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44th ANNUAL DINNER

Our dinner on 2nd January, 1970 was badly hit by an epidemic which we understand has been labelled, somewhat unscientifically, "Mao Flu". The result of this was a reduced attendance of about 70, though ticket sales had been considerably higher. However, those who came had a good evening, for which we are particularly indebted to our two guest speakers, Messrs. G. A. Wilson and C. J. Connolly.

Attendance in approximate seniority:

A. W. Henderson (1896-97), F. L. Scaife, L. Pringle, J. H. Sharp, H. Bell, S. Curry, G. D. Little, G. Brann, H. Wilkinson, W. Cowan, T. A. Crawford, T. B. Farnaby, T. H. Bulmer, F. W. Baker, F. R. Hutchinson, G. A. Wilson, L. Bell, H. G. Farrington, R. Wynzar, J. B. Hewitt, D. W. Henderson, K. Dodsworth, A. R. Dale, H. Ray, D. C. Orriss, M. Allen, W. Dobson, K. Sheraton, J. A. Green, L. Lloyd, G. J. Riddle, T. P. Bellis, B. P. Brand, G. H. White, I. McAleer, P. A. Sowler, C. Mustard, J. E. Hempsey, G. R. Ward, D. A. Johnson, I. Fox, R. Taylor, C. Howard, D. H. Stewart, N. G. Heywood, P. Magee, J. R. England, G. A. Ward, J. Lightfoot, K. W. Ashman, C. Allen, A. F. Malkin, J. Phillips, P. O. Argyle, D. P. Hunt, A. T. Roberts, C. J. Williams, E. Thompson, R. A. B. Johnson, D. J. Goldsburgh, T. Wilson, L. K. Porter, C. J. Durrant, N. McEwen.

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THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. was held in the Library at the School on Wednesday, 26th November, at 7-30 p.m., with Dr. Lloyd, the Old Boy President in the Chair.

There were several vacancies on the committee, and Messrs. C. Bell (1947-54), J. Ingham (Staff 1957-), J. E. Hempsey (1954-61), and P. Graham (1958-65) were elected to fill these. The full list of Committee and officials can be found on page 3 of this Year Book.

Life Membership of the Association showed an increase from 823 to 850 during the year, and yearly membership a further decrease from 116 to 95.

The accounts showed that the Life Members' Fund had slightly decreased from £816-19-5d. to £813-7-6d.; but that there was an increased balance in the General Fund of £29-1-5d., compared with £19-15-6d. a year earlier.

The report of the Benevolent Fund, summarised in the Year Book, was presented to the meeting and approved.

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OLD STOCKTONIANS' BENEVOLENT FUND

The credit balance at the bank of £423-14-7d. on 31st December, 1968 was increased during the year by very generous donations from Messrs. G. Beard, H. Harland, A. T. Collett, W. A. Eden totalling £13-4-6d., a bequest by Mrs. Perry of £50 in memory of her brother E. W. Eden, and by interest totalling £22-11-2d. Only one call on the fund was made during the year, a grant of £10-6-0d. to a boy in the School, to assist him to prepare for an interview.

Thus on 31st December, 1969 the credit balance at the bank, as certified by our old friend Harold Dodsworth, Chartered Accountant, was £499-4-3d.

It is anticipated that some repayments of outstanding loans will be made to the fund during the current year.

The Benevolent Fund has helped many an Old Boy through difficult times in the past. Appeals for assistance are dealt with in the strictest confidence, and should be made, in the first instance, to the Headmaster at the School.

The Trustees welcome donations, which should be sent to the Hon. Secretary of the Association, at the School, Marked "Benevolent Fund".

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

Thursday, 26th November, 1970, at 7-30 p.m. in the Library, Grange-field Grammar School for Boys, Stockton-on-Tees.

(See separate agenda enclosed with this Year Book)

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45th *ANNUAL DINNER:*

Friday, 8th January, 1971, at the Co-operative Restaurant, Wellington Street, Stockton-on-Tees, at 7 p.m. for 7-30. Dress informal. (Tickets, price 25/-, may be obtained from the Hon. Sec. of the Association, from Mr. B. P. Brand, Hon. Assistant Secretary, or from Committee Members.

Spark's Windsor Restaurant is no longer available, so we have moved to the Co-op Restaurant, almost equally central in Stockton. It is on the corner of Wellington Street and Albert Road, about 100 yards from the High Street. The room is very suitable for our purpose and we have been promised generous helpings of roast duckling as our main choice!

Our guests' names are not known at the time of going to press, but arrangements are being made, and we hope to have an entertaining and enjoyable evening.

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ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

On the morning of Tuesday, 11th November, 1969 representatives of the Old Stocktonians' Association assembled in the School Hall with the present boys and masters of the School to pay homage to the Old Boys who were killed in the two World Wars. Wreaths were laid at the two Memorials on behalf of the School and of the Association.

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VISITORS' BOOK

The Headmaster and Staff are always pleased to welcome Old Boys at Grangefield. A Visitors' Book is kept on or in the desk which is on your right as you enter by the front door of the School. The book and desk belong to the Association, and Old Boys visiting the School are invited to sign the book and record personal news in it.

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OLD STOCKTONIANS' TIES

A stock of Old Stocktonian Ties is now kept at the School, where they can be purchased from Mr. Rattenbury. Prices of present lines are 10/6d (52½p) (terylene) and 3/6d. (17½p) (rayon).

OLD BOYS HERE AND THERE

J. R. ARMSTRONG (1945-48) has graduated B.A. in Psychology at London University.

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COLIN AULT (1960-67) has been given the Stroud Award for Mathematics and Physics at Newcastle University. We regret our ignorance of what he had to do to achieve this, but are convinced that it was something more complicated than shelling peas.

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DENIS BALDWIN (1952-59) wrote again from Sault Ste. Marie in Canada. He had been seeing a lot of Canada and the northern U.S.A., and completed one very long journey to Vancouver and back. His brother ALAN BALDWIN (1951-58) is working on telecommunications with the Central Electricity Generating Board in the York-Leeds area, and lives at York.

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Congratulations to KENNETH L. BATES (1941-47) on his appointment as J.P. Mr. Bates is Senior Lecturer in Physics at the Teesside Polytechnic (formerly Constantine College). Before the creation of the Teesside County Borough he was a Billingham Councillor, and in 1964 he was Chairman of Billingham U.D.C.

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MICHAEL T. BROWN (1959-66) who graduated last year in Economics at L.S.E., is now studying for M.A. at Leeds University.

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STUART BUCKTON (1965-67) was concerned in the very excellent production of Benjamin Britten's opera "The Turn of the Screw" at the Middlesbrough Little Theatre. He graduated in Music at Liverpool and is now training at the London Opera Centre.

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Two Midland towns had until recently Old Stocktonians as Town Clerks—Grantham and Lichfield. In the 1968-69 Year Book we recorded the retirement of J. F. GUILLE from his post at Grantham, and now it is the turn of HARRY CALLENDER, who retired on 31st January, 1970 from the offices of Town Clerk, Clerk of the Peace, and Chief Financial Officer in the City of Lichfield after almost 25 years service with the corporation. In a ceremony in the Guildhall, Lichfield, Mr. Callender was presented by the Mayor with an oak casket containing the illuminated scroll of his admission as an Honorary Freeman of the City. We congratulate him and wish him a long and happy retirement.

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D. R. CLARK (1956-63), having obtained his Ph.D. at Newcastle, is now working for Geigy Ltd. in Manchester.

LEONARD COLLIN (1959-66) graduated at Manchester in French and Spanish this summer and has now been appointed to teach both these languages at Workington Grammar School. He spent one year in France, as an Assistant in a school near Paris, and while he was there saw a good deal of several different parts of France, as well as visiting Spain. We congratulate him on his recent marriage.

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Wing-Commander K. B. CROSBY, R.A.F. (1930-35) is now living at Hillingdon in Middlesex, and working at Uxbridge. His current job is looking after a Headquarters Planning Branch, concerned with all aspects of military air traffic control.

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P. DAVIES (1960-65) is now teaching P.E. at Egglecliffe Junior School.

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M. C. DUNCAN (1947-52) has passed the Postgraduate Diploma Course in Industrial Administration in the University of Bradford. He has now returned to Canada, and has joined a firm of Engineering Consultants at Edmonton, Alberta. Among his recent trips was one to the Dominican Republic.

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W. A. EDEN (1916-18 and 1921-23), son of the former Senior Master (1925-31) Mr. Eden writes in response to the news of the death of Wilfrid Eden, who was NOT related to him: ". . . I must tell you that Wilfrid and I were the banes of one another's existence from 1916 to 1918. . . . The trouble was that we were in the same form, and, believe it or not, a surprising number of the staff seemed unable to recognise the difference between E.W. and W.A. The result was that he was always being discredited by *my* bad marks in Maths, and I by *his* bad marks in Geography! The fact that we never broke one another's glasses in a duel in the school yard at Nelson Terrace was due largely to the gentleness of his nature. Although I have scarcely seen him since 1918, he is one of those whom I remember with affection. . . ."

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J. R. ENGLAND (1960-65) is now living in Sheffield, where he is doing research work in the City Planning Department. He qualified for this by following up his B.A. Geography, Newcastle, by taking a Diploma in Town Planning at what is now the Trent Polytechnic at Nottingham.

John recently married Sue Morris (ex-Grangefield Girls' School), and describes his wedding as "something of an Old Boys' party". Peter Sharp was best man, and Paul Magee, Brian Docherty, Peter Mackie, Philip Knowles, Mick Wassall and Chris Copeland were prominent among the guests. A happy and no doubt a lively occasion! We send our best wishes to bride and groom.

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ALAN FAWCETT (1959-66) graduated with First Class Honours in Maths from Imperial College, London, in 1969. He is now working with I.C.'s H.O.C. Division in Billingham.

His brother LEONARD (1960-67) was also doing Maths at Imperial College, and remarks on the fact that for four years running Grangefielders have entered the Imperial College Maths Department. First Alan Fawcett, then Leonard Fawcett, then Sue Newton (from G.G.S.G.) who more than makes up for the absence of men that year, and then A. T. ROBERTS and S. A. STORR.

ERNEST S. FORDY (1926-32), Deputy Headmaster of St. John's School in Stockton, is Chairman of the Teesside Organists' and Choirmasters' Association.

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ARCHIE FOULDS (1959-66) who has just graduated with Honours at Peterhouse, Cambridge, is taking the course for the Diploma in Education at Darwin College, Cambridge.

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C. GIBBONS (1960-67) is now at Preston Junior School, specialising in P.E.

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An increasing number of Universities and Colleges have now adopted the policy of giving Scholarships and Exhibitions to their students after a year or more of their course instead of when they are admitted. So it is that D. J. GIBSON (1962-69) has been given an Exhibition in Philosophy at Nottingham University on the result of his first year's work.

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JACK GLATTBACH (1953-60) went in March 1970 to Kuala Lumpur for 15 months to be a lecturer on the Press at a College in Malaya.

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J. E. HEMPSEY (1954-61) is now a partner in a Middlesbrough firm of solicitors—Niman, Hetherington and Hempsey.

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GEOFF HODSON (1959-66) completed his degree course at Cambridge with an Honours Degree despite illness in his last term. When we met him he was in the process of finding his first permanent position.

He was last year Captain of Boats at his College and won his oar in the first VIII in the May bumping races. He also rowed for two years at Henley Royal Regatta, and thinks it likely that he is the first Old Stocktonian to do this.

He was also Chairman of the College Photographic Society, and President of what he calls "one of the more notorious College Dining Clubs".

We confess that our curiosity is whetted by his last office and we promise to do our best to unearth and expose to our readers the goings-on which have made this Dining Club so notorious.

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J. GLEN JONES (1956-61) has now gone to Reading, where he is Assistant Project Engineer in the Engineering Division of Selection Trust Ltd., which has a particular interest in Mining Engineering in Africa.

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CHRIS LITTLE (1960-67), who has just completed his degree at Oxford has gone to teach in West Cameroons under the V.S.O. scheme.

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GEORGE LITTLE (1915-18) is now living in retirement at Great Ayton, where he frequently meets two old friends from Nelson Terrace days. These are RICHARD WATSON and GEORGE SHARP, about whom news is given in the appropriate alphabetical order! George is a sidesman

and reader at Christ Church, Great Ayton (where the vicar is TED APPLEYARD who had a short spell on the school staff about ten years ago). He also devotes a lot of time to work for the Cleveland Churchman locally.

His son DAVID S. LITTLE (1949-55) is Deputy Chief Legal Officer at Skelmersdale, and lives at Formby. He and his wife maintain their musical interests and activities, and David has also recently taken the considerable part of Sir Thomas More in a local production of "A Man for All Seasons". They have a daughter Annabel aged 5, and a son Robin David, just one year old.

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A picture and caption in a local paper shows us IAN LLOYD (1960-65), with a background of snow and helicopters. It appears that Ian, who is in the R.A.F., had been visiting the Arctic Circle in the far north of Norway on exercise with allied forces. We hope he enjoyed the experience—and his return to these comparatively tropical shores.

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When B. J. LOWTHER (1958-66) wrote to us in March he was living and going to College in Brentwood, Essex; and was very busy completing several papers and preparing for his finals in June. He should by now be a qualified teacher and was hoping to take a job in the Essex area.

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STUART LYNAS (1959-66), who has just graduated at Leeds University, is now working at the Bank of England.

His brother PETER (1960-67) who has also just graduated at Leeds University has embarked on the course for a Post Graduate Diploma in Education.

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TERENCE McCARTHY (1956-64) has now finished his thesis on "Style in Malory", and hopes to publish articles from it in learned journals, of which the first is to appear in January 1971 in the new "Yearbook of English Studies". His post-graduate studies have been based on Birmingham University but he has spent some time in Paris, working on manuscript sources.

He was due to go at the end of September to Dijon, to teach English Literature as an Assistant Lecturer. Dijon, as most schoolboys nowadays know, is not only the chief town of Burgundy and its wine-growing area, but has the reputation of being the gastronomic capital of France. So no doubt Terence will become an expert in the appreciation of the very best French food and wine.

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COLIN L. NEAL (1961-68), is at present doing the third industrial semester of a Thin Sandwich Course in Electrical Engineering (for B.Sc., (Hons) C.N.A.A.) with the North Staffordsdhire Polytechnic and G.E.C.—Elliot Automation Ltd. Outside working hours he enjoys camping and hiking and Lyke Wake Walking.

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We have had news that DAVID NICHOLAS, on 8th August took unto himself a wife, a lady from High Littleton, Bristol, Miss Rachel Valerie James. Old Stocktonians will remember David well and will welcome this opportunity of wishing the young couple every happiness in their marriage.

R. G. RICHARDS (1959-66), who graduated in Civil Engineering at Aston University in 1969, got married in August of that year, and went to work for A. Waddington & Son Ltd., on the Victoria Line in London. He wrote from Chatham in Kent, whence no doubt he was commuting to London.

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MALCOLM RICHARDSON (1959-67) is now on the P.E. staff at St. Mary's College, Darlington.

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GEOFFREY RIDDLE (1945-52) is now a well-known solicitor in the town, and partner of another Old Boy, Maurice Sutherland (1926-42). Recently Geoffrey has become a prominent amateur actor with the Stockton Masquers A.D.S. A rather less public hobby is the solution of cross-word puzzles, and Geoffrey has been addicted to the Times Crossword for many years now. Indeed in the recent National Contest for Crossword Puzzle Solvers, he achieved the dizzy heights of fourth place. And this without the advantage of the traditional training-ground of Cross-worders,—a daily commute of at least half-an-hour. We congratulate him on the considerable intellectual eminence proved by this achievement!

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P. ROBINSON (1943-48) went from school into the Merchant Navy. He served an apprenticeship with Sir Robert Ropner & Sons, and spent about three years trading between Australia and Japan. At that time he kept a bicycle on board and so saw a few odd corners which he might otherwise have missed. He returned home in 1952 and went to South Shields to study for a 2nd Mate's Certificate. He has since attended two full term courses—the last in 1958 for a Master Mariner's Certificate—and has seen the Marine School grow to one of the largest in the country. He had one spell of teaching on board a cadet ship, but did not like it. He now works for Hunting's of Newcastle. At the time of writing he had just finished four months leave and was waiting to go by plane to Japan to join his next ship.

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C. H. T. ROW (1959-66), who has just gained First Class Honours in Electrical Engineering at Imperial College, London, is continuing his studies there to take M.Sc.

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K. T. ROWBOTTOM (1958-65) is now a post-graduate student at the Teesside Polytechnic. He became a Graduate of the Royal Institute of Chemistry in the summer of 1970, and did so well in his work that he was offered the opportunity of 3 years' post graduate studies and research leading to a Ph.D.

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GEORGE SHARP is on the staff of Stokesley Motors Ltd., and lives at Great Ayton where he frequently meets George Little and Dick Watson.

His son JOHN SHARP (1947-52) is now secretary of Stokesley Motors Ltd., and lives at Stokesley. He is married, with four children, yet he and his wife find time for Badminton and Tennis.

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KENNETH SHAW (1953-60), has returned from America where he was doing post-doctorate work in the Department of Chemistry at Iowa State University. He is now at Courtalds, Coventry, as a research Chemist. He is married to a girl from Ames, Iowa, U.S.A.

BRIAN SHAW (1955-62), is now on the teaching staff at the Teesside Polytechnic where he is lecturing in the Mathematics Department.

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We congratulate H. A. SHIELDS (about 1938-) on his appointment as a J.P. He is a public relations officer with George Wimpey and Co., and has been president of Teesside Junior Chamber of Commerce.

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CLIVE SKILBECK (1958-66) is now working for his Ph.D. at Liverpool.

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Any person in West Wickham (Kent) on the afternoon of 1st August must have been startled at the strange influx of men from the North in the form of Old Stocktonians. There were:—Ian McAleer, Dr. Malcolm Ozelton freshly returned from California, "Little John" Ozelton of Henry Smith's (but we will forgive him that), Clive Wilson, John Farrington, Herbert Farrington and Tom Sowler. It would be a little uncharitable not to mention that there was a considerable contingent of ladies from the Girls' School. And what was the purpose of all these goings on that lasted well into the night? PETER SOWLER, Electrical Research Engineer with C. A. Parsons, had taken time off from his commuting between Newcastle and Ferrybridge, to marry. We take this opportunity of welcoming his delightful bride, Penny, German Mistress at Gosforth Grammar School into the fold, and wishing them every happiness in the future.

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We welcome TOM SOWLER's appointment to the governing body of Grangefield Grammar School. Tom has filled many offices connected with the school,—President of the O.S.A., Captain for many years of the Old Boys' Cricket team, Convenor of the Old Stocktonians' Benevolent Fund. We can be sure that the School's best interests will always be put first by him.

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ROY STEWARTSON (1934-41) writes of how he has been able to pass on to his children (three girls aged from 13 to 21) the love of music awakened in him by T. B. Brooke with the aid of a hand-wound gramophone in the Girls' Assembly Hall in the 'thirties.

Among those mentioned in last year's notes he particularly remembers Raymond Gedling and Walter Dobson from school days.

He met Tom Whiting several times in the Steel Industry, and indeed had to "do battle" with him more than once, but never realised that he was an Old Stocktonian!

Roy now lives in Cardiff and would welcome a visit from any Old Stocktonian who goes there,—as for instance some who have recently gone from school to Cardiff University.

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JOHN STILL is now teaching P.E. at Newham Grange School, Stockton.

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Dr. DAVID E. STODDART (1947-52) seems to be rising rapidly in the Engineering World. He has recently been appointed Managing Director of a new Company, Advanced Materials Engineering Ltd., formed with a capital of £400,000 to represent the interests of four companies including David's former company, Clarke Chapman & Co., and the N.R.D.C., for the development, manufacture and marketing of engineering ceramic products based on silicon nitride. From this developments are anticipated which will have a very wide application and a very great industrial importance. We are happy to think that such a significant enterprise is in such capable hands.

We had not previously heard of an "M.Sc. and star" until we saw that this distinction had been awarded to DAVID TATCHELL at Imperial College, London. David, who is married and lives in London, also won the Unwin Scholarship. He is now working for his Ph.D. under a Science Research Council grant.

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CLIFFORD THORNTON (1958-65) married Miss Irene Watson of Kesgrave, Suffolk, in Stockton Parish Church. We regret that we cannot quote the date of this happy event, of which we have however a very pleasant, smiling, press photograph.

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J. E. TINSLEY (1958-65) was awarded B.Sc. Honours Class II Upper Division in Aeronautical Engineering at Imperial College in 1968. Since then he has been taking M.Sc. and D.I.C. and working for an aircraft firm in Hatfield.

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PHILIP TROTTER (1957-65), having graduated in Anthropology at Durham is now working in Personnel Management at I.C.I. Billingham.

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DEREK UNDERWOOD (1963-67) went from school to work for Martins Bank, and then for Barclays after the merger. In May 1970 he moved from banking to industry and began work in the Accounts Department of Renold Ltd's new factory at Thornaby, where he was, initially at least, finding his work much to his liking.

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PETER WATERHOUSE (1957-62) was ordained by the Bishop of Jarrow in Durham Cathedral on 2th May, 1970. So he is now the Rev. Peter Waterhouse and is serving in the parish of Christ Church, Consett.

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RICHARD ("DICK") WATSON (1916-20) is now retired and living at Great Ayton. There he is grappling with the old familiar and insoluble problem—how he ever used to find the time to go to work. He and his wife are both very active in the local Methodist church.

His son MICHAEL J. WATSON (1949-54), a civil engineer, went out this year to South Africa with his wife and two young children. His address there is: P.O. Box 834, WITBANK, Transvaal, S.A. He has recently renewed his civil air pilot's licence, which will doubtless be useful to him to cover long distances quickly in the course of his work.

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D. P. WILLIAMS (1955-62) is still lecturing at St. Andrews University in the Biochemistry Department, and working for his Ph.D. He found it a pleasant surprise to see on the 1969 Staff List no fewer than 14 names of members whom he could recall as being at G.G.S. when he left.

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C. A. WILLIS (left in 1946), who has been Geography Master in turn at Queen Victoria High School and Stockton Grammar School, has now gone as a Lecturer to Neville's Cross College, Durham.

Congratulations to the following, who have recently been promoted to the rank of Married Man: COLIN HOWARD (1956-61), DAVID NICHOLAS (1958-65), PETER SOWLER (1953-60), PHIL TROTTER (1957-64).

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STAFF NOTES

The Staff in July 1970 consisted of:

R. E. Bradshaw (Headmaster), J. G. Rattenbury, R. B. Wright, J. J. Durrant, D. J. D'Arcy, T. K. Whitfield, F. N. Tiesing, J. J. Byrne, R. A. Taylor, J. Ingham, K. V. Stedman, P. E. Hudson, B. Nicol, R. Kitching, H. O. Stout, W. Wilkinson, J. D. Charles, J. R. Walton, H. Horsman, H. T. Reay, Miss V. Covell, J. Russell, R. K. Bingham, L. E. Haworth, V. W. Watton, P. H. Spight, W. Thurl, R. Brearley, D. Agar, J. Taylor, W. G. Richardson, D. M. Cooke, D. Hindson.

During the School Year, 1969-70, we lost six members of Staff. At Christmas Mr. B. P. Brand went as Head of the Science Department to Eggescliffe Secondary School; Mr. Bainbridge as Lecturer in Mathematics to Tamworth Technical College; and Mr. Wakeling as Lecturer in History to Monkwearmouth Technical College. At Easter Mr. John Crowder took a post with Albright and Wilson's at Harrogate. And at the end of the Summer Term, Mr. W. Wilkinson went to Newton Aycliffe as Head of the Mathematics Department in the Comprehensive (11-18) School there; and Mr. J. Taylor, after a stay of only 12 months went to York to teach in a Special School.

Mr. Brand's first innings at the school extended from 1947-54, and he was thus one of the chosen people who finally reached the promised land of Oxbridge Avenue. Eight years later he returned for his second innings at Grangefield as a member of Staff, and again stayed for seven years, 1962-69. During this time he has been a very active member of Staff, and has done a great deal for School games, chiefly Rugby and Swimming. He is also, of course, Assistant Secretary of the Old Stocktonians', where his chief work has been in organising the Annual Dinner and Old Boys' Rugby Matches. Fortunately he has not moved far away and we hope his help for the Association will be continued.

Mr. Wilkinson's seven years at Grangefield saw the school's Mathematical successes rise to even greater heights than before; and this in spite of a fairly rapid turn-over in Staff. In the year 1969-70, indeed, we lost two of our Maths staff in Messrs. Wilkinson and Bainbridge.

Mr. Crowder came to us from industry, and after four years went back to industry again. We seem to detect here a clash between interest and profit. Plainly there will always be a demand for highly qualified chemists.

Mr. Wakeling, like Mr. Bainbridge, had been with us about two years when he departed for a post in a Technical College.

To all these colleagues we are extremely grateful for the good work they did here, and we wish them happiness and prosperity in their new spheres.

Their replacements also came at different times, not always corresponding with the departures, so that we did have to face staff shortages during the year.

Dr. D. M. Cooke came in January 1970. He is a graduate of London University (King's College), and after post-graduate studies took his Ph.D. He then worked in industry for some seven years, with B.P. Chemicals and lately with I.C.I. When he first joined the school, he helped us with shortages on the Physics staff, but now is teaching Chemistry, his main specialism, all the time.

He was followed onto the Staff by Mr. D. Hindson, another recruit to teaching from industry. Mr. Hindson is a First-Class Honours Graduate in Mining Engineering of the University of Sheffield. He spent twenty years with the National Coal Board, but a year or two ago decided to become a teacher, took the necessary course of training, and came to us after two years in a school at Maltby in South Yorkshire. He is teaching Maths in Mr. Bainbridge's place.

Mr. Wakeling's place was filled temporarily, for two terms by Mr. M. Brookfield, whose name you will find in the report of the Staff Cricket Match!

In the summer of 1970 the Staff acquired five new members, of whom no fewer than four were straight from college, all with Honours Degrees followed by a year's post-graduate training. Of the five, three are Old Boys, starting with Mr. D. M. Allison (1949-56) who has come in Mr. Wilkinson's place as Head of the Maths Department. Mr. Allison is a graduate of London and has taught Maths at Acklam Hall and at Bede Hall, Billingham for the last ten years. The two young-Old Boys are J. L. H. Allison (1964-66) (Universities of Sussex and Nottingham) who is teaching Physics, and G. Rayner (1959-66) (University College, London, and Loughborough) who is taking Biology and P.E. Mr. G. Wainwright, of Durham University 1st XV, is teaching History, and Mr. I. M. Brewis, of Leeds University, is teaching French and has proved that he did not waste his time at the University by getting married in August.

To all these reinforcements we extend our welcome, along with the hope that the military metaphor is not too apt.

Monsieur Jean-Pierre Simard, our Assistant in 1969-70, had a very successful and active year with us, and did a lot for school games and swimming. We welcome in his place Mademoiselle Anne-Marie Legal, from the University of Caen.

Wedding bells have rung recently for Mr. Russell and Mr. Brewis, as well as for our Secretary who was Miss Judith Blackburn and is now Mrs. Sharp. We would also like to record additions to the families of Messrs. Walton and Ingham.

We would like to conclude with best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Stout who at the time of writing has been away from work for a month.

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REORGANISATION

Those of our readers who are resident in the Teesside area will be aware of the Reorganisation Plan which has recently been adopted for Secondary Education in the County Borough of Teesside. Will they please therefore skip this item, which is intended to inform those now living further away of the plan and in particular of its effects on the future of our School.

The plan can be put most simply from the point of view of the child. At the age of 11 plus, every Teesside child will go to his (or her) local Comprehensive Secondary School, where he (or she) will stay till he (or she) is 16. Those who wish to continue education beyond the age of 16 will then go to their local Sixth Form College.

From this, three major changes will be brought about in Grangefield Boys' Grammar School simultaneously.

First, it will be amalgamated with the Girls' School to make one mixed Secondary School of over a thousand pupils.

Second, the mixed school will have no Sixth Form.

Third, the new pupils coming into the school at the age of 11 plus will no longer be selected from the whole of Stockton, but will consist of all the boys and girls from whatever section of Stockton is allotted to the School.

No firm date has yet been given for these changes. September 1973 was quoted as the first possible date, but we understand that it is unlikely that they will come in before 1974. A good deal of new building and adaptation of existing buildings will be necessary before the changes can be put into effect.

The Sixth Form College for Stockton is to be built near the Grange-field Schools, further north along the ring road, at the junction of Bishopton Road, where there are now traffic lights and where there was formerly an Accident Black Spot sign. So when we see the new building arising there, we shall know that the new scheme will be only a few months away.

In the meantime, for 3 or perhaps 4 years, it is "business as usual"!

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SCHOOL EXAMINATION SUCCESSES

(*N.U.J.M.B., G.C.E. Examinations, June 1970*)

ADVANCED LEVEL:—(A) indicates pass at highest grade. (S1) indicates Distinction, (S2) Merit, in Special Paper.

VI SCIENCE:—

S. C. Beaumont	General Studies, Physics.
A. Brennan	General Studies, Physics, Chemistry, Biology (A).
P. R. Bruce	General Studies, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
M. R. Caldwell	General Studies, Physics, Chemistry.
I. A. Carter	General Studies, Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
S. Collinson	Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
J. G. Cook	Maths (A) (S1), Further Maths (A), Physics (A).
S. Cossins	General Studies, Geography, Economics, Maths.
J. R. Cowan	Biology.
I. M. Craig	Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
D. P. Cummings	Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
G. F. Deehan	General Studies (A), Maths (A), Physics (A), Chemistry (A).
C. J. Durrant	General Studies, Maths (A), Further Maths, Physics (A).
R. A. Easby	Geometrical and Engineering Drawing.
N. S. Embleton	Geography, Economics, Maths.
S. S. Forbes	General Studies (A), Physics, Chemistry.
G. Fullerton	Maths (A) (S2), Further Maths, Physics.
N. L. Hallett	General Studies (A), Maths (A), Further Maths, Physics (A).
C. D. Hopper	Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
D. Husband	General Studies (A), Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
B. M. Jones	Maths, Physics.
P. J. Kirby	General Studies, Physics, Chemistry.
C. Langthorne	Physics, Geology.
D. L. Lewis	General Studies, Maths, Physics.

D. Lonsdale	Maths (A) (S2), Further Maths (A), Physics (A) (S2).
F. S. McClellmont	General Studies, Maths, Physics (A), Chemistry.
C. P. Morgan	General Studies, Maths (A) (S2), Further Maths, Physics (A).
K. A. Nellist	Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
R. G. Newton	Maths, Further Maths, Physics.
L. K. Porter	General Studies, Physics, Chemistry.
P. Pottage	General Studies (A), Physics (A), Chemistry (A) (S1), Biology (A) (S1).
M. Roberts	Maths (A), Further Maths, Physics.
Stephen Robinson	Maths, Further Maths, Physics.
Steven Robinson	General Studies, Chemistry.
J. S. P. Robson	Maths (A), Further Maths, Physics (A).
W. J. Stewart	Economics, Geology.
S. Terry	Physics.
N. Turner	General Studies, Maths (A), Physics (A), Chemistry (A) (S2).
A. Ward	Biology (A).
B. F. Ward	Maths, Geography, Geology.
D. Ward	Physics, Geology.
D. T. Walker	Physics, Geology.
D. M. Waters	Maths.
D. A. Watt	Maths (A) (S2), Further Maths, Physics.
C. E. Webb	General Studies (A), Maths, Physics, Chemistry.
P. Webster	Maths, Further Maths, Physics.
S. Wood	Maths (A) (S2), Further Maths, Physics (A).
R. Young	Maths, Physics, Geology.

VI ARTS:—

R. Bean	English, Economics.
M. D. Brown	General Studies, History, Geography, Economics.
S. P. Fox	General Studies, English, History, Economics.
P. A. Frost	General Studies, Geography, Economics.
D. E. Halliday	General Studies, English, History, French.
P. M. Kaufman	English, French.
M. Liddle	Geography.
N. A. McEwen	General Studies, History, Geography (A), Economics (A).
P. E. Mason	British Constitution.
J. F. Mooney	English.
J. Morton	General Studies (A), English, French (A), German.
J. F. Rideal	General Studies, English, Economics, Maths.
G. D. Robson	General Studies, English, History, Economics.
R. A. Still	History, Geography, Economics.
C. Surtees	General Studies, History, Economics, Religious Knowledge.
D. Taylor	General Studies, English, History (A), Economics (A).
M. L. Thompson	General Studies, English, History, Economics.
K. E. W. Wallace	General Studies, History, Geography, Economics.
J. M. Weatherburn	History, Economics.
B. Winter	General Studies, English, Latin, French.

PASSES AT ORDINARY LEVEL:

(Figures in brackets indicate number of subjects).

FORM 4 R

A. Harper (1); P. F. Hood (1); D. J. Mellor (1); G. D. Neal (1); K. H. Riley (1); A. Stephenson (1); P. Summersgill (1).

FORM 5 R

R. Bailey (9); B. J. Baker (4); J. W. Barker (10); C. J. Beaumont (9); G. Beswick (9); C. N. Bullock (8); D. Chesser (10); A. D. Cowan (7); S. Croft (10); G. Cruikshank (9); K. W. Curtis (9); J. A. Dale (10); R. M. Dobson (5); C. Henderson (9); E. W. Hindle (9); M. R. Johnson (9); D. S. Kirton (9); J. R. Knott (5); P. J. Latimer (9); C. L. Laycock (8); D. W. Lockwell (8); S. Lofthouse (9); W. P. Macdonald (8); M. H. McClelland (9); A. J. Martin (8); A. R. Pirrie (2); C. J. Pounds (9); S. R. P. Race (8); T. O. Tasker (5); P. C. Taylor (8); P. L. Turner (8); S. R. Vincent (4); D. P. Wallis (7); G. White (7); M. I. Wilkinson (9).

FORM 5 X

C. J. Body (2); M. J. Bowler (3); S. J. Buttery (5); J. A. Calvert (4); H. J. Cleveland (8); A. Cole (1); A. Cox (8); W. L. Douglas (7); P. Finch (1); G. A. Fletcher (7); S. B. Goldthorpe (8); A. S. Grabham (6); M. Henderson (8); S. Hutton (9); B. Ions (1); P. G. Jemmeson (2); R. Little (5); G. W. I. McMillan (1); A. Porritt (5); S. G. Reed (4); I. Robertson (8); A. Stokes (2); J. G. Taylor (7); H. Trotter (1); S. P. Tunney (4); B. Woodmass (1).

FORM 5 Y

J. Hindmarsh (8); P. Hogg (2); M. A. Makin (7); I. R. Nelson (2); G. Opie (7); C. Raper (4); K. G. Robertson (4); M. S. Robson (8); J. Rodgers (8); P. Seddon (1); P. Sickling (3); W. M. Simpson (4); L. M. Sinton (3); J. P. A. Smith (1); P. K. Smith (2); K. Vogwill (7); P. Walker (2); S. C. Wilson (8); K. P. Wise (4).

FORM 5 Z

J. V. Anderson (1); P. N. Brown (2); I. G. Calder (3); B. Cossavella (2); T. J. Hart (5); J. Healey (4); R. Hudson (2); M. Kett (3); R. G. Kidd (2); P. N. Kramer (2); C. McLeod (3); P. J. Mason (3); M. Paduch (2); R. W. Scaife (5); R. W. Scott (1); K. Sherriff (2); S. W. Smales (2); M. W. Smith (1); H. Thompson (2); J. L. Thompson (2).

SIXTH FORM

H. Cameron (1); K. Coates (1); M. I. Davies (1); R. B. Goldthorpe (1); J. E. Heselwood (2); C. J. Hugill (1); D. G. Linton (1); D. Littlewood (1); D. Nicholson (1); D. Parker (1); I. E. Robson (1); J. Rowbotham (1); A. E. Stephenson (1); G. M. Walker (1); D. Webb (2); P. E. Mason (1).

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SCHOOL LEAVERS

FROM FOURTH FORMS

I. Laverick

J. Taylor

I. Bell

FROM FIFTH FORMS

P. Finch

B. Ions

N. Kemp

A. Porritt

A. Stokes

A. F. Thompson

H. Trotter

Apprentice Joiner, F. Hills.

Army Apprentice School, Harrogate.

Army Apprentice School, Harrogate.

Darlington Technical College, Catering Course

Royal Navy, Writer.

Australia.

Apprentice Fitter, I.C.I.

Apprentice Fitter, I.C.I.

Clerical Work, British Steam Specialist.

Commercial Apprentice, F. Hills.

S. P. Tunney	Apprentice Plater I.C.I.
P. G. Walker	Merchant Navy.
B. Woodmass	Local Government Trainee, Teesside.
A. Cole	Trainee Salesman, Turner Photography.
G. MacMillan	Trainee Metallurgist, Stockton Casting Co. (Tech. Coll, Chesterfield).
S. G. Reed	Civil Engineering Apprentice, Simpson & Partners.
R. Blackburn	Apprentice Instrument Artificer, I.C.I.
R. Pitt	Army.
K. C. Robertson	Apprentice Electrical Engineer, Helga Electronics.
P. Seddon	Merchant Navy.
P. Sickling	Commercial Apprentice, F. Hills.
L. Sinton	Commercial Apprentice, F. Hills.
J. P. A. Smith	Apprentice Electrical Fitter, I.C.I.
P. Walker	Apprentice Fitter, South Durham Steel & Iron Co.
L. N. Brown	Motor Cycle Sales, Colton.
S. Brown	Apprentice Electrician, Trattles & Rushforth.
J. Colley	Apprentice Electrician, Head Wrightson.
J. Connolly	Apprentice Electrician, M. G. Melville.
B. Cossavella	Civil Engineering Apprentice, Jawry.
D. Hoyle	Toolroom Apprentice, Elta Plastics.
R. Hudson	Trainee Technician, Head Wrightson.
M. Kett	Lab. Assistant, I.C.I.
B. McLeod	Commercial Apprentice, British Steel.
M. Paduch	Circuit Trainee, Knight & Lee, Southsea.
S. Pearson	Clerical Assistant, R.N.S.P.D. Eaglescliffe.
R. Pinder	Motor Mechanic, Rembrandt.
R. Scott	Diesel Motor Mechanic, J. L. Robson, Portrack.
K. Sheriff	Apprentice Fitter, I.C.I.
W. M. Smith	Technician Trainee, Head Wrightson.
J. L. Thompson	Stockton/Billingham Technical College.
FROM LOWER SIXTH FORM	
C. Cinnamon	Trainee Dispatch Clerk, Gibson (Concrete).
D. Minto	Technical Apprentice, Whessoe.
J. A. Cozens	Barclay's Bank.
J. Fishburn	Barclay's Bank.
FROM UPPER SIXTH FORMS	
R. Allison	Commercial Union Insurance.
R. Bean	Trainee Accountant, Jewitt, Sparrow & Swinbank.
S. S. Fobes	Trainee Accountant, Amos Hinton & Son.
D. Halliday	Trainee Accountant, Jewitt, Sparrow & Swinbank.
D. L. Lewis	Systems Analysis, Ford.
J. F. Mooney	Trainee Tycoon, Head Wrightson's.
P. M. Kaufman	Trainee Solicitor, Martin Cohen.
P. A. Frost	Journalist, "Gazette" and Darlington Tech. Coll.
TO UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES	
S. C. Beaumont	Brighton Polytechnic, H.N.D. Hotel & Catering Administration.
P. R. Bruce	Durham University, Chemistry.
S. Collinson	Bradford University, Electronic Engineering.

- J. G. Cook
Manchester Institute of Science & Technology, Computation.
- G. F. Deehan
Sussex University, Electronic Engineering.
- C. J. Durrant
Imperial College, London, Civil Engineering.
- G. Fullerton
Surrey University, Technological Maths.
- N. L. Hallett
Edinburgh University, Maths.
- C. D. Hopper
Edinburgh University, General Agriculture.
- D. Lonsdale
Birmingham University, Physics.
- F. S. McClelland
Birmingham University, Physics.
- K. A. Nellist
Newcastle University, Chemical Engineering.
- R. G. Newton
Manchester I.S.T., Civil Engineering.
- M. Roberts
Surrey University, Mechanical Engineering.
- Stephen Robinson
Lancaster University, Computer Studies.
- Steven Robinson
Birmingham University, Electrical Engineering.
- J. S. P. Robson
Sheffield University, Pure Maths.
- S. Terry
Sussex University, Chemistry.
- D. A. Watt
Sheffield University, Pure Maths.
- C. E. Webb
Surrey University, Mechanical Engineering.
- P. Webster
Newcastle University, Zoology.
- S. Wood
Newcastle University, Mining Engineering.
- A. Brennan
Nottingham University, Physics.
- M. R. Caldwell
Manchester I.S.T., Mechanical Engineering.
- I. A. Carter
Sheffield University, Chemistry.
- S. Cossins
Middleton St. George College of Education, Certificate of Education.
- I. M. Craig
Manchester I.S.T., Polymer Technology.
- D. P. Cummings
Bradford University, Chemical Engineering.
- R. A. Easby
Leeds University.
- D. Husband
Nottingham University, Mining Engineering.
- B. M. Jones
Leeds University, Metallurgy.
- P. J. Kirby
Edinburgh University, Medicine.
- C. Langthorne
Teesside Polytechnic, Accountancy.
- L. K. Porter
Warwick University, Economics.
- P. Pottage
Nottingham University, Chemical Engineering.
- W. G. Stewart
Leeds University, Mining Engineering.
- J. F. Rideal
Essex Institute of Agriculture, H.N.D. Horticulture.
- N. Turner
Birmingham Univ., Geology.
- D. T. Walker
University College, London, Geology.
- A. Ward
Aston University, Behavioural Science.
- B. Ward
Teesside Polytechnic, Accountancy.
- D. Ward
Trent Park College of Education, Bachelor of Education—Geography.
- D. M. Waters
Kent University, Law.
- R. Young
Leeds University, French.
- M. D. Brown
Bede College, Durham. Certificate of Education.
- N. Embleton
Lancaster University, Economics.
- S. P. Fox
Practical Experience in Agriculture.
- M. Liddle
King's College, London. Theology.
- A. N. M. McEwen
Newcastle University, Economics.
- J. Morton
Portsmouth Polytechnic, Economics.
- D. P. P. Purifer
Leeds University, Law.
- G. D. Robson
Lancaster University, Economics.
- R. A. Still
Practical Experience in Agriculture.
- C. Surtees
King's College, London. Theology.
- D. Taylor
Newcastle University, Economics.
- M. L. Thompson
Portsmouth Polytechnic, Economics.
- K. E. W. Wallace
Leeds University, Law.

J. M. Weatherburn	Portsmouth Polytechnic, Diploma in General Surveying.
B. W. Winter	Durham University, General Arts.
D. J. Goldsbrough	Churchill College, Cambridge. Economics & Politics.
P. E. Mason	Oriel College, Oxford. Philosophy, Politics, Economics.
C. G. Reed	Exeter University, Chemical Engineering.
A. J. Reid	Edinburgh University, Engineering Science.
W. R. Sanderson	Sheffield University, Chemistry.
E. Thompson	Queens College, Oxford. Physics.

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UNIVERSITY DEGREES

News of the following successes has reached the school:—

D. R. Clark	Ph.D., Chemistry, Newcastle.
A. B. Marshall	M.Sc., Aston.
J. Ainsley	B.Sc. Hons., Chemical Engineering, Manchester.
K. Ashman	B.Sc., Maths, Manchester.
C. Ault	B.Sc. Hons., Physics and Maths, Newcastle.
J. Beall	B.A. Hons., Sociology, Essex.
C. C. Bosanquet	B.Sc., Agriculture, Newcastle.
I. H. Bruce	B.Sc. Hons., Chemistry, Durham.
S. E. Buckton	B.A. Hons. Class II, Music, Liverpool.
T. M. Burton	L.I.B. Hons. Class II, Upper Division, Manchester.
J. L. Collin	B.A. Hons. Class II, French, Manchester.
A. Connolly	B.Sc., Civil Engineering, Manchester.
M. G. Denny	B.A. Hons. Class II, Economics, Manchester.
B. Docherty	B.Sc., Edinburgh.
P. Docherty	M.B., Ch.B., Edinburgh.
L. W. Douglas	B.A. Hons. Class II, Economics, Manchester.
D. Farlow	B.A. Hons. Class II, French and Italian, Cardiff.
A. Foulds	B.A. Hons., Economics, Cambridge.
G. Good	B.A. Hons. Class II Upper Division, Economics, Manchester.
A. Grainger	B.A. Hons. Class II, Architecture, Nottingham.
D. Hodgson	B.Sc. Hons. Class II Upper Division, Geology, Durham.
G. Hodson	B.A. Hons., Economics, Cambridge.
M. Hughes	B.Sc., Zoology, Hull.
D. F. Jones	B.Sc. Hons., Class II Upper Division, Manchester.
F. Kane	B.Ed., Leeds.
R. Lamplugh	B.A., Maths and Education, York.
C. T. Little	B.Sc. Hons., Class II, Maths, Oxford.
P. A. Lynas	B.Sc. Hons. Class II, Economics, Leeds.
W. S. Lynas	B.A. Hons. Class II Upper Division, French and Philosophy, Leeds.
M. Parker	B.A. Hons., Geography, London.
C. H. T. Row	B.Sc. Hons. Class I, Electrical Engineering, London.
C. Skilbeck	B.Sc. Hons., Psychology, Liverpool.
R. Smith	B.Sc. Hons. Class II, Economics, Lanchester Polytechnic, Coventry.
P. A. Taylor	B.Pharm. Hons., Bradford.
P. M. Trotter	B.A., Anthropology, Durham.
R. Walker	B.A., Economics, Newcastle.
M. J. Welch	B.A., Economics, Sheffield.

SCHOOL PRIZE DAY—11th December, 1969

The Worshipful, the Mayor of Teesside, Alderman F. T. Webster, M.B.E., J.P., Chairman of the Governors, again took the chair at our Prize Giving. Another member of our Governors, and a faithful friend of the School, Councillor Miss J. Martin, M.B.E., presented the prizes.

The Orchestra played, and C. J. Durrant performed violin solos which were greatly appreciated.

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PRIZE LIST, 1968-69

G.C.E. "O" Level Prizes:

J. S. Bower, K. Coates, R. D. Dean, P. R. Gardiner, M. J. G. Moses.

G.C.E. Advanced Level Prizes:

D. A. Burton, J. C. Davies, P. E. Mason, A. J. Reid, A. T. Roberts, A. M. Russell, E. Thompson.

Special Prizes:

C. W. KING MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR ENGLISH: G. M. Walker.

G. G. ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY: D. Taylor.

J. D. SMITH MEMORIAL PRIZE FOR FRENCH: D. Nicholson.

THE MAGAZINE SCIENCE PRIZE: S. Lambert.

THE HEADMASTER'S DEBATING PRIZE: A. H. Williams.

THE MUSIC PRIZE: C. J. Durrant and W. R. Sanderson.

DUCES OF THE SCHOOL: D. J. Goldsbrough and P. I. B. Johnson.

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SCHOOL OFFICIALS, 1969-70

Captain of the School—L. K. Porter

Vice-Captains—C. J. Durrant, N. A. McEwen

Senior Prefects: D. J. Goldsbrough, E. Thompson, R. Newton, B. Winter, R. Young, J. G. Cook, P. Pottage, N. L. Hallett, G. D. Robson, R. A. Still, P. E. Mason, F. S. McClelland, N. Turner, C. D. Hopper, D. P. Cummings, M. Roberts, J. S. P. Robson, D. Lonsdale, S. C. Beaumont, S. Cossins, K. Nellist, C. Webb.

Junior Prefects: J. Morton, D. A. Watt, M. L. Thompson, G. Fullerton, J. Rideal, D. Taylor, A. Brennan, P. R. Bruce, S. Collinson, A. J. Reid, P. Webster, W. R. Sanderson, C. G. Reed, C. Langthorne, I. Carter, N. S. Embleton, P. Gardiner, W. N. Webster, K. Coates, S. Sexton.

Captain of Rugby Football—M. Roberts

Captain of Cricket—W. N. Webster

Captain of Tennis—N. McEwen

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HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1970

Points:—1st, 5; 2nd, 3; 3rd, 2; 4th, 1.

	Cleveland	Dunelm	Oxbridge	Tees
Debates	2	1	5	3
Chess	1	5	3	2
Athletics	3	2	1	5
Cricket	2	4	4	1
Cross-Country	3	2	1	5
Table Tennis	5	3	1	2
Swimming	1	3	2	5
Music	2	1	3	5

Totals 19 21 20 28

Champion House: TEES

OLD BOYS RUGBY

It was noted in the last report that the Boxing Day match was likely to be called off and this was indeed the case. The reasons I gave, in the last year book were—clubs having fixtures the next day, if the match was on Boxing Day; Students working on Post Office or railway if it was before and the School having County calls if it was after.

Most people agreed that there was nothing more frustrating than trying to organise a game with so many obstacles—but! there was still a demand for a Boxing Day kick around before going to watch "Boro". I must assume from this that we have the original Boro Boot Boys!



I think that those who want a game on Boxing Day this year should get out pen and paper and let the organisers know their feelings—and availability.

The Easter game was missed this year also and I must admit my failings as organiser, apologise to the Old Boys who wanted to play and simply say "Sorry". I can only offer the excuse that for the first time in my life I had to give up serious rugby (Third team!) to concentrate on my job. We moved house (twice!) and this plus taking the family for a holiday at Easter, caused me to realise too late that a match should have been organised.

To back up my apology, I'm standing down as Old Boys' Rugby Organiser and handing over to Graham Rayner. Graham is joining the School Staff in September and will, I'm sure, do a very good job. He is also in touch with more Old Boys than I can meet at Billingham (once a stronghold of Stocktonian Rugby players) and will be on hand to 'persuade' callers at the school that they need exercise in a match!

At a recent committee meeting we had a full discussion about Old Boys' Rugby. It was decided to try and organise three games against the School. The first is to be in September before the Universities return and probably an evening match, the second on Boxing Day as usual, and the third at Easter on a date to satisfy the School.

It is hoped that players will support this programme and if there is a demand, perhaps help organise a party after one of the games. (The last one at the "Ship" was quite successful!)

Remember: If you want to play, contact G. Rayner at the School.

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SCHOOL FIRST XV SEASON 1969-70

This was a very good season, with the team winning 13 matches, drawing 1, and losing 2. They scored 328 points and conceded 153. The slippery Malcolm Roberts led the side, with the pack under the special care of the vociferous Brian Winter. Ray Young—"a player of tremendous pace"—took the honours for top try-scorer (21), and for top kicker (21 conversions, 8 penalties).

The season opened with a journey to Morpeth, and a cliff-hanger of a match. Grangefield, reduced to fourteen men and playing against the elements, were 14 points down when, with eight minutes to go, Ray Young, though suffering from a "birthday", sped over for a try which Eric Thompson improved. This simple procedure was repeated a further three times, giving Grangefield a 30-24 victory!

The best rugby was displayed in the home and away defeats of both Acklam H.S. and Sir Wm. Turner's, and especially in the unexpected defeat of a side from Hatfield College, Durham. The latter game was a good example of the power of the Grangefield pack.

The black point of the season was the game against the French touring side, Le Lycee de Georges Cabains. The visitors, although containing three internationals, and capable of brilliant, open rugby, preferred to win by other means, and any honest comment on the match does not belong here.

The first team, on the whole, was fairly settled, the main difficulty being the choice of two centres from the people available. An important factor in the team's success was undoubtedly the experience and the relatively consistent personnel of the pack. Special credit must be given, for their very hard work, to Lenny Porter, John Robson, Chris Langthorne, and Eric Thompson—who, unfortunately, left us at Christmas, turning his handling skill to the gathering of money instead of the rugby ball.

The highlights of the season were the First Seven's victories in the Middlesbrough "7s" and the Durham County "7s". In both competitions the team defeated Henry Smith's G.S., gaining revenge for the defeat at the hands of the very fine Henry's 1st XV. In the Durham "7s" Grangefield beat Henry's 11-3 in the final bringing their points tally for the competition to 6 against and 75 for!

Special thanks must be given, as always, to Peter Hudson, and to the faithful Doug Agar.

Regular players: *B. Winter (vice-captain), *R. Young, *L. Porter, *J. Robson, *R. Newton, *C. Langthorne, E. Thompson (all of whom gained County honours), *M. Roberts (captain), G. Fullerton, A. Makin, B. Hedley, D. Muirhead, P. Bailey, C. Durrant, M. Lawson, W. Webster, P. Outhwaite, A. Brennan.
* denotes "sevens" team.

Results—1969—Morpeth G.S.	(A)	Won	30—24
Hartlepool G.S.	(H)	Draw	16—16
Bede G.S.	(A)	Won	20—11
Durham Johnston	(A)	Won	39—6
Gateshead Area	(H)	Won	46—5
Hatfield College	(A)	Won	11—3
Acklam H.S.	(H)	Won	24—10
Bede Hall	(H)	Won	12—3
Sir Wm. Turner's	(A)	Won	13—6
South Shields	(A)	Won	53—10
1970—Acklam H.S.	(A)	Won	17—8
Bede Hall	(A)	Won	8—3
George Cabain's	(H)	Lost	6—19
Henry Smith's	(H)	Lost	3—17
Hartlepool G.S.	(A)	Won	16—3
Sir Wm. Turner's	(H)	Won	14—9

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CRICKET 1st XI

The school 1st XI enjoyed a very successful 1970 season. After losing the first match, the team recovered very well to win all its remaining seven fixtures. The batting was strengthened by the arrival of Stephenson, a County U.15 player, from Hurworth. The brunt of the bowling was borne by W. Webster, Outhwaite, and Evans.

The first match was against Wellfield G.S., who batted first and were all out for the range total of 37. The school's understandable expectancy

of victory was soon shattered, however, due to a combination of lacklustre batting and good bowling from the opposition. The school was all out for 33. The school recovered well after this setback to beat Hatfield College by 51 runs. Stephenson scored 55 n.o. and Webster 31 out of the school's total of 107 for 4. Hatfield were all out for 56, Webster taking 6 for 14. Against Hartlepool G.S. the school triumphed by 8 wkts., scoring 60 for 2 (Webster 28 n.o., Outhwaite 15 n.o.) in reply to Hartlepool's 58 for 7 in 24 overs, Webster taking 5 for 14. The encounter with Acklam H.S. was very close. Acklam batted first and scored 66. Evans returning 6 for 18. The school looked in dire trouble at 19 for 5, but a fighting stand of 30 between Webster, who scored 38, and Fullerton saw the school to victory by 2 wkts. Against West Moor, the school batted first and scored 81, of which Roberts scored 21 and Evans 18. West Moor were all out for 26, Webster taking 5 for 12 and Outhwaite 3 for 3. Another victory was "notched-up" against St. Mary's College in the following game. The College were all out for 53, Evans taking 3 for 18 and Outhwaite 4 for 22. Roberts (28 n.o.) saw the school to a comfortable victory by 8 wickets.

The next match was against Darlington G.S. The school batted first and scored 108 for 7 in 24 overs. This was mainly due to a very fine innings from Stephenson who scored 65, before being bowled trying to hit the last ball of the innings out of the ground. When Darlington batted the school scored several quick successes and they were finally all out for 50. Evans took 2 for 3 and Outhwaite 4 for 14.

The final match of the season was against Eston G.S., who had a very strong side. This match was even closer than the one against Acklam. Eston batted first and scored 91 in 24 overs, Webster taking 8 for 29. The school's innings started disastrously (at one stage the score was 9 for 3) and after a minor recovery between Crawford (24) and Outhwaite (18) all seemed lost when the 9th wicket fell at 70. Fortunately, an excellent display of controlled aggressive batting by the no. 11 batsman Barber, who scored 18 n.o. meant that the school scraped home by one wicket.

Overall, this young team had its most successful team for a number of years, and should do even better next year. The team would like to thank Mr. Hudson for his encouragement, advice, and service to the team.

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CRICKET 2nd XI

The school 2nd XI had a fairly successful season having only two matches and winning half of them.

The first match was against Acklam 2nd XI. The school batted first, and after the initial collapse when three wickets were down with only eleven runs on the board there was a fourth wicket stand of 78 and the school went on to score 98 for 9 when the overs ran out.

Aclam batted next and made a good start finishing with 95 for 9, with Hood taking 4 for 10.

For the school Fullerton scored 43 and Greeves 40.

The second match was against Queen Elizabeth, Darlington. The school again batted first and scored 68 all out.

Queen Elizabeth batted second and scored 70 for 2, winning the match by 8 wickets.

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UNDER 14 CRICKET

Although results were not particularly impressive on paper the team played well throughout the season, ending with a notable victory against Stockton Grammar School. In the Under 15 League, only Grangefield "A"

managed to outclass them. Rennolds was a sound captain, well supported by Kettlewell. Richards, Formanuk and Whinham showed promise as batsmen; the bowling was competent, but lacked penetration.

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SCHOOL v. STAFF

The annual School v. Staff match took place on a warm and sunny afternoon.

As usual the School batted first. What wasn't usual was the fact that the Staff actually started with only eleven men. This was soon rectified, however, with the arrival of Mr. Reay. The School got off to a slow start mainly due to some accurate pace bowling from Messrs. Watton and Brookfield. As a result the score after eleven overs stood at 19 for 2, Richards and Outhwaite being the batsmen dismissed. The Staff had to wait a long time for the next success as Stephenson and Webster put on 58 for the 3rd wicket. During this stand the Staff's frustration was evident in the form of several vicious bouncers, especially from Mr. Brookfield. The third wicket finally fell when Stephenson was run out for a very good 45. Webster, who finished on 40 n.o. and White (10 n.o.) batted on till the score reached 107 for 3, before declaring. This was despite some "requests" from certain members of the Staff fieldsmen for an earlier declaration.

After lunch, messrs. Hudson and Charles came out to face the bowling of Outhwaite and Jones. These two also bowled accurately and the first wicket fell at 8 when Mr. Hudson was run out. Then followed a very entertaining innings from Mr. Brookfield who was dropped twice before being caught and bowled by Outhwaite for 15. At the other end Mr. Charles was batting very determinedly, causing Dodgson and Webster to replace the opening bowlers. Mr. Charles was assisted by Mr. Taylor in a 3rd wicket stand of 39. At this stage the former decided to retire with his score at 28 n.o. in order to give the rest of the Staff batsmen an innings. At the same score Mr. Taylor was dismissed for 19 by Webster. Mr. Reay was next in (and out, bowled by Outhwaite for a duck). The School bowlers were being switched repeatedly now in a last desperate bid for victory, but Messrs. Watton and Agar stuck doggedly to their task and succeeded in gaining a draw. The Staff's final score was 72 for 6, only 4 of which were byes, thanks to a competent display by stand-in wicket-keeper Muirhead.

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ATHLETICS, 1970

SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS—

JUNIOR—

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	PERFORMANCE
<i>80 metres—</i>			
Osborne (T)	Westgarth (T)	Bulmer (C)	10.9 secs.
<i>Hurdles—</i>			
Osborne (T)	Gilchrist (D)	Knott (D)	14.2 secs. (record)
<i>150 metres—</i>			
Bulmer (D)	Gibson (O)	Westgarth (T)	22.9 secs.
<i>300 metres—</i>			
Routledge (T)	Gilchrist (D)	Mitchinson (T)	51.5 secs.
<i>High Jump—</i>			
Osborne (T)	Gibson (O)	Hiley (C)	4' 5"
<i>Long Jump—</i>			
Osborne (T)	Hiley (C)	Westgarth (T)	15' 6"
<i>Shot—</i>			
Gill (O)	Marsh (C)	Westgarth (T)	11.12 m.

<i>Relay—</i> Tees	Oxbridge Junior Champion—	Dunelm G. Osborne.	57 secs.
INTERMEDIATE—			
100 metres— Miller (D)	Laverick (C) and Heal (T), tie		13.6 secs.
200 metres— Miller (D)	Heal (T)	Bister (T)	27.9 secs.
400 metres— Buckle (T)	Bell (C)	Rees (C)	61 secs.
800 metres— Bell (C)	Waistell (T)	Kreczak (O)	
1500 metres— Kreczak (O)	Waistell (T)	Tunney (T)	4 m. 58.7 s.
<i>Hurdles—</i> Buckle (T)	Gardner (O)	Bister (T)	19.3 secs.
<i>High Jump—</i> Sanderson (D)	Gardner (O)	Bell (C)	4' 9"
<i>Long Jump</i> Buckle (T)	Ross (T)	Wild (D)	15' 9½"
<i>Triple Jump—</i> Ross (T)	Rees (C)	Buckle (T)	34' 10½"
<i>Shot—</i> Crawford (O)	Miller (D)	Bibby (T)	9.75 m.
<i>Discus—</i> Laverick (C)	Rees (C)	Bister (T)	104' 10"
<i>Javelin—</i> Kitching (C)	Gardner (O)	Kreczak (O)	127' 11"
<i>Relay—</i> Tees	Dunelm	Oxbridge	51 secs.
	Intermediate Champion—G. Buckle.		
SENIOR—			
FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	PERFORMANCE
100 metres— Makin (C)	Pearson (T)	Douglas (C)	12.6 secs.
200 metres Makin (C)	Knott (C)	Webster (D)	26.7 secs.
400 metres— Gardiner (O)	Pearson (T)	Webster (D)	56.9 secs. (record)
800 metres— Gardiner (O)	Thompson (O)	Barker (T)	
1500 metres— Parker (C)	Boston (C)	Reynolds (D)	4 m. 38.4 s. (record)
<i>Hurdles—</i> Chesser (T)	Curtis (D)	Hedley (C)	20.1 secs.
<i>High Jump—</i> Cleveland (C)	Goldthorpe (D)	Chesser (T)	4' 10"
<i>Long Jump—</i> Knott (C)	Monkhouse (O)	Chesser (T)	15' 7"
<i>Triple Jump—</i> Douglas (C)	Webster (D)	Greeves (C)	39' 5½"
<i>Shot—</i> Hedley (C)	Gardiner (O)	Pearson (T)	38' 10½"
<i>Discus—</i> Blackburn (T)	Seddon (T)	Muirhead (O)	84' 3"

<i>Javelin—</i>			
Pearson (T)	Seddon (T)	Costello (C)	158' 5" (record)
<i>Relay—</i>			
Cleveland	Dunelm and Tees, tie		50.2 secs.
	Senior Champion—P. R. Gardiner.		
<i>First TEES</i> (127 pts.); <i>Second CLEVELAND</i> (91 pts.); <i>Third OXBRIDGE</i> (60 pts.)			

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C.E.M.

The Joint Schools Christian Education Movement comprising members from Queen Victoria High School, Cleveland School, Stockton Grammar School and Grangefield Grammar School had another successful year with an average attendance of 60 at each of 12 meetings.

As usual the two debates were the best attended meetings. The two motions debated "This House Believes there is a Time for War, a Time for Peace," and "This House Believes Artificially Produced Babies will be beneficial to Mankind," were both defeated.

Another well attended meeting was a fascinating talk and demonstration of Yoga by a Mr. Davis. At this meeting all present were invited to become Yogis for the duration of the meeting.

A member of the British Communist Party gave a talk on "Communism and Christianity" and a Jehovah's Witness told "why I believe the story of Noah". Both these interesting talks were followed by heated debate, between C.E.M. members and the speakers. "A teach-in" on Family Planning and a discussion on "Christian Unity" by 3 clergymen of different denominations were two very lively meetings.

The Reverend M. J. Sweeting gave an absorbing and informative talk about his work in the Samaritan organisation. This organisation helps people in despair who might commit suicide if not helped. At another informative meeting a film and talk on the life of Martin Luther were presented.

The year's activities finished with a most enjoyable trip to York. The scaffold surrounded Minster was the focal point of the trip and it managed to maintain its awe-inspiring majesty in spite of the incongruity of the twentieth century steel framework and the mediaeval stonework.

Once again the School's Divinity Master Mr. Watton is to be thanked for his invaluable assistance to the movement. The year 1970-71 promises well with good prospects for an increase in membership.

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SCHOOL TENNIS, 1970

The school team enjoyed their most successful season for a number of years under the captaincy of N. McEwan. The first team consisted of a pool of eight players, Hood and Chesser, Newton and McEwan, Porter and Cummings, and Krecyak and Simpson.

Their most notable success was when Hood and Chesser, Newton and McEwan regained the County Cup. They survived a hazardous car journey (the wheel in the safe hands of N. McEwan) to Durham and defeated Durham Johnstone in the quarter-final. Then after dubious organisation by Mr. Russell the semi-finals and final were somehow played at Grangefield. They beat Blackfyne in the semi-final and Ryhope in the final with the experience (lobs?) of Newton and McEwan proving very valuable.

The friendly results for the season were only moderate due to key players being unavailable because they were playing for Teesside. Newton and McEwan represented the undefeated U.18 team with Chesser as reserve, whilst Hood, Kreczak, Simpson and Cannon as reserve played for the also undefeated U.15's.

In the newly formed Teesside U.16 Boys' Doubles Competition the school was represented by Hood and Chesser who won the competition without much difficulty.

The second team met with mixed fortunes losing twice and winning once. U.15 and U.14 teams were also turned out as was a Staff team who played the staff of St. Mary's College and totally outclassed the opposition by 7 rubbers to 2. The masters concerned were Mr. Russell (capt.) and Mr. Thurl, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Agar and Monsieur Simard who managed to make up the team.

Many of the school players are still available and so we are hoping for more success next year. We would like to thank Mr. Russell for giving up so much of his valuable (Saturday morning shopping?) time to provide expert advice and coaching.

First team record: Played 11 won 6 drawn 1 lost 4.

Second team record: Played 3 won 1 drawn 0 lost 2.

School colours awarded to P. Hood (who represented Durham County) D. Chesser, D. Kreczak and W. Simpson.

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CROSS COUNTRY

The school team took much the same formation as that of the previous year. Consistent team members were: Purcifer, Webb, Cossins, Easby, Parker, Webster and Reynolds, who were well supported by Moses, Taylor, Linton, Littlewood and Thompson.

The fixture list was greatly reduced by numerous cancellations. However the matches were contested with great spirit and the school team had a successful season only losing twice to Sir William Turner's of Redcar and Barnard Castle, the North-Eastern champions.

The team was victorious in the Teesside Schools Championship becoming Teesside Champions. This race led to Cossins, Purcifer, Easby and Webb being chosen for the team in the Durham County School Championships, where they finished 13th, 14th, 16th and 20th respectively.

The major and final event of the season was the N.E. England Cross Country Championships at South Shields. The team gave a good account of itself finishing 5th out of 16, with Cossins, Parker, Purcifer, Easby, Webb, and Reynolds finishing 16, 18, 38, 40, and 57.

Purcifer was Captain and Parker Secretary for the year.

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SWIMMING SPORTS, 17th March, 1970

RESULTS—

* denotes record.

JUNIOR—

FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	TIME
<i>Breast Stroke—</i> Ball (D)	King (C)	Westgarth (T)	24.6 secs.*

<i>Back Stroke—</i>			
Ball (D)	Gibson (O)	Scott (O)	24.2 secs.*
<i>Free Style—</i>			
Ball (D)	Gibson (O)	Highfield (D)	21 secs.*
<i>Diving—</i>			
Ball (D)	Grange (O)	Bennington (O)	
<i>Relay—</i>			
Dunelm	Oxbridge	Tees	1 m. 38.3 s.*
	Junior Champion—P. Ball.		
INTERMEDIATE—			
<i>Breast Stroke—</i>			
Hood (T)	Kirkwood (C)	Cook (D)	61.9 secs.*
<i>Back Stroke—</i>			
Kirkwood (C)	Hood (T)	Cook (D)	62.5 secs.
<i>Free Style—</i>			
Hood (T)	Stedman (T)	Evans (O)	49.2 secs.*
<i>Diving—</i>			
Henderson (C)	Hewson (T)	Hood (T)	
<i>Relay—</i>			
Tees	Cleveland	Dunelm	1 m. 32.6 s.*
	Intermediate Champion—P. Hood.		
SENIOR—			
<i>Breast Stroke—</i>			
Webb (O)	Blackburn (T)	Cleveland (C)	1 m. 31.1 s.
<i>Back Stroke—</i>			
Webb (O)	Blackburn (T)	Cleveland (C)	1 m. 16.9 s.*
<i>Free Style—</i>			
Webb (O)	Makin (C)	Blackburn (T)	72.3 secs.
<i>Diving—</i>			
Young (T)	Porter (T)	Webb (O) Blackburn (T)	
<i>Relay—</i>			
Tees	Cleveland	Oxbridge	1 m. 38.35 s.*
	Senior Champion—C. Webb.		

First TEES (56 pts.); Second DUNELM (38 pts.); Third OXBRIDGE (35 pts.)

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LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

The Grangefield Literary and Debating Society continued its existence as one of the best supported societies of the schools, guided by the committee (which included two members of the Girls' School), the secretary John Morton, and the Resident Chairman, Mr. J. D. Charles.

The school entered, for the first time, a debating competition, that of the United Nations Debating Prize (Stockton and Billingham Branches). The school beat Stockton Grammar School and Queen Victoria High School for Girls for a place in the final, only to lose to Bede Hall, Billingham, despite the efforts of Mr. G. D. Robson and Mr. C. Surtees.

The House Debates were very well attended, and were won by a narrow margin by Oxbridge House. The Headmaster's Debating Prize was won by P. E. Mason.

The subjects debated ranged from politics (where the result was a narrow Conservative victory) to "this house cannot face the future", undoubtedly the liveliest debate of the year.

Interest in the society amongst the lower forms continued to grow, with representatives on the committee and this seems to indicate that the society will continue in its previously successful vein for years to come.

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SIXTH FORM BUSINESS GAME 1969-70

Once again a team of Sixth Form economists took part in the Business Management Exercise organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants. 281 schools in England and Wales participated.

Grangefield was drawn against Huntingdon Grammar School and the County School, Ilford in the first round. Grangefield adopted an aggressive approach from the outset and in the first two of the five plays established a strong position, aiming at maximum capacity and a large investment in plant. An excessive amount was spent on marketing. However profits rebounded handsomely and the team was well placed for future expansion. With the other teams following a cautious policy, Grangefield had the game virtually won, but then unwisely changed a winning policy by reducing the home market price to an unprofitable level.

The team failed to realise that market conditions had changed, with a general recession setting in. This required a strong marketing effort coupled with cautious production. Huntingdon capitalised on these errors to gain a convincing final victory, with net profits of £1,009,120. Grangefield's net profit was £330,510.

The Grangefield team consisted of: Messrs. McEwen (Managing Director), Mason (Financial Controller), Robson (Marketing Director), Wallace (Production Director), Bean, Frost, Fox, Stewart, Thompson, Brown, Mooney, Rideal, Surtees, Weatherburn, Cossins, Purcifer, Still, Taylor, Liddle and Embleton.

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CHESS

The School junior and intermediate teams enjoyed a relatively successful year. The intermediate team played 8 matches, winning 3, drawing 2 and losing 3. This 50% record was an improvement on the disappointing position of the previous year. There should be a very strong team next year and there are hopes that they will be top of their league. The junior team played 7 games, winning 3, drawing 3 and losing only 1, thus maintaining the previous year's good position (second in the league).

Other result: School team 2½ Staff team 3½. A strong Staff team surprisingly defeated the School team, who are anxious for revenge!

Stop Press: Revenge was duly and sweetly obtained.

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MUSIC NOTES

The musical manifestations of the seasons have continued to mark the passing year. With the falling leaf came the Annual Carol Party, held on home ground to a packed house when youthful ebullience crowned by graceful gentility again proved triumphant.

The Carol Service, held in the Parish Church, held some surprises. Suffice it to remark that the brilliance of the organist was outshone only by the zest of the congregational singing.

In the spring the young men's fancies lightly turned to the Easter Concert. Here the urbane baton of Mr. Tiesing skilfully drew out some pleasing tone from the choir.

On the orchestral front we have at last acquired a pair of tympani and ever and anon seal-like eructations from the biology lab. show that they are not "sleeping there below".

In the somer seson whan softe was the sonne we again held our house music festival, presided over by Mr. G. Hankin (Inspector of Music) whose clear intent to help rather than censure added to the benign summer glow.

The orchestra has performed with zest and experience during the past year but we mark with regret the departing of two worthies: Christopher Durrant our leader, who has been an inspiration to all strings players throughout the school, and Eric Hindle our leading viola player. We wish them well and hope that they will continue to gain pleasure in music making. In this connection nuntius allatus est that Nicholas Hutten, who left some years ago continues to play the violin in an orchestra in Australia—our farthest flung musician to date. Almost equalling this is the achievement of Stuart Buckton who, having gained an honours degree in music, is to take up a Leverhulme scholarship, tenable in Italy.

The past year has seen the arrival of a brass band, small but promising. We lack the heavier bass instruments but have hopes that we may be blessed by a euphonium.

Many of our new intake have taken up instruments and promise well. The next intake is pensively awaited.

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EASTER CONCERT

The fifth Annual School Concert was held in the School Hall on Thursday and Friday, 19th and 20th March. A pleasant start was made with Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" which was followed by some excellent performances by orchestra and choir. The choir performed their pieces very well, and most regarded the highlight of their performance to be an excellent plain song rendering of the School Rules. The orchestra celebrated Beethoven's centenary with an excellent performance of his first symphony which was followed by the rousing "Arrival of the Queen of Sheba" by Handel. Of the solo performances mention must be made of J. Fotheringham's excellent performance of Butt's "Gigue" and C. Durrant's farewell violin solos. An innovation this year was the brass band which gave us a most enjoyable performance of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy", many of us were amazed that such small boys could make so much noise! It was interesting to note from the programme that Herr Pferdeman had been replaced by his English equivalent, and indeed we must thank Mr. Horsman for the devotion and drive which gave us such an enjoyable evening.

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ASSOCIATED BOARD EXAMINATIONS

We were able to submit a larger number of candidates than in former years at each of the three sessions. The general level of work was satisfactory but there was less evidence of individual brilliance. The requirements of

the Board grow more exacting while the level of marking might appear to display the national characteristics of the examiners.

We have had several entries from the young ladies from "next door" the absence of whose names is due to envy at the level of their achievement masked by propriety. Thanks are due to two ladies whose assistance in accompaniment was most acceptable Mesdames Crawshaw and MacDonald. We were pleased to welcome Dr. J. Cockshoot (Westminster College, Oxford) Mr. T. Lovett (Conductor of the B.B.C. Light Orchestra) and Mr. Wight Henderson (Scottish Academy of Music) in their capacity as examiners. Few were ploughed while the following harvest was reaped:

VIOLIN—

- Grade I* D. Gibson.
Grade II P. Allen, M. Bendall, P. Colley, M. Fenwick, J. Gardner,
P. George, G. Parton, E. Parry.
Grade III K. MacDonald, W. Thompson.
Grade IV P. Bibby, P. Healey (Merit), I. Moon.
Grade V P. Sanderson (Merit), S. Taylor, A. Wilkins.
Grade VIII D. Kirton.

VIOLA—

- Grade III* M. Whitely (Merit).
Grade IV R. Jakobson.

CELLO—

- Grade III* J. King, B. Mansfield
Grade V A. Harper.
Grade VI D. Mellor (Merit).

CLARINET—

- Grade IV* D. Bullock.
Grade V K. Nellist
Grade VI J. Knott

OBOE—

- Grade V* P. Summersgill.

BASSOON—

- Grade III* P. Mason (Merit).

FLUTE

- Grade III* S. King.
Grade IV J. Emmerson, M. Thorn, T. Race.

HORN—

- Grade IV* J. Fotheringham (Merit).

SAXHORN—

- Grade III* P. Wells.

TRUMPET—

- Grade III* D. Laurence.
Grade V H. Cleveland.

THEORY—

- Grade V* P. Dryden, J. Emmerson, J. Fotheringham, P. Harrison,
P. Healey, P. Hiley, R. Jakobson, K. MacDonald, B.
Mansfield, W. Thompson.

HOUSE MUSIC FESTIVAL 1970

Once again the house music festival drew its customary support, both from participants and audience. The semi-finals, unfortunately eliminated a number of highly competent players from later stages of the competition, but this only goes to testify to the ever increasing standard of music-making in the school.

The finals saw a day of high excitement, culminating in the performances of house choirs and string quartets. There were in addition no less than fifteen other classes which admirably demonstrated the versatility of school music-making. The loss of C. Durrant left the open violin class a little more "open" than usual, the final being won by Kirton (not altogether unexpectedly!).

A certain amount of amusement was caused by the migration of P. Summersgill (oboe) and K. Coates (Trombone) into the clarinet and horn classes respectively for the sake of "practicality". Nevertheless we were nearly confronted by the enigma of an oboist winning the clarinet class.

We are indebted to Mr. Hankin who sat through and judged the finals (with no apparent permanent damage) dispensing profound musical advice on the way. Thanks must also be given to Mr. Horsman whose organisation and drive made the festival possible, not forgetting Messrs. Collinson and Sanderson who, although departed from the fold, returned to accompany the performers with great facility.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS—

<i>Junior Vocal</i>	Fenwick.
<i>Senior Vocal</i>	Beall.
<i>Junior Violin</i>	Allen.
<i>Inter Violin</i>	Moon.
<i>Senior Violin</i>	Kirton.
<i>Viola</i>	Hindle.
<i>Cello</i>	Mellor.
<i>Junior Piano</i>	Storr.
<i>Open Piano</i>	Mellor.
<i>Flute</i>	King.
<i>Clarinet</i>	Goldthorpe.
<i>Oboe</i>	Collins.
<i>Horn</i>	Fotheringham.
<i>Trumpet</i>	Cleveland.
<i>Quartet</i>	Cleveland.
<i>Choir</i>	Tees.
<i>Composition</i>	Allen and Whiteley.

FINAL HOUSE POINTS

1st	Tees	151
2nd	Oxbridge	143
3rd	Cleveland	133
4th	Dunelm	104

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NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY

The Natural History Society had a temporary lull in activities last year, the "new blood" in the form of first formers being rather slow to flow. Although paid up membership totalled well over 50, several projected outings were very poorly supported and had to be cancelled. The unsuitable weather (for the wild life, not the N.H.S.) also forced us to abandon other visits.

We did, however, continue "ticking over" and managed to have a few meetings with colour slides to brush up our knowledge of bird and animal life.

Our trip to North Teesmouth proved rather lacking in fauna but rich in exercise. Some of our junior members showed more interest in the ponies than in the Temminck's Stint which was seen on Saltholme Pool. We also managed to lose Mr. Spight and Mr. Richardson on the North Gare, but recovered them again at Seaton in time to go home.

On open day we sold over 10 gallons of tea and coffee, and in co-operation with the C.E.M. raised £10-17-7d. to be split between our respective charities. In spite of the heavy showers, several car owners paid our team of car washers to clean their cars.

Collection of Brooke Bond tea packets raised a further donation of £7 to the World Wildlife Fund, bringing the total to £49.

At the end of the year, several members compiled a list of activities for the 1970/71 season and we look forward to an active year.

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FENCING CLUB 1969-70

During the Autumn Term of 1969 the School Fencing Club was formed. It has managed to hold the interest of quite a large number of boys who have been learning how to fence with a foil.

In June, the club entered two team in a triangular match with Hustler Secondary School, Middlesbrough and Redbrook Junior School, Stockton, in which the "A" team came second to Hustler. In the first individual foil championship within the school, J. G. Parton of 2R came first and received the Individual Fencing Trophy.

At present, the membership consists mainly of boys from the lower school and it is hoped that some of the more senior boys may become interested.

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HISTORY VISITS 1969-70

The History Department undertook a series of Saturday visits, with the aims of reinforcing work done in class and of giving pupils some idea of the wealth of historical remains in the North. These included the by now traditional visits to Corbridge, Chesters and Housteads in September and to the Saxon remains at Monkwearmouth, Jarrow, Tynemouth and Durham later in the Autumn Term. First year pupils also visited the fine Saxon churches of Billingham and Norton.

In the Summer Term further visits were arranged to Pickering and Helmsley castles and Rievaulx and Byland abbeys. A similar tour covering Barnard Castle, Richmond, Easby and Egglestone took place in July. Second and third year boys participated in a visit to York where exhibits at the Kirk Museum and Railway Museum were examined. However the highlight of the day was undoubtedly the tour of the Minster which afforded an excellent opportunity to view the restoration work in progress. All visits, as in previous years, were well supported.

BLANKENBERGE 1970

In dull weather, we started the overnight journey to Dover. One of the main stops was London, where we had an "early-morning" conducted tour of the sights—2 a.m. to be exact!

After an eventful channel crossing and a short bus ride we arrived in Blankenberge, still in dull weather!—but ready to enjoy the continental atmosphere.

Our first few hours were spent in a game of three-dimensional chess with the bedrooms and then we settled down to our bons and boissons. We had alternate days free to explore Blankenberge, which took only a short time, and the other days were spent in visiting places of interest. Among them were Brugge, Gent and Bruxelles where we saw some beautiful cathedrals and other fine examples of Flemish architecture. The great altar-piece of the Adoration of the Lamb by van Eyck was of particular interest and also the very fine lace making.

One outing full of interest was to Walcheren in Holland which we reached by ferry from Breskens. We saw examples of the reclaimed land surrounded by dykes and a large model of Walcheren itself. On the return journey we scrambled around the inside of a working windmill at Sluis.

We returned loaded with souvenirs and reminders of the holiday but with only a slight increase in our Flemish vocabulary!

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CHAMPERY 1970

After the success of the 1969 ski-ing holiday in Austria, Mr. Tiesing and Mr. Russell decided to take another party of 30 boys on a ski-ing trip in 1970. Mr. Agar graciously accepted an invitation to help with the supervision of the party.

The party left Stockton station at roughly 11-45 p.m., and after a long and tiring journey it arrived in Champéry, a beautiful village in the Valais region of Switzerland. We arrived in the afternoon, and after being accommodated in the Hotel des Sports we went to obtain skis, ski-sticks, and boots.

Champéry is situated at the bottom of Mt. Planachaux, and each day the party journeyed up the mountain, by cable car, to the ski slopes. The cable car was normally very busy, and it took us a long time to reach the ski slopes. There was ski-ing instruction every day for 2 hours, but on the first day, due to a misunderstanding of instructions and dense fog, we were unable to have a lesson. Throughout the stay only two injuries were sustained on the ski slopes, one by Mr. Russell who ran into a drift of snow and twisted his knee.

On the fourth day of our stay there was an avalanche while the party was on the ski slopes. This cut off all communications and put the cable car out of action. As a result everyone had to walk down the mountain, led by experienced guides.

Apres-ski activities took the form of ten-pin bowling and mixing with members of other ski parties in the village.

On the return journey a day was spent in Berne, beginning with a conducted tour of the city, which proved very interesting to many members of the party.

Again the party would like to thank Mr. Tiesing for organising such a fine holiday and also to thank Mr. Russell and Mr. Agar, without whom the holiday would not have been the same.

THE FLORENVILLE EXCURSION 1970

We set off from the school at 8-30 p.m., Thursday, 23rd July. Having travelled throughout the evening, down the country we reached London at 1-45 a.m. Friday morning.

We had a brief look at some of the sights of London. We saw Buckingham Palace from the coach and then left the coach seeing Trafalgar Square, 10 Downing Street, and the Houses of Parliament among other things, on foot.

We then moved on to Dover where we boarded the ferry at 6-00 a.m. The crossing across the Channel took about 3½ hours.

We arrived at Ostend approximately 10-00 a.m. and then set off for Brussels. We stopped for lunch at Brussels at 12-15 and had a quick look around "Au Bon Marche" which was the department store where we had lunch.

We finally reached our destination, Florenville, at 6-00 p.m.

On the 26th July, Sunday, we set off for the "Grottes de Han sur Lesse". These are the second largest caverns in Europe. There is an underground river running through them on which you have to travel by boat to get out.

After the caverns we had our lunch and then moved on to Dinant where we went up a chair lift but because the weather had dulled a bit the view from the top of the hill wasn't very good.

On Tuesday, 28th July we went to Vianden in Luxembourg. It was very hot and sunny that day. At Vianden we went up another chair-lift, higher than the one at Dinant. At the top of this big hill we could look down on the town and the Chateau de Falkenstein which was on a hill below this one. We were going to go on to Echternach but because it was so hot we decided to return back to our hotel, "Aux Gais Lurons".

We did go to Echternach on Thursday, 30th July. We reached there at 11-45 a.m. We had a walk through the town and along the river before having lunch by the river. After lunch we crossed the River Sure into West Germany, on foot, looking around a gift shop there.

On the way back we stopped to have a look around the Chateau de Beaufort, a ruined castle.

On Saturday, 1st August we went to Luxembourg City. We got there at 10-15 a.m. We then split up. Some went to the railway station while others looked round the cathedral and had a look at the Royal Palace.

From Luxembourg City we went on to Mordof les Bains where we had lunch and a look around the park.

The next day, Sunday, 2nd August, we went to Orval Monastery. We looked round the ruins of the old Abbey and the church of the new monastery.

On Monday, 3rd August we went to Coe. When there we went up yet another chair-lift to the top of a hill to have a wonderful view of Coe. When we came down some of the lads went on the Go-Karts there.

The next day we went swimming in the river at Bouillon. (Bouillon is a town about 25 km. west of Florenville.)

The days when we didn't go anywhere we just stayed around Florenville.

We came back roughly the same way we went except that we came back through Blankenburg as well.

An enjoyable time was had by all.

NEW LIFE MEMBERS, 1st OCTOBER, 1969—30th SEPTEMBER, 1970

I. D. Lenham	(1958-63)	7 Harlsey Crescent, Stockton-on-Tees.
B. L. Collin	(1962-69)	Thurston, Fir Tree Close, Hilton, Yarm, Yorks.
G. Lacey	(1964-69)	7 Salisbury Gardens, Jesmond, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.
R. G. Richards	(1959-66)	Ratagan, Dene View, Hawthorn, Seaham, Co. Durham.
B. Nicholson	(1953-60)	Flat 29A, High Street, Knaresborough, Yorks.
P. O. Argyle	(1962-69)	3 Redmarshall Street, Stillington.
E. Thompson	(1962-69)	101 Scurlfield Road, Stockton.
E. J. Black	(1952-57)	4 Lancefield Road, Norton.
K. Sheraton	(1940-44)	131 Junction Road, Norton.
C. L. Neal	(1961-67)	4 Kingsley Road, Stockton.
J. G. Ashley	(1961-66)	35 Thornrtree Gardens, Middleton St. George.
D. Underwood	(1963-67)	24 Fishburn Terrace, Fishburn.
W. R. Sanderson	(1962-69)	Hill House, Carlton, Stockton-on-Tees.
B. Winter	(1963-70)	75 Hind Street, Stockton.
B. Ward	(1963-70)	78 Dumbarton Avenue, Stockton.

New Yearly Members, 1st October, 1969—30th September, 1970

D. B. Lyall	(1962-69)	10 Stanhope Road, Stockton.
D. J. Goldsbrough	(1962-69)	102 Londonderry Road, Stockton.
P. E. Mason	(1964-70)	9 Farnham Close, Eaglescliffe.
G. D. Robson	(1963-70)	25 Carr Street, Stockton.
G. M. Crombie	(1967-70)	Glenavon, Warren Hill Road, Collin, Dumfries-shire.
W. J. Stewart	(1962-70)	13 Rue Paul Bert, 62-Calais, France.
G. Fullerton	(1963-70)	26 Commondale Avenue, Stockton.
M. Brown	(1963-70)	3 South View, Fishburn.
M. Roberts	(1963-70)	38 Roseneath Avenue, Stockton.
D. Lonsdale	(1963-70)	42 Curlew Lane, Norton.
A. Brennan	(1963-70)	8 Rosslare Road, Stockton.
J. S. P. Robson	(1963-70)	1 Westerleigh Avenue, Stockton.
S. C. Beaumont	(1963-70)	18 Allendale Road, Stockton.
I. M. Craig	(1968-70)	12 Marrick Road, Hartburn, Stockton.
B. M. Jones	(1968-70)	5 Butts Lane, Egglecliffe.
J. Morton	(1963-70)	313 Norton Road, Stockton.
Stephen Robinson	(1963-70)	4 Newham Grange Avenue, Stockton.
D. A. Watt	(1963-70)	14 Orchard Road, Stockton.
S. Collinson	(1963-70)	7 Redbrook Avenue, Stockton.
N. Turner	(1968-70)	13 Newham Grange Avenue, Stockton.
K. Nellist	(1963-70)	20 Westerdale Avenue, Stockton.
M. L. Thompson	(1963-70)	7 Berwick Grove, Norton.
M. Caldwell	(1968-70)	1 Hutton Grove, Hartburn.
D. P. Cummings	(1963-70)	14 Riverhead Avenue, Stockton.
D. Taylor	(1963-70)	Co-op Club, Bishopton Road West, Stockton.
P. Webster	(1963-70)	67 Grange Avenue, Stockton.
P. Pottage	(1963-70)	109 Oxbridge Lane, Stockton.



Watching the cricket



Serving tea (for C.E.M. and N.H.S.)

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THE STORM

The shaded sky decreed
The driving force of wind,
The lashing hail
Turned and swept over hill and vale.
Trees bowed, even oaks trembled,
Unstable Hedges fell, doomed,
Rickety sheds fell in heaps.
Harmony of wind and rain,
The force of nature waged
A lifelong war with men.
Clouds passed, relieving us of chilled marrow
Of wetted skin, and clothes,
The warm sun dried the mist,
Left us, free again to wait.

Llew Dalg

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THE LOCH

The shining waters, dark reflecting,
Glinting in the morning sun,
Claimed one, and more victims.
Victims among the surly wavelets.
The small Island near the centre
Never habited even by the reckless
Set among the lofty Pines,
Not one boat has been and touched,
Touched the sandy shore.
On the other side of the loch,
Lies a small village,
Fantern by name, steeped
In the dreads of the loch—
Not one last soul lives in Fantern
Which lies by the side of the Loch.
The shining waters, dark, reflecting,
Glinting in the evening sun.
Claimed one, and more victims
And yet more, ere their time is done.

Llew Dalg

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LA CITADELLE, MONTREUIL

The trees sing the wind of a whispering day
Through the clear-shadowed ghosts of the garden
Here I shall lie till the bones break my dust
Here till my spirit discard them.
The clouds know my dreams midst far visions of blue
Like the branches I stretch out to reach them
But my roots are enchained in the twines of this earth
And the earth knows me fool, knows me madman.
Yet under this sky in the valley of towers
A dead man is trying to warn me
As I think to myself in the valley of gods
A dead man is trying to warn me.

I. M. Wilkinson

"JOURNEY"

It was Dave's twenty-first birthday and it had been a night of celebrations. As the party drew to a close, people drifted into the night, couples arm-in-arm laughing in the cool frosty air, others staggering out, with the artificial joviality of insobriety, singing Christmas Carols and "Happy Birthday to Dave". We were the last to leave the hall that we had hired especially for the occasion. Dave fumbled for his keys, opened the door, and let the four of us into his mini. I flopped into the front seat and dozed as the car moved off. I was brought back to life by the squealing of brakes but was dazed again by a loud bang.

I remember coming back to consciousness lying on my back, with my face to the dark sky. People were all around me, staring stupidly. Sirens wailed and cars drew up with lights flashing "That one's gawn, officer, you can do nothink for 'im". They couldn't be talking about me could they? No, it must have been someone else. The flashing lights looked unreal, and I could see them flashing in staring, almost hypnotic eyes. Another siren wailed; probably a police car. Someone was crying—couldn't stand the blood, I suppose. Blood? Yes, I was sticky and my head and right side ached. Perhaps it was because of me that the unknown person was shedding tears. But someone was dead and people always cried for the dead. No, it couldn't have been me that the tears were being spilt for. "Lend a hand here, Bill". Why couldn't they keep quiet and why were they all staring at me? Perhaps I was dying? No, I couldn't be. Not me, anyway. Firm hands lifted me on to a stretcher and into the back of an ambulance. Then everything became dark.

I felt warm and contented in my sleep. My evanescent trance-like state was irised with dreams. Something about a party and an accident kept disturbing me and I felt myself shouting out. Balloons, girls, shrieking and laughing, the sound of glasses clinking together, a car, screams, squealing brakes and a loud bang at the moment of impact. Then a peaceful bucolic scene, with a proud swan drifting serenely on a quiet lake, causing ripples to break on a pebbled beach. Then somebody dived into the water, disturbing the tranquil scene. The swan flew gracefully away and Dave came to view above the surface of the water, with a look of horror on his face. A voice rudely shattered my dream. "Send him up to the operating theatre . . . though I reckon it'll be a case for the morgue". The morgue! How ridiculous! They must think I'm dead. But I'm not dead. Not really dead? Make an effort, you fool.

"His eyes flickered . . . now just lie still till the surgeon sees to you" I couldn't withstand the strain. My eyes closed again and I seemed to drift a short way from body, attached by a thin lifeline.

My mind wandered again to the party. Susan. I promised to meet her at lunch-break tomorrow. Such a nice girl. And I proposed. Must have been drunk. Marriage is something inevitable in the end, but, like all things inevitable, is a thing to be delayed until the last possible moment. The image misted over and I could no longer see her blond curls and pink satin dress. Everything was so pleasant. It was nice to stop fighting the inevitable.

Total release came suddenly. I seemed to leave my body and shoot upwards with a rush of wind. The world seemed different. Other astral bodies floated alongside me, but somehow I couldn't reach them or make contact with them. I felt weightless, and appeared to be drifting upwards. It came over me suddenly that perhaps I was dead—really dead. But how could I be? I could still think. If I was really dead I would know nothing at all. Death was an end in itself. The purpose of life is to create another generation, not a preparation for something further. I would be old-fashioned and stupid to think that death is a stage of development. It was hard to describe how I felt. Somehow I seemed unreal and detached. Earthly matters seemed to have lost all meaning, though I still had some

sort of connection with Earth, a strange feeling that it was still a part of me. I had studied my surroundings in great detail, or as far as that was possible. Beneath me everything was dark, whilst above me it seemed lighter. Strange, shadowy shapes passed me, travelling either downwards into the Stygian darkness or upwards. The lighter void above now seemed to have a bluish tinge. I had no power to propel myself, and I could not fight the powerful force taking me upwards. It was inevitable like death, but I could not experience fear. I had always been terrified of death. The joys of life were too fresh in my mind to be taken away. But was I really dead?

The answer was obviously, "Yes". I was dead. I was only deluding myself by imagining otherwise. Everybody at some time closes his eyes to the truth because it does not please him? Now was the time for a new awareness of my situation. I had obviously discarded my useless body and had entered an astral plane. But what was that blue light above? When I reached it, would this be my "Day of Judgement"? Not to believe in some form of existence after death was now impossible.

Then suddenly everything began to fade and my mind must have gone blank. I woke up feeling very weak and exhausted in a hospital bed. I was told later that I had been fighting for my life for eleven days and that at one stage I had been taken for dead. The question arose whether the happenings since the accident were the wanderings of a delirious man, fighting for his life, or whether my spirit had indeed left my body and then returned later. I was sure that I knew the correct answer and I walked out of hospital thankful that I was still myself, not a lonely spirit on an astral plane. The day when I would reach that blue light had at least been postponed!

C. J. Hugill

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DINSDALE STATION

Where time stands still
(the clock's broken),
amongst rusty gaslights
and gas fittings that don't fit.

Boarded windows stop vandals,
and light,
from entering in an illicit way.

Cigarette packets are never removed,
just blown about,
in the grates,
of the one-time cosy
Victorian waiting room.

Some trains pass through
without stopping
—just another station.
Their drivers don't know
that, "I love you Tricia, very much"
is written, in passionate ballpoint,
on the back of the sliding door.

I wonder how long it is
since the couple concerned
split . . . or married
or waved from train
to platform to each other
at Dinsdale.

D.N.

19TH MAY BLUES

A poem to get depressed with

Today, I'm so deep within myself
I'm almost drowning.
I remember events, fleeting past, from the past
and I can feel myself sinking.
Today, I'm so bloody low,
and for no real reason,
that I'm feeling quite ill
with fear and with tension.
Turning my thoughts, and nobody else's,
into a knot of realizations,
of what I could be and what I should be
and drawing conclusions from nowhere.
Quietly thinking in crowded schoolbuses
of anger and hatred, of qualms and of losses.
Twisting each thought to the end of its power,
and turning my eye, inwards to me.
And people will laugh, when they read
What I've written.
And they'll never know just how low you can get
Just thinking of basic things, living and death.
My pencil is bending with visions of pain
suggesting a feeling fighting within,
saying, "I want to get out",
when I really mean "in".

D.N.

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JIM

Dark brown hair and dark brown eyes,
Jolly face and jolly smile,
A face with freckles, and nose,
Two sharp ears with dirt behind.
Always wore a tatty coat,
Down to his ankles,
Trailed in the mud,
Only got three buttons,
Two had fallen off.
Always wore the same red shirt,
Ghastly big checks, and right out of date,
On white background,
That was always grey,
And he never wore a tie.
Tatty blue trousers,
Three big patches,
Different colours and different sizes,
They end up at his knees,
With dirty black socks and knees to match.
Holy shoes not fastened up;
But that doesn't mean he goes to church.
The only time he goes to church
Is when he sleeps in the grounds.

S. Beaumont.

AQUAE FORTES

Far, far beyond the reach of memory
The drops mated and began the River of Life
Ever growing, surging perilously through its tiny chasm
It was born.
Growing swiftly, nurtured by its parent clouds
There came forth the power and energy
It must possess
To gouge a path lest it be damned before its time.
Soon angry youth swelled the waters,
Battering their course in a desperate bid to escape
But the mountains of circumstance were too strong,
The valley of sloth too deeply entrenched:
Its course, once fixed, must stay;
Or answer to the laws of nature.
The further the river searched
 (chasing its own dying energy)
The more slowly it wandered
 (losing sight of its dreams)
Until it built walls to enclose itself
 (in the sediment of security)
And a wide plain to deaden and absorb the energy
Once cared for so dearly.
Finally it flowed into the ocean of no escape.

I. M. Wilkinson

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THE DEATH OF A YOUNG MAN

The wind howled, the rain fell, the day dawned,
Summer had gone, winter had come, the water froze.
Against the old church wall a young man lay,
His heart throbbed, his mind reminisced,
Of those days of sunshine, freedom, love and warmth,
Of those so green meadows, of that so blue sky,
Of childhood adventures and of boyish games.
But why had it all ended? War—that's why.
The war came so quickly, the war seemed to have no end,
And it marked the tragic death of the young man's friend.
His turn now was nigh, his turn to lie down and die,
His turn to suffer the results of war.
The young man's eyelids flickered, revealed such soft grey eyes,
His pale, red lips moved as if trying to speak,
His sallow cheeks stayed still with terror.
The once strong body began to quiver with pain,
The once noble head began to rock with suffering.
Suddenly a smile filled his face, the eyelids opened,
The eyes glistened, his cheeks turned red, the tears rolled down his face.
Was he happy? His heart stopped. He too had died.

Peter Smith

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A DOOR TO DOOR SALESMAN

Knocking, knocking,
Never stopping,
Always looks his best.
Housewife working,
Never shirking,
Never seems to rest.

Talking, Talking,
Walking, walking,
Foot inside the door.
Pipe for dad,
He'll be glad,
Carpet for the floor.
Laughing, joking,
Always smoking,
Can he give it up?
Splashing, splashing,
She is washing,
Does he want a cup?
Greasy smile,
Horrid, vile,
Walking down the path.
"Muvver's out!"
Children shout,
In fact she's in the bath!
Ups and downs,
Several towns.
What when he is dead?
Come the day,
Pass away,
To what has it all led?

M. Lee, C. Cooke, P. McMullen

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THE OLD MAN

Two staring bloodshot eyes,
A wizened, stunted cracked face.
A flabby chest, a boozy belly
And two long matchstick thighs
But he was still not dead.
A smoking fag in his mouth,
Nothing but memories in his head,
Of a wife long dead
His children long wed,
All forgotten in a little damp room.
They came to see him once.
So when he was gone
No-one could say that
They hadn't done their share
That they hadn't cared
That they hadn't done their duty.

C. J. Hugill

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TREE-SPIRIT

I was out walking,
I glanced at a tree,
A face in the branches
Looking at me.
It was there for an instant—
What did I see?
Woman in the branches
Looking at me.
Dark-haired and lovely
Who could she be?
Ghost in the branches
Looking at me.

I. M. Wilkinson

PEOPLE WITHOUT FRIENDS

(a tramp's thoughts in a Salvation Army hostel)

The haggard old man who lies next door,
Had got himself colic and he's sick on the floor,
The junkie's arm is covered in scars,
By chinese drugs in four ale bars,
A girl in the street buys her first L.S.D.,
And we don't care! Why should we?
They don't bother us, don't get in our hair,
Those friendless people somewhere out there.

Percy

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AFTERMATH

The son of man is dead; I saw him die.
Chalk cliffs may plunge to frothing foam
Or moons erupt, or oceans boil,
Yet he will not return.

The soaring cliffs no longer suck, and gasp, and breathe
On me.
A death cry from caves and sea stacks
As they fade from my view.
The wind tugs my rags, signs, "Return! return!"
Yet can the dead return?
Wet sand sifts cold beneath my feet,
My eyes, they ache, with bulging veins,
For this is what I saw;
I saw a crucifixion in the clouds—
a cross of heat, with nails of fire that rained down
molten blood on me,
And screaming faces, waxed in death,
were furnaced by the searing breath
That swept from earth proud Adam's race.
Within that bright, unholy glance I saw the pyramids upraised,
And Roman legions marched once more.
Phantasmal glory spanned the years, as Gothic spires
Pierced the skies,
While sheeted galleons crushed the waves again.
Renaissance passed, years fell like rotted leaves,
And in my vision they were burnt away.
Wire and canvas leapt to azure vaults,
Man's metal reached Uranus, coldest moons.
'Twas there my vision ended.
A millenium in a moment seared my brain.
Not Armageddon, but suicide.

A self-appointed Christ released that flowering heat
And burst a second Sun.
Beneath my feet my salt dissolves a violet.
And in it I see a reflection.
My image.
Mankind.

J. Costello

BULLFIGHT

Late afternoon,
impatient crowd watch prancing horse
(which adds some dignity to the occasion)
The mocking purples blues and reds
tease.

The bull is loose and quite unknowing
Hateful picadors ignorant, blindfold, armoured horses
bait and bleed the beast.
Blood Blood Blood Blood, and the crowd forget it is an animal.
Dancing men deftly place
vicious banderillos in the wandering shoulders of the waning victim.
Angered, weakened, tired and completely unaware,
The Bull (almost in another world), charges.
Blindly, blindly, blindly,
at the mocking, teasing, invincible toreador.
Then, for no apparent reason, Death.
Not fast, clinical, clean-cut death,
but slow, tumbling, fumbling, crumbling death.
and again.
Stab-wince.
Just "to make sure", "and end unnecessary agony".

The crowd, I think, was satisfied
and my thoughts were drowned
by frantic shouts
Bravo!
Horses, chains, men,
drags the carcass quickly away

The toreador throws the bull's worthless ears
and useless tail into the crowd, with utter disdain.

Hats, streamers, wire, celebrations
Glory honour—for the toreador
spectacle colour—for the crowd
and me?—disgusted.
And the Bull—just dead.

D.N.

* * *

FUTILITY

Death in the air,
Death in the ground,
Men dead all around
No sound.
An east wind blows,
Wounds begin to close,
Dead men sink low,
The grass starts to grow.
Nothing left to find,—
of war
But, a great cleft in man's mind.

J. King

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1970

<i>Income</i>	LIFE MEMBER'S FUND			<i>Expenditure</i>					
	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 1/10/69	813	7	6	Levy to General Fund			106	5	0
Interest at 31st January, 1970	17	5	8	Balance at 30/9/70			778	18	2
Interest at 31st July, 1970	16	0	0						
Life Member's Subscriptions	38	10	0						
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	£885	3	2				£885	3	2

GENERAL FUND

	£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward, 1/10/69	29	1	5	Year Book, 1969, Printing			256	0	2
Interest at 20th November, 1969	6	9		Year Book, 1969, Postage			9	12	5
Annual Members' Subscriptions	7	10	0	Year Book, 1969, Envelopes			2	19	6
Advertising in Year Book	48	6	0	Annual Dinner			72	16	2
Cash Receipts for Old Stocktonian Ties ..	11	12	6	To purchase Old Stocktonian Ties ..			20	13	0
School Donation to Year Book	100	0	0	Postage			3	0	7
Sale of Tickets for Annual Dinner	76	5	6	Balance at 30/9/70			14	5	4
Levy from Life Members' Fund	106	5	0						
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	£ 379	7	2				£379	7	2

C. W. KING AND G. G. ARMSTRONG MEMORIAL FUND

Balance brought forward, 1/10/69	124	16	8	Speech Day Prizes			5	0	0
Interest at 20th November, 1969	5	19	4	Balance at 30/9/70			125	16	0
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	£130	16	0				£130	16	0

EVAN BALDWIN MEMORIAL FUND AND ALLISON, KING COMMEMORATION FUND

Balance brought forward, 1/10/69	234	0	7	Balance at 30/9/70			246	2	0
Donation	2	0	0						
Interest at 31st January, 1970	4	19	5						
Interest at 31st July, 1970	5	2	0						
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	£246	2	0				£246	2	0



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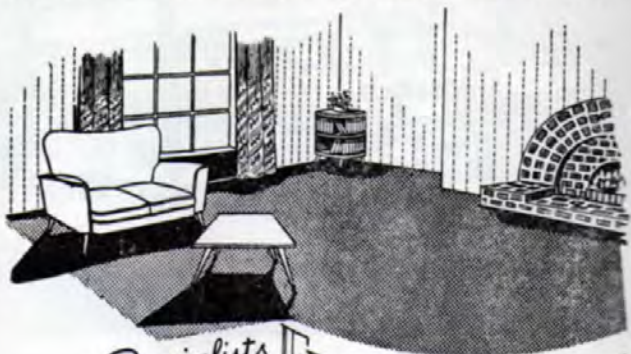
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(Founded 24th January, 1913)

An Association of Old Boys of Grangefield Grammar School, Stockton-on-Tees, formerly known as Stockton Secondary School, and originally as Stockton Higher Grade School.

RULES — (Revised November, 1968)

1. The Name of the Association shall be the "OLD STOCKTONIANS." The Old Stocktonians aims at continuing friendships and preserving that spirit of comradeship which ought to exist among those who have been educated at the same school. These aims are to be achieved by means of social, recreative and educational pursuits.

2. The Association shall be open to the Old Boys of the Grangefield Grammar School, formerly known as the Stockton Secondary School for Boys and originally known as the Higher Grade School. Past and present members of the Staff are also eligible.

3. The Officers of the Association shall be:—

- (a) Three Presidents, who shall be the present Headmaster, the Founder of the Association and an Old Boy.
- (b) Six Vice-Presidents, one of whom shall be Senior Vice-President.
- (c) A Treasurer.
- (d) A Secretary and Assistant Secretary.
- (e) An Auditor.

These together with twelve elected members shall constitute the Committee of Management.

With the exception of the present Headmaster and the Founder of the Association, all Officers and other members of the committee shall be elected at each Annual General Meeting which shall be held in October or November each year, and the Committee so elected shall be empowered to co-opt additional members.

4. In committee seven shall form a quorum.

5. Members will be encouraged to form sections for specific activities, but must first obtain the approval of the committee of management.

6. The Annual Subscription shall be Five Shillings (5/- or 25p) payable on the 1st January each year.

In lieu of an Annual Subscription a Life Subscription of Three Pounds (£3-0-0) may be made. (*This may be paid by a maximum of four equal instalments in consecutive years.*)

All Life Subscriptions shall be paid into a separate account at the bank, out of which there shall be transferred annually into the General Fund such sums as the committee shall determine, not exceeding 2/6d. or 12½p in respect of each Life Member.

Any Member who left School fifty years ago, or longer, shall be permitted to retain Membership of the Association for life, without further obligation.

7. The rules of the Association can be altered only at the Annual General Meeting, and then only by a two-thirds majority of those present at the meeting. All motions for any such alteration shall be submitted in writing at least 28 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting.

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