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EDITORIAL

As this edition of Bootham comes into your hands Whitsuntide is not far away and we should like to take this opportunity to exhort all Old Scholars to attend the Annual Gathering if they possibly can. This year we shall be particularly glad to see those who were at School before 1916 and a glance at the Whitsuntide programme will show that a special event has been arranged in their honour.

We hope that present scholars will be interested to have, in this edition, a permanent record of the 1st XI Football’s fine season, a review and photographs of the opera produced in March, and an amusing account of the Science Block’s history.

The life of Arthur Rowntree, written by John Dell, and just published, should be of great interest to those Old Scholars who knew him. The book will, of course, be on sale at the School at Whitsuntide but for those who do not want to wait until then—and a prior knowledge of the contents should stimulate Whitsuntide conversation—an order form is enclosed.

It is hoped that over the next few issues Bootham will get steadily fatter and contain more articles of interest as well as the usual accounts of School events. The Editor is always pleased to receive items from present or past scholars but—please write on one side of the paper only!
Since I joined the staff in 1912 the laboratories have been evolving so rapidly that it is difficult to recall what things were like at first. Let me try to recollect my impressions when I was shown round for the first time by my senior colleague, Hugh Richardson.

We approached the lab. by way of the tennis court, leaving the open and closed fives courts on our right. Adjacent to the latter a door led upstairs to the Observatory, the Fives gallery, and a small room full of junk which two years later was to become important as the first ‘wireless-room.’ Entering the main building I was introduced to a bronze plaque on the left with a Latin inscription sedulously polished by the cleaners but rarely read by anyone else. Clearly the palatial character of the building had often been insisted on by someone in authority, since it seemed that the School invariably referred to it (somewhat ironically as it then seemed to me) as the Science Palace.

Entering, we found upon our left the lecture room, now abolished, with narrow shiny-topped desks with holes for inkwells. Hugh Richardson explained that every science master had found his own method of making a mess with ink, and he then showed me his own method of producing this result. It was all he claimed for it! In the centre of the room was a lantern illuminated by oxy-hydrogen (electricity came later). It could also be used in the John Bright Library but in that case needed a long brass extension and a special object-glass. These were stored in a special box in the little room opposite the Lecture Room. At the beginning of World-War I, some foolish inspector impounded this on the ground that it could be used for signalling; how or to whom was not clear. Later on sanity prevailed and we got it back.

Passing on we left the science master’s large private room on our left and entered the laboratory proper (the only one at that time). Nominally it was a chemical laboratory, actually ‘omnibus’ would be a better description. The apparatus in the bench cupboard was mostly chemical; Physics was represented by the fact that there was a Wheatstone Bridge somewhere; Zoology and Botany by the presence of at least two microscopes; and even Geology had its place, for there were two circular soft-iron plates which had been used with emery powder for polishing pebbles.

Any building which has seen any service can usually show honourable scars. This laboratory was no exception. Near the far end
was a cupboard carefully locked containing the more expensive chemicals. It has now been removed to the Biology master’s study. In the wooden frame of its glass door is a hole about \(\frac{3}{4}\) in. square and the same depth. There are conflicting stories of the way this came about. Hugh Richardson’s version was that some one wishing to have a private firework show on November 5th decided to repeat on a really large scale an experiment he had seen done in class and accordingly mixed in a large iron mortar a good big handful of . . . well . . . a substance rich in oxygen and another handful of, let us say, a readily oxidizable substance in a fine state of division. These he proposed to pound up with a large iron pestle but fortunately for himself decided it would be more convenient to pound it a tablespoonful at a time in smaller mortar. As a matter of fact he never got beyond the first tablespoonful. The small mortar was resolved into unrecognizable fragments and disappeared except for a piece which stuck in the framework of the cupboard mentioned. His ear drum on one side was broken and he remained deaf in that ear for life. From one point of view the experiment was an unqualified success; from another, not!

Hugh Richardson always liked very simple home-made apparatus. It was a bit disconcerting on asking where the porous pots could be found to be handed a flower-pot with the hole plugged with plasticine and a large rubber bung in the other end. His statement that results could be obtained with it which were as good as those got by conventional methods, nearly, was true, nearly!

There was no lab. steward, but two boys acted as lab. curators which gave them the privilege officially of brewing tea, etc., and unofficially a means of sometimes evading changing.

Coming from a school which had two excellent labs. and a museum which was also a biology lab., these resources at first struck one as rather meagre. When however one contemplated the excellent advanced work being done by the few scientists who stayed on into the College Class this opinion was modified.
Additional laboratories were not included in the development plan which was prepared in 1946 and was so generously sponsored by the Old Scholars' Association. At that time the existing facilities for science teaching were considered to be entirely adequate for a school of 240 boys. Compared with schools of similar size, Bootham, with three well equipped laboratories, a lecture room and a Natural History room for leisure time pursuits, was strongly placed. We did not foresee the rapid post-war changes in the industrial world with the consequent demand for a big increase in the number of scientists, engineers and technologists.

A glance at the advertisement columns of any paper reveals the emphasis which is now being placed on research and the opportunities which are opening out to men with scientific qualifications. Boys at school are inevitably influenced by the social, intellectual and industrial climates of the modern world, and it is not surprising that a far higher proportion are electing to specialize in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics on entering the College Class. This year, for example, of the 35 boys in the second and third year College classes, 28 are science specialists. Our powers of prophecy were not equal to anticipating such a marked swing in interests and career prospects. Practical classes in science at Advanced level should not exceed 15 for efficient tuition and duplicate sets have become a necessity. This has increased the number of school periods when laboratories are required, beyond those which could be met by the existing rooms. It became obvious in the autumn of 1956 that our building programme would have to be modified, two additional laboratories being given priority over the proposed new music wing and Headmaster's house.

Our immediate problems were, (i) where should the new laboratories be sited? and (ii) how could we finance the project? As Old Scholars are well aware, a City school cannot expand as readily as one situated in open country. The new laboratories must be conveniently near to existing store rooms, drainage systems and boiler house. It was obvious that something had to be sacrificed, and after careful thought, it was decided to convert the lecture room into an advanced chemistry laboratory, and build an advanced physics laboratory where the outdoor fives court and cycle repair shed used to stand.

The loss of the lecture room is felt most by the Natural History Society. How many Old Scholars remember it as the place where they first addressed a meeting? Happily the new geography room,
equipped for film and lantern projection, can accommodate the Society's weekly meeting. Fives is not to-day the popular game it used to be, particularly since the new gymnasium made badminton possible, and the loss of the outdoor court, though regretted, is not serious.

The financial problem was largely solved by a generous grant from the Industrial Fund for the Advancement of Scientific Education in Schools. Four years ago a number of leading industrial firms established a fund to help Independent Schools to extend their provision for science teaching, and thereby increase the supply of scientists and technologists. It was a good example of enlightened self interest. No conditions are attached to grants made by this trust, apart from the reasonable requirement that any buildings erected should comply with standards laid down by their expert advisers. The number of boys over thirteen years of age at Bootham is well below the minimum which qualifies for consideration by the assessors of the fund, but our examination passes at Advanced Level for many years have been equal to those of much larger schools, and the achievements of our Old Scholars in scientific research have been so notable, that an application for aid was readily and sympathetically considered. We were awarded a grant of £4,600 for building and £1,100 for laboratory equipment. The total cost of building was £7,700. The school is very grateful to the Committee of the Industrial Fund, for without their generous help we could not have contemplated capital expenditure of this size at present. The Building Fund has not been large enough to meet the extensions and alterations carried out during the past ten years because of unforeseen increases in costs, and we have had to borrow money. Borrowing means an annual charge for interest on our fee income, and it is hoped that Old Scholars will continue to bear in mind the needs of the school when disposing of their surplus wealth!

School laboratories have still the same smell as they had in the days of Silvanus Thompson, Hugh Richardson, John Dell and Charles Livesey. The basic courses in chemistry and physics have changed little. Boys still treat zinc with hydrochloric acid, and the magnet still points in the same direction as it did when Hugh Richardson, pioneering the heuristic method, sent a class on a foggy morning to navigate its way to the pavilion and lost it for the rest of the period.

The big changes are in the content of the syllabus at Advanced Level. Boys of 17 are to-day examined in topics which men of my generation did not meet until the second and even third years of a degree course. In physics the new field of electronics has meant a
greater emphasis on electrical topics at school level. In chemistry organic compounds are studied far more intensively than in pre-war days.

The need for scientists and technicians is great and Bootham will play its part in helping to meet it, but our approach must continue to be in the same spirit as that which inspired the school's former teachers. They taught physics and chemistry, not simply as the basis of industrial processes, but as illustrating some of the finest achievements of the human spirit. The world of nature is not a realm for exploitation, but the handiwork of God.

Drawing by Colin Rowntree and Partners, Architects.
SERGEANT WALKER'S CLASS DRILLING IN FRONT OF THE SCIENCE WING DURING FIRST WORLD WAR

NEW SCIENCE WING EXTENSION
DER FREISCHUTZ

Act I: Cuno 'It's a long story'

Act II
In the Wolf's Glen

Act III
'He e'er was bent on evil ways'
THE MOUNT AND BOOTHAM SCHOOLS

presented

DER FREISCHUTZ

AN OPERA IN THREE ACTS by CARL MARIA VON WEBER

in THE MOUNT SCHOOL HALL, on March 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, 1958

CAST

Max, a Young Forester ... GORDON FOWLER
Kilian, a Peasant ... DAVID SMITH
Cuno, Hereditary Ranger to the Prince ... CLIVE PREECE
Caspar, a Forester ... COLIN BREWER
Zamiel, the Black Huntsman, a Demon ... JOHN WOOD
Agnes, Daughter of Cuno ... MARY SCHOFIELD
Anne, Niece of Cuno ... SHELAGH TRAYNOR
Prince Ottokar ... CHRISTOPHER SCAIFE
A Hermit ... JOHN SIMPSON
Solo Bridesmaids ... MYRA BEALE, MARY BEALE, CATHERINE BROWN, ANNE MCKEAG

Foresters (speaking parts) J. R. BOSTON, M. D. AUBREY, P. S. LONGBOTTOM

CHORUS

Bridesmaids, etc.: Janet Braithwaite, Virginia Falkner, Christine Gaudin, Rosalind Gledhill, Motunde Manuwa, Judith Shaw, Susan Talbot, Anne Webster.

Peasants, etc.: Margaret Allan, Susan Cran, Elizabeth Gray, Susan Hadfield, Catherine Johnston, Susan Lane, Josephine McNeill, Gillian Riddell, Patricia Singleton, Ann Woods.


Electricians: N. V. Carruthers, A. P. Howell, Margaret Morton, R. C. Evans.

Scenery made by the stage hands and painted by: Helen Braine, Carol Murton, M. D. Aubrey.

Costumes designed by: Cyril Rankin.

Wardrobe: Edith Brown, Isobel Pim, Kathleen Rankin, Virginia Falkner, Josephine McNeil, Margaret Sykes, Deirdre Birmingham.

Property Master: R. K. Bagnall.

ORCHESTRA


Conductor: Percy Lovell.
Producers: Joyce Scaling and Percy Lovell.
Accompanist: Etain Lovell.
Stage Manager: John Kay.
Business Manager: Paul Jocelyn.
In choosing ‘Der Freischutz’ for their annual production the schools set themselves no easy task. Weber was the pioneer of romantic opera in Germany and the combination of fairly stylized music and a very dramatic story is not easy to stage. That the production was such a success reflects all the more credit on the producers and the participants.

If one has any regret over the choice of opera it is that ‘Der Freischutz’ is limited in its choral and ensemble work. The chorus of bridesmaids, peasants and suitably husky foresters looked well, moved well and sang well. Careful thought had obviously gone into grouping which was most effective. The bridesmaids’ dance in Act Three with different numbers dancing in each group was delightfully informal.

The producers were fortunate in having such strong singers available for the principal roles. Gordon Fowler, a guest singer, displayed a fine tenor voice and gave a very restrained portrayal of the worried and desperate Max, though the part could perhaps have been enlivened by more gesture.

Agnes and Anne, played by Mary Schofield and Shelagh Traynor respectively, provided a marked contrast: Anne’s brightness and jocularity served to point all the more Agnes’ fears and forebodings and her song about her aunt’s dream provided real comic relief from the drama of the main plot. Mary Schofield was at all times convincing and her solo ‘Softly sighing’ in Act Two was very moving.

From almost the beginning of the opera the scene in the Wolf’s Glen is given a terrific build-up and the audience is keyed up for the moment when Max takes the fateful step and helps to cast the magic bullets. This minor climax is protracted by the music and the audience’s attention might be expected to waver; however forceful playing by Caspar and lively sound- and lighting-effects made this one of the best scenes of the opera. Colin Brewer is to be congratulated on his fine performance, his make-up, gesture and confident singing all went to make a very villainous Caspar. His master Zamiel, the Black Huntsman, played by John Wood, left one in no doubt as to where he came from, with his sinister make-up and attendant red spot-light!

The playing of smaller parts can make or mar a show, all were sincerely played and John Simpson in particular triumphed. Appearing at the end of Act Three after the climax he nevertheless established the character of the Hermit and helped to round off the Act.
DER FREISCHUTZ

Stage management was in the hands of John Kay, who had evidently got a well-trained back-stage team, as remarkably solid sets were changed not only quickly but quietly. It is the lot of the orchestra in an opera to take second place in the audience's attention. Its contribution is no less important for all that and the musicians' reward came in the applause that followed the Overture.

Throughout the performance, cast and orchestra displayed a vigour and confidence that is often lacked by more experienced players and the producers Joyce Scaling and Percy Lovell are to be congratulated on a fine piece of work.

H.O.P.

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AUTUMN TERM, 1957

September 1957 will long be remembered the world over for just one thing: Asian 'flu. We returned to school on Wednesday, mindful of the horrific figures in the papers and eyeing each other warily as potential carriers. Old Lags who had been through it all before, two years ago, made gloomy prophecies, and sure enough, on Thursday the Head Reeve set us off to a prompt start by succumbing himself. After that it was a landslide, and every morning the stream of sickly victims carrying their possessions in blankets was matched by an anxiously superior procession of evacuees moving in the opposite direction from '55', Lower Landing, and finally Upper Landing. At the peak, 148 were in bed at once, presenting a major problem in feeding apart from medical attention. However, the meals were half-an-hour earlier than school meals, and staff, staff wives and Reeves regularly risked their health to help the maids distribute food to the weaker brethren. To make matters worse, Sister Mason went down herself, and had to go to hospital. Unfortunately prolonged ill-health has prevented her return, and Sister Frith has taken her place. Suddenly, people started coming out, and almost as quickly as it had started, the epidemic faded away: the problem was then to get everybody back in their own beds in as few moves as possible. Mr. Pim coped with this gargantuan task with customary efficiency, and everything moved back into position and began working smoothly again. Incidentally, at the height of the epidemic, the school tape-recorder found a new use when it brought the complete performances of M. Jan Rosel from the J.B. Library to the bedsides of the majority who were unable to attend. M. Rosel, in what was certainly the most enjoyable evening's entertainment since the visit of the Germantown Choir,
sang for us a delightful collection of French songs, accompanying himself on a guitar, and explaining the locale and origin of each song in encouragingly intelligible French.

This term we welcomed Mr. Wood to the staff; he comes to replace Mr. Littleboy as English master. We were also pleased to see Mr. Brown back from his travels in Italy, and to hear about them on the first Saturday of term. If the slides were anything to go by, he has certainly enlarged his knowledge of Mediterranean geography.

The Lads' Club evening was held as usual, and the appeal for financial help met with a good response. During the term we welcomed visits from Mr. Faulkner Taylor, who gave us an illustrated tour of a Derbyshire dale, Angus Morrison, who gave a much appreciated piano recital, and finally our friend Ian Appleyard, with another account of recent motor rallies. Since his last visit, four years ago, we have looked forward to his next talk, and we hope he will come again in the near future. The school orchestra gave a very creditable performance about mid-term, and our entertainment was completed by the excellent films 'Doctor at Sea,' 'An Alligator named Daisy,' and Alec Guiness in 'The Ladykillers.'

Football did not get away to as good a start as we might have wished. The first few matches had to be cancelled entirely owing to lack of players. However, when the team did eventually realize full strength, and began playing matches again, they achieved success after success, managing finally to come through a good season completely unbeaten. Naturally, as the season progressed and there were still no defeats, tension rose and support on the touchline increased, until on the last Monday of term the last match was played, against a touring side from Bradfield College, reputedly one of the best teams in the south. Very much to our disappointment the ground was dangerously hard and the match was played as a 'friendly,' with an understanding that there should be no hard tackling; the result was a very fair 3—3 draw. Perhaps the hardest game was against King Edward's Grammar School, in which we secured a draw with the last kick of the match. The Club XI, as might be expected, also had good success, and were only beaten by St. John's Training College for teachers in a real demonstration game which resulted in a 0—7 defeat. The standard of football this year was remarkably high, and Mr. Mason must be congratulated on a splendid achievement.

Throughout the first eight weeks of term, we were without the new laboratories, promised for September, and indeed were without any Physics Laboratory at all, as the old one was filled with apparatus until the new storage space was available. Only people
who have built their own houses can fully appreciate the vast multitude
of infuriatingly minor and seemingly avoidable delays occasioned by a
free enterprise system of contractors—the painter must wait for the
plumbers, the plumbers must wait for the flooring people, who are
awaiting delivery of number five screws from Sweden—and so it goes
on. We were thankful indeed when first the Chemistry and then the
Physics Laboratory was declared open, and we could resume our tardy
practical work. There was, however, one consolation—in the dreary
succession of double theory classes we had virtually completed the
syllabus. The laboratories are all that sixth-form laboratories should be,
bristling with equipment and gadgetry, and provided with an ample
acreage of solid teak benches. Huge green blackboards complete what
are certainly very pleasant rooms to work in.

With one thing and another, we were very quickly into November,
or so it seemed, and the annual night of anarchy came rather as a
surprise. The bonfire was its usual success, even without the sump oil
with which we had doused it in previous years, to the lasting detriment
of the gravel.

The Football competition ran its normal catastrophic course,
and Ford beat Watson decisively in the final. Undeterred by a Reeves
team, composed mainly of members of the 1st XI, the Masters, in
variegated shirts, relics of their College days, gave a gallant display in a
0—3 defeat.

Examinations heralded the end of term and all that we associate
with this part of the school year. The dance was held at Bootham,
and was a great success. The jazz band played several numbers, and
the centrepiece of the decorations, a ten foot high mobile of three
dimensional geometrical figures, was much admired. On the last
Sunday of term the joint choir sang a selection of Christmas carols,
including Vaughan Williams' 'Fantasia,' fully justifying the hours
spent in rehearsal during the term.

The Christmas Show was well arranged and well attended. The
radio society demonstrated that it is now one of the most flourishing
societies by filling the geography room with an impressive array of
equipment, and the N.H. Society produced its usual display of diverse
sub-sections, against which no society can hope to compete. Our
parents, duly impressed, whisked us home into that 'other world' of
the holidays, leaving a nucleus of dour survivors to make their own
way home the following day.
There was no Swiss trip this year, as we returned to school on the 15th, rather earlier than usual. With the weather as it reputedly was in Switzerland, it was perhaps a good thing. The weather was dry enough in England to allow our representative team to be knocked out in the second round of the six-a-side tournament, held in the holidays at Oldham. With that farewell we put football behind us and began to play hockey from the first day at school. Alas, it has been an ill-fated season. The snow came in force on several occasions, enabling winter sportsmen to snatch one or two days skating, but causing several matches to be cancelled. Also, shortage of school sticks made it very difficult to give people all the games they should have had, and the result has been a rather sedentary term for many.

The spectacular floods at York, which were caused by the melting snow in the Dales, and which rendered York tidal at one time by submerging the Naburn weir, effectively prevented Ings runs by covering the route in four feet of water.

We welcomed two student masters to the school, Mr. Bradley and Mr. Farrington. They will stay for one term, teaching biology and French respectively. Some weeks after the beginning of term we were very pleased to congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne on the birth of their first son.

The new laboratories had been decorated in the holidays, and all evidence of the builders regime was gone. The one remaining fives court, however, is still full of odd furniture, radiators, etc., and it looks as though this has become permanent. The extra form in the school necessitated the use of the old masters’ Common Room as a form room this year, and so there was no college Common Room. This term, however, top people can keep abreast of the times in the old study near the Reeves’ corridor, which has been turned into a magazine and newspaper room.

Soon after the beginning of term, leave was given to attend the Ballet Rambert, and then the D’Oyley Carte production of ‘The Mikado’ and ‘The Gondoliers.’ Later, seniors were allowed to attend the York Settlement Players’ ‘Much ado about nothing,’ at the Rown-tree Theatre.

We received a visit from the Chelham Opera Group once again, who sang two operettas, which were not to everybody’s taste. Mr. Kevin Walton gave us a first-hand account of Antarctica in his profusely illustrated lecture. He told us more about dog transport than we have heard lately with all the news about tractor-borne N.G.Y. expeditions.
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—an interesting change. John Dudderidge, the instigator of the Bootham canoe flotilla, came again to thrill us with his films of white-water canoeing, and, incredibly, a film of canoeing down mountains on snow before taking to the water. The Music Society concert of solo items completed the ‘live’ entertainments of this short term. Films shown were ‘The Colditz Story’; ‘The Lavender Hill Mob’ and ‘Checkpoint.’

Throughout the term large numbers of the College Class were concerned with the opera, a joint performance of Weber’s ‘Der Freischutz’ which entailed weekly practices, and latterly, frequent rehearsals at The Mount. Mr. Lovell had his hands very full with both the opera and Bach’s ‘St. John Passion’ to rehearse at once, but he has managed to produce two magnificent performances. A full account of the opera appears on another page, so let it suffice to say here that the choir have enjoyed every minute of it.

The snow was still with us during the opera, and many predicted that athletics would never begin. However, March relented sufficiently for us to get in a week’s training, followed by heats, finals and a match against Pocklington in which we were decisively beaten. Between these events we were happy to celebrate the arrival of the Headmaster’s grand-child by taking an extra half-holiday. The term ended in Spring sunshine, with the Reeves’ show keeping the School amused on the last evening.

NEW BOYS, January, 1958

JOHN R. GIBBINS, Birmingham, Upper Schoolroom 2, Fox House, Bedroom 10.

WHITSUNTIDE SWIMMING MATCH
OLD SCHOLARS v. THE SCHOOL

We again hope to swim a match, rather than just a freestyle relay. Will Old Scholars who would like to swim in any event (free, breast, butterfly or back stroke), please write immediately to David Gray, Low Lodge, Bradford Grammar School, Bradford, 9.
The 1957 season will be long remembered for the high quality of football played and the excellent results gained by the First and Club XI's. The early weeks of term, which are normally used for re-building teams, were made difficult by the influenza epidemic and an injury to Richard Bewley, which put him out of games for the rest of the season when he looked certain of a key position in the defence. We had to field a scratch side against Liverpool Rammers, the next three matches had to be cancelled and for the match against the Yorkshire Institute of Agriculture we had a team consisting of three first team players, three second team, one master and four other boys. Later in the term matches were affected by frost and very heavy rain, but in spite of all this the First XI was unbeaten and the Club XI won all but one of its matches.

After a good win against Dalton Hall, in which David Court scored eight goals, the First team gave its only poor performance of the season, in a drawn game at Ackworth. Not yet settled and confident, they allowed themselves to be rushed out of the game by a team which played with great energy, but showed little in the way of constructive football. After failing to win at Nunthorpe for so many seasons we had a really good game in very difficult conditions. In spite of the mud and pools of water the team played attractive football. Most of the attacks developed down the wings and were finished off in the centre, where Court had a particularly good game, scoring all five goals, including a beautifully taken penalty. At home to King Edward VII School we were twice in the lead, but they fought back to go in front with only ten minutes to play. Following good work on the right wing Bagnall centred for Court to equalize just before the final whistle. It was an exciting game, and although we were not at our best a draw was a fitting result.

We played Scarborough College at Clifton and produced some of the best football of the term to win 8—0. The return match with Nunthorpe was extremely close. They had planned to counter our moves which were so successful on their ground and very nearly succeeded. A hard-fought game ended 2—1 in our favour. The second Ackworth match was cancelled because of frost, and then the School overwhelmed the Old Scholars by eleven goals to nil. We had looked forward to our game with a strong Tadcaster Grammar School side, but the game had to be abandoned after 65 minutes because of torrential rain and a waterlogged ground, with the score at two goals each. The Trojans match was one of four we had to play at Clifton. Both sides played good, open football but we gradually took command and scored five of our eight goals in the last twenty minutes.

Our most eagerly awaited match was with Bradfield College, who were on a Northern tour. Much to our disappointment we had a severe frost, which would have meant the cancellation of an ordinary school game. As Bradfield had come so far, however, we agreed to play an exhibition match, in which tackling had to be kept to a minimum. In very difficult conditions both sides played extremely good football and made the match a fitting end to the season.

Only two masters, P. A. Lovell and H. Mason, played in the Club XI, which had such a good season. The first match was probably the most exciting played at school this year. It was a new fixture, with York Wednesday, who proved to be a very sound side. A fast first half produced two goals by each side, and then in the next twenty
1st XI FOOTBALL, 1957

Left to Right:


Front Row: P. S. Longbottom, D. Court, J. G. Crompton (captain), R. K. Bagnall, C. Matthews

OLD SCHOLARS AT SCHOOL BETWEEN 1945 and 1950 WHO ATTENDED THE 1957 WHITSUNTIDE GATHERING


minutes our visitors added two more. With fifteen minutes to go we were still 4—2 down, but staged a grand recovery, urged on by a loudly cheering crowd, to score four goals without reply. Against Ackworth Masters XI we did most of the attacking in the first half, but they defended ruggedly and then scored a breakaway goal. We equalized before the interval and afterwards our persistent attacks broke down their defence and we scored another six goals. St. John's College 1st XI gave us a sound beating. Without Court and Lamb we were no match for their very strong side in heavy conditions.

Although most of the spectacular play was provided by the forwards, the main reason for the team's success was that there was no real weakness and everybody played a good team game. When it settled down the defence became quite strong, and used the ball well, initiating many attacks in our own penalty area. They were a great help to the forwards by giving them good controlled passes rather than hopefully ballooning the ball upfield. G. B. Lamb, in goal, and J. H. Simpson, at left back, in their second full season together in the 1st XI played well throughout. D. P. Wyon and S. J. H. Maud, who took over new positions at right back and centre-half improved with every game. C. Matthews (moved from forward to wing-half) and J. G. Crompton did very well in defence, but it was in attack that they really excelled. With the inside forwards they formed a most effective link and made our attack very strong. The forward line was extremely good. All forwards used the ball quickly and well and their interchange of positions showed a remarkable understanding which proved too much for most defences. The wingers, R. K. Bagnall and G. O. Clark are very good ball players and they unselshishly created many opportunities for the others. P. S. Longbottom again combined well with Bagnall, and his shooting power improved greatly during the season. We were very fortunate when I. L. McLellan joined us at fourteen-years old. Already experienced he gained a first team place at once, and shows great promise for future seasons. At centre-forward D. Court had a remarkably successful year. By good anticipation and positional play he was able to use his fine shooting and heading ability to the full and take advantage of the many opportunities created by himself and the others. He scored 36 goals in 9 First Eleven matches and 61 in the 16 games he played this season. The Committee, J. G. Crompton, D. Court, R. K. Bagnall and P. S. Longbottom were responsible for much of the team's success, by their efforts both on and off the field. Gordon Crompton, in his second year as captain, led the team very well and fully deserved the respect he earned.

The Second XI started the season well, and were capable of playing good football, but in spite of many changes we never found a forward line able to take goal-scoring opportunities.

On the whole the defence played well, but was pressed too hard because of the forwards' failure to keep the ball upfield.


Ford won the Senior House Knock-out Cup, beating Watson 6—1 in the final. Five of Ford's goals were scored by Court.
On 1st March, 1958 a Football Association Colts XI played the Yorkshire Grammar Schools XI at Bootham, and we had three boys in the F.A. side. Gordon Crompton played at left half, Raymond Bagnall at outside right and David Court at inside left. In a very fast, entertaining game the F.A. won by three goals to nil, and our boys showed that they were worthy of the honour of being selected for this representative side. We hope to complete this interesting and most successful season by making a football tour in northern France during the Easter holidays.

RESULTS

FIRST XI
Sat. 12 October v. Dalton Hall (home). Won 11—2 (Court 8, Bagnall, Longbottom, McLellan)
Wed. 16 Oct. v. Ackworth School (away). Drew 1—1 (Matthews)
Wed. 30 Oct. v. Nunthorpe Grammar School (away). Won 5—1 (Court 5)
Sat. 2 Nov. v. Sheffield F.C. (home). Won 5—2 (Court 3, McLellan 2)
Sat. 9 Nov. v. King Edward VII School (home). Drew 3—3 (Court 2, Clark)
Sat. 16 Nov. v. Scarborough College (home). Won 8—0 (Court 6, Longbottom 2)
Wed. 27 Nov. v. Nunthorpe Grammar School (home). Won 2—1 (Court, Bagnall)
Sat. 7 Dec. v. Old Scholars (home). Won 11—0 (Court 6, Bagnall 3, Longbottom, own goal)
Sat. 14 Dec. v. Trojans A.F.C. (home). Won 8—0 (Court 5, McLellan 2, Longbottom)

CLUB XI
Wed. 23 Oct. v. York Wednesday (home). Won 6—4 (Court 4, Longbottom, Clark)
Sat. 26 Oct. v. Old Scholars (home). Won 7—0 (Court 5, Longbottom 2)
Wed. 6 Nov. v. Ackworth Masters XI (home). Won 7—1 (Court 5, McLellan, Longbottom)
Wed. 13 Nov. v. St. John's College 1st XI (home). Lost 0—7
Wed. 20 Nov. v. C. B. Kay's XI (home). Won 7—2 (Court 4, McLellan, Longbottom, Bagnall)
Sat. 30 Nov. v. Fulwood F.C. (home). Won 3—2 (Court 2, McLellan)

SECOND XI
Wed. 16 Oct. v. Ackworth School (home). Won 6—2 (Rivlin 4, Arnett 2)
Wed. 30 Oct. v. Nunthorpe Grammar School (home). Drew 3—3 (Sawkill, Arnett, own goal)
Sat. 2 Nov. v. York City Boys (home). Drew 4—4 (Whittle 2, Arnett, Sawkill)
Sat. 9 Nov. v. King Edward VII School (home). Lost 0—12
Wed. 13 Nov. v. St. Peter Claver Juniorate (away). Lost 1—2
Sat. 16 Nov. v. Scarborough College (away). Won 3—0 (Rivlin 2, Follows)
Sat. 23 Nov. v. St. Peter Claver Juniorate (home). Lost 0—2
Wed. 27 Nov. v. Nunthorpe Grammar School (away). Lost 1—3 (Carruthers)
Sat. 7 Dec. v. Ackworth School (away). Lost 0—6

AN XI
Sat. 28 Sept. v. Liverpool Ramblers (home). Won 6—2 (Rivlin 2, McLellan 2, Court, Clark)
Wed. 9 Oct. v. Yorkshire Institute of Agriculture (home). Won 7—1 (Court 4, Bagnall 2, Arnett)
Sat. 30 Nov. v. King James' Grammar School (home). Lost 2—5 (Carruthers 2)
ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL, 1957

O.S. SOCCER MATCH
October 26th, 1957

The pre-match views of the school that the Old Scholars were fielding a strong side must in retrospect appear flavoured by a certain amount of schoolroom hero-worship for in fact the Old Scholars were outplayed to the tune of seven goals.

The conditions were good and after a quiet start the school swung into action with two goals which indicated the ability of the team, which included only two masters. The school were playing faster and better football and by half-time had a 4—0 lead, all the goals going to Court. It was now obvious that the Old Scholars side despite being representative of many years of Bootham football were going to be hard pressed to prevent one of the biggest defeats for a long time.

The second half went much the same way as the first with periods of prolonged pressure by the school and sporadic attacks from the Old Scholars which were broken up by a steady school defence formed around Mr. Mason who was playing a great game. As now appeared inevitable Court scored again and Longbottom added two more.

It is difficult to pick individuals from a side which played as uniformly well as the school did, but David Court must be ranked as one of the best centre forwards Bootham has produced.

For the Old Scholars the wing halves and Marr in goal played hard games. Mr. Owens controlled the game well with a minimum of stoppages. Finally a word of thanks to Martyn Gaudie for once again doing the hard work of organization and playing as captain. I feel sure he would like me to finish by asking people wishing to play in the future to contact him early in the season and to try to be fit for the game.

TEAMS:

O.S.—A. Marr; I. Teff; N. Taylor; C. Coventry; J. Harrison; J. Clulee; S. Moyle; T. T. Seddon; C. B. Kay; M. Gaudie; R. Myers.

School—G. B. Lamb; J. H. Simpson; P. A. Lovell; C. Matthews; H. Mason; J. G. Crompton; R. K. Bagnall; P. S. Longbottom; D. Court; I. L. McLellan; G. O. Clark.

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HOCKEY, 1958

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Heavy falls of snow at fortnightly intervals seriously interfered with hockey this term and the First XI, which had distinct promise, never got the practice necessary for it to develop into a good team. Signs of good hockey were not entirely absent and were most evident in the Old Scholars' match, which was played on a pitch from which the snow had disappeared only the previous day. Under the conditions a surprisingly good game took place. A single goal scored by Martyn Gaudie gave the Old Scholars the victory.


First XI

Feb. 22nd v. Phoenix H.C. Away. Lost 1—2 (Court)
March 5th v. Ashville College. Home. Drawn 1—1 (Longbottom)
March 15th v. Old Scholars. Home. Lost 0—1

Second XI

Feb. 22nd v. Phoenix H.C. Home. Lost 1—2
March 5th v. Ashville College. Away. Lost 0—3

ATHLETICS, 1958

Because of the snow there was little training earlier in the term and we managed only five days before beginning heats. We arranged a modified form of the House competition and, considering the conditions, the results were good. For the heats we had afternoon temperatures in the middle thirties, and then rain and drizzle softened the track for finals, even though the air was a little warmer.

Our best performances were in high jumping, where we are finding a real benefit from the new pit at Clifton. David Court just failed to equal the Senior record and we had some most promising performances from M. L. Snaith, I. M. Taylor and J. D. Whittle in their first year as seniors. The most outstanding performance of the season was in the Colts High Jump, when David Broadbent raised the record to five feet, using a good Western Roll style, as indeed do most of our finalists now. J. E. Davies also broke the Junior record in the heats, but failed to do so in the final.

On the track Julian Holdroyd ran some stirring races with Raymond Bagnall and they both returned good times for the three longest events. Gordon Crompton ran well to win both sprints and John Simpson won all three throwing events. On a cold windy day he was within three feet of the Javelin record, during the final.

By adding a win in the long jump and third place in the shot to his track victories, E. J. Holdroyd won the Senior Championship.

A. A. Paton, a strong, well-built boy, won the sprints and the shot and so won the Colts Championship. A. D. Broadbent added a victory in the half-mile to his high jump record points and shared second place with J. D. Hill, who won the hurdles and long jump.

Last year’s Junior Champion, James Davies, was beaten into second place by Mark Sessions, who returned good all-round performances. J. E. Davies broke the 220 yds. record, but failed in the high and long jumps, in both of which he had broken records earlier.

The House Cup was won by Fox, and the House Relay was the only event not completed, because of the bad weather.

For our match at Pocklington School the day was cold and windy and the track was muddy. Few of our boys were able to reach their best standards and both senior and junior teams were beaten. Both Pocklington teams were particularly strong in sprinting and, of course, shot putting. Apart from this there was not much between the teams. Julian Holdroyd, in the half-mile, Malcolm Fawcett in the mile and David Court in the high jump were our most successful seniors. One of the most exciting events was the Junior 880 yds., in which Richard Milne ran well and courageously to win.
## Athletics Results 1958

### Seniors

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| 1 Mile           |          | 4 min. 51.0 sec. | 1. E. J. Holdroyd  
|                  |          |               | 2. R. K. Bagnall   
|                  |          |               | 3. M. C. Fawcett   |
| 880 yds.         |          | 2 min. 13.9 sec. | 1. E. J. Holdroyd  
|                  |          |               | 2. R. K. Bagnall   
|                  |          |               | 3. P. S. Longbottom|
| 440 yds.         |          | 56.2 sec.     | 1. E. J. Holdroyd  
|                  |          |               | 2. R. K. Bagnall   
|                  |          |               | 3. C. Matthews     |
| 220 yds.         |          | 25.8 sec.     | 1. J. G. Crompton  
|                  |          |               | 2. A. Rowntree     
|                  |          |               | 3. J. H. Simpson   |
| 100 yds.         |          | 11.2 sec.     | 1. J. G. Crompton  
|                  |          |               | 2. M. L. Snaith    
|                  |          |               | 3. P. J. Judson    |
| 120 yds. Hurdles |          | 18.1 sec.     | 1. M. L. Snaith    
|                  |          |               | 2. R. J. Barraclough 
|                  |          |               | (R. K. Bagnall)    
|                  |          |               | 3. C. Matthews     |
| High Jump        |          | 5 ft. 4½ in.  | 1. D. Court       
|                  |          |               | 2. J. D. Whittle   
|                  |          |               | 3. I. M. Taylor    |
| Long Jump        |          | 19 ft. 9 in.  | 1. E. J. Holdroyd  
|                  |          |               | 2. D. P. Wyon      
|                  |          |               | 3. R. P. R. Wallis |
| Shot             |          | 38 ft. 1½ in. | 1. J. H. Simpson  
|                  |          |               | 2. C. J. Scaife    
|                  |          |               | 3. E. J. Holdroyd  |
| Javelin          |          | 152 ft. 3 in. | 1. J. H. Simpson  
|                  |          |               | 2. D. Court        
|                  |          |               | 3. N. V. Carruthers|
| Discus           |          | 105 ft. 1½ in.| 1. J. H. Simpson  
|                  |          |               | 2. D. P. Wyon      
|                  |          |               | 3. C. Matthews     |

### Colts

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| 880 yds. |          | 2 min. 29.2 sec. | 1. A. D. Broadbent  
|          |          |               | 2. F. R. V. Milne  
|          |          |               | 3. D. Kirkley      |
| 220 yds. |          | 27.2 sec.     | 1. A. A. Paton     
|          |          |               | 2. M. J. A. Wild   
|          |          |               | 3. J. R. Best      |
| 100 yds. |          | 12.0 sec.     | 1. A. A. Paton     
|          |          |               | 2. J. R. Best      
|          |          |               | 3. M. J. A. Wild   |
| 75 yds.  |          | 11.9 sec.     | 1. J. D. Hill      
|          |          |               | 2. J. T. Emmerson  
|          |          |               | 3. A. A. Paton     |
| High Jump |          | 5 ft. 0 in.   | 1. A. D. Broadbent  
|          |          |               | 2. M. A. Horsley   
|          |          |               | 3. J. D. Hill      |
| Long Jump |          | 17 ft. 2½ in. | 1. J. D. Hill      
|          |          |               | 2. M. J. A. Wild   
|          |          |               | 3. A. D. Broadbent  |
| Shot     |          | 31 ft. 5 in.  | 1. A. A. Paton     
|          |          |               | 2. M. J. A. Wild   
|          |          |               | 3. J. D. Hill      |
ATHLETICS RESULTS—continued

Juniors

880 yds. 2 min. 45.0 sec.
1. J. F. Handley
2. K. G. Gregory
3. H. O. Evans

220 yds. 29.8 sec.*
1. J. E. Davies
2. P. Armstrong
3. W. M. Sessions

100 yds. 12.6 sec.
1. J. E. Davies
2. W. M. Sessions
3. P. Armstrong

75 yds. Hurdles. 13.6 sec.
1. W. M. Sessions
2. G. M. Kelsall
3. D. E. Guest

High Jump. 4 ft. 3½ in.
1. W. M. Sessions
2. P. Armstrong
3. J. R. H. Gibbins

Long Jump. 13 ft 0½ in.
1. R. F. J. Richards
2. D. E. Guest
3. D. M. Benson

Shot 30 ft. 4½ in.
1. J. Entwisle
2. J. Altman
3. J. R. H. Gibbins

House Trophy
1. Fox
2. Rowntree
3. Ford

Senior Cup
1. E. J. Holdroyd 13 points
2. J. H. Simpson 10 points
3. R. K. Bagnall 6½ points

Colts Cup
1. A. A. Paton 10 points
2. A. D. Broadbent 8 points
3. J. D. Hill 8 points

Junior Cup
1. W. M. Sessions 9 points
2. J. E. Davies 7 points
3. P. Armstrong 5 points

*Breaks Bootham School record.

BRANCH NEWS

The following are the names of Branches and Branch Secretaries as far as known to us. Please point out any errors to the Editor for inclusion in our next issue.

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Eire
Christy W. Bell, Belle Vue, Lurgan, Co. Armagh

Glasgow and District
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Leicester and District
West Riding Branch Report

On Friday, November 22nd, we held our Annual Dance with The Mount and Ackworth at Castle Grove Masonic Hall, Headingley, Leeds. Supper was served to 142 people who all seemed to enjoy themselves due largely to the efforts of John Barrett, of Ackworth, who did an excellent job as M.C.

Before the Dance we held our A.G.M. at which the following new officers were elected: President—Ernest Bainbridge, Treasurer—Richard Fletcher and Assistant Secretary—David Allan. Our thanks go to the retiring Treasurer, Christopher Moulton, who for several years has very successfully kept the Branch from becoming bankrupt.

We are hoping to organize a Summer Outing in June or July and we will send members details later. Provisionally we have arranged for the Annual Dance to be held on Friday, November 28th, at Castle Grove, so book this date now!

Richard S. Lodge

Manchester and District Branch

The Annual Dinner of the Manchester and District Branch of the O.Y.S.A. was held at the Reform Club on March 21st this year. The first day of Spring brought Old Scholars together from some distance round the Town itself, and as usual we enjoyed a most pleasant Dinner. Mr. Green was prevented from joining us as our guest by an attack of bronchitis, and Dr. Wegener very graciously agreed to take his place at extremely short notice. We enjoyed his company, and were amused by his stories of life at the School from the point of view of the Masters Common Room which most O.S., like present scholars, are not usually able to enjoy. Ioan B. Rees thanked Dr. Wegener on our behalf, and after a short business meeting and discussion amongst Old Scholars, the evening ended.

H. Jon Foulds

OLD SCHOLARS AT THE UNIVERSITIES

It would be of great assistance if Old Scholars at Universities or Colleges would contact the local O.Y.S.A. Branch Secretary and tell him their temporary address while in his area. At present the Branch Secretary has no means of knowing their whereabouts and so cannot invite them to local O.Y.S.A. functions, where their presence is always welcome.
Elizabeth Batting who has now moved to 7 London Terrace, Glasgow, W2., asks us to say that the Gathering of Old Scholars of Friends' Schools will be held this year on November 8th and not as announced on page 260 of our last issue.

O.Y.S.A. EXHIBITION IN ARCHAEOLOGY

There is one entrant for this exhibition this year: Stephen R. Duckworth who submits diaries dealing with the development of female dress as illustrated by monumental brasses; windmills; a survey of the parishes of Skelton and Overton; and a similar survey of Lytham (Lancs.).

The volume on brass rubbings is competently done but calls for no special comment, and the one on windmills is interesting though it seems more juvenile in outlook.

The survey of Skelton and Overton is first rate. It is a thorough survey which admirably combines field work with the use of written records and printed authorities. It could be offered anywhere as an original contribution to knowledge. A word of praise should be added for the co-operative work which has gone into this, and his generous acknowledgement of it. The team can really feel that they have done something which no one has done before.

The volume on Lytham is more dependent on previous authorities but this need not be regarded as a fault. The nature of the subject is such that field work could not be expected to produce many results; but it is quite clear that he knows his ground though not very much is to be learned from it.

This is work of a new character involving rather more research and less observation than usual. It is a remarkable achievement, and we mark our appreciation of it by giving it the full award.

(Signed) On behalf of the judges,

John A. Dell

The One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Annual Report of the Bootham School Natural History, Literary and Polytechnic Society

March, 1958

NATURAL HISTORY CLUB

In our last report we mentioned the publication of a typescript booklet 'Two Country Parishes.' We were somewhat disappointed at the general reception of this survey but on reflection we believe that the nature of the work would not appeal so directly to naturalists and archaeologists with so general a title. We have been pleased, however, to provide copies for the education departments of many British and foreign universities.
Meetings of the Club continue to be held every Tuesday evening during the autumn and spring terms, but we are slowly breaking away from the tradition of boys giving lectures at nearly all the meetings, and substituting less formal programmes. Stephen Duckworth has been chairman and Oliver Gillie a most energetic secretary.

Emphasis on field work this year has been placed on three different projects. The Botanists have started work on the flora of Askham Bog under the direction of Dr. Wegener, the Archaeologists have made surveys of local churches and Georgian buildings, and the Ornithologists have just completed a Bootham Bird List which will be published in typescript form just before Easter. Whole-day or weekend excursions have been taken to Malham Tarn, Brockadale, Kirkdale and Nun Monkton; and half holidays have been fully used to explore and record the York countryside.

During the autumn term, the conversion of the lecture room into the advanced chemistry laboratory deprived us of our traditional meeting place, and the Tuesday meetings are now held in the Geography Room. The school has also recently purchased a more powerful projector for colour-transparencies and we now feel that we are fully equipped to meet the needs of any aspiring lecturer.

**Archaeology**

The Society has done its best to maintain the high standard set in the recent past by Stephen R. Duckworth, and in the summer term a party went by train to Durham for its whole-day outing. We were shown round the Castle and the Cathedral, and had time to explore the old city before returning to York. Many afternoon excursions were taken in the fine weather of the summer term to places of local interest.

In the autumn term, as a change from studying church architecture, we decided to look at some of the Georgian buildings in the city; and an excellent exhibit was on view at the Christmas Show incorporating the work of many members of the Society. During this term also, an excavation was carried out in the garden of 54 Bootham. The site was chosen because there has not been an examination of the south side of the road in recent years, and many pieces of pottery were found, mainly mediaeval.

**Numismatic Section:** Membership of this branch has shown an increase during the year, and quite a few good collections have been made. Several talks have been given at special sectional meetings, and in particular we were glad to welcome back John Dawson, the founder of this section, to speak on 'English Copper Pence.' The entries for the Christmas Show indicated an increase in the size of the collections, rather than an increase in number of entrants. The following showed their collections.: P. R. Hyams, F. A. Wardman, J. H. Heaton, R. J. Barraclough, G. C. K. Roberts, J. F. Handley, D. J. Lightfoot, H. R. Jones, P. F. Mason.

**Astronomy**

Astronomy made a bad start to the year with a spring term of cloudy skies and no easily observable planets. Towards the end of the term a search was made for the comet 1956 L, the Arend-Roland comet; but it was still very faint at this stage and could not be located with the equipment at our disposal. This comet reached its peak of brightness during the Easter holidays when it was easily visible to the naked eye and had again become a faint object by the beginning of the summer term. However, four members stayed up late on the first clear night of the term and were able to find the retreating comet. In the absence of a comet eyepiece, the view through the 4½ inch refractor was rather disappointing, but the comet showed up quite well through 8 × 40 binoculars.
On May 13th there was a total eclipse of the Moon which was accompanied by a clear sky, and five members stayed up late to observe it. A number of photographs was taken by J. C. Turner and C. Preece, using the 4½ inch and the 3½ inch refractors. Later in the term, J. Butler and R. Thackery made a series of observations on sun-spot positions.

During the autumn term there was great interest in the second Russian artificial satellite, launched early in November, and an attempt was made to observe it visually and by radio. The satellite was clearly seen by three members, but its transmissions were not picked up as these had already ceased at the time of our observational work.

**BOTANY**

After two years of work on the Parish Survey we decided on a less formal programme for the Easter and Summer Terms of 1957, and gave rather more attention to the development of our other haunts around York.

We found that the previous year’s survey of Overton Wood had already become historical, as the remaining areas of High Forest in the wood were deforested during 1957, thus depriving us of one of our most interesting habitats in the neighbourhood.

Similarly, Hagg Wood near Dunnington has largely been ploughed up and replanted by the Forestry Commission. It used to be damp Birch wood with a dense undergrowth of Rhododendron, its main interest to us used to be its wealth of Ferns; we know of no other place where the ‘Mountain Fern’ (Thelypteris oreopteris) could be found quite so near York. But we found the Forestry Commission co-operative, so there is some hope of preserving the Fern.

Plant records dating from the 1880’s gave us the idea that Thorpe Arch near Tadcaster might be an interesting place to visit. The tenant farmer of Thorpe Arch Hall to whom we wrote hopefully, turned out to be an old Ackworth boy and has been most helpful. The grounds are situated on the banks of the Wharfe where the river breaks through the belt of Magnesian limestone, and our finds there compensated us to a certain extent for the losses suffered elsewhere. We only mention Actaea spicata, a rare limestone plant of a few localities in northern England, which seemed to follow us around this year; we had previously found it on the full-day excursion to Malham, and at a week-end camp at Hole Caldron near Kirkbymoorside. The latter site also yielded Bird’s-Nest Orchid and Columbine, besides many Sedges and Mosses that were new to us.

A lively interest in Mosses is a new feature amongst Botanists of the present generation and has already led to quite a respectable collection.

The Autumn Term saw the beginnings of a new survey. Askham Bog is one of the few localities near York in which plants are allowed to grow undisturbed. Our visits to the Bog have so far been more respectful than thorough, and we feel that a year’s work on it would be rewarding. So far some mapping and some preliminary studies of Grasses and Mosses have materialized, but flooding has prevented further field work this term. It is hoped that a report on the finished survey will be available by the end of the year.

**METEOROLOGY**

The year began under the leadership of J. N. R. Taylor. The Spring Term was noted for its lack of skating and snow, and the usual weekly forecasting competition was successfully held. P. S. Longbottom took over the post of Hon. Secretary in the summer, and instituted a National Savings account for the Society. May was again noted for its long spell of fine weather, having only 5 days of appreciable rain.
June was one of the best we have had for several years: for 10 days scarcely a cloud was seen, as an anticyclone hovered over N.W. Europe. Twice (June 16 and 17) the maximum temperature, always over the seventies, almost reached 80°F., but it was not until June 28 that a temperature of 86°F. was recorded. There were 267 1/2 hours of sunshine in June, some being recorded every day. July was not so pleasant a month, but the week of the Lads' Club Camp at the very end of the month was gloriously sunny.

The Autumn Term began with over an inch of rain in the first five days—a lot indeed for York, but a quick turn for the better followed in October. November was characterized by a number of dry overcast days: only 1 1/2 inches of rain fell, but we had only 44 hours of sunshine. The first frost of the year was delayed until November 6th.

During each term, forecasting competitions were successfully held, and their standard gradually improved. D. Court, P. S. Longbottom, A. Phillipson and D. P. Wyon have shown themselves to be most accurate. G. O. Clark and J. K. Anderson helped in preparing an excellent exhibit at the Christmas Show.

ORNITHOLOGY

Last year has clearly indicated a change of interest on the part of the Bootham ornithologist. No longer are such places as Strenshall Common and Askham Bog the main centres of interest; no longer is the ornithologist concentrating on 'birds of prey' or 'warblers'. For many of the members the floodwaters of the River Derwent, extending for several miles from Kexby to Bubwith, are now the focus of interest; and Wildfowl as a whole are being studied more extensively and thoroughly than other type of bird. This interest in water birds is due to a large extent to the monthly Wildfowl Counts which we undertake for the B.T.O. Hundreds of duck are recorded there almost any day in the late winter, and occasional rarities appear. This year was notable for the high number of Pintail (max. c.100), for the presence of Bewick's Swan for the second successive year, and for a Green Sandpiper.

Four weekend camps were held at Castle Howard during the year. Although they were all worthwhile, that of May 19th was most outstanding when an Osprey, which we had previously heard about, was seen by four members of the N.H.C. Also at Castle Howard this year we have made the first Bootham record for a long time of the Lesser Spotted Woodpecker—a bird which must be overlooked all too frequently; as well as some Water Rails, which were recorded on two separate occasions.

Our autumn visit to Spurn Promontory in October was as successful as ever, being just late enough to catch the first Snow Buntings. Common and Velvet Scoter, Scaup, Short-eared Owl, Grey Plover, Jack Snipe and Swallows featured in the list of 50 species.

Ringing numbers fell off this year due to the warm winter and early spring: only 423 birds were ringed in 1957 but the variety of species was as wide as usual. Much time has been spent this year on the compilation of the Bootham Bird List, firstly by reading through bird records made by previous generations of Bootham ornithologists and making a card-index of local bird species, and secondly by making a thorough check of the current bird population in the York area. A typescript booklet will shortly be on sale, and should be of special interest to all past and present Bootham ornithologists. Copies can be obtained, post free, for 3s. 6d. from Clifford J. Smith, at Bootham.

The year concluded with a splendid effort on the part of all ornithologists for the Christmas Show. This took the form of illustrated descriptions of all species found in the York district. Julian Holdroyd, Peter Murray-Rust, Oliver Clark,
Richard Ashford and David Ashford are commended for their extensive and thorough field-work.

YOUNG FARMERS

The Young Farmers Club continues to lead a precarious existence, having no member of the staff in charge of its activities and no senior boys able or willing to help. However, a group is led by boys from the Lower Seniors who have been ambitious enough to organize a full programme including visits to local farms, factories and institutes, as well as putting on an exhibit at the Christmas Show.

SENIOR ESSAY SOCIETY

The season has not been as prolific as we might have wished, but the standard has, on the whole, been well maintained. The 'flu proved a serious setback, as did the opera, but the main reason for the lack of contributions may be traced back to the fact that it is now rather difficult to get into Oxford or Cambridge, and erstwhile gentlemen of leisure who might conceivably pen a pretty essay are devoting their time to papers on 'Allotropy,' 'Emission Spectra,' '17th century England,' and similar topics, whose worth and content are beyond doubt, but which do not lend themselves to being read aloud to a society of this type. The dearth of Arts' students which has brought a scientist to the secretarship has inevitably depleted the ranks of contributors. However, excellent papers were read to the society by D. L. Quinton, whose talent for short stories we are missing already, D. M. Palliser, D. A. Campbell and M. E. Ruse. The lighter type of paper predominated, but in Campbell's well-written scientific essay we have a foretaste of the new era. May future volumes of the 'Observer' be full of serious scientific essays of faultless style and perfect idiom, and may examiners look with a kindly eye on the literary scientist, end-product of the Bootham process!

D.P.W.

SENIOR DEBATING SOCIETY

This season has shown great promise for the future as far as the standard of speaking and the attendance at debates is concerned. Unfortunately the quality of the table speeches has declined somewhat owing to the loss of some of the school's prominent debaters. However, there has been an improvement in the quantity of speakers from the floor.

The season commenced with a fairly successful debate on the Public School system, and was followed by an equally controversial one on sport. An impromptu speech debate was held shortly afterwards in which a record number of people were cajoled into speaking for two minutes on subjects varying from the conventional 'I love Elvis' to the 'Goon Show.'

Outstanding among the debates this season, was the joint meeting with the Natural History Society in which the questions of blood sports, vivisection and vegetarianism were discussed. This was an excellent debate and the society is looking forward to having another like it.

Only three meetings have been held so far this term, of which by far the most notable was the debate: 'This house prefers Elvis to Beethoven.' A good and lively debate took place in which an impromptu quintet gave a somewhat dubious demonstration of the former style of music.

There has been some good speaking from the Upper Seniors who constitute the main mass of the house, and it is felt that the society can look forward to the next season with justifiable optimism.

C.P.H.
MUSIC SOCIETY

In the Summer Term it was decided that the Joint Music Society concert should be devoted mainly to orchestral works instead of the more usual variety of solos and ensembles. The concert, held at The Mount, included works by Mozart, Bach and Rossini in the programme, as well as two piano concertos, the first movement from Beethoven's third concerto (soloist: I. R. Smith) and the third from Mendelssohn's G. minor concerto (soloist: R. P. R. Wallis).

A very successful meeting was held in the Autumn Term, the standard of playing being high on the whole both from soloists and orchestra, and there was a good attendance. The Joint Choir performed the traditional ceremony of carols at the end of term, including Vaughan Williams's 'Fantasia On Carols' in the programme. This contrasted strongly with the more familiar carols but proved to be just as enjoyable and the baritone solo (J. A. Sawkill) was well sung.

It was only possible to have a short informal concert this term owing to rehearsals for 'Der Freischutz,' and the 'St. John Passion.'

P.R.W.

CHESS CLUB

The standard of play within the club has remained high, although it would have been improved considerably if club members had learnt more about opening techniques. However there was probably more serious play than usual, as junior and senior chess ladders were made, which provided a constant source of competition; particularly among the juniors.

Unfortunately it was only possible to arrange 4 matches this year; 3 of which were against Archbishop Holgates, and one against a York team. However all matches were won.

Perhaps the most interesting match was against the York team in which the score was 5—3, the result depending on the adjudication.

The other results were as follows:—

First team v. First team A.H.G.S. 7½—2½ and 6—2.

Second team v. second team A.H.G.S. 5—3

The following members played in the first team:


P.F.W.

PHOTOGRAPHY

The Judge's Report:

It is pleasant to see a larger number of entrants for the Photography Exhibition this year. The amateur photographer in 'black and white' has, in addition to the cost, to face the attraction of colour photography. While the latter is not excluded from the amateur, it leaves so little for him to do that it cannot replace the satisfaction of 'black and white,' where the whole processing is within his reach and the final form left entirely to his discretion.

D. Whitworth's 'The Wear at Durham' is excellent, and M. Whitworth follows very closely with 'The Ski Lift.' J. P. Harris's 'Bootham' offers a sunny view familiar to the whole School, and the work of C. Preece, J. R. Boston, T. M. Lonsdale and A. N. Rough is also commended.
The display of leisure time work in the Art room this year was a varied collection on the whole, and in it individual boys offered small, varied collections of their own. It is encouraging to see boys experimenting in many different fields in art and craft subjects, and at the same time attaining some degree of proficiency in each one.

Particularly worthy of mention, in this respect, was Aubrey who showed commendable skill in his drawings, stage designs and dress designs. His contributions to the Art room exhibition almost demanded an exhibition of their own, so interesting were they.

In a more restricted field, Duffield must receive mention for his richly varied collection of paintings, and in contrast, his weaving, in which craft T. G. Brown joined him to produce very competent work.

There were other boys who, amongst their more average standard of work, produced odd pieces worthy of note, namely Smith, with his latest effort, ‘Old Mill Bridge,’ a very satisfying composition, Airey with his ‘Snow Scene’, the attractive drawing of the minute objects in Fitch’s work, the able draughtsmanship in the car drawings of Pickles, and in a class of their own, Seebohm’s pieces of miniature furniture.

The display of rug-making was a very pleasing feature. Some quite ambitious designs had been tackled. It is a pity that more ambitious ideas had not been introduced into the book-binding section and more attention given to the neater appearance of the books. On the whole the other crafts represented in this exhibition were of a higher standard than the book-binding section.

Handicraft
Generally speaking the craftsmanship did not reach the same high standards as in some previous exhibitions. There was however no lack of effort, but it would be as well for any young craftsman to realize that effort alone is insufficient if a thing of beauty is to be created.

It might be profitable to spend some time in considering (with reference to books) the basic structure of wood, to try to understand its possibilities and limitations in different types of constructions, and in different conditions. An example of this is a piece of wood veneered or polished on one side and the opposite side left bare giving full contact with the atmosphere.

Good proportions of joints are always necessary whether they show or not.

Experiment in design is always good, providing one is prepared to accept and admit failure. In this exhibition I think the reading lamp by M. E. Ruse is an example of near success.

The wood turning was again of distinctly high standard, both in execution and design. Once again a difficult section to judge.

As a last word I would like to say that it is always very satisfying to see the results of so much creative effort even though the results are not always of the high standard one would like to see.

Principal Prize winners—

Cabinets: A. P. Howell, J. L. McCloy, A. S. Wyon.
Dinner Wagons: R. J. Barraclough, B. M. Holmes.
Book Cases: T. G. Brown.
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Book Troughs: A. P. Howell, D. Hanson, I. B. Smith.


Boxes: I. B. Smith, E. J. Piercy.

Trays: C. D. Lingford, D. Hanson, A. R. Piachaud.

Miscellaneous: C. Preece, R. J. Withrington, J. N. Carter.

**ACROSS THE MONTHS**

We were very sorry to hear of the death of John L. Porter's wife, Margaret, in a motor accident in Kenya on 1st February, 1958. They were driving from Kenya to Tanganyika, when their car ran into a zebra and overturned, Margaret Porter being killed and John injured. His many friends among the Old Scholars send their warm sympathy to him and to his son and daughter in their great loss. John Porter had recently retired from his position as Principal of the Jeanes School, Nairobi.

R. C. JOHNSTON, Professor of French Language and Literature at the University of St. Andrews, has been decorated with the insignia of a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour by M. Andre Gailliard, French Consul General in Edinburgh.

J. D. HAWKINS was awarded a Research Fellowship in the United States last year. He and his family are now at Bloomington, Indiana, and they expect to return to England in September.

P. RADLEY and his wife have gone to South Africa to undertake Quaker service there, under a concern supported by the Meeting for Sufferings.

G. F. NUTTALL and J. R. WHITING are spending some months at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

A. A. WRIGHT has recently held an exhibition of his sculpture in London. It included small figures in lead, his most recent medium.

T. E. SPENCE held an exhibition of his paintings in Belfast last autumn, which was opened by Stanley Spencer, Esq., C.B.E., R.A.

A. M. PRIESTMAN and his wife were the designers of the very effective decorations for Regent Street, London, last Christmas.

W. D. MAIL moved to Canada with his wife and two young sons last year. He is a doctor in a hospital at Sarnia, Ontario, a town of 45,000 inhabitants at the South end of Lake Huron. His address is: 215 Mitton Street North, Sarnia, Ontario.

M. I. MAIL also went to Canada last year, and his address now is: Apartment 7, 466, Spadina Road, Toronto 10, Ontario.

D. M. SLOAN is now with a firm in Montreal. His address is: 10, 5590 Victoria Avenue, Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

A. V. G. BIBBY is a consultant at Beverley, E. Yorkshire.

K. RAPHAEL is now Secretary of Messrs. John Henning and Son, Limited, Belfast, manufacturers of Irish linen, damask and handkerchiefs.

G. B. RAPHAEL and his family returned from South Africa last Spring, and he and his wife are now in charge of a business in Bangor, North Wales, Crafts and Trading, Limited, which imports pottery and other goods from Switzerland, Italy and Austria.

G. L. PEACE is an adviser on Light Industry to the Government of Iran. His address is: The Technical Assistance Board, c/o United Nations, P.O. Box 1555, Teheran.
R. A. Barnes is on the Staff of the General Wingate School, Addis Ababa.

B. E. Hepworth has given up his University post in Turkey and is now teaching English to the 4th and 5th forms at the Choate School, Wallingford, Connecticut, U.S.A. He also coaches a soccer team at the school, which won the league championship, much to his surprise.

R. H. Midgley has passed the Final Examination of the Law Society.

A. C. Chapman and A. M. Hillas have both been awarded the Ph.D. degree in Physics by the University of Leeds.

A. M. Conway passed the Final Honours examination in Law, Class II, Division 1, of the University of Leeds last summer, and he now holds a Research Studentship in International Law at Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

F. Cooke and R. A. Haslegrave are at Christ's College, and G. I. Serjeant at Clare College, Cambridge.

H. R. Rose has been with the Chief Secretary's Department at Dar-es-Salaam, Tanganyika, since 1955, and he has recently been on leave in England.

D. A. Lawson is engaged on research into automation processes with Messrs. Smith, Limited, Cheltenham.

S. H. Aggs, J.P., is farming at Pulborough, Sussex.

G. Jackson is the Manager of Donnington Farm, near Ledbury, in Herefordshire. He was married last October.

H. Jackson is farming in Angus.

J. N. Gripper has moved from Guildford and is now in practice as a Veterinary Surgeon at Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.

M. L. Richardson was an officer in the Royal Artillery in Germany, during the later part of his period of National Service. He played hockey for the Regiment, and was the 4th best all-rounder in the B.A.O.R. Ski Championships in 1957. He is now working on a farm in Surrey, but expects to join his father, C. S. Richardson, who farms at Wheelbirks, Stocksfield, Northumberland, in May.

D. B. Hyde Harrison has passed his final examinations at the Architectural Association's School of Architecture in London.

Dr. Anthony M. Brown is in practice at Cleckheaton, Yorkshire.

M. L. Rutter, University of Birmingham, M.R.C.P.

J. M. Pye is in his family's firm of automobile engineers.

D. J. Bush is with Messrs. Boots Limited, at Nottingham.

R. Q. Bond is with a firm of advertising agents.

R. K. Brown is at the London School of Economics. He is the Chairman of the Young Friends Central Committee.

H. G. Green is the Clerk of Ulster Quarterly Meeting.

R. D. L. Moore is the Clerk of Bedfordshire Quarterly Meeting.

J. S. Robson is the Clerk of Kingston Preparative Meeting.

P. G. Brown is in the Friends Ambulance Unit International Service and is at present working in France.

M. P. Kelsall was married at the end of December and he and his wife are going to Victoria, British Columbia, in April, where they will be living at first with his uncle and his cousin, Donald Priestman, who left Bootham last July. Their address is 1880 Beach Drive, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.

Donald Priestman is at present at school in Victoria and hopes to go to the University of Vancouver next year.

J. V. Addis Smith has taken his B.sc. degree at the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, and has been awarded the Senior Scholarship.
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R. O. WHITING is Assistant Solicitor with Kesteven County Council and lives at Sleaford, Lincolnshire.

M. D. E. BENSON is the Secretary of his family’s firm, The Dublin Laundry Company, Limited, Milltown, Dublin.

R. D. MELLING is at the University of Bristol.

A. B. CLYMO is studying medicine at the Royal Free Hospital, London.

J. J. A. BEDFORD is at the Royal Dental Hospital School of Dental Surgery, Leicester Square, London, W.C.2.

D. R. S. MONCUR is studying Geology at the University of Sheffield.

M. P. L. LAYCOCK is studying Law at the University of Leeds.

G. M. HADFIELD is at Lyddon Hall, University of Leeds, where he is studying Engineering.

A. M. MARR is at the Constantine Technical College, Middlesbrough.

A. M. H. WILLIAMS is at the Marine Technical College, South Shields.

R. K. WHITAKER passed the Solicitor’s Intermediate Examination last November.

D. D. Row is studying Optics at Bradford Technical College.

M. A. STERN has been at Manchester Grammar School since leaving Bootham in 1955, and he was awarded a College Exhibition in Natural Science at Brasenose College, Oxford, last November.

D. F. LYON is a Structural Engineering Draughtsman in his uncle’s firm.

J. D. BELLERBY is a member of the Yorkshire County Hockey XI and T. T. SEDDON of the Durham County Hockey XI.

R. B. EDWARDS, University of Leeds, has won the Northern Universities’ Chess Championship.

P. McC. BOYD, Major, Royal Artillery, was awarded the M.B.E. last year for his services in Cyprus. He is now stationed in Plymouth.

J. M. DENT is serving in the Royal Navy, Portsmouth.

M. E. PULLEE is a Radio Electrical Mechanic in the Royal Navy.

F. A. ALTMAN is in the Royal Signals Regiment in Hong Kong.

I. M. BURNS is in the Intelligence Corps.

H. R. GILL is an Officer Cadet, Royal Army Service Corps, Aldershot.

W. G. REID is in the Argyll and Sutherland Regiment in Cyprus.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

From David P. Harrison, Royal Society International Geophysical Year Expedition, Royal Society Base, Halley Bay, Coats Land, Antarctica, 6th January, 1958:

‘Our relief ship has just arrived, bringing us very welcome stores, new faces and mail. It was nice to receive last Whitsun’s O.Y.S.A. card; views of buildings like the Minster are very welcome here. I remember many of the signatures from my work-book, others I will enjoy deciphering some long winter evening. The furious rush to get buildings finished and equipment working by winter was a great experience and technical problems in running my equipment down here have been sorted out very satisfactorily. My equipment is sufficiently automatic to be left for several days without attention, so some of us have been able to make short sledding trips inland this Spring. The long blizzards and absence of sunlight become tiresome during the winter, but are admirably compensated by our long summer days, when a social call on the nearby Emperor Penguin Rookery or an evening skiing at one of the bays along the coast makes a fine finish to the day. All the news of Bootham seems good, and I look forward to seeing the new buildings.’
Dr. T. N. K. Allan is with the Falkland Islands Dependency Survey Expedition in the Antarctic. In a letter last January, his mother writes: ‘We think Noel is now at S. Graham Land, stationed at Hope Bay until the end of their summer 1959. Mail cannot reach him until next November or December, but we can send a short radio message monthly to him until then. He expects to do ornithology for the Earl Grey Society, Oxford, help with the dogs (vet., etc.), general M.O. duties as doctor and dentist to the thirteen at his Base Depot, and medical research generally. He left Southampton as Medical Officer of the “John Biscoe” in October, having the cabin which was fitted up for Prince Philip when the ship was built in 1956 for his visit to the Antarctic. The ship called at St. Helena and Tristan da Cunha, where it encountered a hurricane, S. Georgia and Port Stanley, from where we received two letters describing the alarming hurricane, the whaling station’s activities and the great reception at Port Stanley. Noel sailed from there to the Antarctic before Christmas, but the last we heard was that the ship had been recalled to Port Stanley because of the mishap to the “Shackleton” relief ship and he expected to sail eventually on New Year’s Day. He is the first National Service doctor from the R.A.M.C. to be chosen for the Antarctic; the Navy has supplied them before.’

Victor W. Alexander and his wife returned in March from a visit to their daughter, Margaret and her husband, who is on the Staff of the Mfantsipim School, Cape Coast, Gold Coast.

Part of a letter from V. W. Alexander last January:

‘We came out here in December to spend Christmas and a bit longer with our daughter and her husband, at their pressing invitation. It’s pretty near the Equator and warmer than one could wish, but great fun to see what life is like in this “new country,” so far as that is possible in six weeks. We have been one five-day excursion into the interior northward through the Ashanti country and half-way to Timbuctoo. The Ashantis look prosperous and their villages tidy. Their capital, Kumasi, is a fine city of 70,000 population. They tend to be “agin the government,” which in turn treats them, I believe, less well than other parts, and as they contribute 60% of the revenue, that is a further grievance. Yesterday, my son-in-law, Bob, took me to see a Work Camp, voluntary helpers aiding villagers to make a feeder road, involving cutting through a hillside covered with dense tropical vegetation, bamboos, etc. There were some twenty voluntary workers, three English and the rest African. Bootham was represented by Gordon Green and John Hall, both teaching at Mfantsipim, which is a Boarding School for boys, founded by the Methodist Church. The Head Master and the Chaplain are African, but of the 38 Assistant Masters nearly half are English. The Voluntary Workcamp Association owes a great deal to Gordon Green’s initiative and energy.’

Part of a letter from the Rev. D. A. Tatham Thompson, The Missions to Seamen, Cochabamba 223, Buenos Aires, Argentine, who had a spinal operation for disc trouble last year:

‘I am really very well, up at 6.0 o’clock every morning and never in bed before about 1.0 a.m., but I may always be a little lame, but what does that matter? We had a wonderful Christmas. Our festivities really began with the Christmas Variety Show on 18th December, but on the previous evening we had a very special occasion when the Second Secretary of the German Embassy came to the Unveiling and Dedication of a Memorial Brass for the ‘Pamir’ in the Sanctuary of our Chapel. He did the unveiling, and I took the dedication and prayers in English, followed by the German Evangelical Pastor who took the prayers in German, and then we said the Lord’s Prayer in both languages simultaneously. All the German captains in port were
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present in uniform, together with other officers and cadets in uniform and a number of ratings. After the Service the senior officers went off to the German Embassy and most of the others stayed on, as it was a Dance night. One middle aged German came up to me and said: 'Herr Pastor, where is the Herr Pastor who ran the Football League before the War?' I replied: 'You're speaking to him,' and he gave me a huge hug which I thought would break my ribs and said: 'Herr Pastor, let me tell you that you have never been forgotten in Hamburg.' What a lovely 'thank you.' On the morning of the ceremony I received a cable from the owners of the 'Pamir' in Hamburg, saying: 'Hearty thanks for sympathy in connection with "Pamir" loss, and consecration of commemorative tablet.' A British Chief Engineer who went to the German Embassy that night told me that the Germans were completely overwhelmed by the fact that the first memorial for the victims of the disaster had been placed in a British Seamen's Chapel. Dr. Schwaymann, the German Diplomat, spoke so simply and genuinely that we felt that the occasion was a splendid inauguration of our commemoration of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

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DECEMBER, 1957.

DAVID HANSON, Woolverstone Hall, nr. Ipswich. Leaves from the Upper Schoolroom after one term.


Old Scholars, wishing to play in either of the O.S. Football Matches on Saturday, 25th October or Saturday, 6th December, should write to:

The O.S. Football Secretary, c/o Bootham School, York: as Martyn Gaudie is passing on the football captaincy, having accepted a post at the University Farm in Ghana.
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

BIRTHS

BRILL.—On 17th February, 1958, to Sandra G. and Ian M. Brill (1945-50), a daughter, Amanda Nicole.

BROWN.—On 7th March, 1958, to Susan and Anthony M. Brown (1946-49), a daughter.

CROSSLEY.—On 2nd October, 1957, to Pamela G. and John L. S. Crossley (1939-42), a daughter, Virginia.

DIAMOND.—On 24th December, 1957, to Ruth A. and John B. Diamond (1941-44), a daughter, Emma Claire.


GREEN.—On 6th October, 1957, to June L. and Harold G. Green (1938-40), a son, Timothy Piers.

GREEN.—On 26th March, 1958, to Sally and Gordon L. Green (1944-47), of the Mfantispensi Methodist School, Cape Coast, Gold Coast, a daughter, Nancy Ekua.

HARVEY.—On 21st February, 1958, to Josephine and Mark H. Harvey (1937-39), a daughter, Emily Kate.

HAWTHORNE.—On 24th January, 1958, to Liv and John R. Hawthorne (Master at Bootham), a son, Per Eric.


HUDSON.—On 17th March, 1958, to Gillian and David E. Hudson (1938-41), a daughter, Jennifer Margaret.


KURER.—On 9th January, 1958, to Heather and F. Peter Kurer (1947-48), a daughter, Judith Elizabeth.

PRESTT.—On 1st March, 1958, to Ann and Ian Prestt (1942-47), a son, Duncan.

PRIESTMAN.—On 15th March, 1958, to Jane and A. Martin Priestman (1939-43), a son, Matthew.

ROWNTREE.—On 15th December, 1957, to Anna C. and Michael H. Rowntree (1932-36), a daughter, Priscilla Rotham.


STROSS.—On 22nd January, 1958, to Ceciie and David R. Stross (1938-41), a son.

SYKES.—On 14th December, 1957, to Lilli and John Sykes (1932-34), a son, Joseph Noel.

WALLER.—On 12th January, 1958, to Eileen M. and Thomas A. Waller (1931-35), of Beirut, Lebanon, a son, Nicholas Armitage.

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WESTWOOD.—On 16th October, 1957, to Patricia M. and William Westwood (1940-43), a daughter, Kathryn Ruth.

WESTWOOD.—On 29th March, 1958, to Hilary C. and James Westwood (1933-37), a son.

WHITING.—On 24th August, 1957, to Dorothy and Richard O. Whiting (1933-37), a daughter, Diana Mary.

MARRIAGES


BUSH-CLOTHIER.—On 9th August, 1957, at the Friends Meeting House, Uxbridge, Donald James Bush (1946-51), to Gillian Mary Clothier.


PYE-NORTH.—On 16th October, 1957, at St. Christopher’s Church, Morecambe, James M. Pye (1945-49), to Betty North.


GOLDEN WEDDING

WILLIAMSON-JACKSON.—On 23rd October, 1907, at Lorton Parish Church, Cockermouth, Joseph John Williamson (1894-95), to Sarah Jackson.

DEATHS

CAPEWELL.—On 18th October, 1957, at his home at Crowcombe, near Taunton, Arthur A. Capewell, Q.C. (1915-17), aged 54 years.

DARBY.—On 27th February, 1958, at his home in Birmingham, Roger Sorton Darby (1909-12), aged 64 years.

GOODBODY.—On 3rd February, 1958, Jerome Marcus Goodbody (1909-11), aged 63 years.

GRAY.—On 21st October, 1957, at his home at Rock Ferry, Cheshire, Henry Woodville Gray (1916-19), aged 54 years.

JONES.—On 9th January, 1958, after a year’s illness, Denis Jones (1937-40), aged 34 years.

NEAVE.—On 22nd February, 1958, at his home at Rainow, Macclesfield, Newman Neave (1886-88), aged 86 years.

PIM.—On 21st October, 1957, Henry Beale Pim (1888-93), aged 81 years.

RICHARDSON.—On 18th October, 1957, at Newtownville, U.S.A., Nicholas Richardson (1890-93), aged 81 years.

SOUTHALL.—On 17th October, 1957, at his home at Edgbaston, Birmingham, Christopher Southall (1890-93), aged 82 years.

STOUT.—On 7th March, 1956, David Kenneth Stout (1925-27), aged 47 years.
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