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REPORT OF THE SESSION 1952-53

MEMBERSHIP

We were pleased to welcome 15 new members during the session, bringing the adult membership to 72 and juniors 4.

FINANCIAL POSITION

There was a loss of £4. 1. 3d. on the year's working, leaving a balance of £20. 5. 5d. This loss could be accounted for by the deficit on the coach excursions.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the Annual General Meeting in October 1953 a resolution was passed amending Rule 4 of the Society's rules, so that in future the Annual General Meeting will be held at the end of the winter session. This was considered to be a more satisfactory time as the Committee and Officials who were to organise the following winter syllabus would still be in office to carry it through.

The subscription for the six months ending March 1954 was fixed at 5/-, and 2/- for junior members.

AFFILIATION

Members of the Wharfedale Naturalists' Society have attended meetings of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Union to which the Society is affiliated.

WINTER PROGRAMME

Oct.	7	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	
Oct.	21	"LEPIDOPTERA AND THE BEGINNER"	C. R. Haxby
Nov.	4	"BIRDS AND BEASTS" - Lantern	Major Anthony Buxton, D.S.O.
Nov.	18	"THE SOLAR SYSTEM" - Lantern	E. Tollotson M.Sc., F.R.A.S.
Dec.	2	"THE HONEY BEE: HER LIFE AND BEHAVIOUR"	D.G. Pickles, M.P.S.

Dec.	16	"RARE BIRDS"	D. F. Walker
Jan.	6	"BIRD RINGING AT SPURN" - Lantern.	G. H. Ainsworth
Jan.	20	Recorders' Reports and Exhibits	
Feb.	3	R.S.P.B. Colour Films	
Feb.	17	"THE WARFEDALE SCENE" - Lantern	F. T. Taylor
Mar.	3	"HOW TO BEGIN THE STUDY OF FIELD BOTANY" - Lantern	Miss C.M. Rob, F.L.S.
Mar.	17	Sectional arrangements.	

We are grateful to all visiting lecturers who have helped to give us such a varied programme. The R.S.P.B. film evening was again very successful and showed that in addition to members of the Society there are many other people interested in Natural History.

SUMMER PROGRAMME 1953

Apr.	14	MOORLAND QUARRIES.	Geological Section
Apr.	21	COLDSTONE BECK.	Ornithological Section
Apr.	28	SPRING FLOWER WALK	Botanical Section
May.	5	MIDDLETON CRIT.	Geological Section
May.	12	BOLTON WOODS	Ornithological Section
May.	17	ASKHAM BOG.	General. Leader: Miss C.M. Rob.
May.	19	MOORLAND STUDY	Botanical Section
June	7	ARNSIDE.	General
June	9	RIFFA.	General. Meeting with Otley Naturalists' Society, Leader: H. Marjoram.
June	13	COLLINGHAM Y.N.U.	Meeting
June	16	Meeting for Records and Specimen Display	
June	23	CHELKER to ADDINGHAM.	Botanical Section
June	27 -28	BUCKDEN.	General
June	30	LANGBAR	Ornithological Section Leader: Mrs. T. Hardy
July	4	BOLTON WOODS.	Botanical Section
July	21	Meeting for Records and Specimen Display	

The excursions to Askham Bog and Arnside were very much enjoyed, and we are grateful to Miss Rob who conducted our party over the property of the Yorkshire Naturalists' Trust at Askham. The financial loss on these excursions was rather disappointing and we hope for fuller support next summer.

May we thank Mrs. Hardy for showing us round Langbar, and Mr. Marjoram for an enjoyable evening spent at Riffa with members of the Otley Naturalists' Society.

The weekend spent at Buckden proved very profitable and the party explored as far as Fleet Moss, adding to the season's records.

Members of the Ornithological Section have continued their activities at the Bird Ringing Trap, details of which appear in the Ornithological Records.

It was with regret that we said good-bye to Miss E.M. Brown in the summer. As Secretary and Botanical Recorder she made a valuable contribution to the development and progress of the Society. We wish her all happiness in her married life.

Once again we thank all those who by their interest in the Society have helped to make 1953 a successful year, and especially the Editor of the Ilkley Gazette for publishing reports of the meetings.

#### BOTANICAL SECTION

##### SPRING

##### Early flowering dates:

Jan. 1	Barren Strawberry	A.E.P.
Feb. 22	Hazel (male)	A.C.M.D.
Feb. 26	Coltsfoot	A.E.P.
Mar. 1	Celandine	A.C.M.D.
	Moschatel	J.C.
	Daisy	J.C.
	Alder	J.C.

##### SUMMER

Many plants this summer grew abnormally tall, the most noticeable being those of Prickly sow thistle (over 7 feet in height, A.E.P.) and Musk thistle growing luxuriantly in the hedgerows.

##### AUTUMN.

Ash keys were abundant and sycamore fruits good.

The very mild weather prolonged the flowering period of many plants, especially those of N.O. Compositae.

##### Late flowering dates: J.E.B.

Nov. 8	Foxglove	
Nov. 15	Common Sow thistle	
	Prickly sow thistle	
	Nipplewort	
	Dandelion	
	Groundsel	
	Ragwort	
	Marsh thistle	
Nov. 24	White deadnettle	
Dec. 6	Rose Campion	
	Creeping Buttercup	
Dec. 9	Daisy	
Dec. 27	Hazel (male), early for next season.	E.G.

NEW RECORDS FOR THE SOCIETY

The following species were recorded by the Society for the first time in 1953.

Reseda luteola (Dyer's rocket)	Ben Rhydding	K.C.C.
Acer campestre (Field maple)	Denton	J.E.B.
Hippocrepis comosa (Horse shoe vetch)	Grassington	J.E.B.
Aegopodium podagaria (Gout weed)	Ben Rhydding	J.E.B.
Lathraea squamaria (Toothwort)		J.C.
Neottia nidus-avis (Bird's nest orchid)	Bolton Woods	
Orchis Fuchsii	Hubberholme	
Habenaria conopsea (Fragrant Orchid)	Hubberholme	
Habenaria conopsea form alba	Hubberholme	
Glyceria fluitans (Flote grass)	Buckden	
Selaginella selaginelloides	Yockenthwaite	

NEW STATION

Epilobium pedunculare Bolton Abbey M.D.  
This plant was previously recorded from Ilkley Moor (Spicey Ghyll and Backstone Beck).

CORRECTION

The Water figwort found at Denton and recorded in 1952 as Scrophularia aquatica has now been confirmed as Scrophularia umbrosa. The two species are much alike, but differing in their stamirodes. The correct record therefore reads -

Scrophularia umbrosa Denton 1952, Kilnsey 1953.

I am indebted to Mr. Malins Smith for help in this matter, and to Miss Rob for confirming identification of other species.

KEY TO INITIALS.

Miss J. E. Bartle	K. C. Crosbie
Miss J. Clarkson	A. C. M. Duncan
Miss M. Dalby	A. E. Pullan
Miss E. Gill	

J. E. BARTLE,

Recorder.

ENTOMOLOGICAL SECTION

1953.

April	22	Small Tortoiseshell	Ilkley	G. R. Frost
May	5	Large and Small White	"	"
		Sprawler Moth	Bolton Abbey	Rev. C. F. Tomlinson
June	8	Small Heaths	Ilkley	G. R. Frost
	9	Orange Tip	"	"
	14	Poplar Hawk Moth	Myddleton	
	23	Oak Eggar Moth	Ilkley Moor	G. R. Frost
	24	Common Blue	Ilkley	"
	28	Eyed Hawk Moth	"	A. E. Pullan
	30	Several Common Blues	"	G. R. F.
July	11	Brimstone Butterfly	"	Miss N. Saunders
	20	Red Admiral	"	"
	22	Antler Moth	"	"
	27	Dark Arches Moth		Miss M. Bartle
Aug.	1	Painted Lady	Ben Rhydding	"
	3	Tawny Speckled Pug Moth	Ilkley	Miss N. Saunders
	4	Burnished Brass Moth	"	"
	5	Yellow Underwing Moth	"	Miss M. Bartle
	8	Green Veined white	"	Miss N. Saunders
	9	Cockchafer	"	"
	12	Shaded Broad Bar Moth	"	Miss M. Bartle
	13	Old Lady Moth	"	Miss N. Saunders
	15	Silver Ground Carpet Moth	"	"
Aug.	15	Scalloped Oak Moth	"	Miss M. Bartle
	17	Cream Wave Moth	"	Miss N. Saunders
	17	Birch Mocha Moth	"	"
	24	Field Cricket	"	"
	31	Devil's Coach Horse	"	"
Sept.	2	Grass Hoppers	"	"
	2	Sarcophaga Carnaria	"	"
	2	Ear Moth	"	Miss M. Bartle

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Entomological Section - continued

Sept. 8	Red Admiral	Ilkley	G. R. Frost
9	Peacock	"	Miss N. Saunders
28	Silver Y Moth	"	Miss J. Bartle
24	Death's Head Hawk Moth	Myddleton	

1953.

Species Recorded.

Butterflies.

Small White  
 Large White  
 Green-veined White  
 Orange Tip  
 Small Tortoiseshell  
 Small Heath  
 Common Blue  
 Brimstone  
 Red Admiral  
 Painted Lady  
 Peacock

Moths.

Sprawler  
 Poplar Hawk  
 Oak Eggar  
 Eyed Hawk  
 Antler  
 Dark Arches  
 Tawny Speckled Pug  
 Burnished Brass  
 Yellow Underwing  
 Shaded Broad Bar  
 Old Lady  
 Silver Ground Carpet  
 Scalloped Oak  
 Cream Wave  
 Birch Mocha  
 Ear  
 Silver Y  
 Death's Head Hawk  
 Sweep

Devil's Coach Horse Cockchafer  
 Sarcophaga Carnaria Field Cricket  
 Grass Hopper

G. R. FROST.  
 Recorder.

GEOLOGICAL SECTION.

The two official evening excursions of the Geology Section were this year remarkable in one respect - the weather was ideal on both occasions!

During the first excursion on April 14th, evidence of the Backstone Beck fault and its associated movements were observed and the significance of distinctive features - (e.g. very large quartz and some felspar pebbles) of the sandstone exposed in the disused quarries around Cow and Calf was pondered upon. An excursion undertaken in G.M.T. but limited daylight was compensated by the view from Cow and Calf Rocks at dusk when the river was mapped by afterglow reflections among the twinkling valley lights.

On May 6th more field work was done in the Middleton area. Shales around Pomona were examined and the grit outcrop to a point near "The Hollies" where it is being undercut by the weathering of the shales beneath it.

The progress of the boring near Ben Rhydding bridge has been followed with great interest by members of the Geology Section. Its negative result has added interest to the Middleton field work.

A. Stanfield,  
Recorder.

VERTEBRATE SECTION

March	11	Stoat	Ilkley	N.S.
April	2	Two grey squirrels	"	N.S.
April	15	Hedgehog	"	N.S.
July	1	Grey squirrel	"	N.S.
July	20	Stoat	"	N.S.
July	30	Brown Hare	Bolton Woods	N.S.
Aug.	12	Hedgehog	Ilkley	N.S.
Aug.	26	Hedgehog	"	N.S.
Oct.	3	Two grey Squirrels	"	N.S.
Oct.	10	Hedgehog	"	N.S.
Dec.	1	Hedgehog	Weston	W.F.F.

Key to initials:

Miss N. Saunders, W.F. Fearnley.

H. Marjoram,  
Recorder.



ORNITHOLOGICAL SECTION

RECORDER: W.F. Fearnley

- Carrion Crow: Not uncommon; numbers seem to have been maintained.
- Rook: Several rookeries in the Ilkley district appear to have expanded.
- Jackdaw: No difference in status noted. One ringed at Burley, E.S.S
- Magpie: The increase noted in previous years does not appear to have been maintained. ACMD heard one apparently disturbed by a Tawny owl on two nights in October.
- Jay: Small party at Lindley Nov. 15th WFF. Occasionally at Denton. K.C.C.
- Starling: The flocks in the evenings in autumn fly westwards but no roost has been located.
- Hawfinch: Continues to be noted sparingly in the Ilkley area HJW, OMP, and one was seen at Sicklinghall on Feb. 28th HEA. One seen at Bolton Abbey on W.N.S. outing on May 12th ACMD.
- Greenfinch: Like a number of other species, so common that no one has sent in any notes. ESS has ringed nestlings.
- Goldfinch: Seems to be increasing slightly. Up to 20 at a time have been seen repeatedly on waste ground in Victoria Avenue during September and October. H.J.W. There were 7 at Burley on Aug. 11th ESS. and a nest was built in ESS's garden at Burley. The same observer also saw 12 at Lindley on October 11th, K.C.C. saw one at Ben Rhydding on Dec. 28th.
- Siskin: Must have been less in evidence this year as few records have been received. H.M. saw a small flock at Riffa on Dec. 16th.
- Lesser Redpoll: Winter flocks include 12 at Ben Rhydding filter beds on Jan. 4th ESS. and a small flock at Farnley on Jan. 24th CGB. From March to June a pair visited OMP's garden and were seen to feed on seeds of dandelion. Also feeding on thistle seeds on waste land, Victoria Avenue HJW.
- Linnet: Frequently seen throughout the year.
- Bullfinch: A number of pairs sparsely spread over the district, mostly seen in gardens often in the same place day after day whilst food supply (e.g. yellow poppy seeds) lasts. Two have been ringed at W.N.S. trap.
- Chaffinch: Abundant. Full song noted on February 26th by HJW. A white bird seen near Ilkley Post Office in Nov. M.B. One ringed Sept. 1950 was recovered Jan. 1951 and Nov. 1953.
- Brambling: Not so many round here this winter, only record comes from Sicklinghall on Feb. 28th HEA. six birds.

- Corn Bunting: None seen west of Pool Bridge; a bird singing during summer by roadside near Riffa Cafe. H.J.W. WFF. OMP.
- Yellow Bunting: Fairly common in suitable places. First song heard on April 11th near trap. ESS.
- Reed Bunting: Seen regularly in likely places.
- House Sparrow: Very common in built-up area; even isolated farm houses have their quota of these and flocks of 100 or more spend much time amongst ripening crops in the field.
- Tree Sparrow: Very few. One particular part of Denton has held a small colony for years.
- Tree Pipit: Numbers as usual. First date May 10th HJW.
- Meadow Pipit: One of our most common birds on the moors.
- Yellow Wagtail: Fairly common especially near the river. First noted April 11th near trap. ESS.
- Grey Wagtail: Scattered pairs along the rivers and streams; one often seen near trap OMP.
- Pied Wagtail: A few winter with us, but numbers are greatly increased during the summer, the filter beds are favourite feeding grounds. ESS. saw an unusually large number at Ben Rhydding filter beds on Sept. 6th.
- Tree Creeper: Scattered throughout the woods and gardens but not abundant.
- Nuthatch: Scarce in the Ilkley district; always found at Harewood. On June 12th a pair with young were seen in Bolton Abbey Woods KH.
- Cole Tit: HJW. had one coming regularly to his bird table in Oakburn Road in January.
- Marsh Tit: Seen occasionally in woods and coppices. CGB. reports a few in Farnley Park on Jan. 24th. Two were ringed at W.N.S. trap on Nov. 21st by ESS.
- Long-tailed Tit: Not rare but by no means plentiful. KCC noted a pair at Denton on April 15th. Miss P. saw some in Wheatley Lane on March 25th. and OMP. had some in her garden during Oct., Nov. and Dec. Also seen at Farnley, Askwith etc., HJW. A flock at Riffa on Dec. 17th HM.
- Great Grey Shrike: A sporadic winter visitor. One was seen between Addingham & Bolton Abbey on April 23rd. OMP. HJW. WFF.
- Spotted Flycatcher: First date May 14th. last date August 23rd. both at Burley ESS. A fairly common nesting species in the district.
- Chiff Chaff: One at Farnley Lake on April 8th. HJW. OMP. WFF. One at Fewston July 7th ESS. Also heard in Bolton Woods on several occasions.
- Garden Warbler: At Burley May 11th. ESS.

- Willow Warbler: First seen on April 11th near the trap ESS. A pair nested in a clump of pinks in HJW's garden. Most common of the warblers in our district.
- Wood Warbler: First heard on April 3rd in Panorama Woods OMP. Often heard Panorama Woods, Hebers Ghyll, Farnley, Bolton Woods etc.
- Common Whitethroat: Seen near trap on April 25th. HJW. last seen there on Sept. 6th ESS.
- Fieldfare: Last seen at Burley April 28th ESS. first autumn arrivals Oct. 13th OMP. Not seen in the large flocks as is usual. AOMD and others have reported birds singing in mid November.
- Song Thrush: AOMD and others have reported birds singing in mid November.
- Redwing: Small flock at Ilkley on Oct. 13th. ESS. Large flocks seen early in the year, but very few noted since the autumn migration.
- Blackbird: One retrapped on December 6th 1953 has been caught each year since it was ringed in 1951.
- Ring Ousel: First seen April 6th Ilkley Moor. H.R. Two nests containing young were ringed on Burley Moor ESS.
- Wheatear: Several seen on Kex Ghyll Moor on April 3rd. OMP. HJW. WFF. A pair with young ones mobbing a little Owl at Denton on June 14th. OMP. HJW. WFF.
- Redstart: First seen on April 22nd Denton. OMP. HJW. WFF. 8 birds ringed during the year.
- Swallow: First reported April 8th, on Ilkley Golf Course. OMP. Eight ringed during year. Nos. appeared less than in 1952.
- House Martin: No definite reports but some members feel that from their observations there were not quite as many birds as in previous years.
- Sand Martin: First noted near trap on April 11th ESS. On three nights in August birds were ringed by torch light; altogether 50 birds were ringed in this way.
- Swift: Arrived at Otley Mills May 5th. WFF.
- Nightjar: No records received.
- Kingfisher: Not infrequently seen on the Wharfe and Washburn. Two at Esscroft Dec. 20th. E.G.
- Green Woodpecker: Reported near Fewston on Jan. 9th CGB. Nested successfully in Panorama Woods OMP. HJW. Regularly seen near trap; two there on Nov. 29th. EG.
- Great Spotted Woodpecker: One near trap on Jan. 4th ESS. One in Wheatley Lane April 1st. Miss Page. A Pair clinging to telephone post near Victoria Avenue late Sept. HJW.

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker:

Seen at Beamsley Jan. 20th GH. One at Swinsty Sept. 27th. ESS.

Cuckoo:

First record at Farnley April 25th HEA. One nestling ringed at Bolton Abbey. ESS.

Little Owl:

It now appears to be well established in the district. A pair reared young in a hole in a dry wall at Langbar GH. A family of 5 seen at Denton; we were informed by farmer that they had nested in a hole in a tree on his land.

Tawny Owl:

Not uncommon in the district.

Barn Owl:

One at Ben Rhydding filter beds Feb. 1st ESS. One with damaged wing caught by boy at Cocken End March 3rd. Seen by OMP but later died.

Merlin:

One seen apparently mobbing a Carrion Crow over Lindley Moor Oct. 11th WFF.

Kestrel:

No record but seen from time to time.

Buzzard:

One in Leathley district during Oct. Nov. Dec. being seen by J.A. Forder (keeper) on many occasions and once by HM.

Sparrow Hawk:

Not as common as a few years ago, no nests reported.

Common Heron:

One seen at Ben Rhydding bridge Oct. 25th EG. In small numbers from one to nine in Denton low pastures from time to time WFF. Also seen Farnley Lake and the Washburn Valley reservoirs.

Whooper Swan:

11 seen Fewston reservoir Jan. 11th & Feb. 8th. CGB. Several on Fewston reservoir Nov. 8th CGB. A pair with a juvenile standing near shore Swinsty reservoir Nov. 29th whilst eight more flew above. WFF. OMP.

Mute Swan:

A pair nested successfully in Otley Gravel Pits and the family were often seen on the river adjoining Otley Park where they were fed by the local residents WFF. 10 on Farnley Lake Dec. 28th ESS.

Grey Goose: (Species unknown) 40 flew N.W. over Ilkley Jan. 20th CGB.

Pink-Footed Goose:

57 over Middleton Jan. 3rd CGB. 16 over Esscroft Dec. 12th ESS. A Number over Ilkley Dec. 6th. CGB.

Canada Goose:

10 at Fewston Feb. 8th CGB. 8 on Swinsty Feb. 27th. 13 on Swinsty Nov. 28th CGB. Still there Nov. 29th WFF.

For full details of Ducks - see Wild Fowl Census

Mallard:

Large numbers on Washburn reservoirs in autumn and winter. 400 on Swinsty Dec. 28th ESS. Also seen at various times on the river, Chelker, and Farnley Lake etc.

Teal:

Small flocks on Washburn reservoirs. Usually up to 50 on Denton Lake. 60 on Farnley Lake Dec. 28th ESS.

- Wigeon: Usually to be seen on all Washburn Valley reservoirs; a flock of 30 upwards appears to keep to Swinsty, although a flock of 74 was reported from there on Dec.28th by ESS.
- Pintail: 5 seen on Swinsty by CGB Nov.28th. One seen there Dec. 28th ESS.
- Shoveler: 9 on Lindley reservoir Sept. 27th ESS.
- Pochard: Generally to be seen on Washburn reservoirs Autumn and Winter. 53 males 4 females Swinsty Dec.28th ESS.
- Tufted Duck: Seen regularly on all Washburn reservoirs during autumn and winter. 33 on Lindley Dec.28th ESS. Also seen at Chelker, OMP.
- Scaup: A drake on Swinsty Dec. 28th ESS.
- Golden Eye: Usually small numbers in autumn and winter on Washburn reservoirs. 14 Swinsty Feb.28th this is the top limit WFF. 6 on river Wharfe Ben Rhydding Jan.14th ESS. 2 Mickle Ing in Dec.WFF.
- Goosander: Often seen on Washburn Reservoirs during winter. 2 to 6 on Swinsty during Jan. & February. 7 on Wharfe at Ben Rhydding Feb. 8th CGB. 2 on Swinsty Dec.28th ESS.
- Gannet: One emaciated bird came down on Otley Filter beds early Sept. RAWP.
- Great Crested Grebe: Pairs have nested or attempted to nest on all the Washburn reservoirs but no young have been seen this year. WFF.
- Little Grebe: Seems to come on to certain stretches of river for the autumn and winter months. One seen Middleton and Castley CGB. One seen regularly at Mickle Ing WFF.
- Ring Dove: Widespread but no notes.
- Curlew: Returned to Burley Moor February 27th HJW.
- Woodcock: One roding at Riffa Jan.6th HM. 2 roding near Crum Wheel April 20th. ACMD. 1 roding at Farnley April 19th HEA.
- Dunlin: 3 at Grimwith reservoir Aug.9th ESS.
- Common Sandpiper: First seen near Beanlands Island April 10th HJW.
- Green Sandpiper: One at Castley Oct.24th HM. One at Ben Rhydding Filter beds Aug.23rd. ESS.
- Redshank: A pair arrived at Esscroft Mar.6th KCC.
- Greenshank: One seen Ben Rhydding filter beds Aug.23rd and Sept.6th ESS
- Ring Plover: 8 seen at Grimwith reservoir Sept.6th KCC. 2 there Aug. 9th ESS. One at Lindley Sept.20th ESS.
- Golden Plover: 14 Lodge Hill Jan.19th CGB. 120 at Pool Feb.8th CGB.
- Lapwings: A number of juveniles have been ringed,ESS.

Oyster Catcher: Two at Esscroft Nov.16th, EG.  
Black-headed Gull: A Number of nestlings ringed at Grimwith by ESS.  
Herring Gull: A few occasionally seen at Swinsty.  
Lesser Black-backed Gull: Numbers come on to Swinsty reservoir at dusk apparently to roost autumn and winter. WFF.  
Corncrake: One was caught, examined and released Denton Oct.5th, FB. the only one reported to us in the district this year.  
Water Rail: One frequented a small stream at Lindley during Oct. and Nov. JF.  
Coot: Over 90 at Farnley Dec.6th, ESS.  
Pheasant: An almost black variety at Lindley November, OMP.  
Blackcap: Nested successfully at Riffa, HM.  
Sedge Warbler: Nested successfully on Beanlands Island, EG.  
Dipper: Common in our district. 2 nestlings ringed at Bolton Abbey, ESS.

List of Initials:-

ESS.	Mr. Edward Skinner
ACMD.	Mr. Duncan
WFF.	Mr. W. F. Fearnley
KCC.	Dr. Crosby
HJW.	Mr. H. J. Williamson
OMP.	Mrs. O.M. Pennock
HEA	Mr. Adamson
HM.	Mr. H. Marjoram
CGB.	Mr. C.G. Booth
MB.	Miss M. Bartle.
Miss P.	Miss Page
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FB.	Mr. F. Ball
RAWP.	Dr. Proctor
JAF.	Mr. Forder