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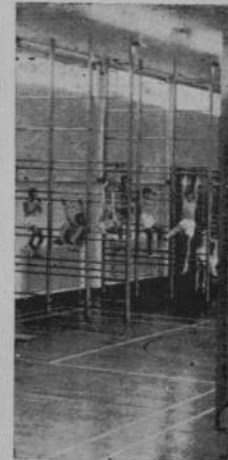
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EDITORIAL

Who was it that said that the school is not only composed of staff and pupils, but also parents and old boys? Whoever it was he spoke the truth, since well over half the buyers of this magazine, and the vast majority of those reading the editorial will long since have cast aside all semblance of childhood.

We feel that since this is the case, the burden of writing letters and articles should not be left wobbling solely on the frail shoulders of youth. It would be unnatural if it were. We would like to batter down the false barrier which has been erected between school contributions and news of the outside world.

We feel cloistered — a feeling which is perpetuated even at functions such as Founders' Day and Speech Day. It is especially sad that this barrier exists, since many of the old Boys do such varied and valuable work for the school. Few of these greybeards know pupils personally; the school remains a curiously divided community, working on apartheid lines.

The magazine could act as a forum. With their vast experience, past pupils have much to give us. The editors will be delighted to receive contributions sent directly to them at school, and perhaps we, in return, may have ideas which they might find interesting.

As things stand now, many pupils ignore the back pages, many Old Boys ignore the front pages, except for a quick glance at the sport results. We should like to see this magazine a much more comprehensive affair.

From one appeal to another. We can hardly be said to be sitting here submerged in original articles. That is not to say that we have received none at all. In fact, some of those that have arrived are quite good. But still, there is a genuine lack of interest, especially among the more ancient characters that litter the common room. What a mine of experience and intellectuality remains unexploited. The magazine will never live up to its name and price until we are given the best from everyone.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It has been recently reported in the press that several public schools have discontinued the typically English practice of compulsory sport on one or more afternoons per week. Have they not set a precedent?

Many of the pupils in this school do not enjoy sport, and take part only passively, thus gaining little advantage. Surely they would benefit more from an afternoon in which hobbies may be pursued, or lessons and discussions attended on such subjects as civil rights, student unrest, drug taking, etc?

I leave the question to be answered.

A. C. PHILLIPS. 5 ALPHA.

Recently a popular Sunday newspaper graced its front page with this headline: "The Queen's cash: Palace anxiety."

The article, referring to the Queen's yearly salary or Civil list, was stating the case for a rise in the sum of money allotted to the Queen each year for "traditional ceremony" and "other aspects of the Queen's role." It stated the Queen's present grant to "royal expenses" to be £475,000 per year, with the Duke of Edinburgh receiving an additional £40,000. The writer's reason for joining the argument in favour of a rise was that, with the country undergoing the "squeeze," the monarchy was finding it most difficult to fulfil all its public commitments, and it was implied that the selective employment tax was having a serious effect.

This article seems to me rather an idealistic one, and one would have thought that the country's economic difficulties would be an adequate reason for a cut on royal spending. Today many people must be wondering whether the English monarchy is worthy of such a massive endowment of money, especially when the difficulties facing Britain are taken into consideration. And yet someone has the audacity to infer an increase in royal expenditure. The royalty do not warrant such a high "wage," especially when almost 15 per cent. of it is spent on "holidays" of various kinds, and a further large part on internal comforts. Surely the "Palace's Anxiety" is not nearly so well-founded as the cloud of gloom looming over Britain.

When, on the same page one reads: "Economy bleeding to death," is it not time the "Queen's man" gets his priorities right?

A. G. DOUGLAS. TRANSITUS ARTS.

SCHOOL DIARY

- Sept. 3 Term begins.
- 16 12 Overseas students from Carnegie Teachers' Training College, Leeds, were shown round the School.
- 19 Parents of fourth formers met at school in the evening.
- 25 A wreath was laid on the Alfred Easther Memorial, in Almond-bury Church.
- Oct. 4 Speech Day. A report appears on page 9.
- 11 Old Almondburians Dinner Dance at Whiteley's Cafe.
- 28 —1st. Nov — Half-term Holiday.
- Nov. 9 Children from Turnbridge came up to visit the school. Some went on a hike See report in magazine.
- 13 The school was represented at the Youth Chorale Festival.
- 14 Mr. R. O. Harrison, Editor of the "Huddersfield Examiner," gave a lecture to the Local History Society on the subject of "100 Years of the Press in Huddersfield."
- 23 The Old Boys' Dinner was held at School.
- 24 The Bishop of Wakefield gave the sermon at the school's annual Founders' Day.
- 27 Mr. R. O. Harrison paid another visit to the school to speak to the Jacobean Society on "Press Freedom"
- Dec. 5 Mr. H. Thwaite gave a lecture to the Local History Society on the subject of "Parish Registers"
- 6 The Scouts and sixth form organised a dance, held in the dining hall. Profits went towards the Scouts' Canoe Fund, and were no doubt increased by the fact that the Ckreed Blues Band were playing.
- 12 The Old Boys' Cheese and Wine Party was held at School.
- 19 Term ends.

MR. C. H. GILL

It was with considerable regret that we said "Goodbye" to Mr. Gill at Christmas, when he decided that it was time to retire.

It is probably not well known that Mr. Gill began his teaching career as a mathematics teacher, at the Bell Tower School, Berwick on Tweed. After about ten years there and pining for his native Yorkshire he came to Royds Hall in 1943. It was there that he changed his affection from mathematics to physics. He came to King James's in January, 1958, in charge of physics.

During his eleven years here he has achieved considerable popularity, although "The Farmer" has always been considered a teacher of the "old school." He has had the ability to blend friendliness with strong discipline, and so has commanded respect and affection. His "Puckish" sense of humour has played no small part of this.

The present generation of Almondburians know Mr. Gill best as a physics master, but, "time was when" his prowess on the cricket field was just as well known, and his interest in other sports equally great. He has been appreciated as Father Councillor in Jessop House.

His great interest in life apart from teaching boys, and, dare I say it — girls — has been music. A no-mean performer himself, he enthusiastically supported others in their efforts, and the School Orchestra had occasion to be grateful for his help in its early struggling days.

Perhaps his greatest impact outside the classroom in recent years has been in the Scientific Society. He was one of those instrumental in its reconstitution when he first came to King James's, and under his wise guidance it has grown to its present successful size.

Having contributed so much to the school, he is sure to have many pleasant memories to take away with him, and doubtless we shall see him frequently at school functions. We all wish him and Mrs. Gill a long and happy retirement.

L.M.

KEN DAVIS

After six years' service as Assistant Caretaker at the school, Mr. Davis — "Ken" to everyone — left at the end of this term to take the post of caretaker at Woodhouse Junior School. It is easy to be sentimental over our loss; Ken has not only been a wonderful caretaker, but a friend and comforter as well, always quick to dispel depression, to encourage and advise. His exploits as the ubiquitous left-back of the Staff XI will always be remembered, and we hope that his walnut visage will not disappear entirely from these lonely corridors.

DREAM BY A STREAM

I have a dream, brothers,
 I have a dream:
 And she walks in peace in a still, grey world
 Of black and white.
 And the King of the World's not dead
 And her golden face shines forth in a stream
 Not of blood, but drained free from death.

I have a prayer, brothers,
 I have a prayer:
 Black skin can now walk in happiness
 And fear no man.
 And hope shall be seen in that stream;
 And her black, black hair, and her white, white skin
 Shall be one in her grey, grey eyes.

I have a hymn, brothers,
 I have a hymn:
 That mankind will love, as man did love,
 A black man's son.
 And men he will love just as her;
 And blackness be good over Heaven's face of Earth,
 And peace now be found in the stream.

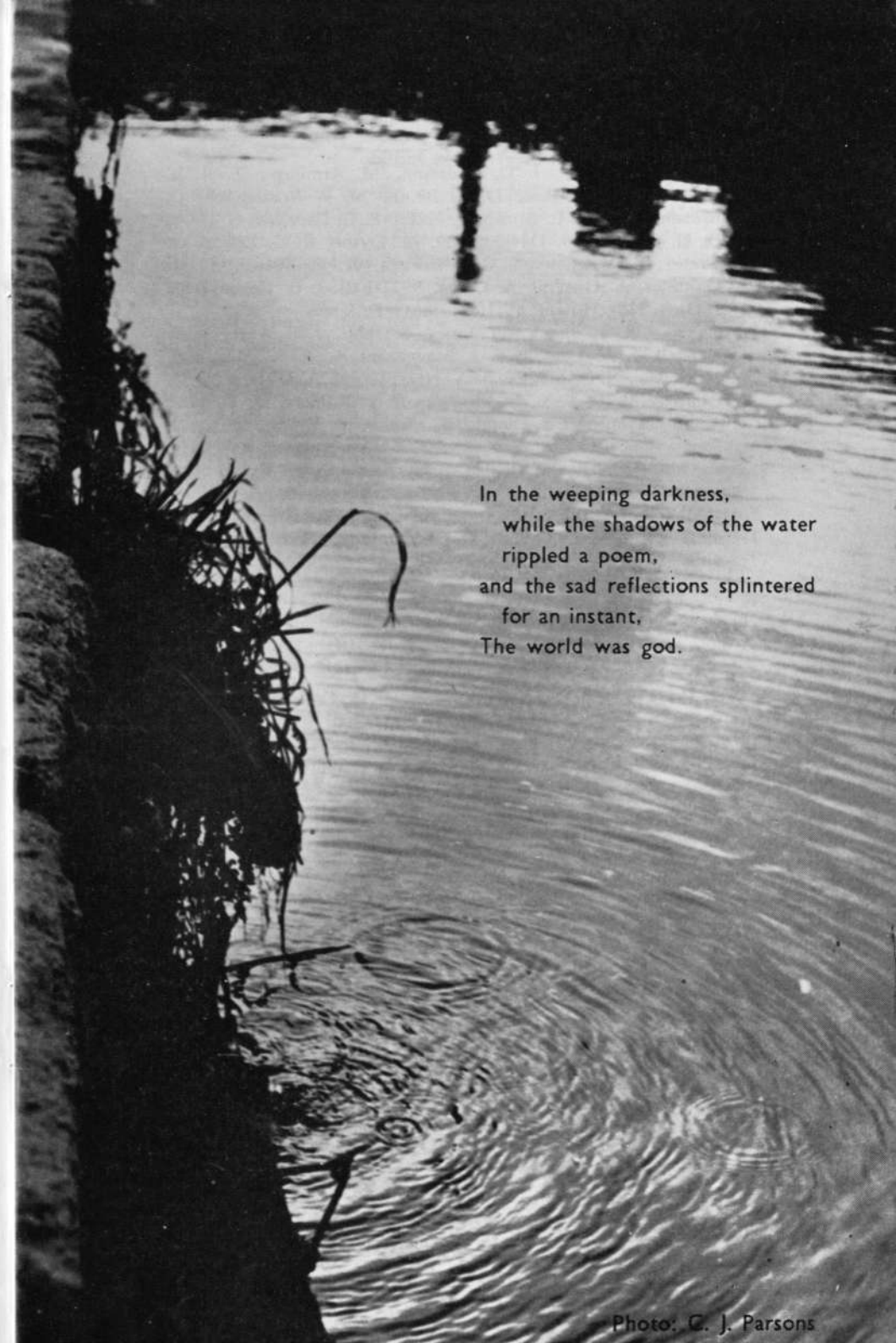
I have a dream, brothers,
 I have a dream:
 That Love will come to this colourful earth,
 And no more strife.
 And she loves me as loving must be;
 And the King of the World's looking down
 On love, as she dreams by my stream.

R. I. WATKINSON, 6 ARTS.

THE TWILIGHT WORLD OF NOVEMBER

Depressing, dreary, mill chimney smoke drifts over
 The grey, gloomy landscape, stillness befalls everything.
 Gloom; log fires burn in the ghostly fog; everything
 Is grim in the twilight world of November.

J. A. NORCLIFFE, 1 ALPHA.



In the weeping darkness,
 while the shadows of the water
 rippled a poem,
 and the sad reflections splintered
 for an instant,
 The world was god.

SALVETE

- 1A — R. N. Ainley, J. D. Anderson, M. Armitage, T. R. L. Beaumont, A. J. Best, D. K. Booth, M. E. Bradley, A. D. Broadhead, A. D. C. Brown, P. Bullas, E. C. Cadogan, G. Cook, D. G. Croft, R. J. Davidson, D. M. Dyson, K. C. Dyson, G. Evans, R. M. Fawcett, S. M. Firth, A. P. French, C. J. Gaimster, A. Gledhill, A. Grant, S. Halsall, J. E. Haydock, A. J. Hirst, S. G. Hirst, I. M. Howarth, G. D. James.
- 1 Alpha — R. L. James, D. Jones, S. Jubbs, J. S. Kaye, J. B. Kendall, J. A. Lindop, F. J. Macnaught, G. S. N. Martin, I. McGowan, N. P. Medley, J. A. Norcliffe, G. A. O'Hara, W. N. Oldroyd, M. D. Page, R. M. Plum, J. P. Rofnery, D. Rylands, A. J. Sayer, A. T. Smith, P. Smith, C. M. Starkey, D. Stephenson, G. M. Stevens, R. Stockton, J. Stott, P. W. Twigg, P. G. Weavill, A. J. Whaling, K. R. Wood, S. C. Fawthrop.
- 3 Alpha — R. D. Cardwell.
- 5 Alpha — S. Fozzard.
- Transitus Arts — M. C. Boyling, D. J. Hampson, P. Richardson.
- Transitus Science — M. F. Beachill.

VALETE

- 2A — G. E. Headey.
- 2 Alpha — C. A. Speight.
- 3A — J. D. Lindley.
- 4 Alpha — A. Tallon.
- 5A — C. D. Blacklock, A. G. Brown, D. H. Crowther, S. S. D. Evans, A. Foster, S. Knockton, D. H. Marshall, B. Wilkins.
- 5 Alpha — A. C. Gibson, D. Mawer, R. A. Midwood, D. Obradovic, R. D. Slater, A. P. Turner, P. T. Worek.
- UVI and VI Arts — P. Bamforth, G. D. Boothroyd, S. S. Duncan, S. Horner, A. B. Irvine, S. Joyce, G. R. Morris, S. Radcliffe, D. J. Richardson, I. G. Robertson, M. W. Storry, S. Walsh.
- UVI and VI Science — C. Barrow, N. D. Beaumont, A. R. Brook, J. C. Brown, S. C. Denton, I. B. Garner, I. A. Gelder, J. E. Grayson, N. Hinchcliffe, M. J. Kruszynski, P. M. Modzelewski, R. W. Johnson, L. J. Orme, M. L. Sanderson, D. J. Senior, J. A. Shaw, D. M. H. Smith, R. Smith, D. M. Stead, C. J. Reeder, A. R. Teale, A. R. Trueman, P. D. Wilson, M. J. Wortley.

MEMBERS OF STAFF, Autumn term 1968-69.

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| H. Taylor (Headmaster), History. | |
| F. S. Hudson (Senior Master), Geography. | |
| F. J. Bareham, History | K. L. W. Ireland, Physical Education. |
| G. L. Beach, Mathematics. | |
| M. Binns, Art. | N. Jenkin, History. |
| D. A. Bush, Latin. | J. A. Kempster, Latin. |
| G. W. Chapman, Mathematics. | L. Mallinson, Chemistry. |
| D. Clarkson, French. | J. Taylor, Biology. |
| M. Elliott, French. | O. A. Thorpe, English. |
| C. H. Gill, Physics. | R. G. Walker, Geography. |
| Mrs. H. M. Hebblethwaite, French. | K. C. Wilson, English. |
| | S. Wroe, Chemistry. |
| P. Heywood, Physics. | J. P. Blanchard, French Assistant. |
| E. Higginson, Music. | |

SPEECH DAY, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

After a spirited rendering of the National Anthem, and the customary welcome of the speaker by the Chairman, Alderman Sisson, the school as a whole performed "Jerusalem." The quiet parts were loud, and the loud parts louder, — but it is a stirring song.

The Headmaster then rose to deliver his report. He commented on the examination results attained by the school, with special reference to the O-levels. "Was this the best fifth form of all time?" His question has only one answer.

As the applause died down, and after Mr. Hudson had uttered a cryptic "17 minutes," Mr. Higginson took the rostrum to conduct the choir in his first Speech Day. They performed admirably three 17th century songs, "It was a lover and his lasse", by Thomas Morley, and "Come if you dare" and "In these delightful pleasant groves," by Henry Purcell.

Mr. J. D. Mabbott, the President of St. John's College, Oxford, where two of our old boys are studying, prepared for the exhausting task of delivering innumerable prizes to innumerable boys, each of whom — warned earlier not to shake hands with wet-fishlike fingers — gave him a truly Prussian handshake. However, Mr. Mabbott survived his ordeal to hear M. Priestley and D. V. Kitchen perform part of Beethoven's Violin sonata in F. These two are by now expected to perform excellently: suffice it to say that they lived up to their reputations.

In his address, Mr. Mabbott warned the audience of the dangers of "labelling" people. Although this was convenient, he said, it was always dangerous, and frequently misleading. "The better you know someone the more inappropriate labels seem."

D. M. Cunningham, the head boy, then gave an excellent speech of thanks before presenting Mr. Mabbott with a copy of "Life in the Yorkshire Dales," as a token of the school's gratitude.

The Town Hall then rose to sing the School Song, with rather more gusto than sweetness, and we dispersed to our homes, coffee-bars and street corners.

PREFECTS

The following were appointed Prefects for the year 1968-69: D. M. Cunningham (Head Boy), M. J. Wood (Deputy Head Boy), A. H. Bradley, J. Dale, M. J. Harrison, A. D. Johnson, D. Morrison, J. N. Pearson, D. G. Rhodes, D. H. Rockett, R. P. Wade, P. D. Wilby, J. R. Wood.

CAROL SERVICE, DECEMBER 19

The search for suitably evocative format and content in the end-of-term Carol Service which in recent years has known few musical and literary bounds has continued this year with interesting consequences. From the Headmaster's reading of St. John's explanation of the Incarnation (which came at the very beginning, surely for the first time ever) to a recording of the final chorus ("Amen") from Handel's "Messiah", there was much of interest. The first half was devoted to carols and poems ranging from 16th century (anonymous) to T. S. Eliot dealing with the Shepherds and the Kings, interspersed with carols and an appropriate Bible reading; the rest of the service gave various impressions of Christmas, the most noteworthy being a reading from Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" and a recording of Dylan Thomas reading from his own "A Child's Christmas in Wales."

The result was interesting if a little collage-like. But, as usual, the singing of the traditional carols by school, parents and friends bound the whole together and fitted in with the readings, whether the latter were forty or four hundred years old. Nothing will ever end the term better than a good, lusty sing.

P. A. Shaw, 1959-67.

THE TRAMP

It was a cold, dark, moonless night and his footsteps echoed round the alleyway, his old army boots sounding like an old carthorse trotting on cobbles. A cat cried in the night and he stopped for a second to listen. His tired, old, blue eyes, which had lost their sparkle long ago, searched the darkness for the thing to whom the noise belonged. But nothing could be seen, except for a few dark and grimy houses that had fallen into ruin. His tattered old hat fell over his eyes and he pushed it back on to his greying head with a sweep of a grubby hand.

He soon lost interest in the sound and turned his attention to a small dirty house in front of him. The door had shed its green paint and it lay in a heap at the bottom of the door. The windows were cracked, and broken pieces of glass lay on the ground around him. The old door creaked open when he gave it a push and revealed a room draped with cobwebs and with a dust-covered floor. The stairs that had once led up to the first floor now lay in a heap in one corner. He walked in. This was home to a tramp.

P. Moscrop, 2 Alpha.

ACADEMIC AWARDS 1967-68

BOROUGH SCHOLARSHIPS

C. Barrow	Mathematics at University College, London.
N. D. Beaumont	Dentistry at Bristol University.
A. R. Brook	Physics at King's College, London.
J. C. Brown	Electrical Engineering at Bangor, University of Wales.
S. S. Duncan	Geography at Clare College, Cambridge.
J. E. Grayson	Dentistry at Leeds University.
S. Horner	French at University of Kent.
A. B. Irvine	Town and Country planning at Newcastle University
R. W. Johnson	Physics at Bristol University.
L. J. Orme	Medicine at Clare College, Cambridge.
I. G. Robertson	French at University of Sussex
D. M. H. Smith	Dentistry at Welsh National School of Medicine, Cardiff.
R. Smith	Politics and Philosophy at University of Warwick.
D. M. Stead	Pharmacy at School of Pharmacy, London.
A. R. Trueman	Computer Science at City University, London
P. D. Wilson	Biology at York University.

SUCCESSSES AT A-LEVEL

U VI and VI Arts

F. Bamforth, F	G. R. Morris, ELF
G. D. Boothroyd, EHT	R. M. Newbould, LF
A. H. Bradley, ELF	D. J. Richardson, ET
R. M. Clegg, ELF	I. G. Robertson, EHF
D. M. Cunningham, T	I. Smith, L
S. S. Duncan, AF	M. W. Storry, ETD
S. Horner, AF	S. Walsh, ELF
A. B. Irvine, AT	M. J. Wood, EHL
S. Joyce, HL	
KEY:	
F—French, E—English, H—History, A—General Studies, T—Geography,	
D—Art, L—Latin.	

U VI and VI Science

C. Barrow, MWP	R. I. Pryor, CN
N. D. Beaumont, PC	D. J. Senior, CN
A. R. Brook, MWP	D. M. H. Smith, PN
J. C. Brown, MWP	R. Smith, AMC
I. B. Garner, MP	D. M. Stead, C
I. A. Gelder, MPC	A. R. Teale, DP
J. E. Grayson, PCN	A. R. Trueman, MWP
R. W. Johnson, AW	P. D. Wilson, PCN
M. J. Kruszynski, CN	M. J. Wortley, CN
L. J. Orme, PCN	
KEY:	
W—Further Maths, M—Mathematics, C—Chemistry, N—Biology,	
P—Physics, A—General Studies.	

O-LEVEL

5A

D. Appleyard, 5	P. Cunningham, 2	W. D. Hoyle, 9
C. D. Blacklock, 3	A. G. Douglas, 9	A. Humphries, 4
J. M. Booth, 8	A. C. Drabble, 5	A. Ilyshyn, 8
J. R. Brook, 9	S. C. Edwards, 3	R. Jones, 9
A. G. Brown, 2	S. S. D. Evans, 3	D. V. Kitchen, 7
P. A. Cadogan, 6	A. Foster, 5	S. Knockton, 4
D. A. Calverley, 9	R. Foster, 7	M. Kobuta, 2
P. Carter, 8	S. Fox, 4	N. A. Mann, 5
D. J. Chambers, 4	G. Gilling, 8	D. H. Marshall, 6
D. A. Coppell, 9	S. C. Howard, 4	B. Wilkins, 3
D. H. Crowther, 1	J. N. Hoyle, 9	

5 Alpha

A. C. Gibson, 3	M. Priestley, 9	P. R. Talbot, 4
D. W. Harpin, 5	N. J. Priestley, 7	D. Taylor, 9
S. H. Lunn, 6	R. Rowe, 7	J. A. Taylor, 9
R. M. Luty, 9	M. H. Sellens, 9	E. Turjan, 2
A. K. Marshall, 5	S. Shaw, 8	A. P. Turner, 1
P. C. Martin, 2	I. C. Sheard, 8	N. W. Wade, 6
D. Mawer, 2	R. D. Slater, 5	A. Walker, 5
R. M. Michell, 4	D. J. Smallwood, 8	M. Ward, 5
R. A. Midwood, 5	G. L. Sykes, 6	M. D. Wilkinson, 9
D. Obradovic, 2	E. Z. Szydelko, 5	J. M. Wood, 3
C. J. Parsons, 7		

4A and 4 Alpha (Mathematics only)

R. Batty	S. A. Graley	K. P. O'Connor
M. P. Beaumont	A. C. R. Guest	A. C. Phillips
C. P. Bradley	S. T. Harting	A. Robinson
I. A. Bradley	J. L. Hart	P. H. Shaw
J. H. Cole	B. Hoyle	J. H. Swalles
C. Duffy	L. G. Mallinson	D. J. Sykes
D. Ellis	P. W. Mitchell	S. B. Sykes
P. France	D. Mortimer	P. A. Vickerman
J. R. Geldard	B. H. Nash	M. J. Wood
B. Gilling		

PRIZES AND TROPHIES

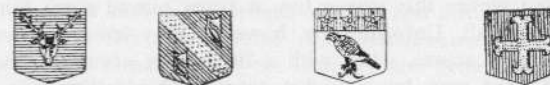
First Form: D. M. Mabb, J. A. Lawton.
 Second Form: G. S. Sellens, H. P. Matthewman.
 Third Form: M. A. Shaw, C. G. Vickerman.
 Fourth Form: L. G. Mallinson, A. C. Phillips, C. R. Guest.
 Keith Pogson Fifth Form Prizes: R. M. Luty, M. Priestley, M. H. Sellens, D. Taylor, J. A. Taylor, M. D. Wilkinson.
 Shaw Prize for present Head Boy: D. M. Cunningham.
 Stephenson Shield for Public Speaking: R. W. Johnson.
 J. A. Bray Memorial Prize for Music: D. V. Kitchen.
 Thomas Memorial Prize for Divinity: D. M. Cunningham.
 Napier Prize for Art: M. W. Storry.
 Easter Memorial Cup for Local Studies: R. W. Johnson.
 Graham Prize for Languages: S. Horner, I. G. Robertson.
 Brooke Prize for English: M. J. Wood.
 Old Boys' Jessop Prize for Mathematics: C. Barrow.
 Stead Prize for Geography: A. B. Irvine.
 Taylor Dyson Memorial Prize for History: I. G. Robertson.
 Knight Memorial Prize for Physics: C. Barrow, J. C. Brown.
 I.C.I. Prize for Chemistry: P. D. Wilson.
 Emsley Memorial Cup for English Literature: G. R. Morris.
 Broadbent Prize for Science: L. J. Orme.
 Dartmouth Medal: C. Barrow.
 Willans House Cup for Work: Fenay.
 House Shield for Sport: Siddon

THE EAGLE

Proudly he sits on his lofty perch,
 Scanning the ground with piercing eye,
 Suddenly, swiftly plummeting down,
 Encircles his pray with a single grasp.
 The poor creature squirms and wriggles in pain,
 But the talons close, 'tis all in vain,
 His breakfast eaten, the king of the air,
 Majestically soars to 'nis regal chair.

I. McGowan (1 Alpha)

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS



Dartmouth's supremacy in the senior competition can be shown by the fact that they have not dropped a point in any of the senior competitions, football, basketball or badminton. At the end of term, the overall Sports Shield results read:

DARTMOUTH 60.1
 JESSOP 41.1
 FENAY 35.8
 SIDDON 31.0.

Siddon are, as shown by these results, in an extremely unusual position for them, as they have been serious contenders for the Sports Championship for the past ten years.

In the football cup, Jessop are top with 16 points, due to the fact that Dartmouth's intermediates did not score a point in support of their senior counterparts. In this too, Siddon are holding the wooden spoon.

Basketball again showed Dartmouth seniors supreme, with Fenay trying hard but failing to score a point.

In cross-country, Dartmouth were ahead after the standards, and increased their lead by winning in the races also. Much to their disappointment, Jessop were again last, but this year the result was decided by a recount!

In the overall results, Dartmouth gained 24.1 points and so again retained the Gelder Cup. Fenay, Siddon and Jessop followed, but were not close enough to propose a serious challenge.

In the Badminton games, Dartmouth again swept the board, with Siddon a long way (7 points) behind, followed closely by Jessop and Fenay.

After only one completed match, Dartmouth are also in the lead in Chess, but the season is still young and the competition still wide open.

In the Willans Cup, academic rivalry was never keener, with the specialists, Fenay, up at the top, but they are not alone.

SPORT

FOOTBALL

The first eleven this season has at times played some remarkably good football. Unfortunately, however, they have lost several times by narrow scores, when with a little more accurate shooting they might have won by a cricket score. This failing was particularly in evidence against the Old Almondburians and the New College, when the opposition came from behind and unaccountably won the match.

First XI. Captain: D. H. Rockett.

Sept. 21	ELLAND	Won 9-1
Sept. 28	HUDDERSFIELD AMATEURS	Lost 0-4
Oct. 5	COLNE VALLEY	Draw 1-1
Oct. 12	WHEELWRIGHT	Lost 5-6
Oct. 16	MIRFIELD	Lost 1-4
Oct. 19	PENISTONE	Won 3-2
Oct. 26	SOWERBY BRIDGE	Won 7-1
Nov. 16	HECKMONDWIKE	Lost 1-3
Nov. 23	OLD BCYS	Lost 1-2
Nov. 27	MANCHESTER LAW SCHOOL	Won 5-0
Nov. 30	HOLME VALLEY	Lost 1-3
Dec. 7	NEW COLLEGE	Lost 2-5
Dec. 12	BELLE VUE	Won 2-1

Second XI. Captain: J. N. Pearson. P. W. D. L. F. A.
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A strategy of "play it out to the wings and the gaps will come," backed up by a steady defence, has led to the most successful Second XI. the school has had for a long time.

CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 28	Home v HIPPERHOLME GRAMMAR SCHOOL and DEWSBURY TECHNICAL SCHOOL. Sen: 1st 30pts, HGS 48; U15: 1st 24pts, HGS 26, DTS 34; U14: 1st 19pts, DTS 26, HGS 35; U13: 2nd 43pts, HGS 39, DTS 48; U12: 1st 32pts, HGS 47, DTS 51.
Oct. 5	Away v HUDDERSFIELD NEW COLLEGE and KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, SHEFFIELD. Sen: 1st 42pts, HNC 55, KES 76; U15: 2nd 48pts, KES 35, HNC 86; U13: 3rd 77 pts., HNC 39, KES 55; U12: 3rd 94pts, HNC 39, KES 59.
Oct. 12	Away v COLNE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL. Cancelled.
Oct. 19	NORTHERN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS (postponed from last season). Sen: 16th of 62 teams; U16: 18th of 88 teams; U14: 37th of 80 teams; U13: 14th of 100 teams; U12: 54th of 100 teams.
Oct. 26	Home v BATLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Sen/U 15 handicap: Won 14-30; U14: Lost 17-6; U13: Lost 23-15; U12: Won 12-28.
Nov. 9	Away v HOLME VALLEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Sen: Won 10-33; U14: Won 15-22; U13: Lost 32-23; U12: Lost 63-30.
Nov. 16	Home v HUDDERSFIELD NEW COLLEGE and HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Sen: 1st 10pts, HNC 28; U16: 1st 17pts, HNC 19; U15: 1st 10pts, HGS/HNC 30; U13: 1st 23pts, HNC 27, HGS 30; U12: 1st 22pts, HNC 29, HGS 43.
Nov. 23	Home v ROUNDHAY SCHOOL, LEEDS and ST. GREGORY'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Sen: 1st 10pts, RS 32; U16: 1st 13pts, RS 28; U15: 1st 6pts, SGGs 21; U14: 1st 16pts, RS 26, SGGs 46; U13: 1st 13pts, SGGs 27, RS 44; U12: 1st 15pts, SGGs 33, RS 42.
Nov. 30	Away v HIPPERHOLME GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Sen: Lost 39-39*; U15: Won 30-49; U14: Lost 40-39; U13: Lost 49-30; U12: Lost 41-37.
Dec. 7	Home v WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL, APPERLEY BRIDGE. Sen: Won 22-59; U16: Lost 42-36; U14: Won 39-39*.
Dec. 14	Away v ROUNDHAY SCHOOL, LEEDS. Sen: Won 6-21; U16: Won 26-57; U14: Lost 53-28; U12: Won 13-27.
Dec. 17	HUDDERSFIELD SCHOOLS' CHAMPIONSHIPS. Postponed.

*Ties decided in favour of the first complete team.

The Cross-country championships were to be run on December 4th, but dense fog which had shrouded the valley since dawn showed no signs of clearing at lunch-time and it certainly looked as if the races could not possibly be run.

About half-past two, however, the fog cleared dramatically within seconds and, to the delight of some and dismay of others, the races were run. First three home in the junior section were Gregory, Addyman and Grant, and in the intermediates Sellens, Laverick and Merchant. The first senior back through the mud was Mellor, almost a minute in front of Rhodes. Team results:

JUNIORS: 1 Fenay, 2 Jessop, 3 Dartmouth, 4 Siddon.

INTERMEDIATES: 1 Dartmouth, 2 Fenay, 3 Siddon, 4 Jessop.

SENIORS: 1 Dartmouth, 2 Siddon, 3 Fenay, 4 Jessop.

A. D. Johnson (Cross-country captain)

HOCKEY

Oct. 5	MATTHEW MURRAY	Lost 0-9
Oct. 22	GREENHEAD 1stX 1	Won 5-1
Nov. 6	ST. GREGORY'S	Won 4-3
Nov. 9	EDMUND CAMPTON	Won 2-0
Nov. 23	DEWSBURY SEC. TECH.	Won 10-0
Dec. 7	NEW COLLEGE	Won 4-0

The season started disastrously for the team, demoralised by the wizardry of the Leeds Sikhs. However, the ego of the team was greatly increased by a victory against our female counterparts in the town, and since then the team has not looked back. The match against Dewsbury was the most convincing victory in recent years. This recent success augurs well for next year's programme, which includes the season's more difficult fixtures.

S. M. Priestley, 6 Science.

CHESS

Alas, a senior team did not enter the Watkinson trophy competition this year, but confined its activities to the Sunday Times competition, in which the third round has been successfully reached.

The Intermediate team's performance has so far been one of consistency though mediocrity, two matches being drawn, one won and one lost. T. A. Charlesworth has not yet lost a match, and A. Danchev has also performed consistently.

The Juniors have been surprisingly erratic, their results being 6-0, 1-5, 5-14 and 2-4. I. S. Wallace has been the most consistent performer, though J. S. Kaye, one of many first form discoveries has not yet been beaten. The younger teams must however learn to play much harder and more slowly and carefully.

In the House matches, Dartmouth defeated Fenay 5½-3½ and Jessop and Siddon are tying 2½-2½. However, the strong Siddon seniors are still to play.

M. Priestley, Transitus Science.

RAGNOROK*

The gods one day will reach their destiny,
Wolftime will turn the scale,
Cocks will crow in Odin's hall.
The gods will fight to the death
With monsters and giants.
Surt spouts fire onto the battlefield;
The wild wolf Fenri devours the mighty Odin,
Sinks his blackguard poisoned fangs
In the god's bare arm — killing
But a heavy boot crashes down upon his bloody jaws—
The boot of Vidar, Odin's son.
The Midgard Serpent, with swaying head and lashing tail
Thrashes the ocean to foam and fire,
Then with Thor in mortal combat sways
—The god steps free of the wicked, writhing coils,
Only to sink, victim of fatal venom, nine paces hence.
Hrym, in his craft of dead men's nails,
Sails the seas for dead men's souls.
The sky is tremulous, great boulders fall,
At the step of Surt's great tread.
The wolves did howl, the cocks did crow,
The whole world feels a pang of death.
The wolf-like form of the fiendish Fenri, dead,
No longer drinks the blood and eats the flesh.
Yet Baldyr and Hod, the sinless ones,



Come back to life,
To the start of the sinless world.
And the sun begins to shine its ray
On the newborn world.

J. Whittaker,
I. Walsh,
P. Walton,
D. M. Mabb,
R. Kent,
2 alpha.

* The Viking Day of Judgement. The world dies with the battle between gods and giants, to rise anew, cleansed of evil.



GRAYSON'S ELEGY

The thick November gloom was falling fast
 As people trickled homeward from the ground,
 Into the larger stream of life. And I
 Was left behind, defiant and alone,
 With only faded memories to embrace.
 My thoughts unconsciously turned back again
 To old Mark Antony's speech upon the dais
 "The good is oft interred with their bones."
 My face broke in a soft, ironic smile.
 For me, whose prior life had centred on
 The Gateshead Football Club for forty years
 Or more, only the good times mattered now.
 I had enjoyed each moment, and could not
 Now grasp the fact that this had been our last
 Game in the league. The joys were past!
 Resentment, bitterness, and even pride,
 Old joy swelled up inside my throbbing brain
 And forty years flashed to the fore again.
 Seeing the old and dismally empty stand,
 My mind thrilled to the old roar of the crowd.
 The goalposts gushed a flood of memories
 Of a whole life. My world was at my feet
 In fragments which I then picked tearfully up.
 How willingly on Saturdays as a lad
 I would run errands for a chance to stand
 And yell for Gateshead to my heart's content.
 Our cup exploits of nineteen forty-nine
 Had made our local fervour blossom out
 Into broad national interests. Oh, the public!
 Whither had gone that fickle abstraction,
 Where was the glorious atmosphere of old?
 The rusty turnstiles once harmonious
 And cheering, hardly raised a creaky protest
 As I made my way on down the road,
 Leaving behind a few wet, shedded tears
 And forty years of deep and heartfelt joy.

A. G. Grayson, 6A

VICTIMS

He wandered down to his tumbledown shack
 Blood trickled down from a gash in his back.
 He trudged wearily on and on
 He did not know his life would soon be gone.
 At last he reached his little shack,
 The pain intolerable from the gash in his back.
 Suddenly he collapsed on the floor in a heap:
 He never did wake from that long, long sleep.

D. Smith, 1 alpha.

He walked along the cliff alone,
 His daily walk to take,
 He missed his footing and fell to his death
 Down in the deep blue lake.
 The waters closed on him, leaving no trail,
 Only bubbles and eddies remained
 Of the man who was and is evermore,
 Down in the deep blue lake.

M. Page, 1 alpha.

A crab, long since perished,
 Lies on the beach, in solitude.
 The cool, dark water laps around
 Withered seaweed, killed in the sun,
 And inches its way up the beach,
 As if attacking the cliffs.
 Far out at sea, out of sight,
 Waves crash on a half-submerged reef,
 And the mast from a wrecked boat
 Splits in two.
 Another victim of the sea.

F. J. Macnaught, 1 alpha.

HIGH SOCIETY LIFE

JACOBAN SOCIETY

Only with difficulty was a wretched quorum mustered at the beginning of term by a society depleted to less than a third of its constitutional size. But the flame of enthusiasm shone brightly, and succoured by Mr. Hudson's ever-present help, the Jacobean Phoenix has risen again to a successful existence.

Having dispensed with the clichés, on to the details: at the opening meeting Messrs. Harrison, Wood and Cape manoeuvred themselves into the respective positions of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, before entrusting their brains to the rest of the unsuspecting masses. Regrettably the grey matter went largely unappreciated. Not so the evening of "One minute please," or indeed the debate, when the society smilingly concluded, in the face of living proof to the contrary, that "Humanity is on the road to disaster."

This sombre view did not, fortunately, reflect itself in the other meetings: as usual the light hearted ones have been most popular. But the serious gatherings, such as Mr. R. O. Harrison's (The Editor of the "Huddersfield Examiner") thought provoking talk on "Some aspects of Press Freedom," have also been successful.

The term drew to its tempestuous close with a shattering Christmas Frolics in which members revealed aspects of their characters previously hidden (even to the Secretary) in the unplumbed depths of their souls.

M. J. WOOD (Secretary)

SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

Mr. Walker's claims to divine right seem at last to have proved themselves in his being elected Chairman. Under his terrible auspices the Society flourishes, membership almost double that of last year.

We welcomed Mr. Heywood, at the beginning of term, as a valuable addition to the Vice-Presidents. But, unfortunately, his coming coincided with the retirement of Mr. Gill, who has become the first honorary member. We hope to see much of him in the future.

The programme for the term has been full and varied, culminating in the exhibition of the scientific achievement of the members. Three enterprising members, who, alas, I am not at liberty to name, must be congratulated on their invention of the paper aeroplane. If the subsequent terms are as fruitful as this, 1968-69 will be the Society's most successful year.

J. DALE (Secretary)

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

The Society has, I am happy to report, been resurrected for another year under the aegis of Mr. Bareham. The Chairman, S. C. Howard, was able to convene only one meeting this term, which was a partially successful "Criticism Evening". Slides, in monochrome and colour, were put forward for close scrutiny by members.

Throughout the term, the committee has been faltering under continued proposals for the long overdue purchase of a new enlarger. However, as the bureaucratic system unfolds, three taped lectures have been booked for meetings during 1969-70.

M. D. WILKINSON (Secretary)

PHILATELIC SOCIETY

Although the overall attendance has been low during the autumn term, several of the society's meetings were extremely popular. In particular mention must be made of both the Design Competition, which attracted a great number of entries, and the Quiz, which enjoys a perennial popularity.

The First Day Cover service has continued to run both efficiently and prosperously, under the direction of J. L. Hart and M. J. Wood. The coming year promises a great number of releases which should further stimulate interest in the service.

The Society collection has also continued to grow, both in size and value, and it is hoped that members will attend the Society's meetings more frequently in the New Year.

J. M. HOYLE Tr.A. (Secretary)

GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

The Autumn term had already advanced into a mature stage when the decision was taken to resuscitate the Society. Consequently only three meetings were arranged, but the proverbial quality has more than overshadowed any lack in quantity, as the steady rise in membership bears witness.

Mr. Grayson, in his lecture on "Brasilia," successfully took on the unenviable task of edifying a motley assortment of members drawn from all walks of Senior School life. The film show entertained as it enlightened; and the Town Quiz tested the geographical, mathematical and judicial capabilities of a Society in seasonal good spirit.

Under the leadership of our enthusiastic and hard-working chairman, A. G. Grayson, and his publicity-minded Secretary, together with the help of the committee and expert advisers, Messrs. Hudson and Walker, the Society can look forward to an assured future as a mainstay of "after-hours" school activity.

D. R. WARD, 6A (Secretary)

LOCOMOTIVE SOCIETY

There have been six meetings this term: the Annual General Meeting; a slide show illustrating serious aspects of transport; a debate in which the society decided that the steam locomotive should not have been scrapped; a "One minute please" meeting; and a lecture on the Keighley and Worth Valley line, by T. Meal. This term's quiz was won by the joint 2nd. and 3rd. year team, the final meeting of the term being a film show. We should like to thank our President for arranging it.

The layout is progressing slowly and the society hopes to have completed it by Easter. Finally, thanks again go to Mr. Clarkson, our President, for his able guidance and enthusiasm in his first term of office, and also to the Headmaster for allowing us to use the cellar.

T. D. B. MEAL (Secretary)

JUNIOR SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY

The first meeting of the term was a film show. At this meeting the committee for the new year was elected.

This committee, headed by the Chairman, R. A. Brook, decided that meetings would be held every other Friday at 3.30 p.m.

At the practical demonstration evening J. Barstow's and M. Grant's oxygen-making apparatus accidentally made chlorine, but this was soon corrected.

On December 5th. the annual Joint Exhibition was held with the Scientific Society. The Chairman won the bunsen burner trophy, and the treasurer came second. Other entries were by M. Grant, 3A, and three second formers: A. H. Currie; A. W. Evans; and J. Chacksfield.

A full programme is being arranged for the Spring term.

R. A. BROOK (Chairman)

C.E.M.

A full programme has been worked out for this year, with two meetings each term. Membership cards have been printed, and 1s. is charged for membership.

The first meeting this term was a talk given by Mr. Peter Hicks, whose subject was the "Turnbridge Venture", in which he illuminated the Christian views on housing.

The second meeting was to have been a debate "That this house believes that the evidence for the Resurrection is sufficient to convince modern man." Two of our members were to have spoken against it, but the meeting was postponed due to heavy fog. It will probably take place early next term.

D. M. CUNNINGHAM (Secretary)

LIBRARY NOTES

After the Summer Holidays we said goodbye to Mr. Bush as library master, though he still helps from time to time. In his place we welcome Mr. Walker.

Since September the library has received many new and second hand books. One of the main donors was J. E. Grayson: his gift included two sets of encyclopaedias, and we thank him for his generous donation. When Mr. Toomey left he presented "The Story Of Huddersfield" to the library. It has been very popular with borrowers. The library has also bought the much requested "Death of A President."

Gifts, particularly of the major English novels are always acceptable, and we earnestly appeal for them.

SCOUT NOTES

This term has been very eventful for most scouts, the previous one especially marked by Skip Toomey's leaving. A presentation was made, in the form of an inscribed tankard, and everyone was sad to see him go. At the beginning of term there were quite a few outdoor meetings as the weather was good. A flood of first formers has entered the Scouts; so many in fact that the troop has been enlarged to six patrols.

This has meant an almost complete reshuffling of the troop, but nevertheless, with two new assistants, Skip Heywood and Skip Kempster, Skip Bush has managed well, and given the troop a good term.

The two new patrols being named Hawks and Eagles.

During this term there has been a decisive move towards the new look in scouting. New books have been bought, and it is hoped that everyone can be in the new uniform for the beginning of next term.

In September, the County Commissioner issued a challenge called "Operation Gauntlet" to all the scout troops in the West Riding. All our patrols have accepted his challenge.

CHOIR NOTES

The choir, surely, merits some notes in the magazine in lieu of those missed over the last term. Besides, anyone astute enough to realise that an assumption of singing will earn him a comfortable seat at Founders' Day deserves mention.

Autumn term this year has been a busy one for the choir, who have participated in four events and are now rehearsing for the term-end carol concert. Two of these events, of course, were Speech Day and Founders' Day.

On the latter occasion we gave a rendering of J. S. Bach's "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring", but we did not, I feel, attain our usual competent standard. The Parish Church, like most, is acoustically poor, and the screen muffles the choir.

Mr. Higginson has shown a lot of interest, and widened our scope somewhat in entering us for the Keighley Music Festival, where in the under-nineteen class we won a rosebowl, with eighty-eight marks but no opposition.

In November we took part in a Centenary Concert in the Town Hall, in which music was provided by the Youth Orchestras, students from the School of Music, the school orchestra, and a choir amassed from numerous secondary schools and built around the School of Music and the Youth Chorale.

Finally, I express our gratitude to Messrs. Beach and Mallinson, who sing with us and, of course, to Mr. Higginson, our conductor.

A. D. Johnson (6A)

ORCHESTRA NOTES

The autumn term this year has been more important for the orchestra. On November 13th the strings played Bach's Harpsichord Concerto No. 5 in F minor in the Youth Chorale's centenary concert in the Town Hall. The following day we attended the Barnsley Musical Festival, where in the Under 19 ensemble class the full orchestra obtained third place. The strings, playing the same music as the previous evening (though this time with a piano instead of a harpsichord) repeated their performance at Pontefract in April by obtaining 90 marks ("honours"), and easily winning the class. We are now practising for a concert next year.

We welcome as our new conductor Mr. Higginson, and heartily thank Mr. Beach for his baton-breaking enthusiasm, which has brought us laughter, enjoyment and success in the past.

We hope that the enthusiasm of the new first-formers will lead to renewed success in the future.

M. Priestley, Transitus Arts

SOCIAL SERVICE

Whenever a flag day in town has required volunteers, several boys have been seen on cold windy corners selling flags. The support, however for these flag-days could and indeed should be increased.

On the afternoon of November 9th the school invited about 50 children up to school from Turnbridge. Some of them turned up. This supplemented the work that some school-leavers did there last term. There were games in the gym, where the referee was exhausted from giving wrong decisions. Under the leadership of R. J. Helm some of the children were taken on a hike around the Farnley area.

After the proceedings high tea was provided and eagerly consumed, and the pupils from school who had volunteered to help took their bruises home with them, a good time having been had by all.

D. M. Cunningham.

DONATIONS TO CHARITIES

Collection for "Shelter"; Huddersfield Society for Mentally Handicapped Children; Huddersfield Cinderella Society; Friends of the Children of Great Ormond Street; Church of England Children's Society; National Children's Home and Orphanage; National Spastic Society; Royal School for Deaf Children; Dr. Barnardo's Homes; The Chest and Heart Association; U.N.I.C.E.F.; Sunshine Home for Blind Babies and Young People; National Fund for Poliomyelitis Research; Famine Relief (Mayor's Appeal). About £80 altogether has been collected.

THE SEA SIDE

The sea is fresh, the sea is cool, crystal clear
And calm. The racing boats go thundering
By in a mass of bubbling foam. Down by the
cove and under the cliffs near the devil's
cave where the sea birds nest.

J. A. Norcliffe, 1 Alpha

PATRIOTISM FROM BOOKS

"To suggest as some may, that subjects connected with the war should not be included in the school curriculum for fear of exciting a military and fighting instinct is absurd; for the military instinct is really the essential part of the foundation of all success in the life of a nation material and moral, as important in the religious life as elsewhere, and only to be opposed when, as in the case of Germany, it is pushed to unnatural extremes. Britain is a flourishing and fighting nation in the struggle for national existence. Let the inhabitants of Britain be Britons, and let them uphold the fighting and military instinct in preparation for the time of need.

With the knowledge of military training which a boy will gain — that is if military subjects are included in the school timetable, the pupil will be taught the value of self-restraint, and a healthy consideration for others.

To refuse to see any good in Military Training is to suggest that some of the greatest men in history were little better than assassins and that we, as Englishmen, have attained our present state by more than unrighteous means.

It may be that in reading the glowing accounts of the past wars, and the daring deeds of soldiers and sailors a false colouring may be thrown over war, and a boy may see but one side of the picture.

If studied in school however, war would be seen in every aspect and light would be cast on the dark side of war with a consequent immeasurable benefit to the pupil's mind.

While showing the pupil how war has not only made but often saved the state, it will show him what a terrible price has to be paid. The price is not only money, it is the casualty list — that is the price.

Even in victory, while thinking of the glory, he would not be blind to the horrors and barbarities by which victory had been attained.

By undergoing Military Training theoretically, a sound framework is being founded for Military Training practically — that is — the preparation of a man who shall be fittest mentally and physically to take his part in the material life of the nation and, if need be, in the defence of his country."

This now heavily ironic article first appeared in "The Almond-burian" No. 4 in April, 1915.

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Old Almondburians' Society

CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

This year of office will have drawn to a close by the time you read this, and I feel that this has been a most successful year if an uneventful one.

I am very pleased that all our social ventures went off very well and were exceptionally well attended.

I would like to record my appreciation of the support given to me by the Executive Committee during my year of office. Without their continued and valued assistance I would have been unable to fulfil my duties.

It has been pleasing to me as one of the younger Old Boys to see so many of the more recent school-leavers attending our functions. I should like to wish them every success in their chosen spheres, and we look forward to seeing them as often as they are able to come to our future functions.

I should also like to thank the headmaster and his staff for the tremendous support which they have given me by their attendance at our functions.

I trust that you all had a happy festive season and hope that you will have a successful New Year.

K. G. Shaw (Chairman).

THE "FIFTY YEARS ON" REUNION

by Clifford Stephenson

Dear Old Almondburian,

It occurred to a few of us who were at the Grammar School fifty years ago that it would be very enjoyable and interesting to meet again those with whom we shared the joys and pains of scholarships at A.G.S. during the 1914-18 War time; the rather special period of Taylor Dyson's formative impact on the School, and the end of an era.

This was the opening paragraph of a letter sent to the sixty-four Old Almondburians at the School during the Great War, whose whereabouts could be traced. The response, resulting in the attendance of twenty-eight of them, was much greater than the sponsors of the reunion dared hope.

A substantial proportion of this group had not been back to the School since they left fifty and more years ago, and as many had never met each other since leaving, it is not very surprising that "I'm Smith (or Brown, or Robinson), who are you?" was frequently overheard; invariably to be followed by animated interchange of news and reminiscence.

Reminiscence was the keynote of the occasion, for as one old boy remarked, "We've arrived at the age a wit described as that of "anecdoteage."

The School of 1914 had just reached the hundred scholars mark for the first time and was vastly different and of course much smaller than it is today. The present Library was then the Assembly Hall, always known as the "Big"; it doubled as two classrooms at that time, without a dividing partition. In 1914 there was no central heating, no electric light, no hot water. Open fires and bunsen burner gas lighting supplied the inadequate heating and lighting which were the accepted standard of those days

The success of the occasion was greatly helped by the collaboration of the Old Almondburians Society, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, members of Staff and the Head Boy and his deputy, all waiting to give a warm welcome to the "veterans" who arrived from three o'clock onwards.

After an hour or more of talk in full spate, youthful memories were evoked when the old Old Boys squeezed themselves into desks in the "Small" for the photograph to be taken. Incidentally, the "please may I?" of the "boy" with his hand up received the not unusual reply "No, you must wait."

What had the passage of fifty years done to the old boys? is a natural question; the answers are the impressions of your reporter meeting his schoolfellows of a half a century ago, often for the first time.

Physically, mostly in good shape though more portly, not all were recognisable, others seemed only more wrinkled, less hairy versions of boys known long ago. An unexpected impression was that most were of smaller stature than memory had them, but as the writer has lost a good inch himself perhaps shrinkage is an occupational hazard of getting old. Voices had changed little and proved a more reliable aid to recognition than appearance. Well remembered idiosyncrasies had weathered well the passage of time. The chortling boy of 1917 is now the chortling man, the wisecracker of form four wisecracks still, the serious boy is now the sedate man, the retailer of jokes on the homeward tram still says "have you heard this one?" the school scientific genius, maker then of do-it-yourself explosives, is now trying, not yet successfully, to make a *piczo* crystal in the kitchen. It seems that there is truth in the saying "the child is father of the man." The head boy summed them up in his speech at the dinner when he said that "he'd seen managers' finesse and directors' poise disappear as soon as they sat again at the desks of their schooldays, proving that boys are all the same whatever their generation"; even of the First World War.

Front row (left to right) — J. A. Brook, H. Dransfield, L. Roper; 2nd — J. C. Carter, P. C. Davies, A. Haigh; 3rd — A. Brooke, H. Canby, F. Foster, T. C. D. Priestley, G. M. P. Dobson; 4th — E. E. Netherwood, L. Cocker, T. E. Wilkinson, G. K. Dyson, H. F. Greenwood; 5th — J. H. Arnold, L. Brook, G. H. Lunn, M. R. Woodcock, M. Mitchell; Back — G. Maltas, F. L. Thornton, C. L. Oldroyd, C. Stephenson, E. Sorby.



DINNER DANCE

We are pleased to report another successful Dinner Dance, which was once more held at Whiteley's Cafe, and which was attended this year by nearly 140 members and friends. But for the unavoidable absence of several of our "regulars" we might well have topped 150. Why not make a point of coming along yourself next year? Give your wife a treat, and have a very good night out yourself.

Provisional date: October 17, 1969.

ANNUAL DINNER

Not a single seat was left on November 23 when 119 people assembled at the school for this year's Dinner. By a lucky coincidence we had the exact number of places to accommodate those of our friends who prefer to keep their attendance secret as a pleasant surprise.

Those present seemed to agree that the meal was excellent, and the bar was much appreciated. Indeed the reaction of one hard-pressed barman was on the lines of Sir Winston Churchill's "Never was so much . . ."

The chief speaker was Mr. M. S. Brigg, who proposed the toast of the school. He began with the revelation, almost an after dinner story in itself, that he was a vegetarian and not a veterinarian as had been rumoured. As for his actual profession — well, he was a schoolmaster; and since the remainder of the toast-list had a strong scholastic bias, it is gratifying to be able to report one of the most entertaining sessions of recent years. Mr. T. S. Rolf, Headmaster of the Colne Valley High School, proposed the Society and put his audience into a positively hilarious mood; possibly softening them up for Mr. T. S. Crehan, Headmaster of Huddersfield New College, who had the last word on behalf of the guests. Mr. Crehan admitted to finding something "insidious" about the school's old-fashioned charm; and such was the pleasure inspired by his outrageous remarks that there must clearly be something insidious about Mr. Crehan himself.

The President, in excellent form, completed the quartet of scholastic speakers. He observed with mixed feelings that for the first time he was seeing one of his own former pupils occupying the chair at an Annual Dinner. The chairman in question (Mr. K. G. Shaw) also spoke, as did the Revd. F. D. Sykes, a Vice-Chairman and the Chaplain of the Society. Standards set in previous years were well maintained by the Head Boy, D. M. Cunningham, who hopefully included in his speech the information that a television set much treasured by the Prefects would be even more highly prized if the tube could be replaced and an actual picture obtained.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

The summer of roses and wine seems far distant at the moment of writing, but the fact did not deter a good number of members,

wives and friends from turning up on December 12 to enjoy an evening of cheese, wine and music. A novelty on this occasion was a most attractive display of "show" cheeses, the background to an informative and entertaining talk — it would be ungracious to call it a "commercial" — by Mr. Donald Franklin of Cryer and Stott.

Music during the earlier part of the evening was provided, as on previous occasions, by Mr. Jack Priestley at the organ. Later, following a most rewarding series of raffles organised by Mr. Michael Dyson, there was a very enthusiastic reception for a short programme of favourite numbers from "Iolanthe" and "The Mikado," sung "with vigour" by Mr. Walter Holmes and other members of the Huddersfield New College staff. They form an ensemble which certainly deserves to flourish.

During the course of the evening the draw for the "Week-end in Paris for Two" was made. It was fitting that the winner — Mr. G. B. Hoyle — should be present on the occasion with his friends. Profits will go towards the provision of a new set of the "Encyclopaedia Britannica" for the School Library.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

Our congratulations to Brigadier H. H. EVANS (1927-1934), at present Chief Education Officer with BAOR, who is to be Director of Army Education, with the rank of Major-General, from November, 1969. Some of us still remember him bringing colour and vitality to scenes from the French classics, or revisiting the school from Manchester University to give a talk to the LSD Society (yes, that's what it was called) on the theatre and the work of Gordon Craig. On that occasion the chairman had just reached the very end of a hopefully extended introduction when the speaker appeared, obviously between two other equally pressing engagements. Since the Second World War, in which he was mobilised as a Territorial officer, Brigadier Evans has had a distinguished career in Army Education.

Congratulations also go to STEPHEN B. MURPHY (1959-65), working on a management trainee course at Carter and Co. Ltd., builders' and plumbers' merchants, for his success in being awarded a silver cup by the Mercian Builders' and Plumbers' Merchants group for his outstanding performance as a senior apprentice of the year.

Another Old Almondburian who has brought honour both to himself and the School is JOHN HARRISON (1953-61), a solicitor who makes frequent appearances in the Huddersfield courts. He has now won two gold medals and the prize of a law book for his successes in last year's Law Society's examinations. One gold medal was awarded to him by the Huddersfield Law Society, the other by the Law Society in Liverpool, where John took his degree. The book is

Sir William Ramsden's prize and is awarded yearly to the local articled clerk who gains the highest honours pass in the Huddersfield district's Law Society's final examinations.

MICHAEL HARDCASTLE (1944-51) has been privileged to speak at one of the Yorkshire Post Literary Luncheons in Harrogate. He is both a journalist and a successful author, six of whose novels have now been published. The first five were for older children, and were mostly concerned with various sports. His latest, called "Goal," is an instructional football story for younger children. Another Old Almondburian turned writer is DOUGLAS KAYE (1944-57), Senior Lecturer in Mathematics at Nottingham College of Education, whose first book, with the rather formidable title of "Boolean Systems," was published a few weeks ago.

PETER LIVESEY (1954-60), now a student at Bingley College of Education, is still a leading figure among the growing company of speleologists. In August he returned from another of his many potholing expeditions, this time in north-western Greece, which he had visited, with a few other cavers, in order to attempt a world record descent. The Provetina Cave, however, which was the object of their expedition, proved to be only a disappointing 1,400 feet drop.

GEOFF. HARRINGTON (1960-67) has sent us news about a number of Old Boys who are taking Business Studies courses at Leeds. Besides Michael Powner, who was mentioned in last term's "Almondburian," there is Geoff himself, playing Rugby regularly for both the College of Technology and the College of Commerce, CHRIS. WATKINS (1963-65), who finds diversion in playing bridge, and BRIAN HAYTER (1959-65), who is training to be a chartered accountant.

Among the many Old Boys who attended the cheese and wine evening in December was W. J. VARLEY (1934-41). Though still resident in Huddersfield, his work takes him for considerable periods to the wilds of Geordieland so that we see less of him at our functions than we should like.

SUCSESSES AND APPOINTMENTS

- A. T. G. Danks (1957-63): B.Tech., Hons., Class II (i), Brunel University.
 R. N. Hargreaves (1954-61): Ph.D., Crystallography, Leeds. To take up an appointment at University of Saskatchewan, Canada.
 John E. Harrison (1953-61): Awarded Sir William Ramsden's prize for gaining highest honours pass in Law Society's final examination, Huddersfield district.

- Brian Haworth (1938-45): appointed Headmaster, Pontefract Boys' Secondary School.
 D. A. Heptonstall (1949-57): appointed Head of Middle School, Nether Stowe Comprehensive School.
 S. B. Murphy (1959-65): awarded silver cup as a senior apprentice of the year.
 J. P. Senior (1934-39): appointed priest-in-charge, St. James's Church, Higher Heysham.
 Ralph Thornton (1937-44): appointed director, Thornton and Ross, Chemists.

MARRIAGES

- D. R. Flower (1956-63): m. Kathleen Brenda Dinning, London, September 7, 1968.
 D. R. Guest (1957-63): m. Sheila Russell, St. John's Church, Golcar, September 7, 1968.
 R. N. Hargreaves (1954-61): m. Catherine Mary McQuillin, St. Edmund's Church, Loughton, Essex, November 2, 1968.
 R. G. Harrison (1958-65): m. Susan Carol Snooks, Almondbury Parish Church, September 28, 1968.

BIRTHS

- C. H. Beresford, Dr. (1952-60): Son, December 3, 1968.
 Ronald Lancaster (1942-50): Daughter, December 12, 1968.

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