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Notes and News.

We have been notified that, owing to new paper control regulations, the size of "The Hulmeian" must be limited to twelve inside pages. This, of course, raises serious questions about the amount of matter we may print, and we have attempted to solve the difficulty by using the next smaller size of type.

We welcome to the School Miss V. Newnham, B.A. (Classics), Lady Margaret College, Oxford, who joined the Staff at the beginning of this term.

L. Robertson has won the Hulme Schools' Scholarship at Brasenose College, Oxford.

Manchester University Degrees and Examinations:

Honours School of Chemistry, Part I.: C. H. W. Hirs.

Second M.B., Ch.B. (Anatomy and Physiology): D. A. MacLeod, N. W. Preston.

Third M.B., Ch.B. (Pathology and Bacteriology): W. V. Wadsworth; (Pharmacology): R. B. Fitzgerald, A. H. C. Ratliff.

Degree of B.D.S. Final Examination: P. H. Taylor; Third Examination (Dental Anatomy and Histology): P. W. Carnie.

Diploma in Dentistry, Final Examination: D. A. E. Chambers; Final Examination (Dental Materia and Pharmacology): D. Burke.

B.Sc. (Engineering) Honours, First Class: J. Kettlewell.

At Leeds University C. T. Hough has passed the Second M.B., Ch.B. Examination.

L. Robertson has been made captain of the First Cricket Team, with D. J. Price as vice-captain.

First Team Lacrosse Colours have been awarded to F. D. Bell, F. A. Spooncer, E. G. Williams, C. H. Nesbitt, D. Buckland, E. P. Cosslett, M. Hazell.

First Team Football Colours to F. D. Bell, J. B. Roberts, G. T. Shirlin, G. S. Todd, C. H. Nesbitt, D. K. Partington, F. A. Spooncer, E. G. Williams, E. P. Cosslett.

The Founder's Day service was held in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. on January 26th, when the address was given by the Lord Bishop of Manchester.

Harvest Camps are again being held during the summer holidays at Grange-over-Sands and in Worcestershire. The need for workers is more pressing than ever this year, and every boy who can possibly do so should make a great effort to devote at least part of the holiday to this work of national importance.

Calendar for Midsummer Term:—

The term will begin on Tuesday, May 4th, at nine o'clock.

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Thursday, June 10th, at noon, to Thursday, June 24th, at nine o'clock.

Midsummer term will end on Monday, July 26th, at 4 o'clock.

BIRTHS.

HAWLEY.—On December 6th, 1942, at Lorna Lodge, West Didsbury, to Nora, wife of Norman E. Hawley, a son.

OLDCORN.—On December 9th, at The Cedars, Ewyas Harold Hereford, to Olwyn, wife of Kenneth I. Oldcorn, a son.

ROBINSON.—On March 18th, 1943, to Jean, wife of Lieutenant Alan I. Robinson, a daughter. 24, Sandown Drive, Sale.

MARRIAGE.

HARROLD—WEBB.—On February 17th, 1943, at St. James's Church, Gatley, NORMAN (Lieut., late Royal Artillery), only son of Mrs. and the late Arthur Harrold, of Gatley, to EILEEN, youngest daughter of Major and Mrs. H. A. Webb, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

DEATHS.

ROBERTS.—In November, 1942, Sub-Lieutenant J. D. W. ROBERTS, R.N.V.R. aged 24 years, dearly loved husband of Maude F. Roberts, of 62, St. Werburgh's Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, and younger beloved son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Roberts, of 2, Clovelly Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy. Reported missing, presumed killed in action.

JONES.—On December 31st, result of flying accident in the United States, PHILIP, Flying Officer, R.A.F., younger son of Elizabeth and Ernest Jones, of Wilmslow.

FISON.—January 8th, 1943, killed on active service, aged 37, Sergeant K. WILFRED Y. FISON, R.A.F.V.R., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Fison, Broadleaze, Seaford.

PAYNE.—On February 8th, suddenly, SYDNEY PAYNE, the dear husband of Lillie Payne, of 50, Brownsville Road (formerly Prince's Road), Heaton Moor.

Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

The annual collection was gathered in this year in January, and its final total was £297 5s. 0d. A letter of thanks has been received by the Headmaster from the Club President, Sir Christopher Needham.

The following are the form collections:—

Form.	Amount.	Average per head.
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6 S.U.	9 8 8	11 10
6 C.M.L.	10 2 0	9 7
6 S.L.	11 13 5	14 7
5 A	16 0 4	10 0
5 B	15 2 6	14 5
5 C	7 16 6	7 5
4 A	12 4 0	10 2
4 B	10 13 6	8 6
3 A	16 7 9	12 2
3 B	11 13 6½	11 8
3 C	9 5 5½	6 9
2 A	13 13 0	10 6
2 B	11 15 0	11 2
2 C	9 8 10	9 0
1 A	13 5 9	2 1
1 B	21 8 2	13 0
1 C	22 16 0	13 10
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Preparatory Dept.	34 13 6	9 11

D. M. P.

Old Hulmeians serving with H.M. Forces.

Since our last issue several Old Boys have been awarded Honours and we should like, in the name of the School, to offer them our congratulations.

Lieutenant-Colonel R. W. Lymer has been awarded the D.S.O. and the M.B.E., and has been appointed Assistant Quartermaster-General to the Eighth Army.

Lieutenant (Acting Captain) James Mark, Intelligence Corps, serving in the Middle East, has been awarded the M.B.E.. We have not, as yet, had any particulars of the good work that brought these honours, but we hope to have further information soon.

Squadron Leader T. G. Moore has gained the D.F.C., and we quote here the official citation from the *Gazette*: "As captain of aircraft this officer has taken part in many operational sorties, including attacks on Berlin, Hamburg, and the Ruhr valley. Throughout he has shown great devotion to duty, and his cheerful spirit in the face of difficulties has been an inspiration to all."

In December we spoke of the award of the D.F.C. to Pilot Officer W. C. Walton, but at the time we were without the full particulars. The *London Gazette* of 4th December, 1942, says: "Since July,

1942, this officer has destroyed at least four enemy aircraft and damaged others. One day, in October, 1942, when he was flying with the squadron, a formation of six enemy bombers, escorted by twenty fighters, was sighted approaching Malta. He immediately attacked the bombers and they broke away. By skilful manœuvring Pilot Officer Walton made a head-on attack on one Junkers 88, which he destroyed. During a period of intense aerial activity over Malta large enemy formations frequently attempted to attack the island. On many occasions this officer, by his skilful interception, forced the enemy bombers to turn back before releasing their bombs. Pilot Officer Walton has displayed conspicuous gallantry, and his fearlessness and fine fighting spirit have been exemplary."

In publishing the following list we feel we must express our indebtedness to all who have written and thereby helped to keep our records as up-to-date as possible.

The date given is the year of leaving School.

Barber, E. S. (1938), R.N.
 Barritt, G. E. (1939), R.A.F.
 Bowman, K. R. (1939) Lieutenant, R.N.
 Breton, P. M. (1940), R.A.F.
 Briggs, F. J. (1939), R.A.F.
 Bullivant, N. G. (1943), P.T.W.
 Burnett, E. S. (1940), R.A.F.
 Butler, E. C. P. (1930), Lieutenant, A.T. Regiment, R.A.
 Cannell, J. E. (1939), R.A.F.
 Castle, D. G. (1939), Royal Corps of Signals.
 Cooper, F. W. (1939), R.N.
 Eaton, D. R. (1935), O.C.T.U., R.A.
 Edwards, H. G. (1940), R.A.F.
 Embleton, H. (1939), Lieutenant, Royal Marines.
 Flinn, P. T. (1938), Merchant Navy.
 Gill, G. F. (1938), R.A.F.
 Glover, W. (1921), R.A.C., Indian Army.
 Goodwin, H. (1940), R.A.F.
 Hall, E. G. (1940), O.C.T.U.
 Halton, J. R. (1937), R.A.F.
 Hubbert, E. (1940), R.A.F.
 Hughes, J. G. K. (1943), R.A.C.
 Jackson, A. (1940), Royal Marines.
 Lewin, G. (1937), R.A.F.
 Lockwood, A. C. (1940), Infantry Training Centre.
 Mair, W. J. (1939), R.N.
 Massey, K. (1925), Major, R.I.A.S.C.
 Milne, H. M. (1940), R.A.F.
 Miller, J. (1940), R.A.C.
 Mitton, A. (1927), Lieutenant, Royal Corps of Signals.
 Moore, E. (1939), Pilot Officer, R.A.F.
 Onions, R. A. (1943), Trooper, R.A.C.
 Pear, R. H. (1934), R.A.
 Priest, H. S. (1939), Pilot Officer, R.A.F.
 Riley, A. (1936), to Sub-Lieutenant, Fleet Air Arm.
 Seddon, T. W. (1938), Sergeant, R.A.F.
 Sherratt, D. (1925), R.N.
 Smith, I. J. (1940), Petty Officer, R.N.
 Sparkes, G. J. H. (1940), O.C.T.U.
 Webster, G. (1939), R.A.F.
 White, J. C. (1943), P.T.W.
 Woodward, H. C. (1917), R.A.F.

PROMOTIONS, APPOINTMENTS, TRANSFERS, ETC.

Abraham, H. J. (1941), to Sub-Lieutenant, Fleet Air Arm.
 Battersby, G. W. (1941), from Able Seaman to Sub-Lieut., R.N.
 Buckley, H. (1930), to Lieutenant-Paymaster, R.A.P.C.
 Clarke, F. (1938), to Lieutenant, Oxford and Bucks L.I.
 Cole, A. R. (1939), to Sub-Lieutenant, R.N.
 Collins, R. M. (1939), to Lieutenant, Royal Corps of Signals
 Curtis, W. T. (1939), to Lieutenant, R.A.S.C.
 Erskine, D. (1937), to Captain, Intelligence Corps.
 Fowler, P. G. (1939), to Second Lieutenant, D.L.I.
 Ginever, D. F. E. (1942), to Sub-Lieutenant, R.N.
 Halliday, L. R. (1934), to Pilot Officer, R.A.F.
 Howard, J. R. (1934), to Pilot Officer, R.A.F.
 Mark, James (1932), to Acting Captain, Intelligence Corps.
 Moore, T. G., D.F.C. (1934), to Squadron Leader, R.A.F.
 Morrison, R. (Staff, 1940), to Captain, Intelligence Corps.
 Nicholls, G. H. (1933), to Lieutenant, R.A.
 Oddy, V. (1923), to Lieutenant-Commander, R.N.V.R. (A).
 Parsons, A. T. (Staff, 1940), to Captain, Royal Fusiliers.
 Prideaux, R. A. (1933), to Lieutenant, Anti-Aircraft.
 Rickards, J. G. (1928), to Major, R.A.
 Ruddlesdin, K. J. (1938), Sergeant, R.A.F., has been made Acting First Officer, British Airways.
 Seddon, D. R. (1935), Transferred from the Manchester Regt. to R.A.C. and promoted Lieutenant.
 Stacey, K. (1936), to Second Lieutenant, Indian Army.
 Stark, K. A. (1939), to Lieutenant, R.A.C.
 Storry, J. G. (1939), to Second Lieutenant, King's Own.
 Thorp, A. (1937), to Second Lieutenant, Devonshire Regiment.
 Vipond, J. M. (1937), to Second Lieutenant, Indian Army.
 Warner, J. V. (Staff, 1939), to Major, Royal Corps of Signals.
 Williams, G. M. (1938), to Sergeant-Observer, R.A.F.

CASUALTIES, PRISONERS OF WAR, ETC.

Barber, N. A. (1924), Major, R.A.S.C.
 Bradshaw, F. (1936), R.A.S.C.
 Gill, G. H. (1937), Second Radio Officer, Merchant Navy.
 Hesford, A. (1936), Lieutenant, Manchester Regiment.
 Stark, K. A. (1939), Lieutenant, R.A.C., wounded and prisoner in Italy.

Roll of Honour.

FISON, K. W. Y. (1917), Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R.
 GORTON, W. H. (1929), Pilot Officer, Observer in Bomber Command, killed in action.
 HUTCHINSON, D. E. (1936), Lieutenant, Durham Light Infantry, killed in action.
 JONES, PHILIP (1933), R.A.F.
 PERKINS, W. (1925), Sergeant Air Gunner, R.A.F. He was in business in the Argentine, but immediately war broke out he returned to this country to volunteer for service.
 SALISBURY, C. G. (1938), Pilot Officer, R.A.F.

War Victims among Old Hulmeians.

For some time past certain members of the Old Hulmeians Association have considered it very unlikely that the present war will pass without at least a few cases of very acute distress among the dependants of serving Old Boys. Indeed, we may consider ourselves fortunate as a body that such cases have not already arisen in considerable numbers. One need hardly go into details, but imagination readily conjures up the state of, say, a widow with older children to clothe, to feed and to educate who is left entirely dependant upon the tardy parsimony of the Ministry of Pensions. When more active European warfare commences again such possibilities will become daily more probable.

During the last summer the General Committee of the Association enquired into the possibility of accumulating a fund to help to meet any such cases of sudden and severe distress in the families of our serving members. Messrs. C. H. Jones, D. M. Williams and D. Ll. Griffiths were appointed as a sub-committee of the Association, and they presented a report dealing with the possibilities of raising money for this purpose. It was, however, decided that the launching of a fund of this nature is not an activity upon which the Association as such can enter unless a General Meeting should consent.

As a representative General Meeting is manifestly impossible at present, the members of the sub-committee have decided, acting purely unofficially and as private individuals, to see what response can be made to an appeal to the readers of "The Hulmeian" to support a scheme with the object of accumulating money for this purpose. In the first instance money is not being asked. No cases of dire financial need have as yet arisen amongst us as a result of the war. It is desired to anticipate the occurrences of such cases by collecting promises of sums of money, part or all of which promises will be called upon when a case or cases arise.

This scheme is not attempting anything big. Readers are, however, reminded how, after the fall of Singapore, long intervals were apt to occur between the death or capture of a soldier and the award of a pension or grant to his dependants. Such circumstances, which may well be repeated when the casualty lists begin to mount, were often accompanied by hardship so acute that the immediate grant of even twenty-five pounds from some fund which could act quickly would have made an incalculable difference. Fortunately, our own circle was spared distress of that degree, but it would be fantastic to pretend that we shall always be so immune.

Details of the administration of the scheme can hardly be entered into here and now. Cases will have to be considered on their own merits as they occur. Let us, however, realise that the preparation of such a scheme is urgent, and that it is our duty as Old Boys of the School to do our best to be prepared to soften a cruel and sudden hardship with the ready and rapid help which only a private fund can give.

Promises, which should be as large as possible, should be addressed to Mr. D. M. Williams at the School and, as already stated, money will not be called for until it is really needed.

The Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

We concluded last year's matches with an excellent game on Boxing Day on our ground against Manchester University. This match was not on the fixture list, but we had no difficulty in raising a team, and it showed us that all are keen to play in spite of these difficult times. Unfortunately, our first match this year on January 9th, against the Old Mancunians, was cancelled owing to the unsuitable condition of the ground.

With this exception the playing conditions have been good, and, as all but two of our matches have been played at home, this has proved most helpful. At the time of writing we have played nine matches, of which we have won six and lost three.

We have had more players called to the Forces, but we have been fortunate enough on occasions to have at our disposal more players than we required. We have not had any new members, but this is not surprising as the lowering of the "calling up" age has now left a very small margin of time for boys to play after leaving School.

We have had J. Buckland on leave on three occasions this year, and his attack play greatly strengthened our team.

A. W. Orr, who was unable to play for us at the beginning of this season, made a very welcome return to the side at the commencement of this year.

N. R. Coe has captained the side and has led the attack, being well backed up by S. Gill and P. Flinn. H. Milgate, also on the attack, has played some good games.

The defence has been ably assisted by A. W. Orr, L. A. Angell and G. R. Vlies.

On April 3rd there was a Lancashire v. Cheshire match at Heaton Mersey, and N. R. Coe (captain), J. Buckland, A. W. Orr and S. Gill were selected to play.

We have from time to time had the assistance of the following Old Boys whilst on leave:—A. L. Dennis, D. B. Flunder, J. C. Scammell, R. J. Young, B. T. Plaskett, J. Buckland and N. W. Flinn.

P. B. M.

RESULTS.

Jan.	16.—v. Stockport	H Won	21-3
"	23.—v. Old Waconians	A Lost	4-15
Feb.	6.—v. Old Waconians	H Won	6-5
"	13.—v. Stockport Sunday School	H Lost	5-8
"	20.—v. Old Mancunians	H Lost	5-14
"	27.—v. Old Waconians	H Won	4-3
Mar.	6.—v. Heaton Mersey	A Won	12-4
"	13.—v. Manchester University	H Won	9-7
"	20.—v. Stockport	H Won	19-8
"	27.—v. William Hulme's Grammar School	H Won	22-4

Oxford Old Hulmeians.

This term we have had some exceptionally fine weather, and this has encouraged outdoor activities. A crowd of several thousand watched the boat race against Cambridge, which was rowed at Radley, near Oxford. It was very different from the pre-war event, the course being only a mile and a quarter long; also, as it was rowed downstream and the race lasted only a little over four minutes. Oxford gained the lead at the start, and held it all the way.

Cambridge was also met at rugger, soccer, hockey and athletics, and Oxford managed to win all except the rugger.

The first Naval Cadets for the short course came up to Oxford this term; they combine training under the O.U. Naval Division with University work, in a similar manner to the R.A.F. and Army Cadets at this and other Universities. They will help to keep the Universities going in the dark days ahead when no "arts" students will be allowed to come up.

D. R. Wood is taking his clinical course at the Radcliffe Infirmary, and shifting his "digs" periodically. He plays rugger for the Oxford Medicals; among their fixtures they met the Cambridge Medicals during the term.

G. A. Weeks is still doing research in Chemistry, but is already thinking about a job, for he goes down at the end of the summer term.

J. D. Robson continues his Engineering course with the prospect of Finals at the end of next term. This and rugger seem to take up most of his time, though he sometimes finds time for a game of squash.

S. S. Wilson has joined the University Yacht Club and spends most suitable afternoons sailing the Club's 12-foot racing dinghies on a reach of the River Thames. He has even persuaded other O.H.'s to accompany him, at great risk, but they seem to enjoy it.

B. P. Topley continues his mathematical studies, but finds that he will be unable to take the full course of two years in Engineering as he had intended. Instead, he may go down after one year and return after the war to complete his work.

We say goodbye to J. P. I. Tyas, who has completed his six-months' course as a Signaller Cadet; unfortunately, he has been far too busy to appreciate the real Oxford, but we hope he has at least glimpsed it and that he may return after the war to continue his course.

We welcome next term J. M. Gilliat, who is also taking the Signaller's course.

Congratulations to L. Robertson on winning the Hulme Schools' Scholarship—the sixth holder. We feel sure he will prove to be a valuable member of B.N.C.

S. S. W.

Cambridge Old Hulmeians.

Nothing of great note has occurred this term, though everyone seems to have been very busy; S.T.C. duties, fire-watching, sport and a certain amount of work leave us all with little spare time. At the end of this term D. S. Hewet (Peterhouse) has to stay up for an extra two weeks to do S.T.C. work; at the end of the fortnight's course he is due to take his Certificate "B." J. O. Spalding (Jesus) and G. B. Warburton (Peterhouse) have to go up a week early next term in order to take a course of intensive training. All three have been putting in two four-hour parades a week during this term; Hewet of the Infantry unit regularly crawls miles through the ditches of Cambridge, while Spalding of the R.A. unit specialises in pushing a 25-pounder gun through the muddiest fields in Cambridge; Warburton of the R.E. unit is to be seen erecting bridges or else calculating how many gun-cotton slabs it would take to blow up the various bridges on the Cam.

The most notable sporting achievement is that Spalding rowed for Jesus First Boat in the Lents. Previous to the races he had spent a great deal of time on the river putting in the necessary practice. Hewet has also spent a good deal of time on the river this term, though it is doubted whether his activities have been as strenuous as those of Spalding. Warburton has played rugger for Peterhouse

on several occasions, but the necessity of attending the Engineering Laboratories to do a little work has prevented him from playing more frequently.

Despite the war the social activities of Cambridge carry on, and, although due to the war no formal meetings of the Cambridge Old Hulmeians Association have been held, informal meetings, ostensibly for the purpose of lunching or having afternoon tea, are frequent.

At the end of this term we welcomed to Cambridge H. G. Harvey and H. A. Jones, who were up for the Scholarship examinations.

G. B. W.

The Entertainments.

Encouraged by the success of last year's experiment in resuming our Tuesday afternoon entertainments in spite of war-time difficulties, another series was given this term, the first play taking place on February 22nd. Before this, however, we had ventured on a Christmas entertainment, when successful performances were given on the afternoons of Friday and Saturday, December 18th and 19th.

Early in the Midsummer term we are to have performances of "Captain Brassbound" (Shaw) and a Concert, the dates for which have yet to be fixed.

Programme :

Plays.—On Friday and Saturday, December 18th and 19th, performances of "Trial by Jury" (Gilbert and Sullivan), "Any Body" (Gordon Whitehead), and "Fat King Melon" (A. P. Herbert) were given by the School. A report will be found on another page.

Play.—February 22nd. "A Cash Concern" was presented by VI. C.M.L. This one-act play is simple in construction and undistinguished in dialogue, but very earnest in its efforts to amuse. It concerns the attempt of two schoolboys, William (J. W. N. Glover) and Timothy (T. Lawrence) to obtain extra pocket-money by setting up a hat-shop at their home, whilst their mother is in a nursing-home. The consequent complications are not very original, nor are they as amusing as intended. The entrance of Mrs. Sykes whilst the boys and others are engaged in much dressing up and scuffling is an expected surprise. The best performance was given by F. A. Stone as Miss Murgatroyd; he was convincing in the most undignified circumstances. Otherwise the acting was patchy, although G. Lees was quite successful in the part of Mrs. Sykes. One feels that the talents of Mr. Parren and VI. C.M.L. could have been more worthily employed than in this piece, whose best "line" was obviously a topical interpolation by the producer. Other parts:—

Simpson Senior—D. Gibson; Marmaduke—G. A. Anderson; Tomkins—P. B. Wightman.

Lecture.—March 2nd. The subject was "Lacrosse" and the lecturer was Mr. Barber. One would have thought that there was comparatively little to be learnt about a game so young as lacrosse, but Mr. Barber's talk, which began with a short history of the game, was instructive to novice and adept alike. An excellently-drawn plan of the lacrosse field did not tempt Mr. Barber to embark upon a dull exposition of the rules. His talk was rather a collection of hints on play and on the care of the 'crosse (so called because of its resemblance to a bishop's crozier). Perhaps even the members of the 1st team learnt something from this lecture.

Play.—March 9th. "Unhampered," by Ronald Mackenzie, was played by IV. B. Plays about schools are numerous, and some are good, but surely none other can claim to have included in its structure "a detective story in blank verse." The first and third acts are conventional, but the second act sometimes attains unexpected heights of burlesque. A. Wilson (Dickenson), N. I. Cross (Cranbury), and I. A. Carter (Higgins) made adequate schoolboys, but as John Darton, Lord Eustace Maltravers, and Sir Desmond Huntingdon respectively they were much better. (Apparently the players found it easier to over-act than to act.) Perhaps the most natural performance came from H. R. Crewdson as Fortescue, the small boy with literary inclinations. Other notable points were I. A. Carter's excellent immobility as the dead Higgins, and a remarkable scream by M. R. M. Frayling (Joanna Huntingdon). Other parts: Lady Huntingdon (A. Salmon), The Cook (P. S. Boswarva), The Butler (B. D. Etchells), Sleuthund Seeker (R. A. Herz), Housemaster (J. Timmins). Play produced by Mr. Thompson.

Play.—March 16th. On this occasion III. B held the stage with "The Rose and the Ring" (Thackeray, arranged by E. E. Olson). By now, plays about kings and princes and fairies and magic are common occurrences on our stage, and this familiar one is as entertaining as any. It is in three scenes, and some of the chief characters possibly found its length rather tiring. But the acting was generally good, and enthusiasm was not lacking. P. Milgate played Valoroso XXIV., King of Paflagonia, and although in this part he was not quite as merry a monarch as in a former play, he acted intelligently and amusingly. A. Morley was a charming Fairy Blackstick, and R. Thompson (Princess Angelica) and J. J. Nesbitt (Betsinda, otherwise Rosalba) looked surprisingly feminine. A. Wilkinson (Prince Giglio) and D. A. Robertson (Countess Gruffanuff) deserve mention; D. R. Gibson (Prince Bulbo) provided vigorous amusement. Mr. Jecny, who produced the play, also struck melody from the piano.

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Rest of the Cast: The Queen, A. F. Crowther; Glumboso, P. W. Howard; Count Hedsoff, A. J. Standring; Jenkins Gruffanuff, R. W. Douglas; Jacky, A. J. Hindle; Susan, A. Sidebotham; Head Nurse, J. D. Wightman.

Play.—March 23rd. This compact little thriller, "Shivering Shocks," by Clemence Dane, was well presented by 3A, and its complications were not made obscure by indecisive acting. The business of the obscure formula and "a foreign power" is indeed topical to-day. P. Salt was most effective as Captain Dallas, V.C., D.S.O.; B. A. Maguire (Granville Hughes, B.Sc.) seemed a sufficiently agitated scientist, although his short-windedness was almost too convincing. B. T. Gibson as "Rowley" assumed what must surely be the best Cockney accent produced by a member of the Junior School for some time; he was also excellent in other respects, except for a slight surfeit of staggering. "The Shepherd" (D. Ogden) was a simple but very wicked crook. Kysh the butler, and Dawson were played by A. M. Bell and D. M. Schlapp respectively. The play was produced by Miss Green.

"TRIAL BY JURY."

It is several years since an opera of any kind was presented on the School stage, and one would have thought that the divers difficulties of rehearsal and production would prove insuperable at the present time. But the industry and enthusiasm of performers, orchestra and producer were, on this occasion, suitably rewarded by the sincere appreciation shown by the audience.

"Trial by Jury," brief though it is, demonstrates admirably the blending of verbal and musical excellence which is typical of the Gilbert and Sullivan partnership, and in Mr. Parren's production neither melody nor wit was neglected in favour of the other. The orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Williams, rendered, more than adequately, the lilting pleasantness of the music, and never became strident in the more dramatic passages. The singers tried, without exception, to give Gilbert's words their full value without obscuring the tune. The Headmaster took the part of the Learned Judge (and, as Gilbert says, "a good judge too"); he sang well, and with all the humour which the part demands. G. E. Marsden, as the Defendant, was pleasant in voice and in bearing, and so, too, was F. S. Sutcliffe as the Plaintiff, although the latter's voice is, unfortunately, not possessed of great carrying quality. The Counsel for the Plaintiff (D. Gibson) was tuneful and restrained, and the Usher (P. B. Wightman) showed a good sense of comedy. A. W. Peers was the worthy Foreman of a jury of unparalleled unanimity. In song and gesture these gentlemen were indeed excellent. The Bridesmaids, too, were decorative

and disciplined, and the large chorus, although often a little untidy, convinced us of their interest in the case before the court.

The whole wardrobe was supervised, and the Bridesmaid's dresses were cleverly designed by Miss Denton and Miss Slater.

"ANY BODY."

"Any Body," by Gordon Whitehead, is not a great one-act play, and it suffers from an unsatisfying climax. But, as produced by Mr. Brierley and as acted by a clever and vigorous cast, it made very good entertainment. Mr. Brierley, as Bond, an expansive and amusing publican, gave a polished performance; he was well supported by Tom (E. Collier), who made the best possible use of his comic ability, in spite of a tendency to over-act. Mr. X. (G. S. Hall) was an angularly mysterious, if somewhat subdued, stranger. J. C. White, as P. C. Tapp, was delightfully inefficient, and Bate, the postman (M. Broady) strode effectively upon his official errand. G. D. Hansom contributed a realistic study of an old man reluctant to leave a public-house, and P. H. Richards, P. Grantham, D. Watkinson, and J. B. Roberts were convincing villagers.

On the whole, the players, although handicapped by a slight and improbable plot, were completely successful in causing us to wonder with apprehension what Mr. X.'s sinister suitcase contained.

"FAT KING MELON."

This familiar piece by A. P. Herbert, with incidental music arranged by Dennis Arundell, is described as "a drama in five scenes." Apart from an appropriately loutish company of soldiers and sailors (D. Gibson, P. S. Hewitt, T. Lawrence, G. E. Marsden, G. W. McGuffie, D. K. Partington, A. W. Peers and P. B. Wightman), the play was acted entirely by juniors, all of whom were confident and audible. The five scenes are linked by a Prologue, who was excellently played by D. A. Ginever. B. T. Gibson, as Fairy Mumbo, spoke his curiously un-childlike lines well, and A. Morley was an irresistible Fairy Giggle. P. Milgate, who appears to make a speciality of pompous imaginary monarchs, again acted intelligently, and Princess Caraway (J. P. Chilton) was competent, both when slim and when plump. The King's mother (P. Salt) was amusingly majestic, and D. Ogden played the Highwayman's part with sufficient abandon. Other characters were: Greengage (W. D. Cheadle), A Deaf Old Woman (G. Carter) and a Bugler (I. J. Lyons). The settings were delicate and artistic, and the whole play was most entertaining. It was produced by Mr. Lowther.

K. G. McG.

J.T.C. Notes.

The promise shown before Christmas has been completely fulfilled, and at least two new records have been created, the strength of the Corps being greater than ever, and the number of passes (100 per cent.) in the recent Certificate "A" examination being the best yet achieved. This is all very encouraging, but must not give rise to complacency, as there is still much to do to enable us to get through all the work that lies before us.

The chief events in the near future will be the Annual Inspection and the Certificate "A" examination, for both of which earnest work will be required if previous high standards are to be maintained. The Inspection, due to take place on Wednesday, June 2nd, will be carried out by Major W. R. G. Smith, M.B.E., Assistant Inspector of Training Corps. The date of the Certificate "A" examination has not yet been fixed.

On Tuesday, March 23rd, an examination for Part I. of Certificate "A" was held at the School, when the following forty-nine candidates were presented and all were successful:—Cadets K. G. Allen, J. W. Appleby, D. Bickerton, H. G. Brocklehurst, J. N. Brookes, G. Carbert, N. Callighan, J. N. Cooper, E. P. Cosslett, A. D. Crompton, N. I. Cross, R. W. Crouchley, P. I. F. Cunningham, C. P. F. Curtis, R. Davidson, B. D. Etchells, A. M. Flett, C. G. Gregory, R. P. Handford, G. D. Hansom, W. A. B. Hargreaves, H. G. Harvey, I. B. Hopley, H. A. Jones, T. H. Jones, J. F. Kay, D. R. Lane, W. W. Marshall, J. M. Mather, A. Ogilvy, A. E. Papazian, D. Peel, G. R. Pierce, A. Salmon, P. Sanig, J. B. Schumm, S. A. Smith, G. A. Suley, E. J. O. Taylor, B. A. Todd, D. H. Tune, J. C. Unsworth, D. Watkins, D. Watkinson, L. Webster, L. T. P. Wood, N. F. Worrill, K. A. Worthington, T. Wrigley. Colonel Tomlinson, President of the Board of Examiners, commented on the very high standard of achievement, and said he was very much impressed with the work. While it may be difficult to live up to all this, it can be done, and each candidate taking part in the next examination should see to it that he keeps results at this high level.

Since our last notes we have to record the departure of twelve of our N.C.O.'s and Senior Cadets, some of whom have joined the Forces, whilst others have taken up special University courses preliminary to joining up. We wish them all the best of luck. In spite of these losses, however, our numbers, as we have pointed out, have reached the record figure of 214—162 Seniors and 52 Juniors. Recruiting has been brisk of late, and Mr. Gatley has enrolled 54 cadets.

The weather has been kind to us, and, throughout the term, parades have been well attended. The War Office continues to stress the importance of physical training, and all Seniors have had to devote a good proportion of time to this work. While most of them have reached the required standard in the other tests, some have found the abdominal test and the 100 yards sprint difficult, but practice should enable them to reach the required standard.

On Wednesday, 17th March, the Certificate "A" candidates took part in a field-day at Baguley Hall Farm, when much useful work was done.

Over the Easter holidays four Seniors leave for a special P.T. course at Aldershot, and three for a course at the Northern Command P.T. School at York.

Lieut. Parren has been doing sound work with the Juniors, and, in their keenness, some have been doing special parades on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Mr. Jecny has supervised the shooting in the range, where Sergeant Kettlewell has made excellent progress with the work of putting the cadets through their tests. In an interesting shooting match the School Eight beat a good Home Guard team.

During the term Lieut. N. W. Preston, of Manchester University S.T.C., has from time to time helped with the work, while each of the following past members of the J.T.C. has come along whilst on leave and given a talk to the Seniors:—Lieut. A. L. Dennis, R.A., Pilot Officer W. C. Walton, D.F.C., R.A.F., Private H. Kay, of a Reconnaissance Unit.

The following promotions have been made:—To be Company Sergeant-Major, Quartermaster-Sergeant L. Robertson; to be Q.M.S., Sergeant J. C. White; to be Sergeants, Corporals G. Kettlewell, T. C. Owens, M. Broady, N. G. Bullivant, J. G. K. Hughes, R. A. Onions; to be Corporals, Lance-Corporals F. D. Bell, G. S. Davis, J. H. Dye, P. S. Nesbitt, C. H. Nesbitt, A. W. Peers.

Lacrosse, 1942-43.

FIRST TEAM.

This has been a very disappointing side although there is a number of quite clever players. Unfortunately the catching and passing are very weak, and the team has never settled down to confined play. This is partly due to the fact that the team has never been the same for two successive matches and has been unsettled by enlistments in the Forces.

April, 1943.

P. Cloughley captained the side until Christmas.
L. Robertson has captained the team this term.

RESULTS.

January 16th. v. STOCKPORT S.S. Home. Drawn 8-8.

Unsworth came on to the attack in place of Cloughley, who had joined the Forces. We started quite well, and though many chances were missed by poor passing and catching, we led 4-3 at half-time. In the second half the Stockport attack improved and our defence was hard pressed. The attack made many openings, but wasted them by inaccurate shooting, and the game ended in a draw 8-8.

Team: L. Robertson (captain), P. H. Richards, N. G. Bullivant, F. D. Bell, A. R. Hall, E. P. Cosslett, F. A. Spooner, M. Hazell, C. H. Nesbitt, E. G. Williams, D. Buckland, J. C. Unsworth.

January 23rd. v. MANCHESTER G.S. Away. Lost 8-10.

Unsworth was absent and Price took his place. The ground was very heavy after rain, and the game was slow. The attack was more dangerous than in some previous games, and Nesbitt did well, but they relied on individual efforts rather than combined play. The clearing from the defence was poor, which gave the Manchester attack too many chances, and we lost 8-10.

February 13th. v. MANCHESTER G.S. Home. Lost 4-6.

Unsworth returned, but Bell, Hall and Cosslett were unable to play, and their places were taken by Gill, Norris and Kay. In the circumstances the defence did well to keep the score against us down to 6, but the attack was seldom dangerous, and we lost 4-6.

March 13th. v. MANCHESTER G.S. Away. Lost 8-10.

Bullivant had gone to the Forces, and his place was taken by Grimshaw. We started quite well, and the game was even till half-time. The defence was steady, and Bell did well against their most dangerous attack, but our attack did little passing and tried one after another to force their way through the whole defence. The game was lost in the third quarter, when the defence became unsteady for a few minutes, and Manchester scored four goals. One cause of this was that we took on men too near goal, and thus made covering difficult and recovery impossible. A determined attempt to save the game nearly succeeded, but Manchester scored again and we lost 8-10.

March 20th. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 6-1.

Robertson was away, and Lawrence took his place on the defence. Both defences were steady,

and the game at times was slow. The Cheadle Hulme attack seldom looked dangerous, as Spooner completely subdued their captain. Our attack made many openings, and wasted most of them, but we won 6-1.

March 27th. v. OLD HULMEIANS. Away. Lost 4-22.

The Old Boys fielded a very strong side, and right from the face the defence was overwhelmed by a much faster and more experienced attack, who scored seven times in the first quarter. The attack could make no headway against a heavier defence. Williams and Nesbitt tried persistently but without any great measure of success, and we lost 4-22. Robertson returned in place of Lawrence.

SECOND TEAM.

All our matches have been won this season, and though frequent changes in the team have been necessary, the quality of the reserves from the House teams has been good, and there are several promising players for next year. The standard of play, particularly on the attack has improved, and confidence has grown with success.

The following have played this term:—D. J. Price (captain), T. K. Robinson, G. A. Anderson, F. S. W. Gill, J. F. Kay, T. Lawrence, J. T. Norris, A. M. Flett, P. Sanig, W. G. Gibson, J. A. Flinn, B. A. Grimshaw, D. W. Bowett, H. W. Hall, J. B. Roberts, G. Jones, D. K. Partington, D. Watkins, J. N. Brookes.

RESULTS.

Jan. 23.—v. Manchester G.S. H Won 13-3
Feb. 13.—v. Manchester G.S. A Won 11-3
Mar. 13.—v. Manchester G.S. H Won 23-2
" 20.—v. Cheadle Hulme School H Won 16-0

UNDER 15 TEAM.

The promise of the Under 15 XII. in its earlier games has been fulfilled, so that all the matches this season have been won. The team as a whole now plays with determination, the importance of which was very evident in our last game at Cheadle Hulme. The games this term have been with Manchester Grammar School (25-2, 21-2, 18-2) and Cheadle Hulme School (8-4), and the team has usually been:—J. N. Brookes, I. A. Carter, A. F. Crowther, I. M. B. Darroch, N. Fletcher, P. W. Howard, D. A. Robertson, A. J. Standring, K. H. Storey, E. W. B. Ward, D. Watkins (captain), T. Wrigley.

P. Milgate and A. Salmon have also played.

Football, 1942-43.

RESULTS.

20th January. v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD.
Lost 0-27.

We were up against a livelier and heavier team and consequently we were fighting hard all the time in our own twenty-five. In the first ten minutes Macclesfield scored twice, through the bad marking and tackling of the outsiders. The defence stiffened and Macclesfield had to fight hard for the seven tries they scored. Hughes, in his last game before joining the Army, was outstanding in the loose.

27th January. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Won 14-3.

White was brought into the pack to take the place of Hughes. We won the toss and had the help of a strong wind during the first half. The forwards were very lively, and, during the first half we were pressing our opponents hard in their own twenty-five, and by half-time the score was 11-0 in our favour.

In the second half Cheadle Hulme rallied, and we were hard pressed for the last twenty minutes; they finally managed to cross our line, but failed to convert the try. Our tries were scored by F. D. Bell, A. R. Hall and G. T. Shirlin.

6th February. v. SALE. Home. Drawn 0-0.

This was mainly a forwards game throughout, principally because the ground was very soft thus not enabling any three-quarter movements to materialise. We were heavier than the Sale pack and Roberts managed to hook the ball regularly from the set scrums. In the second half we took set scrums in place of the "line-outs." The three-quarters made innumerable mistakes, and though we frequently got the ball from the scrums, we did not make full use of the opportunities this gave us.

During the first half we were helped by a very strong wind and were very unfortunate not to score many times.

SECOND FIFTEEN.

Only two matches have been played during this term, both of them at home, against Cheadle Hulme School 2nd XV. and Burnage High School 1st XV. The first match resulted in an easy victory for us by 65 points to 3. The other game proved more interesting as both teams were evenly matched, and in the ensuing struggle, in pouring rain, we were unfortunate to lose by 6 points to 5.

RESULTS.

Jan. 27.—v. Cheadle Hulme 2nd XV.H Won 65-3
Feb. 3.—v. Burnage High School 1st XV.H Lost 5-6

The team was as follows:—D. J. Price (captain), T. K. Robinson, G. Lees, D. Bickerton, J. F. Kay, P. B. Wightman, A. M. Flett, K. G. McGhee, G. A. Anderson, F. S. W. Gill, W. G. Gibson, J. S. Stacey, R. L. Archer, J. C. White, J. C. Unsworth.

UNDER 15.

Five matches played in the first half of the Lent Term completed a successful season, during which nine matches were won and four lost. The absence of one or two regular members of the side enabled E. B. Price, A. Wilkinson and J. N. McManus to gain experience which should prove useful next season.

RESULTS.

Jan. 20.—v. King's School, MacclesfieldA Lost 10-14
" 27.—v. Cheadle Hulme SchoolA Won 52-6
" 30.—v. St. Bede's CollegeA Won 35-5
Feb. 3.—v. Burnage High SchoolA Won 6-3
" 6.—v. Sale Grammar SchoolH Lost 3-6

House Games.

The interest and keenness in lacrosse which has been aroused this term is very noticeable, especially among the juniors, and it is to be hoped that this enthusiasm will continue.

If the standard of the House games continues to rise as it has done this term, we should have very good teams in the next two years.

A great deal of the keenness has been inspired by both the Headmaster and Mr. Barber.

The only outstanding fault is that when some attacks get the ball they try to go through the opposing defence by themselves, while the rest of the attack stand by and watch. If the attacks would pass the ball about many good openings would be made, and therefore a greater number of goals would be scored.

We should like to take this opportunity of thanking the members of the Staff who have kindly given up their afternoon to the onerous task of refereeing.

We have been able to complete just over one round of the House league. The positions in the league up to Saturday, April 3rd, are:—1, Fraser, 52 points; 2, Heywood, 40; 3, Whitworth, 30; 4, Byrom, 24; 5, Gaskell, 18; 6, Dalton, 14.

Gaskell and Dalton both suffer very badly when there are School games, Gaskell having seven players and Dalton six players on the First and Second Teams; this accounts for their low position in the league. Whitworth and Byrom, particularly the latter, have not maintained their form of the earlier part of the season. Byrom juniors are a good team and have won most of their games.

Heywood juniors, a very big and useful side, having four members on the School Under 15 team, have so far won all their matches easily.

Fraser, as in the Football season, top the league, but in the Knock-out competition they have not done so well.

We have managed to complete the "Knock-outs" this term, Gaskell winning the senior competition and Heywood the junior.

SENIOR K.O., 1ST ROUND.

Whitworth beat Dalton (9—1).

Byrom beat Heywood (13—8).

SEMI-FINAL.

Gaskell beat Whitworth (10—3).

Byrom beat Fraser (11—4).

FINAL.

Gaskell beat Byrom (33—1).

JUNIOR K.O., 1ST ROUND.

Whitworth beat Dalton (10—2).

Heywood beat Byrom (7—2).

SEMI-FINAL.

Whitworth beat Gaskell (8—3).

Heywood beat Fraser (14—1).

FINAL.

Heywood beat Whitworth (8—1).

Senior House Colours for Lacrosse have been awarded to the following:—

BYROM: T. Lawrence, D. W. Bowett, R. Davidson, B. A. Baldwin, R. Wilson, J. W. Appleby.

DALTON: R. P. Handford, W. G. Gibson, D. K. Partington, J. N. Brookes, H. W. Hall, J. Midgley, J. S. Stacey, P. Sanig, D. Peel.

FRASER: J. H. Dye, T. H. Dakin, L. D. James, D. Gibson, P. B. Wightman, J. R. Hooley, D. Bickerton.

GASKELL: K. G. McGhee, T. K. Robinson, G. S. Todd, R. L. Archer, D. Buckland, J. F. Kay, G. S. Davis, L. T. P. Wood, M. Hazell, J. C. Unsworth, E. G. Williams, L. Webster.

HEYWOOD: G. S. Hall, G. Wilkinson, J. W. N. Glover, J. R. Winson, J. G. Derbyshire, R. L. Edwards, B. C. Roberts, F. S. W. Gill, E. Waddington.

WHITWORTH: D. Watkins, G. Lees, B. A. Grimshaw, G. Jones, T. Wrigley, E. P. Cosslett, J. A. Flinn, G. A. Haines, D. L. King, H. G. Brocklehurst.

Junior House Colours for proficiency and attendance at all games are awarded during the Summer term.

The final of the Football "Knock-outs," played in the last week of the Michaelmas Term resulted in Gaskell Seniors beating Dalton Seniors (35—0), and Heywood Juniors beating Whitworth Juniors (33—3).
L. R.

Parents' Association.

Parents are asked to note that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, July 2nd, 1943, at 7-30 p.m. Before that date a reminder will be sent to all parents urging them to attend, as the chief business is the appointment of officers and members of the Committee for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business of the Association. Members who have suggestions which would benefit the School, and who do not care to speak at the meeting, are asked to send them to the Secretary, when they will have full consideration. The automatic resignation of Mr. Hewet causes a vacancy. The name of any parent prepared to serve should be sent in, together with the names of six supporting members, to the Secretary at 265, Withington Road, Manchester 21. The Committee have met regularly and have fully discussed the many points that have arisen. From time to time we see various educational schemes put forward by the different political parties, but it seems wrong that the education of the child should be a subject for party politics. If some of the suggestions are carried out there is a danger that independent schools will lose their identity. From this it would follow that if schools lose their independence, then parents will inevitably lose a certain freedom of choice, and only the solidly expressed wishes of the parents and strong protests from such associations as ours will influence any future governments. Parents are urged to attend the meetings and make the Association worth while.

W. H. GRANTHAM,
Honorary Secretary.

