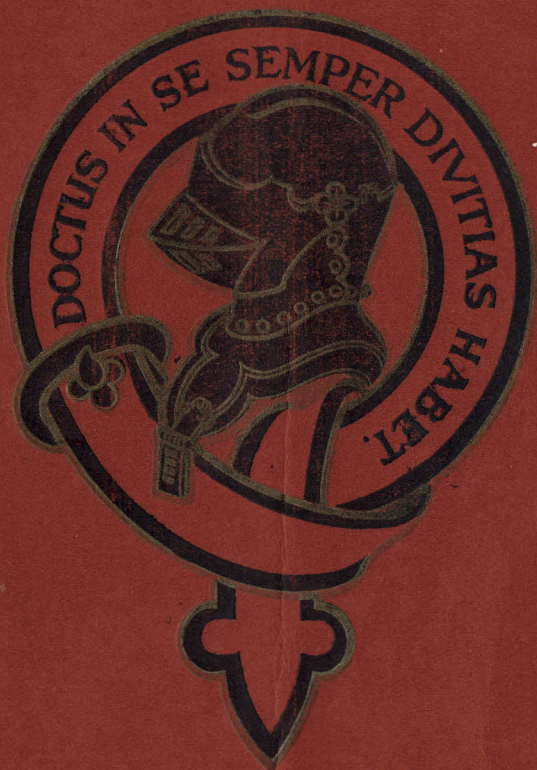


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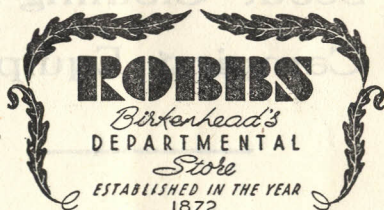
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School Calendar.

Spring term began	January 4th
Half-term holiday	February 22nd and 23rd
Speech Day	March 18th
Cross Country	March 25th
Speech Day Holiday	April 1st
Spring term ends	April 13th
Summer term begins	May 2nd
Athletic Sports	May 26th
Half-term holiday	June 6th, 7th and 8th
Summer term ends	July 22nd
Autumn term begins	September 5th

Editorial.

IN the academic menu which we call the School year, a Spring Term is surely the main course. In the Autumn, when we reassemble with some familiar faces missing and with many new ones in our midst, the first weeks of 'settling in' are a kind of scholastic *hors d'oeuvre*, whetting our appetites for the more solid fare that is to come. Although some substantial and even novel dishes come our way as we move into Winter, in the shape of changed and often exacting syllabus, we are not likely to fall into the error of Mr. Toots in an attempt to produce intellectual asparagus at Christmas. No, it is not really until the Spring Term that we buckle to the task like collegiate trenchermen and ply our mental cutlery with vigour. In comparison the summer time at School is the lightest part of the feast, with the sweets of cricket and athletics and long light evenings, and with some examination savouries to round off the whole. It is also the season of digestion, unmarred, if examiners are charitable, by dyspeptic failure. All that we have said about the Spring Term's being the backbone of our year is especially true when Easter falls as late as it does in 1960. No doubt it would be an improvement if our three terms were all of equal length, but hitherto our observations on this theme have not been sufficient to challenge Golden Numbers and other venerable traditions. As things are, then, we have to take our middle terms as we find them, from their searching opening in the earliest days of a New Year through the worst vigours of winter, which are found entertaining or exhausting according to one's age, to our triumphal emergence into the Spring of the Year. After a fifteen-week term, it is difficult to believe when we assemble at length in mid-April for our final service that this world of sunlight and greenery is only the old world of January in a brave new outfit and with hope instead of despair on its brow. And if the mood as we depart for our Easter holiday is one of relief, congratulation, even of incredulity to have survived so much unscathed, what better medium can we employ than the *Visor* to plot our progress through wind and weather, in ice and snow, on dark mornings, noons and nights, to the bright and hopeful threshold of another summer?

Salvete.

Dunne, A. P.

Hewett, G. J.

Owen, D. J.

Valete.

4B Dixon, R. M.

Staff Notes.

THE School bids farewell to Miss Price at the end of this term with much regret. Appointed to the Staff in 1946, Miss Price has thus been in charge of the Art Department for fourteen years. During that long period she has conspicuously succeeded in giving it real vigour and purpose, so that it has contributed much to the School's life. Miss Price has never been content, as it must be confessed some Art teachers are, to allow her department to become secondary to her own studio work, despite the considerable reputation of the latter, as in the exhibition of her paintings at the Rushworth Gallery. But she will be remembered here for such things as the Landscape Painting Competition; for the unfailing encouragement of her pupils to show enterprise and originality in colour, design and medium; for their introduction to the great local collections; and for a steady influence on those who after leaving School have laid the foundations of successful careers in Art and Architecture. And the Staff will remember her as an excellent colleague, who invariably contrived to brighten the roughest day. Both Staff and School will join in wishing her every success in her new post where she will be Senior Art Mistress at Wirral County Grammar School for Girls.

We are also sorry to say good-bye to Mr. Blake, who came to the Institute as Senior Geography Master in September 1958. Having been appointed Assistant Education Officer in the County Borough of Preston, Mr. Blake now forsakes the class room for the administrator's desk, where no doubt he will carry out his official duties with the greater sympathy after his experience with educational problems at first hand. We wish him a successful career in his new sphere.

Speech Day.

THE School was honoured by the presence of the Mayor of Birkenhead, Councillor Mrs. Louisa Baker, J.P., at the Annual Speech Day, held this year on Friday, 18th March. The Chairman of Governors, Alderman F. Garstang, M.A., J.P., was unfortunately prevented from being present, and Councillor Miss E. M. Keegan officiated in his place.

In his report the Headmaster stressed the need for parental help and guidance to be given to enable boys to withstand the pressure of amusements and activities which competed with the demands made by School and study, particularly in the Sixth form. Self-discipline and some sacrifice must be insisted on, if most was to be gained from the later and most valuable years of School life.

The guest speaker, an Old Boy of the School, Professor G. E. M. Hallett, M.D.S., F.D.S.R.C.S., Professor of Children's Dentistry in the University of Durham, presented the prizes, certificates, and trophies. In a characteristically lively and witty speech Professor Hallett reviewed various types of address delivered by those who presented prizes on Speech Days, and then developed his theme that the world of today is a place of interest, of change, challenge, and adventure. Many of the problems that confront the world today would depend on the present younger generation for their solution. He spoke of the necessity for an intelligent and lively interest in all aspects of life.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Councillor Miss E. M. Keegan, who spoke in particular of the devotion of the Mayor to the schools of Birkenhead and her unfailing attendance at their functions. Miss Keegan, at the request of Professor Hallett, granted the customary day's holiday, to be taken this year on April 1st.

PROGRAMME.

School — Men of England, Thomas Campbell.

Report by the Headmaster (E. G. Webb, B.A.).

Musical Interlude—i. Viola Solo, Andrew Thomas.

(3rd Movt. Concerto in E. Flat Major—Zelter Keyboard Continuo from Orchestral Score—E. V. Shaw).

ii. Choir—

How soft upon the evening air; Thomas F. Dunhill.

The ballad of London River; John E. Borland.

Presentation of Prizes, Certificates and Trophies and Address by Professor G. E. M. Hallett, M.D.S., F.D.S.R.C.S.

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Connacher Memorial Prize for English—McTear, G.
 Solly Memorial Prize for History—McTear, G.
 The George Holt Prizes—Languages: McTear, G.; Science: Harris,
 D.; Mathematics: Harris, D.
 “J. E. Allison” Prize for Geography—Boyd, E.
 Headmaster’s Prize—Harris, T. H.

SPORTS—

Victor Ludorum—(Senior) Greaves, G. K.; (Junior) Blease, G. R.
 Silver Cup for Games—(Senior) Harris, T. H.; (Junior) Oldham, T. J.
 Old Boys’ Sports Prize—Parry, M. H., Atkin; Macmaster, I. D., Stitt;
 Greaves, G. K., Tate; Harris, T. H., Westminster.
 House Trophies—Athletics, Westminster; Cricket, Westminster;
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Cross Country 1960.

ON Friday, 25th March, 312 boys took part in the annual races. As usual the races were in three sections, Junior, Intermediate, and Senior, and the Intermediates raced on a new course. The weather was mild, and while no records were broken a good all-round standard was achieved.

Results. Junior Race:

1. Roddick (2A) Stitt, 16 Min. 29.8 secs.
2. Fogg (2A) Tate.
3. Ward (2A) Westminster.

Team Placings:

1. Tate (287 pts.)
2. Westminster (366 pts.)
3. Atkin (520 pts.)
4. Stitt (739 pts.)

Intermediate Race:

1. Graham (3B) Westminster. 26 min. 32 secs.
2. Woodworth (4B) Tate.
3. Hamlet (3B) Atkin.

Team Placings:

1. Westminster (482 pts.)
2. Atkin (612 pts.)
3. Stitt (626 pts.)
4. Tate (650 pts.)

Senior Race:

1. Humphreys (5A) Westminster. 33 min. 22.8 secs.
2. Jones, M. V. (5A). Atkin.
3. Lee (6A). Stitt.

Team Placings:—

1. Westminster (341 pts.)
2. Tate (580 pts.)
3. Stitt (618 pts.)
4. Atkin (718 pts.)

Final House Positions:—

1. Westminster.
2. Tate.
3. Atkin.
4. Stitt.

Commercial Manners and Modes.

IN prehistoric times, or about seven years ago, before I had a T.V. set, I could certainly endorse the old saying about one half of the world not knowing how the other half lives. But it was reasonable to assume that the other half, despite its natural inferiority to my half, still moved and had its being on familiar lines. I supposed that it fed to keep alive, washed in order to keep out of the clutches of the various Public Health Acts, and conversed about the myriad topics of the day. It was charitable to believe that the manners and modes

of those other people roughly approximated to my more finished performance. But, after watching their antics in "the commercials" during these last seven years, I perceive there are limits to charity. For they do not live as I do. Everything is dictated for them by the excellence or indifference of the proprietary articles they consume, wear, and use. They pass from extremities of gloom to zeniths of joy. They are given to monologue and exclamation marks, and they are obsessed by the habit of proclaiming to the universe the virtues of the merchandise they purchase. To me they look monsters; yet they must be all around me. I owe to television this terrifying intelligence that I have been living in a jungle in unsuspected peril all these years.

For it is clear that they exist in an atmosphere of histrionics and high drama by the side of which the ordinary nervous breakdown would look like contemplation in a Buddhist retreat. Consider them at table. There is no question with them of good digestion waiting upon appetite (and health on both). The cardinal interest of their meals is the paper label around the can from which their fodder came. The streaming mess arrives at the hands of a grimacing doll who waits with a Borgia-like intensity while the first spoons are plied. And the climax arrives at once, which is the negation of good drama; for these families never finish a square meal, know nothing of the joys of repletion. After one spoonful, they all utter the solemn incantation in unison, "Oh! That must be Popple's Stewed Octopus." There follows the inevitable epilogue when Mother delivers a harangue on the benevolence of the unspeakable Popple, around whose concoctions her entire existence revolves. Since I have watched these families, I have sworn never to dine out again. The risks involved are too great. Suppose in that supreme initial moment with the poised spoon and the appraising leer, ignorant of the sacred password, one ejaculated, "Ah! Spook's Curried Hog—you can always tell"—and this in the middle of the Popple Anthem—would one ever get out alive? To be murdered with a can-opener by infuriated Poppleites would be a shocking fate. In future I dine at home.

And if this is the behaviour of the conventional domestic crowd at feeding time, what can one make of the eccentrics who eat corn-flakes in the fields, brandishing their eating irons with a demoniac fervour, of the brides who mutter of protein as they stir their brews in witches' cauldrons, of the margarine fanatics who lie in insolent ambush for any innocent detected in the act of eating sandwiches? What indeed! But there are other lurking terrors of the table. I had always supposed that, if I were unlucky enough to knock over a full

tea-cup, I should be treated in a civilised manner and be called a clumsy oaf for my pains, after which the incident would pass into oblivion. That was my mistake. For, if ever I had such an accident now, instead of my hostess arising in righteous wrath, she would terrify me by a burst of hearty laughter, assuring me that, since she began using "Flako" for her cloths, they actually thrived on such treatment. She would then drag me by the scruff of the neck to watch the damage being repaired in her viceregal washing engine,

And her Kitchen! I remember kitchens as snug and homely places where one could steal raspberry jam. But in these new homes they have been transformed into vast power chambers with batteries of dials and gauges for the mastery of which Mother requires a diploma in electrical engineering, I believe there lurk in these mechanised galleys fearful robot monsters who blunder around in the small hours of the night seeking whom they may devour. From all these manifestations of the commercial families, from the harmonic ale-samplers, tooth-paste dervishes, hair-cream zealots, incessant floor-swabbers, shoppers who recoil in horror at contact with leprosy when offered the inferior article; from the ecstatic pastille-chewers, the candid executives and the coffee-swilling soliloquisers, may my good angel deliver me! Let me eat, drink, or chew, in the happy old slogan-less way.

But there appears to be a curious paradox in this new world of the commercialised creature. Surely, as consumers of unparalleled soups, as wearers of the impeccable white which baffles even the superlatives of our language, they should have attained the felicity which mankind has been seeking since Eden. It is not so, however. On their own admission, many serpents still infest their sponsored paradise. After meals of unique sausage and unapproachable processed cheese, they arise in the mornings liverish, fractious, dyspeptic. They cannot sleep, they cough with a startling church-yard hollowness, they are taken with sudden agonies at Cup Finals, they even become "part-time wives"—a distemper which might puzzle the President of the Divorce Division. Whatever has gone wrong with their perfect world, they do not however lack panaceas. For every one of their ills (which no one has yet been rash enough to ascribe to the qualities of what they consume), there exist palliatives, nostrums, and elixirs. And these in their turn work with an alarming rapidity, on the instant. The asthmatical middle-aged wreck, who appeared but a moment ago on the verge of dissolution, swallows a tablet and jumps into frenzied tree-felling like a demented giant. The distracted wife, who smashes up the living room when hubby suggests an evening at the pictures, merely gulps a potion and is immediately transformed

into a gracious princess at a speed which would have made Cinderella's Fairy Godmother blink. The man whose duodenal pangs cause him to fling his dinner into the fire in a sour fury of disgust takes the magic powder, and then settles down to a banquet that would have crushed Nero.

Yet I have a sneaking feeling that the reign of these creatures may be approaching a crisis. The inevitable hour is inexorably coming when the perfect pills will banish every ill from their jungle universe. And what will happen then, when the pill-peddlers realise that their Kingdom is slipping from them? Must there not ensue, on your screen and mine, some fatal evening, a cracking civil war between those who need no more pills and those who can only survive by extolling them? What the issue of such a conflict will be, which may well shatter our sets to smithereens, I can scarcely venture to forecast. But, whichever side wins, the attendant slaughter is bound to thin out their ranks, and that, as the history books used to say, will be a good thing.

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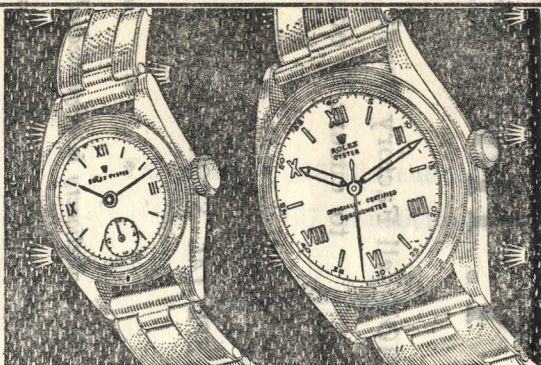
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ONE of the most ambitious municipal projects of recent times is being undertaken by an Old Instonian, Sir Herbert Manzoni, C.B.E., City Engineer of Birmingham. A vast redevelopment scheme for the city centre has been planned by Sir Herbert, to include what will be probably the world's most magnificent shopping centre. At the same time opportunity has been taken to remodel the whole area around Birmingham Parish Church. It is a source of great pride to the School to find an Old Boy responsible for this distinguished undertaking which maintains the spirit of civic foresight originally conceived in the eighties of last century by Joseph Chamberlain. Members of the School will recall that Sir Herbert Manzoni was the guest of honour at our Annual Prize-Giving in 1958. During February this year he was elected President of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

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The descant arranged to the tune "Sussex", which was used as the setting for Campbell's "Men of England", sung at the Annual Prize Giving on March 18th, was composed by D. Thomas of VB. This proved an effective addition to the melody, and provided an excellent climax to the final lines of the poem. The School has already had evidence of Thomas's musical ability both as a violinist and as an accompanist at prayers, and his latest venture shows that he is steadily developing an already considerable talent.

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In the recently held "Children's Road Safety Poster Competition", sponsored by the Birkenhead Police, Oxtou of 5A and Griffin of 4B were successful in gaining awards for the posters they designed and submitted. On March 8th both were invited to attend the prize-giving ceremony at the Central Library, and received their certificates of merit from the Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor Mrs. L. Baker, J.P.). Their winning entries were among those on display in this year's exhibition of successful posters.

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A very successful Jumble Sale was held in the Hall on Friday evening, February 12th. Its primary object was to raise sufficient money for the provision of four complete sets of new jerseys for the School Rugby Teams. That as much as £42 was raised shows the great

success of this venture. We are particularly indebted to the Ladies' Committee, whose devoted labours, both on the previous day and on the day of the actual sale in arranging and working the various stalls, helped to ensure such a splendid result. Nor should we omit to acknowledge our debt to the members of the VIth Form who also worked hard in the same worthy cause. In addition a successful dance held in the Hall on March 11th contributed a further £10 to the fund. Some 150 guests from other grammar schools were present. Much of the success of this function was once more due to the Ladies' Committee who arranged the refreshments and also to C. M. Lee of Form 6 who organised the band.

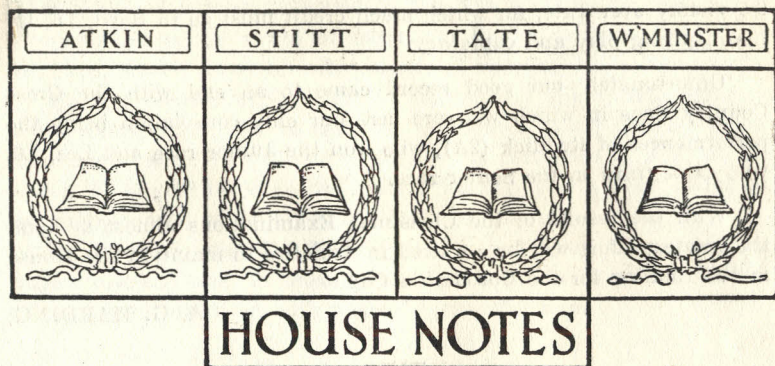
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In Memoriam.

WE record with deep regret the death of Old Instonian Peter Underwood on December 28 last, as a result of a climbing accident in Snowdonia. It was characteristic of him that he should have lost his life while going to the assistance of a young member of his party on the north ridge at Tryfan. At School Mr. Underwood had been a member of our Scout Troop. During the war he was in turn a Cadet Officer and an Instructor in the Royal Navy (1943-6), seeing service in North Europe. He was appointed a Lieutenant in the A.C.F. in 1947 and was promoted Captain in 1953, gaining the twelve years' service medal in that year. In recent years Mr. Underwood had been Group Scoutmaster to the 28th St. Paul's (Wallasey) Group. His death is a heavy loss to Youth movements in Wirral, and he will be mourned by many who recall his unselfish devotion to social work and his invariable friendliness and unassuming manner. The School begs to extend its sympathy to his relatives in this tragic bereavement.



ATKIN.

SINCE the Christmas report the final Senior rugby match has been played; this resulted in a Westminster victory.

In the chess matches, the Junior team improved considerably on the Senior team's efforts, winning two of the three matches. Jackson, Goldsmith, Tunley, Bodels, Cooke, and Parry, each won two games.

The final event of this term was the Cross Country Race, the House finished third in the final placings. In the Senior race Jones, M. V., came second for the second year in succession, followed by Price (6th), Dodd, and Gurden. The House had five home out of the first eight in the Intermediate race; Hamlett (3rd), Swindells (4th), Edbrooke (5th), Moorby (7th), Hill (8th), and Jones, M. G., followed close behind. Out of the Juniors Cooke and Tunley ran quite well.

It is to be hoped that in the forthcoming events of next term Atkin's position will be greatly improved, but this will be achieved only by a determined effort from every member of the House.

W.P.

STITT.

SINCE the last time of writing we have seen the completion of three of the House competitions and we now hold second place in the Coronation Cup competition.

This is mainly due to our fine performance in the Chess Championship in which we won all six matches at an aggregate of $32\frac{1}{2}$ games to $9\frac{1}{2}$. The Seniors beat Atkin $6\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$, Tate 6-1, Westminster 6-1, and the Juniors beat Atkin 4-3, Tate 6-1, and Westminster 4-3. Specially to be congratulated are Pye 4A, Harding VISC., Kellett VISC., Harding 5A, Pye 2A, and Ratelice 3A, who won all their matches.

In the Rugby Competition we gained second place after a close 9-6 victory over Tate, for which much credit must go to Boyd, L6, for his inspiring play and captaincy.

Unfortunately our good record came to an end with the Cross Country Race in which we were last, our only consolation being the performances of Roddick (2A), who won the Junior race and Lee, L6, who came third in the Senior race.

With the results of the Christmas Examinations almost at hand the greatest effort will be required in Athletics to maintain the House in the running for the Coronation Cup.

A. G. HARDING.

TATE.

THIS term we have seen the completion of the Chess and Rugby competition and the running of the Cross Country Race. The House is at present 3rd in the Coronation Cup.

In the Cross Country Race the House were second in the final placings owing to the fine running of the Seniors and Juniors, the Juniors being 1st and the Seniors 2nd. Fogg 2A and Waring 4B ran very well.

In the final Senior Rugby match against Stitt we were narrowly beaten by 9 points to 6, and were 3rd in the final placings. In the Junior Chess Match the House was heavily defeated in all three matches, thus resulting in the House's coming last in the final placings.

D.B.

WESTMINSTER.

THE main event of this term was the annual Cross Country race which the House again won owing mainly to excellent team work. Mention must be made of Humphreys, who ran excellently to win his race, being nine seconds outside the School record, of Graham, who also won his race, and of Ward and Brown who were 3rd and 4th respectively.

Other events this term were the Senior Rugby match, in which the House beat Atkin by 34 pts. to nil, and the Junior Chess Matches. In these matches the Juniors won one out of three, thus enabling the House to gain 2nd place after Stitt.

With the athletic season drawing near, every boy should take advantage of the training facilities provided, so that the House can again do well on Sports Day.

F. HADFIELD.

Colours Awards.

THIS term it has been decided by the Sports Committee that a boy who merits the award of colours at Rugby football, Cricket, or Athletics, should have a visible means of showing his achievements.

He is presented with a "flash" bearing the appropriate lettering of the Club, which can be sewn on his School blazer directly below the School badge. In addition to this, he is permitted to wear an inverted 'V' of gold braid on the front of his cap, and a Visor badge on his rugby jersey, athletic vest or white cricket cap.

F. Hadfield and D. Docherty, who had been awarded their Rugby colours, and R. Povall, who had been awarded his Cricket colours, were presented with flashes during the term.

Rugby 1959-60.

1st. XV.

THE 1st. XV has completed its season, not a spectacular one, but one in which much had to be discovered and many experiments tried with a view to finding a sound working unit worthy of representing the School. The forwards have always been a powerful force, and have held their own with all but the very best. The backs are beginning to realise that the best tries come from hard, fast running and passing. Kicking has been overdone in many games, but the defence of the backs latterly has more than proved itself, and next season we can look forward to some real attacking three-quarter play, well supported by a mobile pack.

The Old Boys' match was a memorably defensive one, when the School almost held a strong Old Boys' XV and finally went down to a goal scored just before no side. West Park, Wade Deacon, and Wirral gave us our heaviest beatings, but in the last two games we were badly hampered by injuries and indeed against Wade Deacon had only one of our regular three-quarter line playing. The real surprise was the defeat of West Park at home, only three weeks after being beaten away.

The Captain has been a fine example of enthusiasm and fitness, and has led well by example. The Club would like to congratulate Docherty on being chosen for Cheshire Schools XV, and Lord, Peters, and Boyd on being awarded their colours.

Results since last issue:

St. Edwards College	(H)	Lost	0—8
Holt High School	(H)	Won	32—0
Oldershaw Grammar School	(H)	Draw	3—3
Calday Grange Grammar School	(A)	Lost	0—5
Rock Ferry High School	(H)	Won	6—3
Wade Deacon Grammar School	(H)	Lost	0—15

West Park Grammar School	(A)	Lost	0—43
West Park Grammar School	(H)	Won	8—3
St. Anselms College	(A)	Lost	3—9
Park High School	(A)	Draw	8—8
Holywell Grammar School	(H)	Won	12—10
Wallasey Technical School	(H)	Lost	9—17
Old Instonians	(H)	Lost	3—8
Wirral Grammar School	(A)	Lost	0—34
Wade Deacon Grammar School	(A)	Lost	0—23

Junior Rugby 1st and 2nd Forms.

The enthusiasm has been most commendable, and the boys have been keen to learn. However, even more determination and quicker thinking are required, together with speed. We seem to lack fast, strong three-quarters, but it is hoped they will develop as the boys gain in confidence. Against Park High School and Rock Ferry High School, we have turned out A and B teams, and this has given many more boys the chance to play against other schools.

BANTAM XV

The Bantams have shown considerable improvement this term. They have played with more determination, and with a greater knowledge of the game. Consequently their results have been much better than last term.

Chess.

THE Club has met regularly during dinner-hours and on Club nights after School during this term. School teams have not fared as well in matches as had been hoped, but the influx of new members and increased interest in the game shown, especially by senior boys, promises well for the future.

In the Wright Shield Competition we have won only 1 match and drawn 1 of the 6 matches played. On many occasions our failure in matches has been due to the inability of individual players to maintain the initiative which they have gained in the early stages of the game and to profit by opponents' mistakes. As in every other activity, it must be remembered that success in chess depends on a sustained and concentrated effort throughout the game, and can only be achieved by vigorous practice and self-discipline.

Two friendly matches were played against Liverpool Collegiate School by an under 15 team. Both were lost 4-3 and 5½-1½.

Junior House Matches have been played this term, and in the final result of the inter-House Competition placings were as follows: 1, Stitt; 2, Westminster; 3, Atkin; 4, Tate.

The ladder competitions are reaching their last stage, and the final matches between the leaders in each section to decide the Senior and Junior Champions will be played off at the end of this term or early next term.

Eight boys, representing all age groups, have entered for the Liverpool Junior Chess Congress in the Easter holidays. We wish them success in their respective sections.

Scout Notes.

AS we commence another Scout Year our thoughts turn to the principal events of the past twelve months.

During the winter the scout learns the theoretical side of camping, and looks forward to Summer Camp where he can put his theory into practice and be able to judge for himself whether or not he has used his time to the best advantage. Naturally, experience is the greatest teacher, and to this end we earnestly encourage as many boys as possible to attend the Annual Camp.

Last year we were fortunate in having the use of a beautiful Camp Site near Hawkshead in the Lake District. Needless to say, we enjoyed the perfect weather which gave us every opportunity of carrying out our varied programme. We even indulged in early morning P.T. (at the request of the Patrol Leaders)—they weren't very popular after that! The Camp was very successful; many lessons were learned, there were no casualties, and some people even complained of having too much to eat! ! !

SENIOR SCOUTS.

The Senior Section has excelled itself in recently gaining four Queen's Scouts. Robert Brooks, Alan Mathews, Paul Ogden and Joe Dodd are to be heartily congratulated on achieving this much sought after Badge. All four will receive their Badges from Capt. R. T. Bigland, Assistant County Commissioner, and their Royal Certificates at Gilwell Park in Essex from the Chief Scout, Sir Charles Maclean. No half measures for these fellows!

The same boys have almost reached the Silver Standard of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, and I feel confident that they will march successfully onward to the Gold Award.

Well Done, Seniors.

J.C.

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THE Annual General Meeting of the Association was held at the Club on Friday, 26th February, when the officers for the year were elected.

The Chairman reported that there had been a substantial increase in membership during the year. The oldest member left the School in 1893, the youngest in 1959. Besides the members living in Birkenhead and throughout the length and breadth of the British Isles, there was a small contingent living overseas in places such as River Edge and Oradell in New Jersey, Johannesburg in South Africa, and Vancouver Island in British Columbia. A lot of members had been affiliated by the Old Instonians' Association Football Club and the Old Instonians' Rugby Football Club, but the increase had been in those who joined the Association direct. Most of these were older Old Boys, and the majority paid their subscriptions by banker's order, which reduced considerably the work of the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary. It had been most pleasant to have a good deal of correspondence with these older Old Boys, who continued to have a keen interest in each other and in the School.

The relations between the Association and the School continued to be very good, and during the year the School had helped the Asso-

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ciation in a number of ways, and the Association, in turn, the School. The School's Annual Speech Day was to be Friday, 18th March, the prizes to be distributed at the Technical College, Borough Road. Over the years a number of distinguished Old Boys had been honoured by successive Headmasters by being asked to present the awards on such an occasion: the Lord Cohen of Birkenhead, Sir Herbert Manzoni, C.B.E., (City Engineer of Birmingham), Mr. Scholefield Allen (M.P. for Crewe and Recorder of Blackburn), Mr. George Clark (Secretary to the Collegiate Council, University of London), Councillor C. S. McDonald, Mr. George Grant (formerly Registrar of the University of Birmingham), Mr. W. L. Cottier, C.B.E., Mr. Ivor Bowen, C.M.G. (a Freeman of the city of London). This year it was the turn of Professor G. E. M. Hallett of Durham University. The Headmaster had invited Old Boys to attend.

One way in which both the Association and the School had benefited had been in connection with the **Visor**, the circulation having increased substantially owing to the permanent orders placed by members. The Association had gained, since the Visor had proved a means of keeping in touch with members living away from Birkenhead.

Wreaths had been placed on the war memorials in the School on Remembrance Day.

On the last day of the Summer Term, 1959, Mr. C. R. Lockyer, on behalf of the Association, had visited the School to present the Old Boys' Sports Prizes, one to a boy from each House who, in the opinion of his Housemaster, had done most to foster sport in that House during the year. These were awarded to M. H. Parry of Atkin, I. D. Macmaster of Stitt, G. K. Greaves of Tate, and T. H. Harris of Westminster.

Turning to the sporting activities of the Association, the affiliated sections each continued to field three teams each Saturday during the season. Recently they had met each other in a Soccer match which, as was only right, had been won by the Soccer club. Tennis had been played on Wednesday evenings during the summer in Mayer Park, Bebington, and owing to an improvement in the weather, the loss of the previous season had been turned into a small profit. A golf match had been played at Prenton in September, the Pyke Cup being retained by Mr. F. H. Heslop. This year's match was to be organized by Mr. R. M. Delf who hoped to have it at Bromborough on June 9. Interested members were asked to contact Mr. Delf, who would circularise them at a later date. Two cricket matches had been played, against Birkenhead Institute and St. Mary's Cricket Club.

The next Reunion Dinner was to be held on Saturday, 22nd October, at the Masonic Hall, Clifton Road, Birkenhead, and applications for tickets were already being made. The arrangements were the res-

ponsibility of the same Sub-Committee which organized the Commemoration Dinner in January, 1959. Tickets could be obtained from the Chairman.

It was decided to hold one or two social evenings during the winter months after the dinner in October, at places to be arranged later, to allow the older Old Boys to meet each other again and enjoy each other's company.

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Sir Herbert Manzoni, C.B.E., has been elected president of the Institute of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Russell Clegg, M.A., who was the Head Prefect of the School in 1916, has received Holy Orders from the Bishop of Bradford, and has begun work as assistant curate of the Parish of Eccleshill, Bradford.

Mr. J. G. Williams, who left in 1920, has been appointed President of Oxtou Cricket Club, and, happily, the Captain of the club is another Old Instonian, Mr. Peter Burrell, a former Captain of the Old Instonians' R.U.F.C.

Mr. S. A. McCreery, who was at the School from 1893—1898, has moved to 25 Sidegate Avenue, Ipswich. He would like to contact Old Boys who were his contemporaries.

Old Boys News.

WE congratulate M. N. Peterson on his outstanding success in being placed third in all England and Wales in the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. About 1,400 candidates took this examination. By standing so high in the first class, Mr. Peterson becomes a prizeman of his Institute. He has now taken up an appointment on the staff of a firm of auditors in the city of London.

Also successful in passing the final Accountancy Examination was F. W. Taylor.

Among Old Boys now engaged on research work at the Universities are R. Naybour and J. O. Taylor (both working for the Ph.D. degree) and G. A. Reed (for the M.Sc. degree).

We record the appointment of Mr. T. J. Andrews as Clerk of the Westmorland Health Executive Council as from January 1st. During his time at the Institute Mr. Andrews was Victor Ludorum for three consecutive years (1929, 1930, 1931). After leaving School he entered a solicitor's office and later served in the Wirral Magistrates Clerk's Department. On the completion of his war service, he was in charge of the Accounts branch in the Birkenhead Health Executive Council. In 1950 he became deputy clerk to the Westmorland authority. Mr.

Andrews has maintained his conspicuous interest in sport and has frequently played league cricket in Cumberland.

Old Instonian Peter Burrell (1930-36) is the prospective captain of Oxtou Cricket Club for the coming season. A well-known local player, he has been associated with the Club for many years.

Old Instonians A.F.C.

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WITH the 1959-60 Season drawing to its close our League records are not very impressive. Both the 1st and 2nd elevens are bottom of their respective divisions, but the 3rd eleven holds out better promise, having had a run of 6 weeks with only one defeat, and, as they have some outstanding fixtures to make up, it is not unduly optimistic to hope that they will finish in a leading position. In addition this team has won its way through to the semi-final of the "C. D. Connerty Trophy" and are still in the Old Boys' Grammar Schools Shield Competition. Altogether a highly satisfactory performance from our Junior side. This, we hope, is a good sign for the future. What is needed, of course, is some new blood in the first and second teams, and this can only be achieved by more newcomers from the ranks of School leavers, and for this reason we welcome any boy leaving School this Summer and urge you to get in touch with the Hon. Secretary or any member of the Club, who will willingly give any information you may require.

We are happy to say Brian Riley is now playing once more, having recovered from his severe ankle injury. Alan Clays, now serving in H.M. Forces, was married on 27th February—we offer him our congratulations. Another cause for congratulations is the achievement of Frank Taylor in passing his final examinations in Chartered Accountancy.

We have held two most successful social evenings at the Association Clubroom in Elmswood Road. These were put over very competently by our Entertainments Committee, and a feature of them was a game of 'Housey-Housey' during the intervals, which went down very well with all concerned. Another extremely successful social occasion this season was a Challenge match between the Rugby Club and the Soccer Club at football. This took place at our ground at Bromborough and was attended by many friends and relatives, including Mr. Webb, who did us the honour of 'kicking off' for us. Although the Soccer Club won by 5 goals to 2, it was by no means one-way traffic, and some of the Rugby players showed that they

would not be out of place playing with a round ball in any company. A most enjoyable game this and likely to become an Annual fixture.

J.K.

Old Instonians R.U.F.C.

ANOTHER season is drawing to a close, and we can look back on a successful playing record. The 1st XV in particular has an impressive record, at the time of writing, having won 20, drawn 3, and lost 5 of the games played. As our 1st XV has beaten Old Anselmians, Old Wirralians, and Old Rockferrians, twice each, and, against Old Parkonians, has won one game and lost one, we can reasonably lay claim to being one of the top Old Boys' junior sides in Birkenhead and district. On March 5th we played our annual fixture against the School, which we narrowly won by eight points to three. The School did extremely well to hold our heavier and more experienced side to such a small margin, and we congratulate the School team on its performance. We can only hope that these boys will join us when they leave the School, as we can certainly find room for them in our sides.

The social side of our activities has not been neglected, and we recently held a very successful Hot Pot. On April 29th we are holding our Annual Dinner, which has become increasingly popular in the last few years, and a Social will be held in the pavilion at Greasby on April 30th, following the Caldý Seven-a-Side Tournament.

Mention of Caldý reminds us that the "Sevens" season is nearly upon us, and this year we are fielding teams in the Birkenhead Park and Shell "Sevens" on April 23rd, and in the Caldý "Sevens" the following week. We hope that the School will turn up to support us, and we shall naturally be wishing the School the best of luck in their "Sevens" at Birkenhead Park.

Our Easter Tour this year takes us to the Lake District, where we shall stay at a hotel in Kendal. Three fixtures have been arranged, against Old Cockermothians, Furness, and Kirkby Lonsdale, and we know that all who go on the Tour will have a very enjoyable weekend.

All the above is, I think, sufficient to show that we are a lively, flourishing Club, which can offer you good Rugby and enjoyable social activities. Any boy leaving the School who is interested in Rugby, either as a player or non-player, will be very welcome, and Mr. L. T. Malcolm will be only too pleased to put such boys into contact with us. A steady influx of new blood from the School is vital for the survival and continued success of the Club; so please don't give up the game when you leave School—there's a place waiting for you in the Old Boys' Rugby Club.

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