "restful" and "imaginative" colour schemes; the only trouble is you need plenty of imagination even to find out the restful aspect of the colours.

The only way to distinguish between the "literary lot" and the "scientific mob" is by the amount of work they do. If you see "a bod" walking about the school reading a dictionary then he's a "lit. lad", but if he flies from school dinners, not to bathe his fevered brow but to do his "chemmy prac", then he's a scientist.

Now I must close this account of the activities of the sixth form, but remember one thing, fellow pupils. We do try not to be too hard on you.

C. LAMB, VI.Gen.

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La Creme of the Sixth

(MEMORANDUM OF A SCIENTIST)

On that fateful day early in September, 1956, we, the remnants of the "Seekers After Truth", gathered together in great anticipation. A large reinforcement soon arrived and our leader gave a sermon, the first of many. Let us recall some of the previous year's happenings.

A noteworthy event was the initiation of the "Prefects' Common Room", which we condescended to share with the "Lit. Lot", their presence adding to the significance of the name. During the Easter Holidays certain enthusiasts came to school to help with the alterations to this room.

At the beginning of the summer term faces began to look anxious. The prospect of exams loomed ahead. The older and wiser members of our little community settled down to their preparation immediately, the rest following their lead, and soon shadowed eyes and stubbly beards became noticeable. However, the storm passed, the examiners were satisfied, and the morale of "LA CREME" returned to its normal high standard. We should like to record here that one of our number, Gerald Carr, has proceeded to the Faculty of Medicine, Manchester. We wish him every success. Before we push last term into the past let us mention certain incidents which cannot be forgotten: A certain language master asked when translating a thesis from that language to English: "Dehydrated water perhaps?" Another stated: "The resistance of Selium increases in the dark". A certain proof always brings amusement: "Let b lines of force pass through the magnet. These b lines"

This term we returned to find that the upper hall and classrooms had been decorated in the contemporary rainbow fashion! However, the laboratories were as grim as ever and on our first switching on of the lights a bulb exploded.

This year's sixth is the largest for some time which can be disadvantageous during practical periods. Imagine six or seven poisonous gases, each with its own powerful odour, being prepared at the same time and

only one fume cupboard in operation! Well, at least, it keeps the "Lit. Lot" away.

One of the new recruits, we mention no names, decided to make a certain gas, could not stop the reaction, and had to collect twenty gas jars of the gas.

Such is life with "LA CREME".

THE HALOGENS, VI.Sc.

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5L Form Report

Originally we, the Three Musketeers, were going to write a form report including every person in the form; but, after hot words flung across the classroom, it was decided that one half of the class did not wish to be mentioned.

Our form consists of 22 pupils, 7 of whom are boys. In the back corner "Eagle-eyed" Ellis tries to decipher the hieroglyphics on the blackboard, whilst Wrigley, or "Rock 'n Roll Red", takes us "Walking in the Rain". Next there is Table Tennis Tony (not Tyson, just Dyson). All the nice girls love a sailor but do they all like Dennis, our future "Sea-Dog"? There is also "Feeble Feber", the school's strongest man. Next, Betty dances her way to stardom—straight through the floor. Then there is Vivacious Veronica, who never splits her infinitives (Wot? French or Latin?). She is followed by "Diana of the Woods", the original nymph.

Clara, the "Salvationist", converts us all (to what?) and Muscley Mac runs the straight race. Last and almost least, 'Opeless, Capless, 'Elpless Edgar.

Signed with apologies,

"DORIS THE DREAM",
"BARBARA THE BEAN",
"JUNE THE GOON".

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5G Form Report

(LES HOMMES)

N.B.—This report is Cert. X and unfit for pupils under 15 years of age.

Our form consists of 12 pupils, 8 girls (?) and we the boys (cheers!). On entering our classroom you are placed in jeopardy, you might be choked to death by smoke fumes or battered to death by chalk missiles projected from half-opened desk lids.

Morris, or Dido, sits at the side of me (Ivell or Sloss) and makes feeble imitations of the Goons, whilst Dowd (Tweet) sings the Yington song. Then there is I (Ivan or Sack) who, Sloss says, is an angel in sheep's clothing. So I reply saying "no angel would be so near to a devil".

Tweet takes an active part in swimming and football, whilst Dido takes an active part in swimming. We all take part in the fascinating sport of ? ! *

Our form teacher is Mr. Martin and he tries his best to keep us under control.

Lastly there is the class motto, "Come ye who dare".

If we were you we would not bother reading the girls' report because it will be no good even if they write one.

SACH AND SLOSS.

4L Form Report

Our class is composed of 8 boys and 23 others and we are the most intelligent, intellectual and literary form in the school, modesty being the essence of our success. Our class is divided into several groups: "The Corney Corner Crooners", "The Rowdy Rugby Remnants" and a few refugees from the "Latics". A few of us play on school teams, but the more energetic play chess. (Several of the girls have already acquired notches on their hockey sticks). Our form sports two Crew-cutted Casanovas and also has the long and short of the 4th Form. By the way, our warder is Magister Reeves, and we hibernate in Room 11.

Pro Bono Publico (For the good (!) of the people).

"SONS OF FRED".

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4S Form Report

Our form consists of would-be scientists, seven girls and nineteen boys. The latest addition to our form is Peter Haughton. Our form master is Mr. Petford, who has a job keeping us in order in Room 10.

On the sports side we are represented on the under-fifteen team by Captain Kershaw and his four merry men. Glenda Fenton plays for the school hockey team while Holden, Gordon and Hilda Silverman swim for the school. Several members of the form are in the various societies and clubs in the school. Four of the five chess members are in our form. Our teacher tells us that we are the noisiest form in the school and lack the intelligence of last year's 4S, but there is a strong disapproval on this point.

JOHN EVANS AND FRANK HOLDEN.

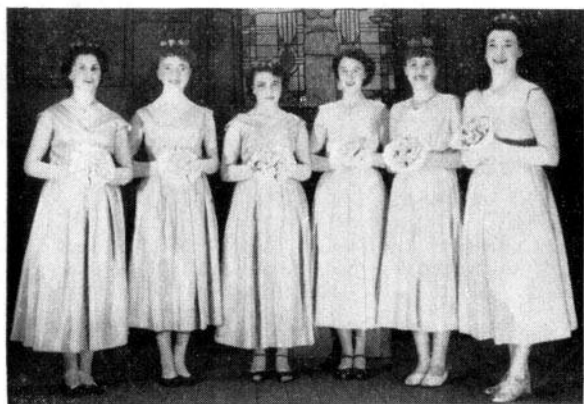
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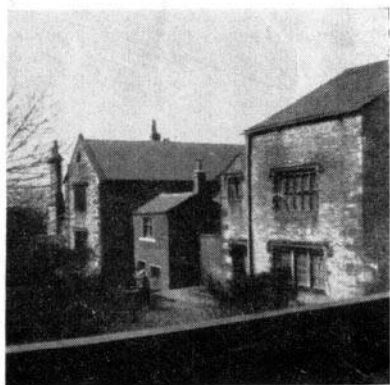
4G Form Report

This year our form consists of people from last year's 3A, 3B and 3C. We are the practical people, those who take Cookery, Needlework and Woodwork. About half of the girls take Needlework and the others Cookery, but not all the boys take Woodwork, because David Clegg has exerted his right to take Cookery. Members of the Football Team include David Clegg, Garth Payne, Kenneth Jones and Harold Salisbury, whilst others, for example John Crumpton, have outside interests. He is a member of Royton Harriers and Athletic Club. Most of the boys are keen Rugby fans, supporting the victorious Oldham Rugby Football Club, and we are sorry that we are confined to playing Football, although we play Rugby as often as possible in the school yard.

Many of the girls are keen sports enthusiasts, Jacqueline Gartside and Pat Marsh playing in the School Hockey and Netball Teams, whilst three of the girls are members of the Scripture Union, and Pauline Millington, Lily Buckley and Doreen Marra sing in the Choir. The boys, however, are not singers, but on entering the classroom some of them can be heard moaning the latest song hits. Our form master, Mr. Wells, is a strict disciplinarian but he has his good moods and, while we are rowdy, we are not completely insane. Our Form Room, the Geography Room, has been newly painted in blue and cream, and this has improved its looks a great deal, whilst maps and pictures add to the attractive appearance.

P.S.—We are not looking forward to the next exams.





3A Form Report

We are very glad to welcome five new members into our form, one of whom came from Shropshire. At the same time we are very sorry to lose three of our former members of 2A.

Many people are interested in playing in the house teams and many are on them. Some girls had the opportunity to visit the ballet at Manchester and they enjoyed it very much. Some members of our form are interested in the Scripture Union and some girls are in the Speech Day Choir. We are a very happy form and hope to have a happy year together.

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3B Form Report

This term our class consists of 19 girls and 11 boys and our form teacher is Mr. Tempest. On the whole we are quite an athletic class as three girls are on the junior hockey team, two are on the netball team, two are junior house captains, and four boys are on the football team. We are also quite musical as some play the piano, one boy plays the piano accordion and four girls are members of the choir. We are very sorry to say no boys are in it.

About two months ago Miss Turner took a party of girls, some of whom were from our class, to the Festival Ballet at Manchester Palace. Also four boys and eight girls were among the parties who went to Castle-shaw Camp at Oldham Wakes.

We are well represented in out-of-school activities as there are members of the Scientific Society, Scripture Union and the Chess Club.

This completes our form report for 3B this year, and we all hope that next year 3B will be as happy as ours this term.

ANN GOODALL, JENNIFER HICKLING AND PETER ECKERSLEY.

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1A Form Report

We all take a great interest in school activities. For instance we have a few pupils in every society. In the swimming gala we had two boys and four girls who represented our school. We all bring a penny on Friday. We collected a fairly large sum of money for the Hungarian Relief Fund. Miss Rowe kindly helped us by bringing pictures for our scrap album on the Greeks.

Many of us have personal hobbies, for instance: Fred Hollingworth and Gail Burdock both won prizes for Musical Festivals. Merle Clough and Jacqueline Cooke both won medals for ballroom dancing. Pauline Bardsley is a promising pupil.

Three of our boys, David Cooke, Paul Fletcher and Douglas Abbott are keen campers.

Editors: GAIL BURDOCK, PAULINE BARDSLEY, DAVID COOKE.

1B Form Report

When we first come to Greenhill, we were all strangers, but we soon began to find our way around.

Most of the girls like Games, Science and French. We have Science in the Physics and Chemistry labs. with the boys.

Most of the boys like Science in which they are studying temperatures. Also they like games and woodwork. Most of us like Greenhill very much.

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1C Form Report

Our form consists of seventeen girls and nine boys. Our form mistress is Miss Taylor. The Games Captain for the girls is Sandra Schofield. Four of the boys in our form have played on the under-twelves football team for Greenhill. Both boys and girls are very fond of games; the boys play football and the girls netball.

The boys' favourite lessons are games, reading and science. The girls' favourite lessons are cookery, games and music. Many of our form members are in the school choir and enjoy singing in it. Quite a few of the people in our form are interested in stamp collecting and we also have some musicians. Our charity fund representatives are Sylvia Merritt and Mervyn Whitehead.

We are very happy at Greenhill and know that we will enjoy our future years here.

CHRISTOBELL TAYLOR, ENID WHITEHEAD.

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Chess Club

This year the Chess Club has lost its chairman, Mr. Pendlebury. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Hollos and the first year boys. This year our team consisted of three ever-presents of last year and one, who did not join last year, was ever-present in 1954-1955.

The officials are—

Hon. Secretary: J. TRAVIS.

Treasurer: A. KEARSHAW.

Committee: R. NUTTER, J. SANDS, G. SMITH.

The team, which have entered the Oldham Chess League, have played 7, won 4, lost 2, drawn 1.

J. TRAVIS.

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Nursing Club

At the beginning of the Autumn Term, 1955, the Nursing Club was formed by Miss Turner. At the first meeting there was quite a large gathering, but the numbers gradually diminished and at the moment there are not many of us. We practise bandaging and hold discussions on the

various aspects of home nursing and hospital life. At the last field day we formed the first-aid post, working in half-hour shifts. We should like to add that all girls interested in nursing the injured will be welcomed.

We should also like to thank Miss Turner who has devoted so much of her time every week to make the Nursing Club possible.

MARGARET MILLS, MAUREEN BURKE, PEARL PARK,
BERYL TAYLOR.

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Scripture Union

The end of the Summer Term, 1956, saw the departure of all our senior members of the Scripture Union in the school. Fortunately, we still had Miss Pomfret as a member. This term, too, a few members of the 4th Form became members, so that we now have representatives in the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Forms.

The numbers at the meetings are higher than ever before, as far as the oldest member can remember. The officers were chosen for the Autumn term this year and are: Treasurer, Doreen Coupe (4th Form); Secretaries, A. Kerr and D. A. Berryman (3rd Form); Official Sign-writer, L. Wright (2nd Form).

So far this term we have been honoured by the presence of Miss Carney, M.A., who is Secretary of the S.U. in the district, as speaker.

This year a book reporting on each of the meetings has been started. We in the S.U. hope that we may continue to expand in union together.

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Table Tennis Club

President: MR. H. J. MARTIN.

Secretary and Treasurer: M. JENNINGS.

Boys' Captain: R. MILLWARD.

Girls' Captain: E. THOMPSON.

Committee:

MR. PETFORD, MRS. KULER, MR. MARTIN,
M. JENNINGS, R. MILLWARD, E. THOMPSON, E. SANDERSON, P. TIMMIS.

The Table Tennis Club is again functioning this year, and once again there is a full membership. The club is open to both boys and girls of the V and VI Forms. The girls play on Tuesday and Thursday, the boys on Monday and Wednesday, and there is a mixed day on Friday.

Last year singles and doubles handicaps were arranged amongst the members of the club. The doubles handicap was won by P. Howard and M. Grindrod, from M. Jennings and J. Mitchell. The singles handicap was closely contested throughout and in the final M. Jennings beat G. Faulkner in two straight sets, 21-19 and 21-14.

A team composed of staff and senior boys played the staff of Henshaw's School, and after a very enjoyable evening of table tennis the staff finally triumphed 15-10 games. A return game is being arranged for later this term.

A Visit to the London Festival Ballet

On Saturday, 20th October, a number of girls from the 3rd Form went to the Manchester Palace to see Act II of "Swan Lake" and "Coppelia". The main dancers in "Swan Lake" were Belinda Wright and John Gilpin, and in "Coppelia" they were Marilyn Burr and Louis Godfrey. Anne Rowse danced the part of the doll "Coppelia" and Russell Kerr danced the part of "Coppelius". We all enjoyed both ballets, but especially the bright colours of Coppelia. We should all like to express our thanks to Miss Turner for organising this interesting trip.

JOAN CHEETHAM AND DOROTHY CHADWICK.

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The School Concert

Amongst the many and varied activities of our school, the art of the theatre was sadly lacking, and our aspiring Bernhards and Gielguds were bereft of a stage to perform upon. This major difficulty was, however, successfully overcome by the "do it yourself" attitude of a number of able workers in school, who, in the course of a few months, designed and duly erected to the sounds of loud hammering and "pass another nail, G..." an impressive stage, the proscenium of which adds greatly to the appearance of an otherwise dull hall. Being thus provided with the stage, our dramatically inclined friends could hardly curb their impatience to "tread the boards". Since that moment the staff were inundated with offers to perform and our peaceful dinner-hours were, from then on, shattered by the (tuneful) rendering of Messrs. Gilbert & Sullivan's works, to say naught of the constant piano practising; and after school the cleaners swept to the sound of tapping feet. Singing! Dancing! Acting! More singing—then the first night arrived.

The first half of the show travelled smoothly under the guidance of our chairman, Mr. Higson. The piano solos and a duet were well chosen beautiful pieces and were played excellently by Veronica Hetherington and Harry Butterworth. Two "slick" dance routines by Mavis Joyce and Betty Howard went down well and there was a pleasing Hungarian Dance by Freda Anderson of Form 1. Mavis Fielding, also of Form 1, gave us "The Country Curate"—extremely amusing. Tony Kerr sang Schubert's "Ave Maria", and Mr. Wells sang two "Salt Water Ballads" by John Masefield, two good voices giving of their best. The appropriate casting of the play "A Very Awkward Mistake", by V.Lit, brought an abundance of laughs and Mary Mulholland's hip-swinging-nineteen-twenty portrayal of mutton dressed like lamb was most entertaining. It was not a good play materially, but the VI Form made commendable use of their resources. The first half was brought to a close by Kershaw, of Form 2, who played a number of popular tunes on his piano accordion.

After tea and biscuits had been served we sallied forth into "Trial by Jury". It would seem unfair to single out any one person upon whom to bestow praise, but we feel that a word of thanks (and congratulations) to Mr. Handforth would not be out of place. The diction was clear and precise, the acting was good. None of the principals seemed nervous and they tripped brightly from song to song supported by a well-rehearsed chorus. Both the "twelve good men and true" and the ribbon-bedecked ladies of the public gallery were very much their parts once the curtain went up, and at times one did begin to "dread their fury". This combination of staff and pupils seemed to hold great promise of things to come and we hope this is only the first of a never-ending stream of productions, musical or otherwise.

The Visit to Castleshaw Camp

Last Week our school was given the privilege of using Castleshaw Camp for the first time. Eighteen boys took advantage of this holiday and everyone left with something added to his knowledge of photography.

On Monday, 2nd July, we left school at 10 a.m. approximately and arrived at Castleshaw Camp at 10-30. We were met by the warden, Mr. Lassom, and his wife, on our arrival. The Warden then showed us to our dormitories and told us how the camp was run. We were then split into four groups in order to do dish-washing and cleaning. After dinner each group was sent separately to take features of the local districts. At six o'clock we were allowed to play table tennis and were told how to print and develop photographs. At 9-30 we had supper which consisted of cocoa and sandwiches.

Tuesday, we went for a walk along the "Pack Horse" road in the direction of Marsden. From here we thumbed a lift back to the camp. In the afternoon Leslie Kershaw and myself printed photos in the cellar, whilst the rest of the party played either table tennis or cricket. Supper was taken at the same time.

Wednesday morning we went to the Castleshaw Water Works and were told how water was purified and how samples were sent to Manchester for analysis monthly. In the afternoon we went to Saddleworth Church and took photographs of the church and Bill's o' Jack's grave was visited. We were again allowed to play table tennis. Supper was taken at 10-45 at night.

On Thursday, the whole day was free. The table tennis final was played between Peter Wood and Geoffrey Smith. Leslie and myself worked in shifts printing snaps during the week.

After dinner on Friday, Anthony Regan gave, on behalf of the party, to Mr. and Mrs. Lassom boxes of chocolates. We left for school at 2-0 p.m.

So ended an enjoyable holiday. Brian Kay was ill on Tuesday and was taken home, but fortunately Brian came back on the Thursday.

J. TRAVIS.

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Castleshaw Camp

At 9-45 a.m. on the 25th June a party of 19 girls under Miss Taylor and Miss Pomfret went to Castleshaw for a week. We travelled through Waterhead, Scouthead and Delph and along the main Huddersfield Road towards Standedge Cutting. Then we went down the private road to Castleshaw Camp. We were greeted by Mr. Lassom, the Warden, and his dog, Penny. We were shown into the Common Room where we met Mrs. Lassom and her two sons, Robert and Richard. We were then shown to the dormitories and the schoolroom. After lunch we went to Delph village and proceeded to Heights Church. We occupied ourselves in the evening.

The following morning we went to the schoolroom to write an account of the previous day. This we did every morning in our diaries. In the afternoon we paid a visit to Saddleworth Church where we were shown round by the Rev. R. E. Rodgers. We had an interesting time at the church. We went through the graveyard and then to the vicarage where we met his wife. On returning to the camp we found that Miss Turner and Miss Turbefield had come to visit us. In the evening we had dancing and games. During the night Catherine Smith fell off the top bunk and

about the same time Ann Goodall, a girl in the other dormitory, was feeling ill as she had drunk too much mineral.

We spent Wednesday afternoon at the Waterworks nearby. On our return we found that Mr. Higson had arrived for tea. Afterwards a group of boys and girls from Delph Youth Club came for a game of rounders.

The next day was Jean Parkinson's birthday. Her mother and brother were invited. Some of the girls made a cake. After the party Miss Turner and Mr. Handforth came and we entertained them. Later on Mr. Handforth sang a song for us. When we went to the dormitories we discovered that our pyjamas were tied in knots. At first we expected that Mr. Handforth had done it, but later we found that it was Miss Taylor and Miss Pomfret.

The last day came all too soon. In the morning we had to help to clean the house. We gave votes of thanks and prizes were given to various people. Soon after lunch the coach came and we set off for school singing as we went on our way. More than half of the girls were crying, but whether it was with grief on leaving Castleshaw Camp or with grief on returning to school was not quite clear.

BARBARA GARTSIDE, ANN GOODALL.

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Greenhill Grammar School

My first impression of Greenhill school,
Was, that everybody was calm and cool,
The prefects showed us around the place,
Of broken windows there was no trace.

The atmosphere is warm and friendly,
But there's work to be done and it won't be easy,
With help and guidance from our teachers,
Gaining knowledge through their lectures.

From records hanging on the wall,
To attain such a standard is the aim of all,
In work and sport we'll do our best.
To honour our school with zeal and zest.

RONALD JAMES.

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The Seasons

When Winter's gone then Spring is here,
And what is more the Summer's near,
The birds are singing in the trees,
The flowers are nodding in the breeze;
The little lambs come out to play,
Spring has surely come to stay.

Then comes Summer bright and gay,
The sun shines nearly every day,
The roses are in their full bloom,
With such a delicate perfume;
And no grey clouds foretell the rain,
Now that Summer's here again.

Now Autumn comes in all her glory,
And here I tell another story;
Of leaves of russet and of brown,
That to the earth come falling down,
And squirrels put their nuts in store,
To eat when Autumn is no more.

Then there's Winter bleak and cold,
The year is really getting old,
And by the frozen ponds and lakes,
The boys and girls put on their skates;
For though there's hardly any sun,
Winter really is such fun.

C. COLLINGE.

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Pot-holing as a Hobby

When we learned that we were to have a holiday, five of us decided to go pot-holing. We were all fourth formers, namely Gordon, who has done this before, and four newcomers, Blackshaw, Crumpton, Holden and Payne. We met on the Friday of the half term holiday, all of us dressed accordingly in old clothes, for potholes are extremely dirty. We all wore thick boots and carried torches. We travelled by the express to Greenfield, from where Gordon guided us to the hole. After a brief pause the latter fastened a belay to a rock at the entrance and paid out the 100ft. rope. He then proceeded to descend until he reached the first turning which was rather dangerous as only a narrow ledge separated us from a 30ft. fall to a rock bottom. After a frantic shout of "Shall I go back, Jeff?" from Blackshaw, he managed to pass. There were no other upsets and soon everyone had slithered across the ledge to a safer position. Gordon then dropped the rope down the drop and we all descended. Once down we were safe to stretch our legs. We suddenly realised that we were very hungry and decided to return to the top for dinner. Holden provided a stepping stone to success for Blackshaw and Gordon who found it easy with his help to climb back.

Once back in daylight we attempted to rid ourselves of the mud, but still wearing black faces we lit a fire, ate our sandwiches and attempted to persuade Holden to part with some of his ginger beer. After the fight, Holden's miserly attitude left us still thirsty but everything was gathered up and we set off to do some rock climbing, but that's another story.

F. HOLDEN, J. GORDON.

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Werneth Hall

Werneth Hall, probably the oldest inhabited building in the Oldham area, has been described as the most beautiful building in the district and I firmly support this description. The hall stands at the corner of Frederick Street on the road which bears its name. It is a light brown sandstone structure and is surrounded by a brick wall lined on the inside with old hawthorn trees.

Opinions differ about the date of the hall but there was a hall in the year 1212 (mentioned in Parish records). This building was destroyed by fire in 1456 when it was the home of the Oldham family. The present building on the site of the last named structure is now a stone house and is reputed to be 600 years old. The present hall, however, is a conglomeration of several separate parts and probably dates from late Elizabethan or early Jacobean times. This building had probably a centre building with two wings but only a portion of the old frontage remains. The centre

portion has been replaced with a brick cottage which was the huntsman's lodge before it was burned out and rebuilt. The east wing appears to have been extended and mutilated at the top, but whether it was ever a gable end is uncertain. There is an original entrance doorway in the east wing facing towards the south. The old five-light mullioned windows with labels are intact in both wings except for the lower windows where the mullions have been cut out. The west wing runs through the back of the house, where there are two five-light mullioned and transformed windows with label mouldings. A modern stone extension has been made to the house on the west side which effectually hides the old work on that side.

In the year 1216 the Hall belonged to William de Werneth, but was later sold to the Cudworths, who made it the Manor House of Oldham. Then it passed to the Assheton family and was later bought by Marjory Lees, who converted it into flats for her maids. The Hall is scheduled for preservation under the Town and Country Planning Act as a building of architectural and historical interest. The Oldham Corporation have approached Miss Lees to buy it from her and convert it into the Town Museum.

J. P. MAYBURY, 5 Science.

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Invasion—France, 1944

We slipped out of our moorings,
As the night turned into dawn,
And we felt the rays of sunshine,
That heralded the morn.

As I paced along the steel deck,
I heard the telegraphs ring,
We're on our way at last I thought,
What will the morning bring?

The L.C.As. packed full with men,
Surged past us with a roar,
Their task was not an easy one,
To clear the enemy shore.

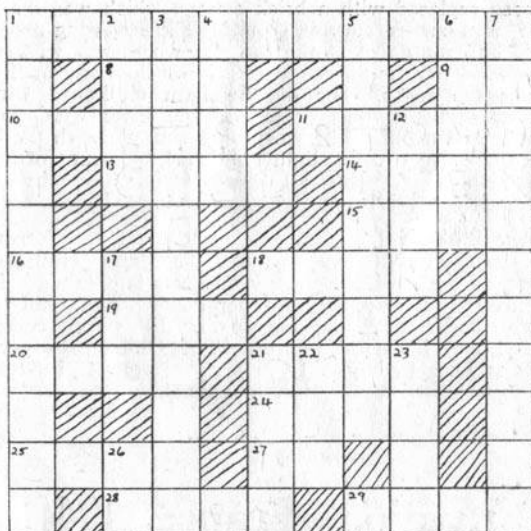
But clear the enemy shore they did,
They battled all the way,
To make this world a better place
On June the sixth, D-Day.

LAWRENCE FEELEY, 2A.

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An Accident

In the darkness there was a rumble,
Coal, bricks and water.
They all fell on top of men,
Some screamed, some prayed,
Prayed that they might live.
Men were running, falling, panting,
Striving for their safety.
Some men succeeded, but others
Tried in vain, for they were drowned,
Drowned by swirling, angry water.
The men who lived to tell the tale
Will remember their friends far away.



Crossword

Solution on page 37.

CLUES.

ACROSS.

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| 1. Lives at Reno. Made known to all (11). | 19. Such reading helps the deaf (3). |
| 8. A king of Judah (3). | 20. Fish. The French direction mixed will serve (4). |
| 9. Old Testament (abbreviation) (2). | 21. Container from tramp ailments (4). |
| 10. Seasoning sailors (5). | 24. Son of Isaac (4). |
| 11. A breathing pore (5). | 25. Give way (4). |
| 13. The place for teas (4). | 27. Brown—a berry (2). |
| 14. Odds seldom are (4). | 28. Mr. Fletcher's are decidedly odd (4). |
| 15. Tear (4). | 29. Only a lake (4). |
| 16. The direction is ill. Was it hit on the head? (4). | |
| 18. Reap a harvest of fruit (4). | |

DOWN

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| 1. R.I.P.—for van Winkle too (4, 2, 5). | 6. Name (5). |
| 2. A tract of low ground between hills (4). | 7. Bring to a uniform standard (11). |
| 3. Set up in a businesslike way (11). | 12. Lover almost at an end (4). |
| 4. Said to have had a delicate air (4). | 17. Jillian without Jan and I (3). |
| 5. Among others (5, 4). | 21. Apes in a pod (4). |
| | 22. Donkey in a passage (3). |
| | 23. Rule into a trap (4). |
| | 26. Accomplish (2). |

The Story of a Trader

It was one month before the typhoon season. The captain of a schooner had given orders to set sail.

He was trading in the South Seas among the islands. The captain was anxious to complete his voyage, as his ship was due for an overhaul. Up to the present he had had a successful trip and was now heading for his last port of call, two hundred miles away. Sailing easily along he reached his destination in seven days. When he had finished trading three days later, he loaded with fresh supplies for himself and crew for his voyage to his home port.

For a few days all went well, until without warning the barometer fell and the sea went suddenly calm. Then the typhoon was upon them. It had come two weeks before the usual time, and everything was thrown into confusion with the schooner heeling and pitching wildly. The captain commanded his crew to rig the lifelines. As he was walking to help, there was a violent shuddering felt in the vessel as she was caught broadside-on to the seas. She heeled precariously to port and the captain, in attempting to return aft to help his helmsman to bring her head-on, was swept overboard by pounding waves. He kept on swimming to safety, but the tide was against him.

At last, exhausted with swimming, wading and scrambling from the sea, he rolled on the beach half senseless.

GAIL BURDOCK, 1A.

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Our Netball Team

Every school has a netball team,
But the one at ours is really a scream.
Some girls are tall and some are small,
But we don't mind, we cheer them all.
And when they're told they have to play
The very following Saturday,
They practice morning, noon and night,
Until the day comes, a breath-taking sight,
As they wait for the whistle, standing quite still.
And then the game starts. Oh! what a thrill,
They've begun at last and they jump about.
Then someone or other lets out a shout,
"Good gracious! What's come over them,
The Greenhill team has scored again".
But though our team with eagerness tried,
The game was won by the opposing side.

A. GOODALL, Form 3B.

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Autumn

It was all like a dream in the garden today,
The leaves once so golden had all blown away.
It happened so suddenly no one can tell
How the wind whistled angrily through the dark dell.

The leaves whirled about trying hard to escape
From the great gusts of wind and a horrible fate.
But try as they might it seemed without doubt
That their fate was decided as they all whirled about.

Then quite as suddenly as it had appeared,
The wind took flight over the hills and disappeared,
Leaving the leaves lying quivering on the ground,
To be collected by the gardener on his weary round.

JENNIFER HICKLING, 3B.

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“Faisant L'Autostop”

To any prospective continental hitch-hikers I would like to offer this advice. Avoid France! Many hitch-hikers of all nations, especially German, make their way to France with the result that there are so many thumbing lifts that the average Frenchman is fed up to the teeth with them and is less likely to co-operate.

When our expedition commenced it consisted of three youths, aged 17. We arrived at Dover after two days' hitch-hiking and boarded the boat about 5 p.m. in the evening. The crossing was a nightmare. Even the water was choppy in the harbour. Many of the passengers were sick and when I went to see how my friends were faring, two pale-green faces appeared from behind two books. After docking at Calais we moved down to Rouen and then to Chartres, by-passing Paris as we did not want to spend up too early.

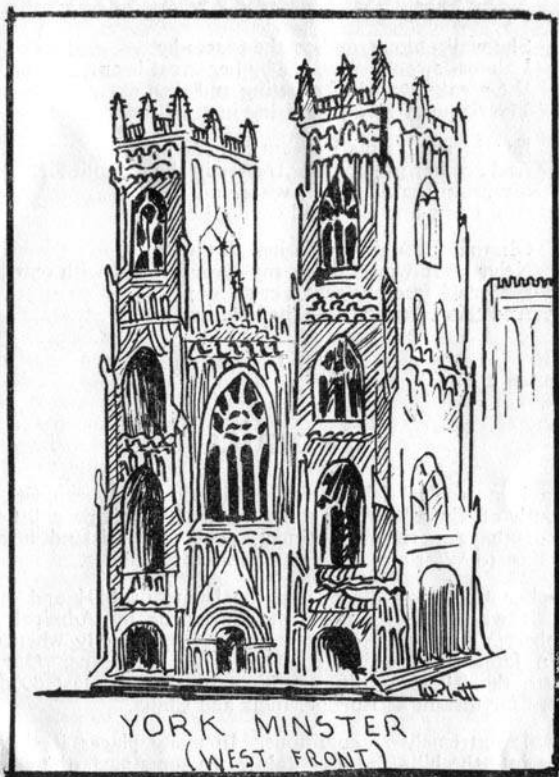
From conversation with various French people we found that they are very proud of their country and especially of their cathedrals. The Frenchmen were intensely interested in politics and world affairs. They asked our opinions on the problems of the Suez and Algeria.

Unfortunately, after two weeks' travel, we had to separate because one person can travel more quickly alone. In France, lorries cannot take hitch-hikers as there is no third party insurance, so this removed one of our possible modes of transport. Therefore, we separated and planned to meet on the Riviera. However, I never reached the Riviera and we did not meet again until we arrived home. My two friends reached the Riviera, stayed there a week, and returned home via Paris. However, I could not go any further. So I made my way into the Black Forest, Germany, then through the Saar and Luxemburg to Brussels where I stayed for three days. After reaching London and staying there a week I returned home, having been away a month and spent about £24.

Of the many things that we saw, I should like to draw attention to one which will interest the geographers. Near Lyons we saw an “erratic”, that is a huge boulder that had been transported by an Alpine Glacier, in the Ice Age, and left on the ground perched on another stone. It is very enjoyable having a holiday on the continent, but we were glad to return to England, to the left side of the road and to good cups of tea.

We all returned convinced that our French had improved. Then back to school and the French teacher. It was then that our convictions sadly departed.

R. MILLWARD, VI.Lit.



A place of interest which I have visited

On May 12th, 1956, I went with Limeside School to York.

We visited the York Minster, the Castle Gardens and a number of other places, but the place that interested me most was the Castle Museum.

The Castle Museum is really a village built in a very big room. All the floors are either cobbled or of stone flags. As we went in through the door we went up a flight of steps and there in front of us was an old-fashioned living room and across from that a kitchen—both of which were fitted up in every detail.

As we went along in one street we could look through the windows of the house or shops and see everything inside. One shop was a Candlestick Maker's, another a Lace Maker's. In one street stood a carriage with a stuffed horse harnessed to it.

One of the last things we saw was the Blacksmith's Shop. Inside we saw some of the equipment a blacksmith uses. After this we left the museum and set off for the Castle Gardens.

After visiting many more interesting sites we went for an hour's sail up the river. Then we returned to the coaches ready for the return journey.

E. LOMAX.

Ode to a Loved One

She walks along, and as she passes by
I almost swoon, o'ercome by her great beauty.
We speak a word of greeting and then part,
The flame of love fast rising in my heart.

For days and days I dream of none but her,
And see her glimmering tresses in the moonlit air.
My brain begins to reel within my head,
And I toss and turn and cannot lie abed.

Oh, that I could be with her all the years,
Ne'er more would these, my eyes, be filled with tears.
But cruel fate has cast a cruel lot;
And this I cannot do—she loves me not.

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Jamaica

Jamaica is a tropical island situated in the Caribbean Sea just over 90 miles south of Cuba and 100 miles west of Haiti, or a little over 300 miles east of the American Continent. This small island measures 148 miles from East to West and its greatest width is 52 miles.

Christopher Columbus discovered the island in 1494 and on the 10th May, 1655, it was captured from the Spaniards by Admiral Penn and General Robert Venables. No-one is able to say exactly when the people who lived in Jamaica were first referred to as Jamaicans. Our ancestors have come to the island at different times during the last 300 years and from lands as far distant as Europe, India and China.

Jamaica is extremely mountainous. In many places it rises abruptly from the sea into the hills and mountains. In some parts there is a narrow margin of flat land which widens into wide plains especially in some parts of the South Coast. The mountains run in ranges most of which lie in a north-east, south-west direction. The chief mountain range is called the Blue Mountains and its highest point, the Blue Mountain Peak, is about 7,400 feet high.

There are several large plains and many fertile valleys in Jamaica. The capital city, Kingston, is built on the Liguanea Plain. The district of Vere is the largest continuous plain in the island and is one of the best sugar producing areas in Jamaica.

There are numerous rivers. Jamaica is known as the "Island of Springs" and its old Indian name, "Xaymaca", means "Land of wood and water". There are many mineral springs of medicinal value, two of the most important being the Black River Spa in St. Elizabeth, and the St. Thomas Bath in St. Thomas.

There are extensive deposits of bauxite (aluminium ore) and at the moment there are three large mining companies engaged in mining the ore—Alumina Jamaica Ltd., Reynolds Jamaica Mines and Kaiser Bauxite Co. There are also small deposits of zinc, lead, manganese, and other metals—but these are not yet being mined commercially. A search for oil is currently being undertaken.

Owing to the mountainous character of the country, the climate of Jamaica varies considerably in different parts of the island. It is hot on the sea-coast and the low-lying lands, and cool on the uplands. More than half the area of the island is less than a thousand feet above sea level.

Jamaica is largely an agricultural country. By far the largest portion of the working population is engaged in agriculture, our chief products being bananas, citrus, coffee, sugar and rum, which are exported mainly to the United Kingdom. In the last few years a large number of industries have been started and there is a tendency for the younger generation to flock to the towns from the country. As is the case in most small overgrown communities there is an urge to emigrate. Formerly, Jamaicans went to the U.S.A., but since the war and the McCarran Act which has restricted Jamaica's quota to only 100 persons per year emigrating, that avenue is almost closed so now Jamaicans are travelling to Britain in search of a new life and better opportunities.

There is still, unfortunately, some illiteracy in Jamaica. Education is free in elementary schools and these schools are all under Government control but most of them are attached to churches. There is a higher class of schools for boys and girls; these are known as colleges and secondary schools and are mainly maintained by funds left by private persons for that purpose or by churches to which they are attached. In these schools the scholars pay for their education. There are also a good number of private schools entirely self-supporting. In addition there are vocational schools in which the students are taught occupations by which they may earn a living.

The University College of the West Indies is located in Jamaica and is affiliated to London University. It comprises beautiful modern buildings and is very well situated in the residential section of St. Andrew. It was opened in 1948 by Princess Alice of Athlone, who is the Chancellor. It is now attended by about 300 students from the West Indies and other countries. Degrees are offered in arts, medicine, science, etc.

In 1944 adult suffrage was introduced and with it came a new constitution whereby Jamaica is governed by a new ministerial system and elected members are responsible for the running of the country. Today we are on the very threshold of self-government.

The population, which has been very readily increasing, stands at a little over 1½ million.

In 1955, to mark the 300 years since Jamaica became a part of the British Commonwealth of Nations, there were island-wide, year-long festivities. The name given to these festivities is "Jamaica 300". It was the achievements in industry, commerce, agriculture, education, art, culture and sport. Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret honoured Jamaica 300 with a visit to the island from the 19th to 24th February, 1955, as part of a Caribbean tour.

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"The old girl prefects, they ain't what they used to be"

The fifth day of November
Was a day to remember
When the female prefects of this school
Were certainly made to act the fool
By Dave Scott, Ivan Hibbert, Mike Jennings,
Alf Selby, Old Uncle Bob Millward and all,
Old Uncle Bob Millward and all!

The crowds were there in their number
They'd waken up early from their slumber,
The Hockey Match started at 10 a.m.
And the girls were beaten by the men.
By Grey Hart, Norman Godfrey, James Slater,
John Wood, Old Uncle Bob Millward and all,
Old Uncle Bob Millward and all!

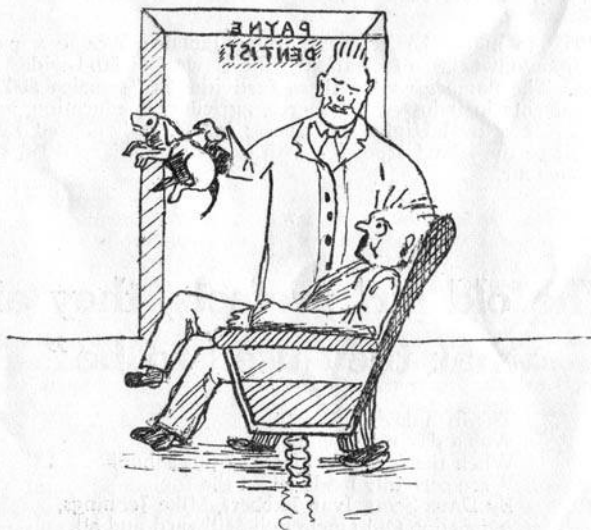
The boys they quickly went ahead,
And the girls—they wished they'd stayed in bed,
They played as though they were in a dream
And were beaten by THE BETTER TEAM,
By Norman Buckley, Mike Taylor, Alf Selby,
Mike Jennings, Old Uncle Bob Millward and all,
Old Uncle Bob Millward and all!

The girls they finished a very tired lot,
The boys' ten goals had started the rot,
The scorers were Taylor (2) and John Wood,
Jennings and Slater added more
Helped by Dave Scott, Norm Godfrey, Grey Hart,
Ivan Hibbert, Old Uncle Bob Millward and all,
Old Uncle Bob Millward and all!

As we hobbled from the field
Hoping our wounds would soon heal,
We'd been hit and kicked and bitten as well!
So we told the girls to go to ——!
For their tea and biscuits!!!
Old Uncle Bob Millward and all,
Old Uncle Bob Millward and all!

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"IT WAS A CANINE SIR"



To the Editor of the Greenhillian.

Just over two years ago we were told that we had been awarded places in London University. After the excitement of this news had died down, the mind began to ask itself questions about what London life would be like. How would it feel to spend your nights in digs when previously you had lived at home? How would it feel studying when there were no teachers to give you homework every night? We were soon to find out.

The journey to London was peaceful, with England unfurling itself as we travelled southwards. And then suddenly we were there. Out we stepped into the noise of taxis, street vendors, the rattle of the underground, the crowds, the buses, all hurrying by and taking no notice of the new arrivals.

Then came the first weeks at college, which to the undergraduate must be the hardest days of his life. As an undergrad he is subject to the ridicule of his fellow-students and is made to perform all sorts of ridiculous antics for their amusement. Those memories of the first few days are bound to stay with us for a lifetime—such things as eating with Africans, Asians, Americans, in fact people from every continent. The man on one side of you might have come from a public school; the one on your other side might have been a government official from Nigeria. Nor will you forget the time when a Hindustani fellow had the cheek to ask if you were English, and how you indignantly replied that you were, cursing your Lancashire accent and his ignorance of dialects.

Now the years have ticked on, and we find ourselves in the third session and on the last leg of our university course. Now we are old hands at the game. We walk about as if we owned the place, and recently submitted the Freshmen to the treatment we once received, and laughed uproariously at it. We shall be sorry to leave when our time comes, but then we can't stay here all our lives. To any of you at school hoping to go to a college we give only this advice. If you get the chance, take it, and find the rest out for yourselves. To the teachers at school we say thank you for coaching us along the academic road; and to the taxpayers of Oldham, for they are very important, we say thank you for making our journey possible. And to the School as a whole we wish the best of luck, for we are very proud to have been pupils of it.

M. BROOK, D. ELWELL,

London School of Economics,
Imperial College.

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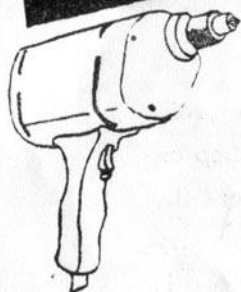
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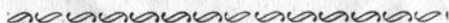
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