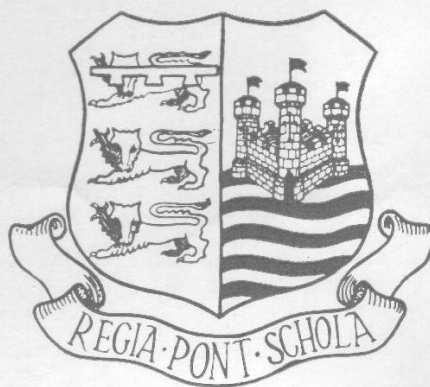


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Mr. C. E. DUNN

After forty years' distinguished service at The King's School, Mr. Dunn retires at the end of the Summer Term. We offer the following tributes to him, and we hope that they will in their various ways convey something of the qualities of this dedicated schoolmaster. To Mr. Dunn we sincerely wish a long and happy retirement.

VALE C. E. DUNN

'Sodalis enim est gratus, Num quis illud negat'

The final four years of my academic (?) career were spent at The King's School, and I first met Mr. Dunn in 1943, when I joined form VA1. I was then a student of Latin, but, of all the dead horses I was flogging at the time, that was, without doubt, the deadest. I therefore decided to discontinue the subject, and this was, I am sure, the point at which our friendship started

We struck a kind of semi-latent rapport, which developed when I became a member of VI Sc., a form which had the privilege of four periods per week of what appeared on the time-table as 'English' with Mr. Dunn. These 'English' periods were, in fact, contrived by the late, great, J. D. Lean to give us relief from our scientific labours, and Mr. Dunn used them most cunningly to turn us into articulate appreciators of all he loved best. We read plays. We discussed all subjects under the sun. We learned to enjoy the language and wit of G.B.S., and to recoil with horror from the efforts of Ella Wheeler Wilcox. (Many years later I was able to repay our mentor by introducing him to the delights of William McGonigal, poet and tragedian, of Dundee).

In all honesty, I would, in retrospect, maintain that these four periods of 'English' have done more to fill my subsequent life than all the science which, at the time, seemed to be one's sole *raison d'être*.

During this period, I realised that Mr. Dunn was different (I am sure that, for different reasons, he was saying the same of me ! ! !), and our friendship ripened, being further strengthened at the 1945 Forestry Camp, which was attended by all the best people. Mr. Dunn, of course, Mr. and Mrs. Lean — how we all loved Mrs. Lean — and, amongst the opposition, the late I. J. Minty, J. K. Levitt, who was rushed to hospital in the middle of one dark night with appendicitis, Stuart Shaw and his clarinet, Paver, Mason, Sexton, Knee, and so many others. I remember well how, as members of the staff entered the front door of the Fairfax Arms, Gilling, there usually seemed to be a mad rush by certain delinquent sixth formers out the back way — Happy days, and we were helping the war effort too!

It was Mr. Dunn who first drew attention to the Carrington 'butterfly mind' and here it is at work again. I was asked to write an appreciation, and, so far, all I seem to have done is reminisce. However, I hope my fondness for, and appreciation of, Mr. Dunn shows through. After this term, The King's School will never be the same again. I know this sounds very trite, and I shall be in trouble for saying it, but it is absolutely true, and I shall be eternally grateful to have had the privilege of learning from Mr. Dunn the true purpose of education, and the worth of a school like The King's School.

I sincerely trust he will have a long and happy retirement, and would commend to him that he takes as a precedent for this that Peter Pan among men named Hebb. I look forward to calling on him many

times in the future to enjoy his wonderful personality and stimulating conversation (and perhaps, once again, to scrounge the use of his spare bed), and to recite with him yet again that wonderful poem 'Kubla Khan'.

Finally, I hope he will now be able to accept my long standing invitation to visit us in our highland fastness, and by way of incentive would remind him that we have a building of considerable architectural merit at the bottom of our garden ! ! !

H. Carrington.

Last year, I met, in London, the parent of a King's School boy who was very pleased because his son was about to go into Mr. Dunn's form. He was right to be pleased, and he'll be sorry that his son hasn't had the benefit of this longer than he has. I myself had the benefit of being taught by Mr. Dunn throughout my school career and of being in his form for several years, for Mr. Dunn was chosen (this was in 1946) as the guiding spirit for a new experiment: that of having a form miss out a year and take the School Certificate — as it was then called — in four years instead of five. The experiment became practice, though we were luckier than later forms — we sneaked through before the minimum age limit was introduced and had sixth formers studying for ordinary and advanced levels at the same time. Being in Mr. Dunn's form meant that we didn't get much change of scenery from the windows of Room 9, though I remember a certain amount of deterrent to excessive window-gazing!

The King's School was — and I'm sure still is — a good school to belong to. People pay a lot of money to get taught only half as well as we were by Mr. John D. Lean's team. It is good because it has had masters like Mr. Dunn who have not stinted in their effort to make it so. Mr. Dunn in my years at the K.S.P. gave an immense amount of time to School activities — summer evening after summer evening, for example, would find him supervising the distribution and collection of cricket bats from small boys who didn't want to go home — and subsequently he undertook the Sisyphean task of careers master. But a catalogue of what he has done for the School would give a far from adequate impression of his contribution. I myself owe Mr. Dunn a great deal. But even those boys who haven't been lucky enough to have much contact with Mr. Dunn have benefited from that full School life that he has so much helped to create.

B. Naylor (left 1953).

I am very much aware in writing this tribute to Mr. Dunn that one begins one's appreciation of him at the very point where, with most schoolmasters, one would finish. It is what he is, and has been throughout the long period he has given his life to The King's School, that needs to be conveyed, though of course what he is and what he does go together. The quality of his contribution to the life and well-being of the School will make him one of its greatest men in all its long history.

During the eleven years that I was Headmaster there was no side of School life about which I did not refer to him for his experience and wisdom. During my last six years he was Deputy Headmaster, shouldering responsibility, working unbelievably hard, and always bringing a mind utterly free of cant to bear on the whole range of School life.

He has the respect of boys because he knows them; he is a splendid judge of character. He is never fooled by boys (or adults for that matter) but is always generous in his dealings with them. The standards in the School kept by boys and staff are largely the result of his own scrupulous but humane concern for all with whom he came in contact; we all knew where we were with him — no-one took him lightly, but no-one, young or old, can go to him with a problem and come away unsatisfied. Because he wants the best from and for boys, he is therefore on their side, but in no sickly or sentimental way. His standards are high and demanding, which is why those who sought his advice or were dealt with by him over disciplinary matters accepted his judgment and responded to him.

No man has given more of himself to The King's School, and he has been an example and encouragement to staff as well as boys. School Parties to Switzerland; responsibility for many years for School Cricket, which included seeing that all boys who wanted (and most did) could play over the whole field throughout the dinner break and after School; advice over University education; the constant walking of the building, ensuring that all was being attended to and duties carried out; the guaranteeing each Saturday, whatever the sport, that the teas for School teams and visitors took place in an orderly fashion; his presence at, and encouragement of, every School function: there is no part of School life in which his concern for the particular, for detail, has not been matched by the clarity of the principles underlying his actions.

Many of the parents of boys at School in recent years were themselves taught by him, and they were invariably met with his characteristic mordant wit. All parents have quickly come to trust his judgments and seek his advice. They, like their sons and his colleagues, have valued his loyalty to the School and his exemplification of all that is best in the great Grammar Schools.

He is a truly great Schoolmaster; there is nothing paltry or mean in his mind or his actions, and there can be no-one in his life of service to the School who has not been enriched by knowing him. Those of us who are his friends are better people for what he has shown us of generosity and tolerance, and for the daily evidence of humane and civilised spirit.

A. H. Aldous,
Headmaster 1959-70.

I have always known that it was inevitable, and for some months now I have been expecting it, but, even so, the blunt advertisement for a Deputy Head at The King's School came as a painful shock when I first glanced at it. The departure of C. E. Dunn is for me a matter of considerable regret, basically, I suppose, because his presence at the School has always provided a definite connection with the many happy years that I spent there. To me, Dunn represents the last link with that period of time that saw The King's School emerge from its fee-paying, independent, boarding status to its present pre-eminence among the maintained grammar schools in the West Riding. He is the last of that excellent team of lively young men who came together in the School in the 1930's and, under the enthusiastic leadership of J. D. Lean, devoted their working lives, both during and after the war, to developing the fine standards in academic work and games for which the School is now so well-known.

My earliest memories of Dunn are of a rather distant, forbidding figure, whose quiet manner, sharp tongue and obvious scholarship ensured a class discipline equal to any in the School. Inevitably, his lessons were quiet, orderly and logical and, therefore, equally inevitably, they did not appeal to many of us. His variants of 'red-herrings' — in which he was unobtrusively selective — and 'knock-out spellings' were therefore much appreciated, and little did we realise how much we learned from him in these ways.

It was, I suppose, in my fifth year in the School that, as a young Captain of Cricket, I began to know the real Dunn. He assumed responsibility for cricket when, in 1940, 'Sally' Hughes moved to Roundhay Grammar School. Over the next three years, our relationship changed somewhat. Although we disagreed on a few points, such as whether to bat first or second, he allowed me to captain the team in my own way, and when, in my final game, in spite of his warnings, we defeated the strong Old Boys team for the first time for years, he was generous in his tributes, although, hand on brow, he did say he didn't know how I got away with it.

At that stage, I would never have thought of him as a friend, but I certainly viewed him with great respect and admiration. Above all, I wanted to gain his respect, for I felt that it would not be lightly given and was therefore worthwhile. These must have been strong feelings, for during my military service overseas, I wrote to him occasionally and was always gratified to receive a concise, interesting and cheerful reply. I wonder, now, how many of his pupils wrote to him and how many letters he had to write in reply. There must have been many, for whenever I meet my contemporaries and those who followed us, we always seem to talk about Dunn, and their affection for him is obviously as great as my own.

Our relationship underwent yet another change, for, from 1952 to 1957, I was fortunate enough to work with him as a colleague on the staff of the School. Before taking up my appointment, I was worried about the attitude of those who had tried to educate me and who must have been acutely aware of my many deficiencies. In fact, they could not have been kinder; there was never any suggestion of superiority or condescension. It was at this stage that I found Dunn to be a most amiable, charming and considerate companion with a ready sense of humour and a marked understanding of the foibles of his pupils. His equanimity, his irrefutable logic and scholarship still tended to overawe me, but in all arguments and discussions I was treated as an equal and shown the utmost courtesy. We spent many hours together, after school, coaching cricket in our different ways, and I was given a completely free hand to interfere as and when I wished. It was at this stage, too, that I learned from Dunn, by example, the most important qualities of the successful teacher — dedication to one's work, interest in pupils as individuals and the willingness to give time without counting the hours. To this day, he is still one of those whose standards I try to achieve.

Now that I reside in Essex, I see him very infrequently, but from time to time I make the effort to visit him either at his home or at the School. I hope that, in his retirement, I shall see him more frequently, but I fear that he will quietly disappear from my circle of friends. I hope that my fears are groundless for, although, like many others of his pupils, I respect him and owe him a great deal,

unlike them I have also had the privilege of knowing him very well as a dedicated colleague and as an unfailing friend whom I hold in very high regard.

He will not welcome this tribute from me, no doubt regarding it as sentimental, but I hold an almost unique position among his pupils and colleagues, and I am now old enough to defy his wishes to the end that everyone connected with the School should know what a great contribution he has made to its development. I wish him the long and happy retirement that he so richly deserves. *Cura, ut valeas.*

R. Groom.

At the end of the Summer Term when Mr. Dunn leaves The King's School for the last time as a member of the Staff, he will do so, I am quite sure, with very mixed feelings. A forty-year spell of continuous service in the one school is in itself a splendid achievement but when one remembers that the whole period has been utterly dedicated to the corporate life of the School, his efforts have been quite remarkable.

No-one dreamt in those early days of January, 1931, that this distinguished-looking and quietly-spoken graduate from Liverpool University would make Pontefract his home and would eventually become one of the School's great schoolmasters. From the beginning of his chosen career it became quite apparent to Staff and to pupils alike that here we had a gifted schoolmaster, a brilliant scholar and wit, a master of the spoken and written word, meticulous in his work both inside and outside the classroom. Above all, there has developed over the years a profound and sympathetic understanding of the problems of boys both young and old. The question of discipline has seldom given Mr. Dunn the slightest degree of anxiety, for boys respect his authority and sense of fair-play. I have always felt that he has been at his very best in the company of the younger members of the School where his sallies of wit and humour have done so much to overcome the difficult transition from elementary to secondary education.

During the present year, six hundred or more boys have seen Mr. Dunn in action as a teacher, administrator, wise Counsellor and as Deputy for the Headmaster, but how many know that for twenty years he acted as master-in-charge of cricket and, at the end of each School year, conducted parties of boys to widely separated regions of the Continent and, let me add, never lost a single member. It is no exaggeration to say that during the Summer Terms Mr. Dunn dominated the cricket scene. Apart from the usual House and Inter-House contests there seemed hardly a moment during the lunch-hour and after school, even up to five or six p.m., that he could not be seen surrounded by hordes of boys appealing for balls and yet more bats. I sometimes believed that, were it possible to grow willows in the wetter parts of the School grounds, then season the wood and shape it into bats, he would have made the attempt. I have actually seen him during the long summer evenings equipped with twine and glue, trying to bring life into what could only be described as handle plus splinters. Fortunate indeed are schools where games are in the hands of such fanatical enthusiasts as Messrs. Dunn and Leaver.

Now Mr. Dunn leaves for a well-earned retirement, after a life-time of selfless service for which he should be justly proud.

An outstanding schoolmaster and a great character.

A. E. Lovett (1925-1964).

SCHOOL NEWS

After nearly twenty years at The King's School Mr. D. Hinchliffe left at the end of last term to take up a new appointment at Leeds Grammar School, where he will continue to teach Geography. An attempt to convey appreciation of Mr. Hinchliffe's contribution to the life of the School is not easy, but foremost are memories of his interest in all aspects of School life. He could be seen regularly at rugby matches, voicing strong support. Field-work under Mr. Hinchliffe's guidance was a frequent occurrence. His handling of the School's finances was precise, each page of figures revealing the thought and attention to detail which were characteristic of all his work. The smooth running of G.C.E. examinations was such that perhaps few realised just how much depended upon his capacity to organize seats, papers, and boys to such an extent that nothing went wrong. He was equally concerned for high standards in the classroom, and whilst he always demanded of the boys their best efforts, he never allowed the work to obscure the excellent relationship which he established with all boys. Nor did his concern for the boys cease when the boys left the School. His contacts with Old Boys were and still are vast. The Old Boys' section in the magazine will be the poorer for his move, though he will no doubt continue to enjoy correspondence with Pomfretians in all parts of the world and in all walks of life. In the staff-room his tolerance and humour extended to all, and perhaps one could best sum up his value by saying that his approach to his work was of the highest professional standard. We wish him every happiness in his new position, and we trust that he will to knock on the staff-room door as he enters and wear a carnation in his lapel to encourage Geography examinees.

Mr. F. Pickering also moved at Easter to Leeds Grammar School, where he has taken over the Biology. During his short time here he rapidly established himself in the Biology Department, which has flourished markedly. Mr. Pickering also had charge of the Under 15 Rugby XV, and he had the energy to run the course taken by the seniors in the Cross-Country. We offer congratulations to him on his new appointment. Mr. G. R. Nattrass, after seven years at the School, left at Easter to begin a course of study leading to qualifications in Librarianship. Before starting on the course proper, he is presently working at the Technological Library at Boston Spa, near Wetherby, in order to gain experience in library work. Mr. Nattrass, who taught French, German, and Latin here, offered a scholastic knowledge of the subjects and a humane approach. He was in charge of the Junior Debating Society, and those who experienced the German trips will know of his genuine interest in the welfare of the boys and of his remarkable knowledge of linguistics, architecture, and history. His map-reading often reduced the group to silent wonder. We offer to Mr. Nattrass sincere best wishes for the future and express the hope that he will maintain contact with the School during his remaining time in Pontefract.

We welcomed at the beginning of this term four new members of staff. Mr. R. Cowan, an Old Boy of the School, returns to teach Languages. He studied for his degree at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, after which he taught initially at Eastbourne College, and he then entered commerce before taking up his position here. Mr. S. Holt, who qualified in Zoology at the University of Leeds, comes to us from Adwick

School, Doncaster, to take over the Biology Department. He hopes to involve Sixth Form biologists in research into the process of digestion in coelenterates. Mr. I. Rogers gained his degree at Newcastle University and his Graduate Certificate in Education at St. Mary's College, Twickenham. He taught at St. Cuthbert's Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne before joining the Geography Department here. Among his interests are soccer and badminton. Mr. P. Whalley, who graduated in Philosophy at the University of Lancaster, taught English at Latymer Upper School after following a teaching course in London. Mr. Whalley, who is second in the English Department, has among his interests soccer, the library, and the magazine. We offer all four a very warm welcome and hope that they have now settled amongst us.

We lose this term our two Language Assistants. Fräulein Kröller and Monsieur Agrinier have both spent, we trust, an enjoyable year with us. Their efforts to persuade the boys to articulate in a foreign language have been markedly successful. We offer them best wishes for their future studies and hope that they will take with them kind memories of us and lasting friendships.

At Easter Mr. A. Staveley retired. As groundsman assisting Mr. Rhodes, he did a magnificent job, and

in his short time with us always gave of his best. We wish him a happy retirement, although we feel that he was not with us for long enough.

As we go to press, the A Level and O Level examinations are well under way. The Fifth Formers, on completion of their examinations, will be involved in a series of projects which have been evolved to give the boys wider experience. Boys will, during the last three weeks of the term, be spending one week in turn on some of the arranged projects. In each week boys will be working in factories, collieries, schools, a farm, a hospital, and on two nature reserves. It will be of interest to see how this excellent scheme, which copes with a difficult period in the Fifth year, works out.

The Library has this year been used most effectively on several occasions to house displays presented by a most energetic group from the First Year Sixth. We have been impressed by the effort and imagination involved, and the evidence offered concerning the Loch Ness Monster was overwhelming, for the various photographs and reports were indeed authentic. The displays have brought colour and variety, and we hear that more are to come.

SPEECH DAY

Thursday, April 1st, 1971

Speech Day this year was held for the first time in the School Hall, and inevitably the audience had to be limited. Prizewinners and prefects and their parents were present with members of staff on this occasion to hear the Chairman of the Governors, Alderman J. Blackburn, O.B.E., J.P., firstly welcome the Mayor of Pontefract, Councillor K. E. Millett, and then to introduce Mr. J. G. W. Peck as the new Headmaster of The King's School, who had come to the hustle and bustle of Pontefract from the quiet of Kent, a move involving more than a change of climate. In its history the School had enjoyed the benefits of many helpers. The Lyon family was still represented, Mr. M. Lyon being a member of the present governing body. Alderman Blackburn recalled former Heads of the School; Mr. Nichols, whose wife still wrote to the Chairman, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Forrest, whose efforts had provided the School with the organ (from money saved on school meals), Mr. and Mrs. J. Lean, by definition a gentleman and a lady, Mr. Aldous and his late wife, Margaret, who had fostered School Music so devotedly. Academic success was clear from the number of boys who had entered the Church, the Armed Forces, the Civil Service, and Medicine. Two helpers that the School was losing had given the School long service. Mr. C. E. Dunn, Deputy Headmaster, was retiring at the end of the Summer Term. Forty years ago, a young man, debonair, smart, and full of promise, came, saw, and conquered. Why should Mr. Dunn retire? He was as fit as anyone. Twenty years later came Mr. D. Hinchliffe, who was now leaving for personal reasons. The Chairman then called upon the Headmaster to present his report.

The Headmaster thanked the Chairman and the Governors for their welcome and assistance to him as a newcomer. It was the Governors who had provided funds which had purchased a mini-bus for

the School. The Headmaster went on to explain how he had not enjoyed an auspicious start. Absent had been buses, heat, light, post, meals, and now we found ourselves in a position in which the School could meet for Speech Day. The School Hall was the right place to meet, though it could not accommodate all who would normally be present. The Headmaster then welcomed the parents and spoke of plans which could involve parental support in a variety of activities. To an initial appeal for a Parent Teacher Association a response of over two hundred had been received. Prizes were a fitting sign of respect for those who did well, but this was perhaps an occasion on which the balance could be redressed. During the year two boys had become athletics champions, another had played for the Schools Soccer XI, and Merry, School Captain until his recent departure, had played for the Schools Golf Team. The Staff gave more than was required, and this was important, for the time spent in outside activities was what really distinguished a school. Normanton had been defeated on the field, and gymnastics now presented a high standard. A growing trend was basketball, in which the School team, having come top of the second league in its first season, would next season enter the top league. A Junior Play, written by a member of staff, had involved successfully many boys; the mini-bus was, thanks to Mr. Davidson, in excellent condition. The unsung Voluntary Group was an expression of the younger generation's concern for others; it was very important and very active. Three new members of staff had been appointed, Mr. Burke, Mr. Tempest, and Mr. Hargreaves. Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Ryder had gone to new appointments, and Mr. Samwell, who had come on supply, was now leaving with our thanks. The Headmaster then spoke of members of staff who would be leaving at the end of the Summer Term. Mr. Nattrass, who had spent seven years at the School, had worked with scholarly care in the Languages Department, and Mr. Pickering

had given short but distinguished service in the Biology Department. Mr. Hinchliffe, who had for many years meticulously attended to G.C.E. arrangements, had offered a long neglected virtue, efficiency. Our thanks were due to him for his deep belief in boys and his understanding and knowledge of them. This occasion would be for Mr. Dunn his last public one, and the Headmaster laid stress on the enormous assistance which he had been given by Mr. Dunn. In his concern for others he had offered both wisdom and humanity. Here boys could make mistakes, for if not here, then where? Here a humane school had been fashioned, and as a humane school it would continue. In the academic field, examinations were rightly under fire. A test of memory was not a test of understanding and critical power, and a clear appraisal of the situation was urgent, as the school-leaving age was soon to be raised. The School had a growing Sixth Form and rising standards, and any boy had a right to stay a further two years in the Sixth Form, regardless of his qualifications. The Sixth Form should offer more than academic success or failure; the School offered more, aiming at the highest for each boy. The virtue of hard work lay in the fact that it extended a boy and brought self-understanding — the Sixth Former should burn the midnight oil. That effort brought self-discipline was valid for all. For proper growth experience was essential, and to this end King's Leaving Scholarships were to be modified so that they could be used to encourage travel and initiative while a boy was still at school. The aim then was success and the pursuit of excellence, as evinced by the concert held on the previous evening, which had been excellent. The performers had not only been able, but demonstrably able.

The Chairman thanked the Headmaster for his report and then invited the Mayor to present the Senior and Junior Christie Prizes to C. W. Conway and P. J. Berridge respectively. Alderman Blackburn then presented the remaining prizes to the winners, and afterwards the School Captain gave in a very creditable manner the vote of thanks.

PARENT/TEACHER ASSOCIATION

With long experience of how well parents support all that the School does it came as no surprise that there was such a very good attendance for the Inaugural Meeting of the Parent/Teacher Association. This took place on March 3rd and numerous volunteers then formed a Committee to work out a Constitution and decide on the first events. We have started with a meeting addressed by Dr. Weston, Consultant Psychiatrist at Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield, on the subject of Drug Taking by Young People and a Parent/Staff Cricket Match later in the term. The tedious but necessary work of Constitution drawing has been done and the Aims of the Association have been set out. These are quite simply to improve communications between parents, pupils and teachers and to provide opportunities for parents to support the activities of the School. Now the success of the venture depends on how well we can fulfil these aims and on how much support is given to the Association's activities.

THE SCHOOL MINI-BUS

'What is it that roareth thus?
Can it be a motor-bus?'

This fifty-year old quip (misquoted) made by an Oxford wit has taken on a new meaning at The King's School. On March 10th the School bought an ex-West Riding ambulance, retermed euphemistically the School Mini-Bus. Since the purchase date expenses have been incurred for rectifying faults as they appeared — or anticipating where they might appear. These items have included new tyres, clear glass for the smoked glass, new dynamo, control box and carburettor. We are just at the stage of putting in new pistons and rings in what turns out to be the original engine block. The bus has been repainted inside and out and serves a variety of purposes from short hops for the Voluntary Group to weekend trips for camping and fell walking in the Dales and Derbyshire.

The bus has covered some 800 miles in School use and gulped 68 gallons of petrol and one gallon of oil. It is difficult to say whether this vehicle is popular with drivers for it does not have a sparkling performance. It appears to be gaining acceptance by the boys who have of course noticed and remarked on its less endearing characteristics. It has some eccentricities worth noting. Cylinders 2 and 3 have been unsociable and reluctant to join the normal team of four in doing any work, but since we now discover that there is a sizable hunk missing from each of the pistons their behaviour is not surprising. The gear-box objects to being moved from third to second gear and gnashes its teeth in anger — a noise which produces some comment from the rear compartment. Any speed over 40 m.p.h. produces shudders and convulsions as body and engine register disapproval. This all adds to the flavour of adventure, I suppose.

There have been two weekend camping excursions to Derbyshire in the Bus, one for the First Year Sixth and one for First Form boys. There is a party going to the Dales in a few days. Each group has used the camping equipment which the School has recently acquired — basic units consisting of a large ridge tent for ten people and two smaller 'A' type tents holding three people in each. There are a dozen sleeping-bags, but as yet no stove. Cooking equipment has been provided privately for these trips and we only await delivery from County Supplies. The total cost of these trips, for transport, food and camping fees, has worked out at a little over £1 per boy. Places of interest have so far included the following — Monk Bretton Priory, Haddon Hall, Castleton Caves, Buxton, and castles at Peverill and Conisborough. Another group is camping in the Leyburn area in a few days, and it will be concentrating on fell walking.

There have been many uses for the Mini-bus this term — tennis, athletics, cricket, and basketball teams to local schools, Voluntary Group activities, and boys taken to visit H.M.S. Kellington in Goole Harbour. For the last three weeks of term there will be a daily shuttle service to Fairburn and Brockdale ferrying boys back and forth on planned projects at these two nature reserves. We hope the Bus will continue to be used for any worthwhile venture and there seems to be no reason why a short Continental trip could not be undertaken during the next academic year.

B.A.D.

THE JUNIOR PLAYS, 1971

This year the Junior Plays were 'Who's for Heaven' and 'Treasure Island'. The former being a short satire and the latter a longer play based on Stevenson's novel.

'Who's for Heaven' marked Mr. Medway's debut as a playwright and his play proved to be quite a success. He set out to provide a distorted cross-sectional view of our society in a humorous way, showing its present trends and absurdities. The play took the form of a series of short sketches which take place in heaven, where the people are all applicants. Who enters heaven is determined by their office, and the usefulness of it, as portrayed in the sketches. Most of these produced an instant reaction from the audience and the skill with which the actors executed their lines was quite incredible when one realizes that for many it was the first time on a stage.

The Attack brothers are to be complimented on their portrayal of the computers, as is S. Mann who played the tramp and shows much promise for future School productions.

Mr. Medway is to be congratulated on his handling of a large cast with such success and, although continuity of the play could have been speeded up by reducing the length of time taken during scene changes, the play was enjoyed by all.

The second play, 'Treasure Island', being longer, allowed individual actors' abilities to show themselves more clearly; also many of the actors in this play were the lower School 'professionals' who gave the play a less amateur appearance.

A cleverly designed scene, created by Mr. Burke, set the atmosphere for a good play, and this atmosphere was used well by the actors initially, although one felt that as the story drew to a close they tried to obtain 'cheap' laughs, which they did — at the expense of the play.

J. Revell, C. Newlands, D. Cusworth, and M. Ward are all worthy of a mention for their excellent acting, and the supporting cast upheld the standard, although for some the 'pirate' accent got the better of them and a few of their lines became inaudible.

Mr. Cavendish should award himself a medal for the speed at which he managed to shape such a maxi-junior play into form and the degree of 'polish' he obtained.

Finally thanks must go to everyone who has helped in any way with the plays, boys and masters alike, for producing such a vital and enjoyable School event.

M. Blakey, 6A¹.

THE ANNUAL CONCERT

The twentieth Annual Concert was given at School on Wednesday, March 31st. The event received the accustomed enthusiastic support from parents and friends, who were treated to an evening of varied musicmaking.

Choral items were contributed by a Four Part Choir, who sang a varied group of songs, ranging from Purcell to Gershwin. A short cantata, Daniel Jazz, was performed by a First Form Choir with an appropriate blend of expertise and abandon. This was for many a highlight of the evening.

The quality of the instrumental teaching in the School has been evident for some years, but never

more than on this occasion. Junior flute and clarinet ensembles played a variety of pieces including 'Bourree' from the 'Water Music' and 'Dance of the Reed Pipes' from the 'Nutcracker Suite'. The Flute Quartet, a group of senior instrumentalists, tackled with great success the Rondo in E. by Kulhaus.

There is no extensive solo repertoire for brass instruments. Only Haydn has composed a significant trumpet concerto. Two movements of this were played by D. Cusworth and I. Gott, displaying, respectively, promise and accomplishment. The other brass soloist was S. Norfolk, who played a transcription for trombone of a recitative and aria from Gounod's oratorio, 'La Reine de Saba'. Norfolk's technical skill and musicianship are now taken for granted, and the audience was not disappointed. His encore, The Acrobat, has become something of an institution at School Concerts. It was tossed off with his accustomed panache.

J. Pearce and C. Spendlove, dynamic piano duettists, tackled the Slavonic Dance in G. minor by Dvorak. There was at times more vigour than control, but the performance began and ended in great style.

The Band has of late become the mainstay of School Music. There are now over thirty regular members. It is technically designated a military band since it contains brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. It does not now need a stiffening of outsiders for safety in performance, but it is gratifying that a number of outsiders, notably from the Girls' High School, are regular members. At the concert the following works were played: Crown Imperial by Walton, Alla Marcia from the Karelia Suite by Sibelius, and Britten's Soirees Musicales. They also contributed the final item of the evening, the Dambusters March by Eric Coates.

PONTEFRAC MUSIC FESTIVAL (SPEECH AND DRAMA SECTION)

Friday, Saturday, 14th and 15th May, 1971.

The following were placed first in their class:

Duologue, boys and girls under 18: G. Kirkham and R. J. H. Bell. Also winners of the Lyon Shield for the highest marks in the duologue classes.

Verse Speaking, solo, boys under 15: C. W. Newlands. Also winner of the Maud E. Naylor Shield for all the verse speaking groups after a final judged by both adjudicators.

Choral Speaking, under 18: R. J. H. Bell, G. Kirkham, D. Hookham, B. Marshall, D. Wilson, J. Pearce, M. Lodge, D. Collins, S. T. Wright, C. W. Newlands, P. Hill, J. N. Revell. Winners of the Sister Lovelady Memorial Cup.

Mime under 18: A. Thompson, A. Osiecki, C. D. Simpson, F. W. Simpson, P. Adams, D. Grassham. Cup given from 1958 Trophy Fund.

Solo Acting, Comedy, open: D. Hookham.

Dramatic Scene, under 15 and open: J. N. Revell, A. C. Skidmore, P. Hill, D. Waring, and G. McHugh.

Public Speaking, open, solo: J. Tams.

Shakespearean Duologue, under 18: D. Hookham and K. D. Walker. Trophy given by Miss G. A. Hutchinson.

PARIS AND THE LOIRE VALLEY

Easter, 1971.

By 7.00 a.m. on the morning of Good Friday, the large party of three masters and forty-one boys was assembled, preparatory to their departure for a week's holiday in France. The arduous journey to Paris deserves most of all to be forgotten, but the major stages can be enumerated. London — pigeons in Leicester Square, opprobrious policemen. Dover — departing hovercraft, force 8 gales over the Channel, eventual arrival of the 'Princess Margaret'. Boulogne — relief from sickness at last, 'vile wind', high spirits of passengers already on train. Paris — Gare du Nord, coach trip to Lycée de Vitry, otherwise known as Stalag 13, communal dormitory, Mr. Buckroyd's advice!

To revert now to a more conventional style, immediately after breakfast next day the whole party left for a coach tour of Paris. The first stop was at Notre Dame, ostensibly for 20 minutes, but in the first flush of freedom, the bistros were too great a temptation — the coach was late starting off again. We moved on finally to Montmartre, parking just in front of the Sacré Coeur. The greatest attention however was drawn by the numerous artists, producing lightning sketches or oil-paintings of different views. The tragedy was that we were only allowed 40 minutes to take in some of the wonderful atmosphere of this quarter.

The afternoon was given over for everyone to do as they pleased, and there was a general drift towards the river. The 'bouquinistes' or booksellers on the banks of the river provide cheap entertainment, while the Galeries Lafayette, the largest departmental store in Paris, catered for those of more expensive tastes. The three masters took their first opportunity to rest with amazing generosity, paying six francs each for a coffee and brandy. It was not until that evening that we came to terms with the fact that we were staying in a girls' dormitory block, and complaints were duly registered at about 11.00 p.m. This had the unfortunate effect of Mr. Buckroyd's having to see the 'Proviser' before and after breakfast, the matter was then officially dropped, and unofficially we were confined to campus for our last night in Paris, a deprivation of which those who obeyed the instruction still feel the effect. Despite this, the day itself was long but very satisfying. We began early in the morning with a boat-trip along the Seine. The weather was perfect for this, with bright sun and not a cloud in the sky. Unfortunately the boat itself, 'Tamise', had a glass roof and only small windows could be opened. The cruise itself was most enjoyable, despite the uncomfortable heat, and the fluent commentary in three languages was not only very informative, but also quite an education in itself. From the boat we hurried to the Eiffel Tower, where we only had time to go up to the first stage, about one fifth of the way up, but the view, even from this level, was indescribable. It is impossible to convey the feeling of satisfaction at surveying Paris from this vantage point. By making a hasty descent, we were then able to hurry to the station in order to catch the train for Versailles where we paused both for thought and our infamous packed lunches. The tour around the Palais de Versailles was conducted by a very learned, former history teacher, who gave Mr. Buckroyd quite an exhausting afternoon translating his exact descriptions and numerous dates. He did in fact disgorge information at a terrible rate, and relief was only made

possible by a suggestion that we should disband and make our own way to the station. The highlight of the tour, the celebrated Galeries des Glaces, provided a suitable climax to an interesting trip. Returning to the station, Mr. Telfer showed some of his attributes by directing some traffic, causing a bus to reverse into a car and quickly disappearing before reprisals could be taken.

On Monday we made the move from Paris to Tours, and our dormitory at Vitry was vacated by 8.00 a.m. Depositing all the luggage at the Gare d'Austerlitz, we were again let loose on Paris. One party set off for the Louvre, but it seems that everything closes on Easter Monday and their visit proved unsuccessful. The morning was generally used for either a look at one last tourist attraction, such as Les Invalides, Concorde, or the 'Bou Mich', or a quiet rest in a shady bar, trying to work out exactly how much a service charge of 12 - 15% was on a bill of 3.75 francs. Eventually everyone managed to arrive in time to catch the train for Tours. The journey down was a pleasant one, and it had a very attractive conclusion on our arrival at the Lycée Agricole. Never has any school looked so inviting. There were facilities for practically all sports, from rugby to table-tennis, two television lounges, a stereo record player, and a bar. Everything was brand new, and there were a dozen showers in our dormitory block. Add these attributes to small dormitories, about eighty English school-girls staying at the same school, and temperatures in the eighties, and you have many people's dream of paradise, at least that was the impression I gained. The excellent evening meal was followed by a further harangue from Mr. Buckroyd, and then a lazy evening consuming soft drinks or an excellent black coffee in the bar. The first half of our holiday was therefore concluded with shiny prospects of an even better half to come.

Our first complete day in Tours began with a free morning, the main event of which was the discovery of Napoleon, the owner of the nearest cafe, 2 kilometres from the school in Saint-Cyr, a small village on the riverside. A trip was arranged for the afternoon to see the main sights of Tours, a town very comparable to York in character and size. There is an old part to the city, and a large cathedral which, as Mr. Skiera would confirm, is definitely not as impressive as York Minster, despite its imposing twin towers and large stained-glass windows. In the heat of the afternoon, the trip was perhaps a little too long to maintain interest, and it was with a distinct feeling of relief that we were allowed to disband and go our own ways. Many of the most interesting historical features are not those which are cleaned regularly and well renovated, but the old curiosities. It was with delight that Mr. Buckroyd's eye lighted upon an old 'pissoir', the use of which he very graphically demonstrated. Unfortunately the demonstration was brought to an abrupt end when the uninitiated female members of our joint party were unable to contain their curiosity any longer.

In the evening, while a Disco was quickly set up in one room, a bridge circle was formed in the bar, and only when the School was narrowly beaten did the staff inform us that the losers paid for the drinks. In an immediate return however both honour and drinks were regained very quickly.

Wednesday was probably the hottest day of all, and it involved an all-day coach trip around la Touraine visiting four châteaux. The first stop was at Langeais where the information about the rooms was con-

veyed by pre-recorded tapes. The French guide, meanwhile, fastidiously pointed out each object mentioned, and his antics provided no small amount of amusement. From Langeais we carried on to a nuclear power station, or at least the scale model of one. The scientists were now in their element, explaining to the uninitiated the internal workings of the station. Some of us remained none the wiser. The second château was that of Chinon, entirely in ruins, but still defined in three distinct parts. While most of us were content to listen to the story of Jeanne d'Arc. Mr. Skiera was solely concerned with a number of peacocks who seemed to be aware of the camera, displaying for him all the brilliance of their plumage. After lunch, by the river Vienne, we learnt that it was Mr. Telfer's birthday, one of our party hurried quickly off to buy him a silk tie, the largest one in the shop naturally. The haste was unnecessary for the driver had completely disappeared, and we did not move off for another half-hour.

Azay-le-Rideau marked the turning point of the afternoon. Interest was flagging, and a brief inspection would have sufficed, but it was not to be. We were treated to a full guided tour and saw every inch of the château. Finally we moved off for Villandry, thankfully the last stop of the day. The house was of little interest to our satiated minds, but the gardens provided a marvellous spectacle, viewed from high above on a terracing. The superbly modulated voice of our guide made her explanations very easy to follow, and she dealt very clearly with the different designs of the bushes.

Everyone in the party was glad to return home that evening and most of us settled very quickly to a long-awaited rest before retiring for the night.

Thursday, the last full day of the holiday, was completely free for everyone to do as they pleased. At the bus-stop outside the school about eighty people crowded on to the same service bus, much to the astonishment of those looking on. A few fortunate members were invited to join a girls' coach trip to the nearby wine-cellars at Vouvray. The first cellar we visited was an extensive labyrinth of old mine workings. The temperature inside is quite cool, and you are surrounded by thousands of bottles on all sides. The most interesting sight was that of the temporary metal caps being removed from the champagne bottles to allow the sediment to escape. Apparently the bottles had a habit of exploding at this stage, but we still had a close look at the proceedings. The final part of the trip was a wine-tasting session, and when this was complete, the party emerged into the sunlight with a slight feeling of light-headedness. The second cellar we visited was in complete contrast to this highly commercial unit, having been hewn out of solid rock by the family who owned the business. It was aimed at amusing the tourist, being furnished as a Parisian Métro station, with such signs as:

'Si le vin te gêne dans ton travail,
Supprime le travail!'

This enterprise, calculated to entertain the tourist by its small, advertising anecdotes, was miserably wasted on our party. In the afternoon any remaining shopping still outstanding was completed, and, with the thought of breakfast at 5.00 a.m. the next morning, Mr. Buckroyd was very keen to get everyone settled early. He eventually succeeded, delayed a little by a number of capricious beer-bottles which blew up for no apparent reason.

As for Friday, little needs to be said. We left Tours at 5.30, with many a farewell, and dare I say it, the occasional tear, and were quickly transported to Paris. The trip across Paris was a memorable one, since the coach-driver seemed to have the firm intention of hitting at least one car, and made it a matter of principle never to go through any traffic lights on green. The crossing of 63 miles from Dieppe to New-haven took its toll, but all our worries were cast aside when we had successfully evaded customs and had eaten a good meal soon out of London. We arrived back at Pontefract finally at midnight, exposing our glorious sun-tan to a steady drizzle.

It only remains to thank all the three masters for showing remarkable control and restraint in very trying circumstances. On behalf of the whole party, therefore, I would like to thank Mr. Buckroyd for his hard work in arranging and organizing the trip, aggravated as the difficulties were by the postal strike, and also Mr. Skiera and Mr. Telfer for their assistance and perpetual good humour. It was a holiday which we thoroughly enjoyed, and many thanks are due to all three masters for their admirable courage in taking forty-one schoolboys abroad.

R. J. H. Bell, 6A¹.

NORTHUMBERLAND HISTORY TRIP, 1971

On Friday, 23rd of April, spirits not dampened by the rain, the coach soared away from the School. Up the A.1, stopping only for coffee at a transport cafe, and straight to Chesters Fort. Here the excellent Roman remains were examined, with particular attention being given to the almost perfect bath house, that is, as perfect as a Roman bath house can be. As it was nearing dinner time we decided to move to 'The Twice Brewed Inn', a country pub, where all appetites were soon quelled. Then onto the Roman Wall and Housesteads Roman Encampment. Unfortunately the mist and heavy rain made a long stay impossible, but Mr. Brookes made up for this by slipping down an embankment — twice. And so after a few more hours of travelling, a bedraggled, yet happy party, staggered into the hotel, had tea, and settled down to card and dart playing and watching T.V.

Saturday saw a break in the rain, which was replaced by a gale-force wind, and our trip to Edinburgh. Here we were shown around the castle, Holyrood House, Princes Street, and The Royal Mile by a selection of very helpful and friendly guides. Again we returned to the hotel for tea and once more the night was given to optional pastimes.

The last morning was taken up by a visit to Holy Island to see Lindisfarne Priory, and the coach went over a road which is clear in low tide, but in high tide is about 15 feet under water. (Mr. Davidson was heard to be telling his usual seafaring tales of death and disaster to the lower School boys at this point). From here our journey home began; calling back at the hotel to pack and say good-bye to the staff, one mini-skirted waitress in particular; and along the coast to Dunstanburgh Castle. After a quick look round and a walk by the coast — the Northumbrian coast is at its best around Dunstanburgh — we drove to Durham for tea. Back down the A.1., finishing up at School in the evening.

A most enjoyable trip was had by all (except Wilde?) and all we can hope is that such a successful one will be run again next year by Mr. Davidson and Mr. Brookes, who are to be congratulated on the good humoured way they led the trip.

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Next year I shall be taking four boys to Leeds to further their training under Dick Gradley at the Leeds Athletic Institute. We also hope to acquire a set of Olympic rings and pommels with which we will greatly widen the scope of our gymnastics.

P.A.H.

SWIMMING

This year, as always, the Annual House Swimming Gala was closely contested with some very fine races, finishes and performances.

We chose, from the Gala, a number of boys to go forward to the area trials at Ackworth, where all but one of the boys was selected to represent the area; our only unselected boy came second in the trials after tying for first place.

The boys then went to Huddersfield and met some very strong opposition, in the form of County and International swimmers, where they gained experience of very high class competition, even if they were a little unsuccessful.

One can only comment that things might have been different if we had had our own pool.

Three records were broken at the Gala, and details are as follows:

3rd Forms 2 Lengths Free Style: A. P. Thompson in 31.8 seconds.

3rd Forms 2 Lengths Backstroke: J. Pearson in 41.7 seconds.

First Forms 4 by 1 Length Free Style Relay: King Edward House in 1 minute 10.2 seconds.

Final House positions were:

Lyon: 75	King Edward: 119½
De Lacy: 98	Atkinson: 123½

P.A.H.

ATHLETICS CLUB

Perhaps the most important aspect of this season has been the introduction of the A.A.A. 5-Star Award Scheme, in which certificates and badges can be obtained in three chosen events. Athletics is not simply a sport for the physically gifted minority, but has a much wider effect. Some 300 certificates have so far been awarded, mainly to boys in the lower half of the School, and it is a rarity to find a boy in forms

1 - 3 who has not achieved something tangible in athletics this season.

Although it is an achievement to obtain any award in the A.A.A. Scheme, it takes outstanding performances to become a '5-Star Athlete', and six boys have reached this high standard so far this season, namely D. A. Hobbs (Form 1), D. R. Dobbing and S. Williams (Form 2), M. Ward (Form 3), W. Ryans (Form 4), and M. A. Spears (Form 6).

There have been several School matches so far, but three have been cancelled due to inclement weather. Those which have taken place were:

Thursday, 6th May v. Ackworth (Home)

U. 14, U. 16, and O. 16 Won 223 - 149

Wednesday, 12th May v. St. Wilfrid's and Pontefract Sec. Boys (Away)

1st Forms, 2nd Forms and 3rd Forms

Won 279 - 221 - 217

Thursday, 20th May v. Tadcaster G.S. and Nunthorpe G.S. (Away)

U. 14, U. 16 and O. 16 Won 247 - 212 - 177

Many boys were entered for the Area Trials and eight boys were chosen to represent the Ackworth and District Team in the Yorkshire Championships. These boys were:

Seniors: M. A. Spears — Triple Jump (2nd place) and Relay (1st place)

J. Rutherford — Javelin (4th place)

G. Russell — 400 metres

Inters: L. Driffild — Discus (7th place)

W. Ryans — Javelin (7th place)

P. Hewison — 800 metres

J. Parkin — 1500 metres

Juniors: M. Ward — Shot (4th place)

M. A. Spears, as captain of the club, has been a great inspiration to the other competitors, through the consistently high standard of his performance; and there are many other boys, who have not been mentioned, who have excellent performances to their credit. But as well as these, there is a generally high standard of athletic achievement from boys throughout the School which promises well for future seasons.

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The principal aim of the Group since its foundation has been to provide a service to old people in the town, to do jobs about the house and garden which they are unable to do for themselves, and which no-one else will undertake. This is the central purpose of the Group, although other activities have developed from it. As in previous years a great many jobs of this kind have been done, and we have now reached the situation where, in addition to our regular addresses the Council itself is passing on requests for help.

Unfortunately in the Summer Term pressure of jobs and pressure of work for examinations coincide for our senior members, and it is the policy of the Group not to ask such members to do any jobs after Easter.

Each year at this time the responsibility falls on members of the First Year Sixth to continue where others must leave off. A good proportion of the First Year Sixth this year has made an excellent response. Others, it seems, are content to ignore the appeals which are made on behalf of old people in need. This places unreasonable pressure on those who choose to listen, for continuity of contact is vital. One job per person per term is not a great deal to ask.

During the Easter holiday the Group, in conjunction with 'strong' teams from the Girls' High School, spent four days working on the Mill Hill Playground, following up work done in the previous year. A sandpit, a log climbing frame and a lifeboat (now, sadly, vandalised!) were among the innovations. The Council has since officially thanked the Group for the work done there: more significant is a revival of concern about the lack of playgrounds in the town.

At the conclusion of a year which has amply maintained the standards of the past, I should like to thank all members of staff, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Tonks for all their assistance and forbearance.

We have received help for needy cases and equipment from the Ice Cream Fund, from the Girls' High School Old People's Fund, and from Mr. Leaver out of the proceeds of the Jumble Sale. To all these we are most grateful. I should also like to record the debt of the Group to all members who will now be leaving, with perhaps a special mention for the enthusiasm and energy of Bill Tams, our Secretary. They take with them our thanks and best wishes for the future.

G.O.J.

RUGBY

In addition to our own Sevens Competition held last September, and the Manchester Sevens held last October, we again entered a number of Sevens Competitions in the Spring Term.

Under 13 Sevens

At Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield
1st Round v. Kettlethorpe City High School, lost 5—8
In the Losers' Competition v Leeds Grammar School, won 20—0
Losers' Final v Bradford Grammar School, won 11—3

Under 15 Sevens

At Minsthorpe High School
1st Round v Temple Moor B Team won 6—0
2nd Round v Castleford High School lost 0—23
At Doncaster Grammar School
Group Games:
v Doncaster G.S. B team won 12—0
v Heath School lost 0—27
v Crossley & Porter School lost 6—9

Halifax Sevens at Hipperholme

1st Round v Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield, lost 3—20
Losers' 1st Round v Minsthorpe High School, lost 5—13

Senior Sevens

This year, at senior level, we extended our Sevens fixtures by entering the Rosslyn Park Sevens and the Llanelli Schools' Sevens as well as taking part in the usual competitions at Ilkley and Hipperholme. The Loughborough competition was cancelled as a result of the postal strike.

Rosslyn Park Sevens

In this new venture the School side did not achieve good results, but the occasion was enjoyable and the experience valuable.

2nd Round v Rydal School, North Wales, lost 8—13
1st Round losers' v Belmont School lost 8—23

Halifax Schools' Sevens

Once again the School side did well in this competition and almost managed to retain the trophy for a second year. After a poor display in the first game the team settled down and put up a good fight against Normanton Grammar School. In the final a big Wakefield side denied possession which prevented the School side from showing its best form.

2nd Round v West Leeds High School, won 10—8
3rd Round v Aireborough Grammar School, won 18—5
Semi-final v Normanton Grammar School, won 10—8
Final v Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield, lost 11—15

Ilkley Sevens

As has often been the case the side did not play well in the first game and they were well beaten by Oakbank School, Keighley. In the Losers' Plate greater confidence was shown until, in the semi-final, the side went to pieces and appeared to throw the game away when they were on top.

Prel. Round v Oakbank School, lost 0—8
Losers' Plate:
Prel. Round v Leeds Modern School, won 23—0
1st Round v Huddersfield New College, won 11—0
2nd Round v Temple Moor School, won 15—0
Semi-final v Hemsworth High School, lost 13—14

Llanelli Sevens

1st Round v Dyffryn School, won 24—0
2nd Round v Roundhay School, lost 3—11
Losers' Plate for English Schools:
1st Round v Reigate School, won 18—6
2nd Round v Cowley School B, won 18—5
Semi-final v St. Edwards, Liverpool, lost 6—8

(My thanks go to Mr. Hargreaves and Mr. L. Hoyle who stepped in at short notice to drive the party to South Wales).

Next Season

The fixtures for next season follow the usual pattern but the slightly later start of the term has robbed us of our normal games against De La Salle College, Salford. The second King's Sevens will take place on Tuesday, 28th September, with a 2.30 p.m. start. On this occasion sixteen schools will take part. The visiting schools will include two Lancashire teams, one from West Park Grammar School, St. Helens, and the other from Blackpool Grammar School. We look forward to another enjoyable competition.

The under 13 and 14 teams will again tour Lancashire at half-term to play games against Stonyhurst College, King Edward VII School, Lytham, and West Park Grammar School, St. Helens.

The 1st XV and the under 15 XV will travel North to play three games against the following schools, Dame Allan's School, Newcastle, Kirkcaldy High School, and King Edward VI School, Morpeth. During the tour the teams will stay in Edinburgh.

A.J.L.

SCHOOL SOCCER

The good weather enjoyed during the Spring Term allowed a far greater number of games to be played this season than most. As usual however the condition of the pitches at home left a lot to be desired, and it is to the credit of the sides that so much attractive football was indeed played.

The performance of the Senior teams was excellent; the First Eleven losing only two matches, and the Second Eleven going through the season unbeaten. It is a pity that, because of the arrangement of sport in the School, which I believe is basically good, the School First Eleven is unable to enter the English Schools' Trophy; from this season's results it is evident that the side would do very well indeed. I would like to thank all those who played for the First Eleven this season for the manner in which they responded to my frequent inhuman requests for them to raise their game, and for their impeccable approach to soccer both on and off the field. I would particularly thank David Smith, who inspired the side by example, and who made the task of running the team much easier. I must also congratulate Jeffrey Clarke on his selection for both Yorkshire and England; he obviously has a real future in the game. Colours are awarded to Smith, Hoyle, and Clarke.

Mr. Burke's first year as master in charge of the Second Eleven was most successful, and a just reward for his hard work.

Junior Soccer was not so successful in terms of matches won. The Under 15 Eleven had a very poor season, being unable to win any of their matches, although it must be noted that many matches were lost by single goals. I hope these boys are not too disheartened; I feel sure that, in the Senior sides, the experience of the older boys will improve their game. My thanks are due to Mr. Auty for his hard, but unrewarded work with this team.

The Under 14 Eleven on occasions played very well, promising much for the future. Much of this was due to Mr. Hargreaves' influence; I hope his future years in School are as successful and enjoyable.

Mr. Barber and Mr. Hall worked hard with an Under 13 side which lost only six of its fourteen games, and my thanks are due to them.

Under the enthusiastic organisation of Mr. Medway and Mr. Johnson, we have been able, on occasion,

to field two First Form teams, with a fair degree of success. It is hoped that, in future years, we can enlist a qualified F.A. coach to help in this important, formative year.

R.T.

First XI

With seven members of last year's team remaining at School, the First XI promised to be one of the best for many years.

The lack of size among the front three caused anxiety at first, but this was balanced by striking power from the middle, coming mainly from Hoyle, who was the side's leading goalscorer. The defence, which played well all season, was well marshalled by vice-captain Clarke, whom I must congratulate on his selection at County and National schoolboy levels.

The first setback of the season came in the third game, when, playing in atrocious conditions, we went down by the odd goal in nine to King Edward VII, Sheffield. The only other setback of the season was again in Sheffield at the hands of Abbeydale Grammar School, when we lost by the only goal, and a hotly disputed one at that.

Most of the games were played under terrible footballing conditions, but some very fine football has been played. None was better than the game against Nunthorpe Grammar School, the Yorkshire representatives in the English Schools' Cup, when we came from behind to gain a commendable draw. Another fine performance by the team was against a very skilful Mexborough side which we beat 3 - 2.

For the final game of the season, which had been made harder for us by several Rugby Sevens Competitions towards the end of the term calling on four regular members, we welcomed a very strong Old Boys' XI led by Mr. Ryder, who left us at Christmas. This was a game we expected to lose, and when at the last moment we had to call on the skills of Mr. Telfer on the right wing, these fears became deeper. But against all the odds, we managed to hold on to a 2 - 2 draw after leading 2 - 1.

Special praise this season must be given to J. D. Clarke for his unflappable play in defence and his support as vice-captain, and to S. V. Hoyle for his outstanding 'never say die' attitude in mid-field and his extra fire-power in attack which have provided the vital spark in many a game.

Indeed, I would like to thank every member of the First XI for the support they have given to Mr. Telfer and myself throughout the season, and I would also like to thank E. Crofts and C. Gill for turning out in all sorts of weather, home and away, to give their very welcome support.

Finally, I would like to give my great thanks to Mr. Telfer, who, in his first season in charge of the First XI, has built up in the team, by his own tremendous work and enthusiasm for the game, unequalled, I am sure, for many years, and this, in turn, produced very good results.

D. Smith (Captain).

Summary of Results

	P	W	D	L	For	Agst
First XI	11	6	3	2	36	19
Second XI	12	12	0	0	69	12
Third XI	2	0	0	2	2	7
Under 15 XI	13	0	3	10	22	40
Under 14 XI	14	4	2	8	31	44

Under 13 XI	14	2	6	6	21	54
Under 12 XI A	14	6	1	7	36	33
Under 12 XI B	3	2	0	1	8	4

Doncaster Soccer Sevens

This year 48 Yorkshire schools entered the competition, and, for once, enjoyed fine weather. In its initial stages, the tournament was organised on a league basis — four teams per league.

The School side won its league — beating the strongly fancied Maltby Grammar School side which contained three County players, Hull Grammar School, and Colne Valley High School.

After these successes we went into the last sixteen, here beating Beverley Grammar School, Withernsea High School who had already beaten last year's winners, St. Michael's College, Leeds.

In the quarter-final we lost narrowly to Danum Grammar School. The team played most creditably and received much praise for their style of play.

The team comprised: Walker C, Simpson, Clarke, Morton, Smith (Captain), Hoyle, Clough.

R.T.

Second Eleven

The Second XI has had a very successful season this year, the team winning all twelve of their matches by an average score of almost six goals to one.

The team spirit was excellent throughout the season, all members of the side working hard for each other. It would be wrong, however, to attribute the success of the side solely to team spirit — a high level of skill was shown by members of all departments of the team.

Although towards the end of the season the captain, A. Clough, was promoted to the First XI, the team benefited tremendously from his skill and drive. Next season the gap left by A. Leach and K. Pritchard will be hard to fill. However, it must be remembered that much of the side consisted of boys from the Fifth and First Year Sixth Forms, and it is their ability and enthusiasm which promise well for next season.

Results

A v Garforth Comp.	won 11—0
A v De La Salle G.S.	won 6—1
H v King Edward G.S.	won 3—0
A v Tadcaster G.S.	won 6—4
H v Abbeydale G.S.	won 5—0
A v Pontefract Sec.	won 4—2
H v Castleford H.S.	won 6—0
A v Minsthorpe G.S.	won 6—0
H v St. Wilfrid's	won 8—1
A v Mexborough G.S.	won 2—0
H v Ackworth	won 6—1
H v. Adwick H.S.	won 6—3

Under 15 XI

The Under 15 side would seem to have established something of a record last season by not being able to record a single victory.

Despite this fact there were no resounding defeats, with several hard fought games being lost by the odd goal, and one or two ending very honourably in a draw.

We must congratulate the team members for continuing to play cheerfully and to try hard despite their obvious lack of success. Thus we may hope that they will further develop their talents and represent senior sides of the School in the coming years.

G.A.

Under 14 XI

The Under 14 team started the season with an encouraging performance against a strong side from Garforth, when they drew one all.

It was also encouraging to see parents come and support their boys, and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking these parents for their encouragement and coffee.

Those of us who stood on the touch line became convinced after the second match against De La Salle of Sheffield that we would be watching a team which specialised in draws.

The level of skill of the boys was reasonably high, but it was not until half-term that the boys started to play as a team. From then on the boys entertained us with some very good football. Hewitson (Captain), Allen, and Ward, became a useful mid-field team, feeding some exciting balls to Broughton and Gill. We were also treated to some outstanding scores from Rush.

I feel therefore that although we have on paper a poor record, much has been achieved by all the boys who have taken part in the games and practices.

P.H.

Under 13 XI

The season has been one of mixed fortunes for the team. It began badly with a very heavy defeat at Garforth, followed by a draw against De La Salle, Sheffield, at home. The following four games were not very encouraging, three of them being lost by great margins, with teams from the Sheffield area providing really tough opposition.

At all times however the players gave full effort and were rewarded by a good win against their old rivals, Pontefract Secondary Boys', by four goals to three. Over the following eight games results improved, one being won and four being drawn.

Throughout the season the players were well led by their captain, Close. Other players who have been regular members of the team are Bellamy, Williams, Young, Inman, Greaves, Perry, Mann, Walker, Midgley, Bell and Shorthouse.

P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.
14	2	6	6	21	54

J.S.B., G.H.H.

Under 12 XI

Great enthusiasm has been shown this year by the First Forms in soccer; and competition for the first team has been very strong.

The determination of the team was revealed in the first match, against Garforth, when a three goal deficit was removed in the second half. Strong opposition faced us at the beginning of the season, and consequently the results were rather pleasing.

Travel in the Castleford R.L. Team coach, and the appearance of Leeds and England player, Jack Charlton, at the match against John Smeaton School, made for interest in early games.

After an erratic start, the team settled to a series of good results against local schools; and the close of the season reflected a return to this form.

J. Gott, as captain, showed plenty of skill despite his limitation in size, while J. Beddis marshalled the defence, operating as sweeper and occasionally in mid-field. Of course, our regular goal-scorer, D. A. Hobbs, deserves a special mention for his front running and excellent shooting power. Other hard-working and talented forwards were K. Harper, S.

Williams, M. C. Barratt, B. Snaith, S. Collins, J. B. Houston, and G. J. C. Howell.

Regular backs, J. B. Mallinder and M. C. Dutton, tackled bravely despite their size, and the regular penalty incidents must surely be a tribute to the confidence placed in the goalkeepers. This confidence was justified and in the goals, N. Harrison, M. J. Ibbotson, M. R. Willett, and I. Sanderson played with courage, determination and no lack of skill (need we add, they did not all play at one time!). Hard tackling by A. R. Turner, B. Powell, and I. P. Barrett provided additional weight to the defence, while last, but by no means least, the skill and tremendous hard work by I. D. Thompson in mid-field provided further impetus to the team.

Encouragement from the touch-line was gratefully received from Messrs. Harper, Dutton, Snaith, and Beddis.

H v Garforth Comp.	Draw 3-3
A v De La Salle Cll.	Won 5-1
H (a) v John Smeaton School	Lost 0-4
(b) v John Smeaton School	Won 5-1
A v Tadcaster G.S.	Lost 3-4
A (a) v Garforth Comp.	Lost 1-5
(b) v Garforth Comp.	Lost 0-2
H v Abbeydale G.S.	Lost 1-2
H v Pontefract Boys'	Won 4-2
H v Castleford Middle School	Won 2-1
H v Hemsworth Kinsley	Won 5-1
A (a) v Pontefract Boys'	Lost 0-2
(b) v Pontefract Boys'	Won 3-1
A v St. Wilfrid's	Lost 2-4
A v Mexborough G.S.	Lost 1-2
H v Ackworth School	Won 4-0
A v Adwick H.S.	Won 3-2

D.C.M. and G.O.J.

Under 13 Results

A v Garforth Comp.	Lost 0-5
H v De La Salle Cll.	Draw 1-1
A v King Edward G.S.	Lost 0-9
H v Tadcaster G.S.	Draw 3-3
H v Hemsworth District	Lost 1-7
A v Abbeydale G.S.	Lost 1-8
A v Pontefract Boys'	Won 4-3
H v Castleford H.S.	Draw 3-3
H v Hemsworth H.S.	Draw 3-3
H v Pontefract Boys'	Draw 1-1
H v Airedale H.S.	Won 1-0
A v St. Wilfrid's	Lost 0-4
A v Mexborough G.S.	Lost 1-5
H v Adwick H.S.	Draw 2-2

First XI Results

H v Garforth Comp.	Won 4-2
H v De La Salle Cll.	Won 6-1
A v King Edward G.S.	Lost 4-5
A v Abbeydale G.S.	Won 4-1
H v Tadcaster G.S.	Lost 0-1
H v Castleford H.S.	Won 7-1
H v Hemsworth H.S.	Draw 2-2
A v St. Wilfrid's	Won 4-2
H v Mexborough G.S.	Won 3-2
A v Nunthorpe G.S.	Draw 1-1
H v Adwick H.S.	Draw 1-1
H v Old Boys	Draw 2-2

Under 14 Results

H v Garforth Comp.	Draw 1-1
A v De La Salle Cll.	Draw 1-1

H v King Edward G.S.	Lost 0-3
A v Tadcaster G.S.	Lost 1-2
H v Abbeydale G.S.	Lost 0-3
A v Pontefract Boys'	Lost 0-6
A v Castleford H.S.	Lost 1-2
H v Hemsworth H.S.	Lost 1-2
A v Minsthorpe	Won 4-3
H v Airedale High	Won 4-2
A v St. Wilfrid's	Lost 2-5
A v Mexborough G.S.	Lost 2-8
H v Ackworth School	Won 4-3
A v Adwick H.S.	Won 3-1

Under 15 Results

A v Garforth Comp.	Lost 1-3
H v De La Salle Cll.	Draw 2-2
A v King Edward G.S.	Lost 2-3
H v Tadcaster G.S.	Lost 2-3
A v Abbeydale G.S.	Lost 0-1
H v Pontefract Boys'	Draw 0-0
A v Castleford H.S.	Lost 2-5
A v Minsthorpe	Draw 4-4
H v Airedale H.S.	Lost 3-5
H v St. Wilfrid's	Lost 2-4
H v Mexborough G.S.	Lost 1-2
A v Nunthorpe G.S.	Lost 3-4
H v Adwick H.S.	Lost 0-4

CRICKET

Captain: S. V. Hoyle
Vice-Captain: P. S. Sykes

First XI

Five players were available from last year's 1st XI: S. V. Hoyle, P. S. Sykes, R. Evans, C. Kelsey, and G. Pollard; these were joined by five members of last year's U.15 XI: R. J. H. Bell, L. Bullough, T. Coleman, R. L. Insall, and C. Walker, and the final place went to P. Mullins who has only recently joined the School. The regular 1st XI scorer, M. S. Willoughby, was also available, and he completed the team.

The weather was fine and sunny for our first match against Doncaster Grammar School and we looked forward with interest (and perhaps a little anxiety) to see how the team would blend and play together. The result, although a draw, was a good performance by the School, and Doncaster were holding out at the end.

The second match ended as a close win for the School against Archbishop Holgate's G.S. at York. A.H.G.S. made 82 in rather a long time, leaving the School to get 83 in about 70 minutes, and this they did for the loss of 6 wickets.

The third match against Ermysted's G.S., Skipton, was an even closer win for the School by 4 runs. With the exception of Kelsey (37) our batsmen never got going and only managed 78, leaving Ermysted's over 2 hours to get the necessary 79 for victory. The Skipton innings, though slow in terms of run rate, was fascinating cricket; the School team bowled and fielded magnificently and Ermysted's were dismissed for 74, Sykes taking 5 for 15.

The match against Castleford H.S. was rained off. The fifth match against Ackworth School was a splendid win by 7 wickets in a high scoring match on a good wicket at home. Ackworth declared at 105 for 8 and the School replied with 107 for 3 in 62 minutes with the Captain, S. V. Hoyle, making 56 not out.

Our biggest win came in the next match against Tadcaster G.S. in which the School scored 142 for 7 declared (R. L. Insall 51), and then Tadcaster were dismissed for 17. It was all the more pleasing when we later heard that Tadcaster had not lost a match for a number of years up to that point.

The seventh match against King Edward VII G.S., Sheffield, unfortunately had to be cancelled because of bad weather.

Under S. V. Hoyle's Captaincy, the players have been moulded into a good team and have shown great keenness and enthusiasm both on and off the field and I should like to add my congratulations and thanks to them all.

P.C.

Summary of Results

May 1st v Doncaster G.S.	Match drawn.
K.S.P. 116. Evans 58, Kelsey 31.	
D.G.S. 71 - 7.	
May 8th v Archbishop Holgate's G.S.	Won by 4 wkts.
A.H.G.S. 82. Hoyle 4 - 14.	
K.S.P. 83 - 6.	
May 11th v Ermysted's G.S.	Won by 4 runs.
K.S.P. 78. Kelsey 37.	
E.G.S. 74. Sykes 5 - 15.	
May 19th v Ackworth School.	Won by 7 wkts.
Ackworth 105 - 8 dec.	
K.S.P. 107 - 3. Hoyle 56 n.o.	
May 22nd v Tadcaster G.S.	Won by 125 runs.
K.S.P. 142 - 7 dec. Insall 51.	
T.G.S. 17. Evans 6 - 8, Sykes 4 - 5.	

Under 15 XI

The side has been weakened this year by the lack of enthusiasm of some boys to play Cricket for the School, but on the other hand, several boys who do not regard themselves as cricketers have turned out regularly for the side, and have helped to create a team spirit that has carried the side to some very good results.

The bowling has always been adequate, but first rate fielding, especially close to the wicket, has been responsible in large measure for the side's success this season. The batting has improved and several large scores have been obtained.

The Captain, P. Foster, has been absent from some games because of County Trials and Representative matches, and in his place, A. Brown has done a first class job of keeping the side going. G.H.H.

Summary of Results

May 1st v Doncaster G.S.	Lost by 32 runs.
D.G.S. 85.	
K.S.P. 53.	
May 8th v Archbishop Holgate's G.S.	Match Drawn.
K.S.P. 119. Foster 50, Brown 40.	
A.H.G.S. 81 - 6.	
May 15th v Carleton Boys' Sec.	Won by 55 runs.
K.S.P. 80. Brown 23.	
Carleton 25. Gill 4 - 14.	
May 22nd v Tadcaster G.S.	Won by 13 runs.
K.S.P. 60. Brown 24.	
T.G.S. 47. Clapham 6 - 24.	

Under 14 XI

The team has not this season met with complete success, but the defeats suffered at the hands of Archbishop Holgate's G.S. and Tadcaster G.S. were comparatively marginal. The main fault has been a reluctance by batsmen to hit out at the ball and take the occasional chance; successful opponents have secured the margin of victory by precisely this strategem.

The bowling has always been adequate, Gill producing particularly good form, while Priestley, Walker, and Darley have ably supported the team effort. Hanks has been an admirably efficient and responsible captain.

B.K.T., J.M.B.

Summary of Results

v Doncaster G.S.	Won by 1 wkts.
v Archbishop Holgate's G.S.	Lost by 3 wkts.
v Castleford	cancelled
v Ackworth	Won by 4 wkts.
v Tadcaster G.S.	Lost by 13 runs.
v K.E., Sheffield	cancelled

Second XI

This has been a most disappointing and rather unsuccessful season. All of the four matches played to date have been lost, most of them unnecessarily. The bowling, notably that of Wormald (who in one match did the hat-trick) and Jenks, has been quite good, but the batting apart from a few exceptions, has not been up to standard. The main failures have been a lack of concentration and an unwillingness to run between the wickets. My thanks go to Cook who has tried to make the side more enthusiastic. I hope that in the remaining matches this season the Second Eleven will make their record look more respectable.

M.A.J.

Second XI Results

May 1st v Doncaster G.S.	Lost by 7 wkts.
K.S.P. 19.	
Doncaster 22 - 3.	
May 8th v Archbishop Holgate's G.S.	Lost by 3 wkts.
K.S.P. 49.	
A.H.G.S. 51 - 7.	
May 11th v Ermysted's G.S.	Lost by 51 runs.
E.G.S. 79.	
K.S.P. 28.	
June 12th v King Edward VII G.S.	Rained off.
June 19th v Oakwood School.	Lost by 7 runs.
Oakwood 71 - 9 dec.	
K.S.P. 64.	

First Form Cricket

The team started the season in splendid fashion by defeating Ermysted's Grammar School at Skipton and making a total of 107. First-rate individual scores came from Willett (40), Hobbs (36), and then Williams captured four wickets for 12 runs, when Ermysted's were dismissed for 74 runs, having at one stage been 12 for 6.

In the second game the team performed creditably against Q.E.G.S., who batted first and made 70, with Gott taking 4 for 13. K.S.P. then found difficulty in coping with some excellent off-spin bowling and reached 29 for 9. However the last pair, Williams and Holliday, batted sensibly and took the score to 65, before Williams was caught out.

Clearly the team learned a great deal from this game, especially the fact that shots must be played on the ground, and in two very close games were able, just, to defeat Normanton Grammar School.

Generally the standard of play has been good and the fielding has offered pleasing features.

Boys who have played for the side include:

J. Beddis, J. Gott, D. Hirst, D. A. Hobbs, M. Holliday, M. J. Houghton, G. J. C. Howell, J. Sherwood, I. D. Townsend, A. R. Turner, M. R. Willett (Capt.), S. Williams.

M.A.T.

Footnote: The most outstanding individual performance of the season was achieved by Sherwood, who was in devastating form, against Oakwood School. In 17 overs he captured all ten wickets for a mere 13 runs.

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ASSOCIATION NOTES

Mr. C. E. Dunn

Mr. Dunn retires after giving long and outstanding service to the School! His influence on School affairs will be referred to elsewhere, but specific reference must be made to the loyalty and service that he has shown and given to the Association over a very long period of time. A Committee Meeting without the presence of Mr. Dunn was almost unthinkable! The Association will continue to be grateful for the unstinted time he gives and the sustained interest he displays in its activities. We thank you for what you have done, Mr. Dunn, and know that your interest in the welfare of the Association will continue into the future.

The good wishes of all Old Boys will be with Mr. Dunn — as well as their thanks — upon his retirement. May it be a happy and satisfying experience with much happiness in the future.

It was unfortunate but not surprising that the Dinner arranged in honour of Mr. Dunn was over-subscribed and many applications to attend had to be declined.

It is envisaged that with the introduction of the single subscription a more virile and effective Association will materialise and that the goodwill and, wherever possible, active support will be forthcoming from all Old Boys who are in sympathy with its aims. Other matters of policy designed to strengthen the Association are under consideration.

Those leaving the School this year are warmly invited to maintain the interest in the School through the facilities that the Association offers.

Present members are invited to bring the new basis of membership to the notice of any Old Boy with whom they may have contact. A Membership Application Form is enclosed with the current issue of the Magazine for this purpose.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held at the School on THURSDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER, at 7.30 p.m.

The Committee hope that there will be a good attendance. Your presence will serve a valuable purpose. It is an opportunity to meet other Old Boys and to exchange views as to how the aims of the Association can best be realised. Please make a note of the date NOW.

'The Pomfretian'

The Magazine, if required, has now to be ordered direct from the School — on the Order Form enclosed with this issue. The cost (inclusive of postage) is 25p per copy, for the next issue.

Remittances should be payable to 'The King's School' and the Order Form returned, if possible, not later than 1st October, 1971.

Blazer Badges

These are obtainable from the School, the Secretary, or Baxter's Shop. Price 75p. The Badge consists of the School crest in colour with the letters 'O.P.A.' beneath the crest.

Association Ties

Whilst a tie is now provided on payment of the subscription — a tie can still be purchased from the School, the Secretary, or Messrs. Baxters, Price £1.

Further ties have been ordered — made from a new cloth that is being woven to our requirements.

'News of Old Boys'

From time to time favourable comment is heard about this Section of the O.P.A. pages. Material for this is always welcome and Old Boys are invited to write to either the Secretary or the School giving news of themselves or other Old Boys. The more news we have the 'livelier' the O.P.A. pages become! The next issue of the Magazine goes to press early in December. Your co-operation is asked for.

Committee Meeting

The Committee met in the School Library on the 29th April under the Chairmanship of G. W. Dyson. Members welcomed the School Captain, J. Tams. Business transacted:

- (1) Draft Membership Application Form and Magazine Order Form submitted by the Secretary were approved.
- (2) Detailed arrangements for the Cricket Match and Coffee Evening were discussed and finalised.
- (3) The content of the circular letter to be sent to members was considered — and it was agreed that the Secretary should despatch the circular towards the end of June.
- (4) Reference was made to the impending retirement of Mr. Dunn — and the President noted and subsequently acted upon the feelings expressed. Mr. Leaver outlined plans that were being made to entertain Mr. Dunn to Dinner on the evening of the 9th of July.

NEWS OF OLD BOYS

R. M. Tate — who was at the School in the early 1920's writes: 'It is now many years since I left Pontefract but my recollections of King's School are very vivid ones'.

Tate has been second Master at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook, Ipswich, for the last fourteen years. He retires at the end of the present term and was awarded the M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours in June this year.

R. L. Stanley has passed Part I of the examination held by the Institute of Cost and Works Accountants.

T. R. Frost has been appointed Assistant Manager of the Yorkshire Bank in Rotherham.

MARRIAGES

T. Johnson to Miss Julie Neal of Pontefract. Mr. Johnson is an Executive Officer with the Inland Revenue in Bradford.

S. C. Lunt to Miss Kathleen Gaunt of Featherstone. Mr. Lunt is now an Industrial Chemist.

J. H. Beale to Miss W. Tate of Pontefract. Mr. Beale is an Architect employed by a firm in Leeds.