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Notes and News.

We congratulate Mr. F. Bancroft Turner on his appointment by the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to be Stipendiary Justice for the City of Salford. On leaving the School, where he was captain of football and cricket, Mr. Turner read law at Manchester University. In the second month of the war he went to Egypt with the 8th Battalion Lancashire Fusiliers, later being moved to Gallipoli where he was wounded. He was twice invalided home. After the war he became a pupil of Sir Harold Morris, K.C., and then of Judge

Burgess. Finally he practised in Manchester, and was appointed to the Northern Circuit on the common law side.

As a result of the Scholarship Examinations held at Oxford, Brasenose College has awarded F. Clarke the Close Scholarship for the Hulme Schools.

Cambridge University: Degree of M.A., G. C. Evans (St. John's), H. M. Taylor (St. Catherine's).

Oxford University: D. Erskine (St. Edmund Hall) has passed the Second Public Examination, Pass School, Group B, French. A. F. Brazier (New College), Pass Moderations.

Manchester University Degrees and Examinations: P. G. Griffiths has been awarded the Dickenson Scholarship in Anatomy, the Sidney Renshaw Junior Prize in Physiology and the Dauntsey Medical Senior Scholarship.

Third M.B., Ch.B. Examination: A. D. Leigh has passed in Pathology and with Distinction in Bacteriology; E. S. Frazer (with Distinction) and W. Dickson have passed in Pharmacology.

Second M.B., Ch.B. Examination: P. G. Griffiths has passed with Distinction in Physiology.

First M.B., Ch.B. Examination, Part I. (Chemistry and Physics): J. S. Battersby, D. C. A. Bevis, D. W. Preston and T. A. Yates.

First B.D.S. Examination (Chemistry): P. H. Taylor.

Diploma in Dentistry (Zoology): C. R. Peers.

A Manchester City Scholarship for the College of Technology has been awarded to K. A. Hilton.

Mr. David Cardwell has been appointed to the Court of Governors of Manchester University.

At the Dental Hospital R. Cocker has been appointed Assistant Clinical Lecturer and G. Cocker Assistant Honorary Dental Surgeon.

At the Birmingham Central Technical College T. J. Primrose has been awarded the Whitworth Society Prize in Mechanical Engineering.

R. Green has been appointed to a Chief Inspectorship in the Post Office Engineering Department.

J. L. Perez has been successful in passing the Sandhurst "Passing Out" examination for a commission in the regular Army and was gazetted Second Lieutenant on January 29th.

The School has been added to the list of schools the headmasters of which have the privilege of recommending candidates for nomination to Cadetships at the Military Colleges.

A branch meeting of the Head Masters' Association was held at the School on Saturday, March 12th.

Rugby colours have been awarded to: F. Clarke, D. R. Wood, P. B. Eastwood, K. A. Stark, R. Billington, F. Nuttall, W. J. Mair, H. Kay, W. Dixon, S. Gill, W. K. Bevan, R. J. Young, P. T. Flinn.

In Lacrosse, colours were awarded to: A. L. Dennis, W. J. Mair, R. Billington, W. Graham, W. T. Curtis, J. Buckland, S. Gill and P. T. Flinn.

At Cambridge University R. C. Spooner and H. Cartwright (St. John's) were awarded half-blues for Lacrosse, and, along with D. C. Snow, an old half-blue, played in the Cambridge team that beat Oxford University.

At the invitation of the University Lacrosse Club Mr. Barber was at Cambridge for five days coaching the team for the inter-'varsity match.

In the North versus South Lacrosse Match at the Oval, London, on March 12th, the following Old Boys played for the South: N. Pearson, E. Barnes, P. Rogers, C. T. Howard and J. R. Howard. N. A. Barber, G. W. Orr, G. R. Vlies and J. H. Little played for the North. N. A. Barber and G. R. Vlies also played for Lancashire against Cheshire.

The annual Golf Competition for the Bradbury, the Vlies and the Merchant Cups will be held on Thursday, May 26th, on the Didsbury links.

Calender for Midsummer term :—

The term will begin on Tuesday, April 26th, at 9 o'clock.

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Thursday, June 2nd at noon to Thursday, June 16th at 9 o'clock.

The School Certificate Examinations will begin on July 1st.

The term will end on Monday, July 25th, at noon.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines :—*The Old Public School Boys' Magazine* (South Africa), *The Grammarian* (Tientsin Grammar School, N. China), *The Merchant Taylors' Review*, *Ulula*, *The Savilian*, *The Lidunian*, *Esmeduna*, *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*, *The Aldwinian*, *The Sandbachian*, *The Wittonian*, *The Leigh Grammar School Magazine*, *The Stopfordian*, *The Waconian*, *The Buxtonian*, *The Altrinchamian*, *The Willastonian*, *The Frome County School Magazine*, *The Centralian*, *The Liverpool Institute Magazine*, *The Rishworth School Magazine* and *The Wigan Grammar School Magazine*.

BIRTHS.

KERSHAW.—On March 1st, at Timperley Lodge Nursing Home, to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Kershaw, of Claremont, Kenilworth Road, Sale, a son.

BUDENBERG.—On March 17th, at Lynfield, The Downs, Altrincham, to Mr. and Mrs. Cyril E. Budenberg, a daughter.

SHERRATT.—On March 26th, at Ashton-on-Mersey Nursing Home, to Mr. and Mrs.

Donald Sherratt, of 2, The Close, Bentinck Road, Altrincham, a son.

DEATHS.

BENSON.—On December 11th, 1937, at Montreal, Norman, son of the late C. E. Benson, of Alexandra Park, and Mrs. Benson, The Mount, Church Stretton.

WILLIAMS.—On the 8th March, at 50, Harris Road, Sheffield 6, Oswald Thomas Williams, aged 34 years.

TERRY.—On 18th March, at Rockville, Kirkgate, Shipley, Dr. Arthur Ernest Terry, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Terry.

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

The result of the collection last term was very gratifying. Coming, as it did, after the special effort of the Jubilee year of the School and the Club, the decrease was much less than anticipated. The Jubilee total was £320 17s. 3d., and this year's total £307 13s. 1d.

The highest individual effort was that of N. W. Preston, who returned a total of £19 5s.

A very welcome feature this year has been the interest taken by parents, several of whom have very kindly organised efforts of their own to help the School collection.

Present members of the School are reminded that their interest in the Club is greatly appreciated and any who care to continue this interest after leaving School by taking an active part in the work will be welcomed at the Club on any night in the week by the Secretary, Mr. H. Hough, and the other Old Hulmeians who will be found there.

The details of the Form collections and a letter from the President, Sir Christopher Needham, appear below :—

10th January, 1938.

Dear Mr. Trevor Dennis,

I once more wish to convey to you and to the boys of the Hulme Grammar School the thanks of the officers of the Procter Gymnasium and Hulme Lads' Club for the continued support given to the Club. We appreciate very fully indeed the interest of your boys in the boys who attend this Club. I want to, therefore, acknowledge with our warmest appreciation the contribution of £305 10s. 0d. which we have received.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

C. T. NEEDHAM, *President.*

Form.	Amount.			Average per head.		
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1 b	11	14	3	0	9 9
1 c	10	5	5	0	8 7
2 a	15	12	2	0	10 5
2 b	16	3	9	0	10 0
2 c	8	10	0½	0	9 5
3 a	12	14	10	0	9 10
3 b	12	0	9	.....	0	8 0
3 c	13	13	10	.....	0	9 2
4 a	15	10	3	.....	0	12 11
4 b	13	0	0	0	9 8
4 c	9	0	7½	0	7 6
5 a	26	9	2½	1	3 0
5 b	13	14	6	0	11 5
5 c	22	1	6	0	15 3
6 C.M.L.	10	0	0	0	9 1
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6 S.U.	10	11	0	0	10 7

A Novice on the Rocks.

The Absolute Novice rose from a comfortable bed, and, going to the window, pulled aside the curtain. He groaned. His fears were fully realised, for, instead of pouring rain and mist as he had hoped, the sun was shining brightly, and the mountain tops stood out clear and sharp against a cloudless blue sky.

He dressed slowly and went downstairs, pausing to look doubtfully at the coil of Alpine rope which hung on the wall. He told himself it would be useless to hide it, for more could easily be procured. No, there was no way out. He must face it manfully.

A few hours later they were standing under the shoulder of Tryfan, far more formidable at close quarters than from afar, talking to a superior party who were off to tackle the Devil's Kitchen. The Expert was soon deep in an unintelligible and technical discussion about "chimneys," "slabs" and "buttresses," mingled with foreign things known as "arrêtes" and "gendarmes." This puzzled the Absolute Novice, so he ceased listening and began to examine the thousand foot wall which towered above him. How men could attempt such problems nonchalantly and with a smile was beyond his comprehension, but now he must do the same. The Expert's voice interrupted his musings. "We'll try the Milestone first," he said, and pointed out a line of light splashes ascending the face, the nail marks of innumerable climbers. It looked impossible. The Absolute Novice felt sick, but smiled wanly; "O.K.," he said.

He was initiated into the art of tying a bowline, and lectured on the fatal results of doing this and of omitting to do that. At the finish the Expert slapped him on the back, said, "Cheer up, Old Man!" and commenced the first pitch. It was what is known to climbers as a "crack," a perpendicular gash in the face about wide enough

to take an arm, and requiring some skill to negotiate easily. Having completed the pitch, the Expert belayed himself and shouted advice to his pupil who began to struggle furiously with the rocks in an unsuccessful attempt to imitate the easy action of his teacher. Half way up, weak and frightened, he stuck, but the pressure of the taut rope round his waist was reassuring, and, after a short rest, he continued, emerging finally on the slab where the Expert was belayed. "Not bad," he said. The Absolute Novice felt ridiculously proud.

About fifteen minutes later they stood together on a heathery glacis surveying the climb ahead. "We start the real climbing now," said the Expert. "The next bit's known as the 'Garden Wall'—looks difficult, but it's easy enough if you tackle it properly." The Absolute Novice felt a return of his nervousness and began to tie himself to the rock to conceal the fact. Thus belayed, he felt much better and in comfortable misery watched his companion.

The "Garden Wall" was a nose of rock projecting from the join of two inclined faces. The Expert with a graceful movement swung his body over and disappeared. There followed a period of silence, of suspense. Surely something must have happened to him! The Absolute Novice opened his mouth to call when the rope tightened and a muffled voice bade him, "Come on!" He unbelayed, traversed to the nose, grasped the projection with both hands, and, looking fixedly at the rock face, swung a leg over. No, he must not look down. Yet he had to; his eyes travelled slowly down the precipice and out into space. He took a sudden gulping breath, grasped convulsively at the kind, solid rock, and shut his eyes. Could that placid pond far, far below be Llyn Ogwen, that thin white line the road, and those tiny black specks motor cars? Oh, to be back on solid earth! But he must go on; never do

to let the Expert think he funk'd it. With great deliberation he released his left hand, and, taking a new hold, swung over the other leg. In doing so, he instinctively looked down again.

Of the next few moments he has a vivid memory; the earth beneath slowly revolved, his hand left its hold, and, with sickening suddenness and a despairing cry, he pitched out into space. The Expert was vigilant. Not an inch of rope slipped through his tightly clenched hands. The Absolute Novice swung helplessly in mid-air, his imagination working feverishly. To his mind the rope had already snapped. It would be a long peaceful drop and then oblivion. He pictured the stretcher party and the bold newspaper headlines. As he swung inward he fumbled weakly at the rock and hauled himself into the narrow cave where the Expert had jammed himself. A gust of rage, a fierce determination to conquer swept over him. Would he like a rest? No, not he! He would carry on straight away. They continued the climb The Expert sat down in the shelter of the huge sentinel pillars on Tryfan's summit. Carefully he laid aside the neat coil of rope, and, pulling out his tobacco pouch, offered it to his companion, who accepted gratefully. Not wishing to awake from the blissful mood into which they had lapsed they smoked in silence, each reviewing in his mind the events of the day. The winter sun sank slowly behind the Glyders and the blood-red of the rocks turned to cold grey. A white mist collected over the sombre waters of Llyn Idwal and rose slowly from the darkening amphitheatre of mountains. The Expert's pipe died out. He knocked out the ash and stood up. "Well?" he asked. "Wonderful!" replied the Novice ardently, with an unmistakable note of sincerity in his voice. "I knew you'd like it," said the Expert quietly. He looked at his watch and remarked, "Just time to get down for dinner. Come on!"

D. H. G.

The Entertainments.

With the fall of the curtain on Tuesday, March 29th, another successful season came to an end. Dramatic performances have been the most popular forms of entertainment, and, such has been the desire of Forms to present a play, that on the last week an extra night had to be devoted to a production. This shows a healthy enthusiasm that deserves to be encouraged. Those taking part in these plays have been of all ages ranging from Preparatory School boys to members of the Upper Sixth. The season's programme of entertainments, including School performances, has been eighteen plays, five lectures, a mock trial, a debate, and a concert. Our thanks are due to the stage hands for the good work they have put in throughout the season.

PLAY.—December 7th. The Preparatory School gave an excellent performance when they presented a mumming play, "St. George and the Dragon." This was something new, and proved very interesting to a large audience who seemed to enjoy the whole entertainment. A mumming play is not easy work for the actors, but those taking part succeeded admirably in their work and cleverly conveyed their meaning by gesture and expression. Some dancing followed by several tuneful carols completed this pleasant entertainment. The costumes were, as usual, a feature of the show.

Cast: Father (W. G. Simcock), Mother (J. L. Darwent), Children (B. R. Banton and D. A. Ginever), Servants (I. McP. B. Darroch and R. J. G. Mamelok), Father Christmas (P. S. Boswarva), St. George (J. F. Patrick), The Dragon (G. H. Clarke), Turkish Knight (R. A. Herz), King of Egypt (P. B. Garnons-Williams), Princess Sabra (G. D. Simcock), Doctor (B. R. Sar-

gent), the Fool (G. McKerlie). The Carol Singers were drawn from the remainder of the Preparatory School.

Producers: Miss Berry, Miss Caiger, Miss Speed.

LECTURE.—December 14th. There was a good audience this evening to hear a very interesting lecture by an Old Hulmeian, D. Ll. Griffiths, F.R.C.S., who spoke to us of all the considerations that had to be weighed by the boy who contemplated becoming a doctor. He pointed out that to one who was fond of the work it was a really interesting profession, but the boy who took it up in the hope of having an easy life was born to bitter disappointment.

PLAYS.—December 17th, 18th and 20th. On these dates the School gave evening performances of three short plays, "Kings in Nomania" (Percival Wilde), Scenes from "The Merchant of Venice" (Shakespeare), and "They made the Royal Arms" (Kitty Barne). A report will be found on another page.

PLAY.—January 25th. Form VI. C.M.L. presented a farce in one act entitled "Have You Anything to Declare" (Gertrude Jennings). The plot consists of the capture of one "Charlie," a tricky "dope" smuggler, and his accomplice disguised as Miss Woodbine. These parts were played by G. E. Barritt and E. Daley who did well. They are eventually caught by Edwards, a detective (G. G. Fisher) and Brown, a customs officer (R. Joyce). The following completed the cast and were mainly responsible for the farcical elements, Lady Begonia (E. G. Hall), Lady Begonia's Husband (B. Bruckshaw), Laura (W. K. Bevan), May (J. G. Storry), Eliza (G. G. Adderley), Susan (R. Darlington), P. C. Elocar (A. R. Cole).

Producer: Mr. Parren.

PLAY.—February 1st. Form II B. presented two plays. The first was a short comedy, or rather a dialogue between F. M. Croggon as a rather undersized schoolmaster, and Mr. Martin as a rather overgrown schoolboy. The title of this humorous effort was "Greek as she is taught" (Ronald Jeans). The second play "The Queen's Ring" (L. du Garde Peach), a more serious piece, revolved round the relations of Queen Elizabeth (D. J. Price) and her favourite, the Earl of Essex (B. S. Waltho). The rest of the cast was: A Servant (G. S. Hall), Lord Burghley (J. F. Spong), The Earl of Nottingham (N. G. Bullivant), Master Henry Cuffe (J. B. Roberts), Yeoman Warder (P. H. Richards), Sir Henry Barkley (H. Milgate), the Countess of Nottingham (G. D. Hansom), her Maid (J. E. Garment).

Producer: Mr. Martin.

MOCK TRIAL.—February 8th. The Upper Sixth held a mock trial on this date. One Eureka Mazda, an Italian, was arraigned for purloining a bulb from a set piece of Blackpool illuminations thereby causing a complete black-out. The part of the prisoner was taken by P. N. Knight. The Jury was a remarkable "all-star" collection including Will Fyffe (W. Graham), Frederick Grisewood (F. Clarke), George Formby (F. Nuttall), Lloyd George (A. H. C. Ratliff), Stalin (R. Billington), Revnell and West (H. K. Goodger and R. Rayner), Howard Marshall (J. B. Loebell), Mae West (R. Brown). The Jury seemed to take but slight interest in the proceedings and, far from being impressed by the austerity of the court, they found many excuses for indulging in undignified horse-play. The witnesses were a similarly motley crew whose evidence seemed generally to have but little bearing on the charge against the prisoner. Among those called to bear witness were, the Rev. St. John Fish (R. J. Young), Mr. and Mrs. Higgins

(J. C. W. Hargreaves and A. L. Dennis), Mr. Sparks (B. Race), and his Assistant (D. H. Griffiths), Mr. Albert Charles (A. Wrigley), Miss O'Fleury (G. A. Weeks), Captain of Blackpool Football Club (S. Reid), Mayor of Blackpool (D. W. Fox). The part of the learned judge, whose nose could not possibly have acquired the rich, red colour from indulgence in the milk-bottle with which he made play, was taken by G. W. E. Stark, Usher (K. A. Stark), Clerk of the Court (P. B. Herbert), a Policeman (P. B. Eastwood), Counsel for the Defence (G. M. Williams), Counsel for the Prosecution (D. R. Wood).

PLAY.—February 15th. Form II A. presented an amusing play "The Golden Mean" (J. C. and A. E. M. Bayliss), in which two potentates settle their differences by a football match instead of going to war. M. T. Fitzgerald as Joris XIII of Jovnia, and R. A. Onions as his Queen were good. The rest of the cast were: Georgie (E. H. J. R. Goss), the Cardinal (J. A. Burt), the General (F. H. Turner), Princess Tamar (S. Smith), Messenger (J. H. Dye), and Engineers, Courtiers, Ladies-in-Waiting, Announcers and Councillors.

Producer: Mr. Forrest.

LANTERN LECTURE.—February 22nd. Mr. Morley talked to an interested audience on "The Rise of the Cotton Industry." Mention was made of the early pioneer inventions of Arkwright and his contemporaries, and the complicated processes of our modern cotton manufacture were discussed. With the aid of numerous slides the leading principles of the most intricate machines were pointed out.

PLAY.—On the evenings of February 26th, 28th and March 1st the School gave performances of R. C. Sherriff's "Badger's Green." A report will be found on another page.

PLAY.—March 8th. Form Lower I presented a grim piece written by themselves and bearing the title "Bottled Evidence." We have come to look for thrills and adventures in these productions and we had them here. International crooks fought valiantly but unsuccessfully against a horde of police ably led by our old friend Inspector Hornleigh (K. A. Worthington). The cast was as follows: Dr. Telford Cadwell (J. F. Paxman), James Dale (J. T. Norris), Lorna Braid (J. H. Brittain), Shaw (A. J. C. Dawson), West (R. Wilson), Bernard (N. S. Kiernan), Angus McPherson (J. M. Mather), George Perry (R. E. Allen), Robert Nuttall (G. R. Pierce), Dorothy Nuttall (H. M. McKerlie), John (B. J. Porter), Peter (E. G. Barrow).

Producer: Mr. Williams.

PLAY.—March 15th. Form VI s. l. presented an amusing pantomime show, an adaptation by the Head Master from Thackeray's "The Rose and the Ring." Such a large cast as appeared in this play is not easy to handle, but the grouping throughout was skilfully managed and "their exits and their entrances" were prompt and precise. This was, perhaps, the longest of the afternoon plays this season, but it was very amusing, and interest was sustained to the end. Prominent were J. V. Spring, the bad-tempered King Valoroso XXIV, King of Paflagonia, Countess Gruffanuff (F. W. Cooper), Angelica, daughter of Valoroso (N. W. Preston), Giglio, nephew of Valoroso (W. J. Mair), and Bulbo, Crown Prince of Crim Tartary (J. Wilks). The rest of the cast was: The Queen (R. L. Armitstead), Gruffanuff (S. Jewsbury), Fairy Blackstick (A. B. Duns-worth), Glumboso, Prime Minister (R. B. Fitzgerald), John (J. E. Cannell), Tomaso Lorenzo (C. P. R. Dunn), Hedzoff, Captain of the Guard (P. W. Carnie), Sleibootz, Chamberlain (E. Moore), Betsinda (J. Kettlewell), Page (W. N. Thursby), Woodman (S. Gill), Count Hogginar-mo (A. G.

Dunston), King Padella of Crim Tartary (S. F. B. Hewitt), Announcer (K. R. Bowman).

Producer: The Head Master.

PLAY.—Monday, March 28th. III B. presented "A Matter of Business," a play about the "Tuck" shop of Mudstone Brixton, and the affairs of numerous schoolboys who patronize it. J. C. White and G. C. Lee were good as Mr. and Mrs. Everson, the proprietors of the shop. R. B. Herbert and H. G. Harvey were the most prominent among the schoolboy customers. The rest of the cast was: Minnie (K. Hall), Lewis (D. F. E. Ginever), Adam (D. R. Aldhouse), the Vicar (B. Doherty), Jimmie (A. P. Ryan), Atkins (C. Clay), Bennett (N. M. Sampson), Gibbons (J. A. Cross), Clegg (G. H. Sykes), Daniels (J. Miller), Hales (P. C. McCann), Lomax (T. C. Owens), Venning (F. J. Briggs), Nash (K. T. Howe), Royle (H. B. Clarke), other schoolboys (E. A. Lucas and J. R. Dutton), and Mr. Forbes (J. R. Whitaker).

The play was written and produced by Mr. K. P. Thompson.

PLAY.—Tuesday, March 29th. Form VI s.u. presented and produced themselves a one-act play by Clemence Dane "A Traveler returns." All the characters did well, and succeeded in creating the desired "creepy" atmosphere for the plot. H. K. Goodger was good as Simon Foulger, the murderer who is driven to confession of his crime and suicide by the ghost of his victim, played by P. B. Eastwood. The rest of the cast was: Ishbel Parrett (R. Rayner), a Police Officer (D. R. Wood), Barty (G. A. Weeks), Daddy Parrett (A. L. Dennis), Joshua Gapper (A. Robinson), and Tom Dachett (D. W. Fox).

Producer: H. K. Goodger.

The Christmas Plays.

The Christmas entertainment given in the School hall on December 17th, 18th and 20th, consisted this year of three short plays. It is a long time since a School production took this form, but it was an interesting departure from recent custom, and the success of the performances justified the change. The three plays brought in some eighty boys of all shapes, sizes, and ages, and, with the tense atmosphere of the trial scenes from "The Merchant of Venice," the amusing fantasy of "Kings in Nomania" (Percival Wilde) and the spectacular pageantry of "They made the Royal Arms" (Kitty Barne), there was variety to satisfy the most captious. First came "Kings in Nomania," a seasonable play presented wholly by Middle and Lower School boys who acted with refreshing zest, and their obvious enjoyment of their parts imparted itself to the audience who were not slow to mark their appreciation of the performance. For innocently accepting the lost emerald of the king, Yancu, a bootblack, is imprisoned only to be freed in the end by the boy-monarch. Numerous amusing characters contributed to the fun of the play. C. P. Dockeray, as a gendarme gave a smart, if somewhat complicated salute, and clicked a natty heel in an excellent comic part, whilst D. Watkins, as Urridu, a member of the gang, stuttered with talent. In the part of Yancu, R. B. Herbert had much to do, but he surmounted his difficulties with credit, whilst B. M. Williams was sufficiently regal in his manner and bearing to make a convincing King Zoril II. Mention must be made of the good work of B. A. Ratliff who, as the herald, comported himself with all the dignity attaching to the part and spoke throughout with a clear articulation. It is not possible to speak of all who took part, but others who caught the eye were Tiana (M. T.

Fitzgerald), Marquis of Etarri (H. J. Abraham), Snigran (B. P. Topley). During the performance the small choir sang some tuneful carols from the bowels of the stage.

Next came scenes from "The Merchant of Venice," with a happily-chosen cast drawn from the senior boys of the School. This performance was, throughout, a sound and satisfying piece of work. The onerous rôle of Shylock fell to W. T. Curtis, who had carefully studied his part, and gave an interesting and effective interpretation of the old Jew's character. Bassanio and Antonio, played by A. L. Dennis and W. J. Mair, were admirable foils to Shylock, and their acting made real what were comparatively colourless parts. W. P. Metcalfe made a confident and clever Portia, and the Duke of Venice was ably portrayed by D. R. Wood. The scenery in the court formed, with the picturesque costumes, a pleasing setting for the performance.

"They made the Royal Arms" is an ingenious play introducing most of the former kings and queens of England. Each monarch makes a contribution to the Royal Arms prominently displayed on a door in the centre of the stage. Needless to say the Arms are not completed without much amusing byplay and some royal brawls. Prominent in these disputes were Richard Coeur de Lion (J. Wilks), Eleanor of Castille (J. G. Storry), Isobel of France (D. S. Hewet), James I (G. M. Baron), Charles II (E. Daley), Queen Anne (W. L. Tonge), and George III played by R. Joyce with appropriate guttural noises. These rowdy spectres were kept in something like order by John Bull (P. P. Williams), ably assisted by John (D. J. Price), a small, ubiquitous boy. P. P. Williams acted a long and amusing part with confidence, though he was, perhaps, a little too fussy at times. The play which might with reason be renamed "Brush up your History," has a most impressive close.

Producer, Mr. Parren.

"Badger's Green."

The School production this term was R. C. Sherriff's comedy, "Badger's Green," a play admirably suited for presentation on a school stage. Performances were given on February 26th, 28th and March 1st. The play is a pleasant, if not brilliant, piece of work in which cricket permeates the whole atmosphere, and the game is shown as a force for goodwill in the community, smoothing away the acute differences between those mighty men of the village, the benign, genial old doctor and the blustering, overbearing major. The setting presented few problems, there being only one change of scene. As set out, the room in the doctor's house seemed a homely place dedicated to comfortable living. The tent scene looked as if it had required careful manipulation, but the whole effect was realistic, and the view out over the village was very effective. With a good cast, the play ran without apparent hitch, and the excitement of the cricket match that occurs "off" was cleverly conveyed by those on the stage. Mr. Brierley had, as Doctor Wetherby, a part that suited him and he gave a pleasing portrayal of the character of this pleasant, elderly gentleman who, though usually unobtrusive in manner, could, on occasion, assert himself. With the commanding voice and presence of one who is able to bluster and drown other points of view, A. R. Cole was an excellent Major Forrester, and W. J. Mair was good as Dickie Wetherby. The most difficult part was, perhaps, that of the rather pathetic, timid, little Mr. Twigg whose lot it was to try and control personalities stronger and more forceful than his own. This part was very ably done by G. E. Barritt. As the play proceeded we saw this character developing, and before the fall of the last curtain, he seemed less bewildered and had become more sure of himself. E. Daley was not so happily cast as some of the others,

but he contrived to make the most of his part as Mr. Butler, a very ordinary but quite likeable speculative builder who seemed to have enough knowledge of the world and human nature to outwit the other three, while J. O. Spalding looked chic in his make-up as the secretary. In such a character as that of Mr. Rodgers there is often a tendency to overdo the part, but J. Wilks acted with commendable restraint and gave us more than a passable picture of the landlord of The Blue Boar. J. Erskine as Mary, the maid at the doctor's house, W. P. Metcalfe as Mrs. Wetherby, and C. Clay as Mrs. Forrester, all contributed to the success of the production. Without having anything to say, P. N. Knight gave an amusing study of the next man in at a critical juncture of the game.

Producer, Mr. Brierley.

The Library.

This is the second term of the new Library, and we have now had a chance to estimate its value in the work of the School. As a place for private study for senior boys it has clearly proved its worth, and full advantage has been taken of the facilities it provides. It is true, of course, that we still suffer from lack of many important reference and text books, but this is a deficiency that is steadily, if slowly, being made up. Some twenty new books have been bought this term, and we are indebted to the kindness of several donors for a number of volumes. Our thanks are due to J. S. Battersby for four science books, "A Short History of Chemistry," "Text Book in Heat," "Lecture Experiments in Chemistry," and "Scientific Progress"; to W. T. Curtis for Boswell's "Life of Johnson"; and G. M. Williams for Whympers

"Scrambles among the Alps." It is not intended that periodicals and magazines should be provided for use in the Library, but Mr. C. G. Dehn, an Old Hulmeian to whom the School owes much, has very kindly undertaken to supply for a year or two "The Bulletin of International News," an interesting, non-political, and non-party magazine that, without comment, deals with everything of international importance. Considerably over 300 books have been taken out this term, a fact that amply proves the utility of the Library. Shelf lists have been prepared by G. E. Barritt, who has done much useful work as one of the assistant librarians. The lists should be a great help to borrowers.

Autumn Rain.

The sky's grey again,
And the rain
Slaps on the soaked autumn leaves.
The predominant sound
All around
Is the drip of the rain from the eaves,
Monotonously.

Dull clouds reign eterne,
And the fern
Bends down its brown sodden frond
Lifeless and lank
On the bank
Of the willow-fringed, rain-rippled pond.

Green, brown, and grey
Is the day,
Blanketed under the rain.
Its drops fall direct
And collect
Into channels, and run down the pane,
Incessantly.

W. T. C.

The Old Hulmeians Association.

The Annual Dance, held at the Longford Hall, on Friday, 14th January, was the best attended for many years. The 210 who were present had a most enjoyable evening.

On Wednesday, January 26th, the Old Boys and parents joined with the School in the Founders' Day Service at the Cathedral. The service was conducted by the Dean of Manchester (Chairman of the Governors), and the sermon was preached by Canon Peter Green. The Luncheon which followed at the Midland Hotel was attended by 86, a big drop in numbers from last year, when there were 175 present. Possibly if Old Hulmeians in business in Manchester realised that the proceedings are over by two o'clock, the attendance would be greater. The lunch is primarily intended for those who live outside Manchester and find it difficult to attend the Dinner. Also, it provides an occasion when Old Hulmeians and their wives can meet parents of present and past members of the School, the School staff and Governors.

The Annual Dinner on March 5th at the Midland Hotel was one of the most pleasant we have ever had, but the numbers were disappointing owing to a variety of reasons, and we failed to reach the hundred.

The toast of "The Association" was proposed by Mr. H. J. Seddon, President of the London Association, the response being made by Mr. H. Cardwell, President of the O.H.A.

"The School" was proposed by Mr. W. W. Land and responded to by the Headmaster. Mr. S. R. Best proposed "Our

Guests"—Canon Woolnough, Mr. H. J. Seddon, Mr. J. I. Franklin and Mr. Ramsden (*Manchester Guardian*).

Canon Woolnough, the newly appointed Vice-Chairman of the Governors, responded and Mr. Franklin also said a few words.

Sectional activities are reported elsewhere in this number.

The problem that is exercising the minds of the General Committee at present is the question of a new ground for the Rugby Section. It will involve considerable expense to take on the lease of the new ground offered by the Manchester Corporation, and various schemes are now being considered in order to meet the proposed liability. Nothing has yet been settled, but it is hoped to have a definite proposal made after the General Meeting of the Rugby Section in May.

The attention of members and also those leaving School this summer is again drawn to the Endowment Scheme, by which members and others are invited to pay 16/11 per year (by banker's order) for ten years, in order that the Association may, in years to come, have a sound financial backing for whatever purpose is then felt most desirable. The original policy, for which the third payment was made on April 2nd, was for £1,250, and additional policies are being taken out each year. Further information can be obtained from the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. Whittingham, 38a, Ryebank Road, Firwood, Manchester 16, or the Hon. General Secretary, Mr. A. L. Powell, 29, South Drive, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

It is hoped to interest present boys and their parents in this scheme, which will benefit chiefly the Old Hulmeians of the future.

A. L. P.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The first season under the experimental ten-a-side rules is now nearly over, and at meetings recently held by the N.E.L.A. and the English Lacrosse Union, it has been decided to continue the experiment for a further season, with some alterations to the rules. Opinion is by no means universally in favour of the new rules, although, generally speaking, there is a majority which favours the ten-a-side game, and within our own club, most of members prefer the new game. The off-side rule has created most discussion, and, as a result of considerable opposition to its present form, a new version may be introduced next season. Instead of the field being divided into two halves, there will be three sections each thirty yards wide, and the middle one will be open to all players. Defence players will only become offside when they approach nearer than thirty yards to the opponents' goal, and attack players only when they drop back to within thirty yards of their own goal. This should be a decided improvement, as it will introduce more mid-field play into the game, and will rid lacrosse of annoying stoppages for technical infringements which have occurred this season.

Since our last lacrosse notes the first team has improved considerably, and seem certain to finish in the top half of the First Division. The attack has been strengthened by the return to the north of C. T. Howard, who, with T. G. Moore and A. B. Whitehouse, has formed a dangerous attacking trio.

The team played brilliantly in the semi-final of the Flags, defeating Mellor, the holders, rather unexpectedly, but quite decisively 13—8. They met Old Waconians in the final at Fallowfield on March 26th, and were rather unlucky to lose 6—8 after

leading all through the game. In the first half, we were right on top, and the attack scored four perfect goals, while the defence conceded two and looked safe, Jarvis playing very well. At the end of the third quarter we still led 6—5, though the attack was not playing as well as in the first half. C. T. Howard had been rather shaken by an injury, and was not so prominent. The end was rather a disappointing one to what had been a close and exciting match, for N. A. Barber was badly injured and had to retire with the score at 6—6, and, immediately afterwards, Old Waconians secured the lead for the first time in the game, following a free position for an offside infringement, about which there appeared to be some doubt. Our opponents added another goal just before time and placed the issue beyond doubt, winning the Flags for the first time in their career.

The "A" team have not done quite so well since Christmas, but on the whole have had a rather better season than last year. They have made their position in the Second Division safe, and two of their losses were only by a single goal against the top two teams, Stockport Seconians 10—11, and Heaton Mersey Guild 4—5. The team also played very well against Manchester University and forced a draw 9—9. D. S. B. Vincent has played some excellent games in goal, H. A. Whatley has developed into a very sound defence man and was picked to play for the Second Division team, and A. Jones and K. R. B. Davies have been invaluable in mid-field. Davies has improved greatly this season and his size and speed have made him a useful reserve for the First team on several occasions.

The Third team have improved considerably since Christmas, but they are still in danger of relegation. They did well in reaching the final of the Lancashire Junior Cup, which they won last year, scoring a

good victory over Old Waconians "A" in the semi-final 12—8. In the final they met their last year's opponents, Old Mancunians "A," but last year's result was reversed, and we were well beaten 2—15. Old Mancunians "A" this season have a considerably better team than last year's, while our Third team is not as sound as last year's, particularly on attack. It was our opponents' fourth successive year in the final and their first success. J. C. Scammell has played some good games in goal and L. A. Angell has been the best of a fairly even defence, while D. M. Arrandale, J. Wright and I. A. McTaggart have been prominent on attack.

The "B" team have had quite a good season, and have a keen and enthusiastic captain in J. F. Caldwell. They have had to change their team considerably from week to week, but they are training some very useful players. J. T. Emery and J. P. Colbeck have both played good games in goal, and R. D. Edwards, D. Barnes and D. B. Flunder show promise, while R. Cocker, J. G. Rickards and L. M. Hartley are always effective.

In representative matches, we have had N. A. Barber and G. R. Vlies on the County team, and N. A. Barber, G. W. Orr and G. R. Vlies on the North and C. T. Howard on the South teams.

The newly-formed Associate members section grows slowly in numbers, and the Secretary would be pleased to hear from any Old Hulmeian who is interested in the Lacrosse club and would like to join. The subscription is half-a-crown a year.

We hope that we shall receive a good number of new members from School at the end of this year. There is a possibility that we shall run five teams next season, and we shall require a number of new members to maintain them. The Secretary is always

pleased to hear from anyone who wishes to join.
J. M.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

Jan. 8.—v. Mellor	.....H	3-13	L.
„ 15.—v. Offerton	.....A	11-7	W.
„ 29.—v. Ashton	.....H	14-9	W.
Feb. 5.—v. Old Waconians	.....A	6-9	L.
„ 12.—v. Offerton	.....A	13-9	W.
„ 19.—v. Blackley Park	.....H	14-8	W.
„ 26.—v. Mellor	.....H. Mersey	13-8	W.
Mar. 12.—v. Heaton Mersey	.....H	14-8	W.
„ 19.—v. Old Mancunians	.....A	12-11	W.
„ 26.—v. Old Waconians	.....	
M.A.C. Ground (Flags Final)		6-8	L.

“A” TEAM.

Jan. 8.—v. Disley	.....A	5-12	L.
„ 15.—v. Old Staffordians	.....H	13-4	W.
„ 22.—v. M/c. University	.....H.	9-9	D.
„ 29.—v. Stockport “A”	.....A	17-2	W.
Feb. 5.—v. Cheetham	.....H	13-6	W.
„ 7.—v. Cheadle Hulme	.....H	3-10	L.
„ 19.—v. Stockport Secs.	.....A	10-11	L.
„ 26.—v. Cheadle	.....A	7-13	L.
Mar. 5.—v. Cheadle	.....H	4-11	L.
„ 12.—v. Chorlton	.....H	5-13	L.
„ 19.—v. H.M. Guild	.....H	4-5	L.

THIRD TEAM.

Jan. 8.—v. Mellor “A”	.....A	5-17	L.
„ 15.—v. Bdmn. & Eccles “A”	.....Birch	6-2	W.
„ 22.—v. Marple	.....H	13-4	W.
„ 29.—v. Old Mancunians “A”	.....H	3-13	L.
Feb. 5.—v. Barton Hall	.....A	11-6	W.
„ 12.—v. Worsley	.....A	8-10	L.
„ 19.—v. Old Wacs. “A”	.....Oldham	12-8	W.
„ 26.—v. Stockport Sun. School	.....A	2-17	L.
Mar. 5.—v. Rochdale	.....A	10-5	W.
„ 12.—v. Old Manes. “A”	.....Chorlton	2-15	L.
(Final Lanes. Junior Cup.)			

“B” TEAM.

Jan. 8.—v. Urmston “A”	.....H	8-3	W.
„ 15.—v. H.G.S. “A”	.....H	13-8	W.
„ 22.—v. Mellor “B”	.....A	6-12	L.
„ 29.—v. Urmston “A”	.....A	8-10	L.
Feb. 5.—v. Rochdale “A”	.....H	1-0	W.
„ 12.—v. Birch “A”	.....H	8-4	W.
„ 19.—v. Stockport “B”	.....A	1-0	W.
„ 26.—v. Disley “A”	.....H	2-8	L.
Mar. 5.—v. Worsley “A”	.....H	6-5	W.
„ 12.—v. H.G.S.	.....A	0-30	L.
„ 19.—v. Chorlton “A”	.....H	12-5	W.

Old Hulmeians Rugby Football Club.

Chief interest for the last few weeks has been centred on the completion of the plans for the new ground. These have been submitted to the financial sub-committee of the Association, which naturally has been unable to make any recommendation concerning them until it is ascertained whether the plans are approved by the whole Club. It is proposed, therefore, to put the details of the scheme before the Club at the General Meeting and Hot Pot of the Rugby Section which will be held at School on Wednesday, 4th May. In view of the importance of the scheme, and the weight which will be attached to the outcome of the meeting, it is essential that all members of the Rugby Section should be present.

The alarming exodus of members from Manchester which occurred before Christmas has not diminished, and three more players have been lost in this way since January. S. R. Blakeley and D. H. Elbourne, who broke his collar-bone for the second time this season, have played very few games for the First team since Christmas, and these facts, together with

the large number of minor injuries, have not only weakened the First team considerably, but also made it impossible to turn out more than three teams satisfactorily.

The records of the teams at the moment are:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	POINTS	
					F.	A.
1st XV.	24	15	0	9	348	216
"A" XV.	26	11	1	14	262	292
"Extra A" XV.	18	10	1	7	189	201
"B" XV.	9	0	0	9	17	316
"Extra B" XV.	2	1	0	1	30	26

All the teams have had more difficult fixtures than in the past, and only the First team have not improved on last season's record. Most of the matches lost took place between the middle of January and the middle of March, when it was no uncommon occurrence for the team to play with seven or eight reserves. Not all these matches should have been lost, however, and the defeat by Old Salfordians at Wythenshawe was particularly unfortunate. Old Boys led 8—0 at one time, and 17—8 a quarter of an hour from the end. Old Salfordians scored in the last minute, and won 19—17. This defeat, and the earlier loss to Ashtonians are the only matches the First team have ever lost at Wythenshawe.

The loss of Blakeley and Elbourne was particularly unfortunate, and it is interesting to note that Blakeley has only once been on the losing side this season. E. B. Jackson, W. A. Parkinson and Blakeley played for Major Godfrey's XV against Broughton Park on February 12th. This is the first occasion on which members of the Club have been invited to play for an outside team.

The "A" and "Extra A" teams have

both won more matches than they did last season. The "A" team backs have been strengthened by the return of H. E. Dalton, and now at the end of the season with a number of University players available, there seems every prospect of a total of 300 points being reached for the first time. R. W. Townend has played well at scrum-half, and N. Meakin has been the best three-quarter. The upheavals of the season have resulted in almost every member of the side being required to turn out for the First team at one time or another.

Excellent form was displayed by the "Extra A" at the beginning of the season, and now that members of the regular side are not being called upon by the higher teams, the "Extra A" are finishing the season just as well. A 36—0 victory over a Sale side recently was easily a record for a third team, and it brought the number of wins up to double figures for the first time.

Chiefly responsible for this satisfactory season has been I. D. Burke who, although frequently impeded almost as much by his own forwards as by their opponents, has always sent out excellent passes from the scrum. H. Houghton has been the best outside, and J. S. Shayler and H. K. Joseph have played excellent games. J. F. Weatherby was unable to turn out this season until the middle of March, but he has been playing very well in the three-quarter line. G. S. Moss, J. B. Platford and F. N. Cooper have been the best of the forwards, and J. Mason has played well enough to be chosen frequently for the "A" team.

Next season's fixture list, which was referred to in these notes at Christmas, has been further improved by a match with Davenport. There is also a strong possibility that further additions will be made

shortly. The present fixtures, however, including matches with the first teams of Bowdon, Davenport, Macclesfield, Winnington Park, and Didsbury, in addition to many of the teams played this year, is a formidable one. It is hoped to present the final list to the General Meeting on May 4th.

C. G. D.

RESULTS.

FIRST XV.

Dec.	4.—v. Orrell	.....H	7-6	W.
„	11.—v. Sale Schools XV.	.....H	0-0	Abd.
„	27.—v. Winnington Park "A"	...A	39-0	W.
Jan.	1.—v. Ormskirk	.....H	14-6	W.
„	8.—v. Broughton Park "A"	...A	10-9	W.
„	15.—v. Old Salfordians	.....A	0-18	L.
„	22.—v. Ashtonians	.....H	3-15	L.
„	29.—v. Sale Schools XV.	.....A	7-8	L.
Feb.	5.—v. Old Crossleyans	.....H	9-6	W.
„	12.—v. Old Mancunians	.....A	6-0	W.
„	19.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey	.....H	14-0	W.
„	26.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey	.....A	6-8	L.
Mar.	5.—v. Old Salfordians	.....H	17-19	L.
„	12.—v. Manchester "Extra A"	...A	3-16	L.
„	19.—v. Toc H.	.....H	20-3	W.
„	26.—v. Blackburn	.....A	12-36	L.

"A" XV.

Dec.	4.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey "A"	...A	8-9	L.
„	27.—v. Winnington P. "Ex. A"	..H	3-14	L.
Jan.	1.—v. Ormskirk "A"	.....A	3-16	L.
„	8.—v. Eccles "B"	.....H	8-0	W.
„	15.—v. Broughton Park "B"	...H	0-11	L.
„	22.—v. Old Salfordians "Ex. A"	..H	21-9	W.
„	29.—v. Sale "B"	.....H	23-0	W.
Feb.	5.—v. Broughton Park "B"	...A	3-3	D.
„	12.—v. Broughton P. "Ex. A"	...H	0-18	L.
„	19.—v. Eccles "A"	.....H	5-11	L.
„	26.—v. Metrovick "B"	.....A	6-11	L.
Mar.	5.—v. Eccles "B"	.....A	9-5	W.
„	12.—v. Bowdon "A"	.....A	3-9	L.
„	19.—v. Prestwich "B"	.....H	13-0	W.
„	26.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey "A"	...H	11-14	L.

"EXTRA A" XV.

Dec.	4.—v. Kersal "B"	.....H	10-9	W.
Jan.	1.—v. Old Salfordians "B"	.....H	10-3	W.
„	8.—v. Broughton Park "B"	...H	10-6	W.
„	22.—v. Kersal "B"	.....A	0-20	L.
Feb.	5.—v. Toc H. "A"	.....H	11-8	W.
„	19.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	...A	6-22	L.
Mar.	5.—v. Toc H. "A"	.....H	3-15	L.
„	12.—v. Bowdon "B"	.....H	11-16	L.
„	19.—v. Toc H. "A"	.....A	6-5	W.
„	26.—v. Sale "Extra "B"	.....A	36-0	W.

"B" XV.

Dec.	11.—v. Eccles "B"	.....A	3-36	L.
„	27.—v. Sale "Extra B"	.....H	0-43	L.
Jan.	15.—v. Old Salfordians "B"	.....H	3-14	L.
„	29.—v. Prestwich "B"	.....A	0-44	L.
Feb.	12.—v. Winnington Park "B"	...H	3-17	L.
„	26.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey "B"	...H	0-35	L.

The Cambridge Old Hulmeians Association.

This term has been an eventful one, and a number of achievements in the various activities of the members have to be recorded.

Two meetings have been held this term, the first in D. C. Snow's rooms in Queen's, when G. C. Evans was unfortunately absent owing to pressure of work. The second was held towards the end of term in G. C. Evans's flat, and on this occasion G. S. Somerset was unable to attend. During the term we were very pleased to see Mr. Barber in Cambridge for a few days, during which he coached the University lacrosse team. A marked improvement was noticeable in the team due to his efforts, and he undoubtedly contributed to the success of the team against Oxford. We were

also pleasantly surprised to see Mr. Lloyd in Cambridge during the School half-term.

Our congratulations are due to H. Cartwright and R. C. Spooncer on being awarded their half-blues for lacrosse after what must be a record short preliminary membership of the University club. The Association is now represented in the team by three members, who all made ample contribution to the defeat of Oxford in the inter-'varsity match, Spooncer particularly distinguishing himself by scoring three of the seven goals. At the meeting of half-blues held at the end of the season, R. C. Spooncer was elected secretary, and D. C. Snow treasurer of the Lacrosse club for next year. R. C. Spooncer also played in the South of England Lacrosse Trial earlier in the term, and ran for St. John's College in the athletics challenge match with Trinity Hall.

G. C. Evans was very busy for the first part of the term completing a thesis on his botanical researches in Nigeria and at the Cambridge laboratories, which he has entered for a research fellowship at St. John's College. We all wish him success, and are confidently looking forward to next term when the results will be known. M. Ballinger ably addressed the University Natural Science Club on the abstruse subject of "Muscle Chemistry," on February 25th, and this term G. C. Evans became a past member of the club after completing the necessary number of terms' membership. Work, politics—in which he takes a keen interest—and the Union, have claimed most of G. S. Somerset's time, and, on occasion, he has had an urge to go to town to "lobby" his M.P. H. M. Taylor, a previous member of the Association, and G. C. Evans, took M.A. degrees this term.

The exceptionally fine weather during the last part of the term tempted several members to brave the perils of punting along

the "backs." No accidents are recorded, but Spooncer registered a bump at Trinity Bridge on his first day out. Greater progress and ability are expected next term when we hope to have the services of G. C. Evans as coach.

Finally, thanks are due to the three members of the Lacrosse club who proved conclusively one Saturday night that the distance between King's Cross and Liverpool Street cannot be covered in ten minutes, thus saving anyone who in future may be unfortunate enough to miss the 11-40 p.m. the expense of endeavouring to catch the 11-50 from Liverpool Street.

To the Oxford Old Hulmeians, and to those of us who have examinations in the near future we extend our best wishes, and to R. C. Spooncer our condolences on the loss of his bicycle.

D. C. S.

Oxford Old Hulmeians.

The struggle of their college boats for the headship of the river has provided A. F. Brazier and D. Erskine with another cause for argument this term, and feathers are often seen flying from the windows of 18, Longwall Street. Brazier has been *hors de combat*, owing to a broken thumb, his only athletic exploits being a game of hockey for the College Rugger club against the Soccer club, and the negotiation of the "High" at the rush hour on somebody else's bicycle. He has consoled himself by establishing a wireless set in his room, with an indoor aerial which he casts around like a lasso. He often locks himself in with a few gramophone records and reports himself to be working. He keeps a trombone in his bedroom for company, but again he was

prevented by his thumb from putting the "din" into Borodin in the fifth subscription concert.

Erskine has had four examinations this term, and escaped to the railway station on March 12th with a sigh of relief. He ran for the Hall in the Inter-College Sports, and still plays hockey when the game is not scratched: that is, he has had three games this term. He has been busy with a few societies, has lost his bicycle, and, in common with most undergraduates, he has given up lectures for Lent. In the intervals between these activities he has found time to convalesce from the last exam. before taking the next.

D. E.

Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

The first event held by the Society this year was the Sixth Annual Concert on Tuesday, 15th February, at the School.

On this occasion Mr. D. M. Williams had the difficult task of being the soloist as well as conductor of the orchestral items in the programme. A detailed report of the concert appears in this issue, but we feel that Mr. Williams and the orchestra are to be congratulated on their performance at this concert, especially in view of the fact that some of their regular members were unfortunately not available.

The last dramatic production of this season was "Ten Minute Alibi," by Anthony Armstrong, and the Committee wish to congratulate G. A. Norris, as producer, on his first effort in this direction.

Rambles have been held regularly and have been greatly enjoyed. They usually

take place on the last Sunday in the month, and it is intended to continue them during the early part of the summer. Notices are not sent out, but any member will be advised of the necessary arrangements if he communicates with B. D. Norris.

The Society's dance will have been held by the time this issue appears. It has been arranged for Wednesday, the 30th March, at "Danebury," Slade Lane, Levenshulme.

On Sunday, the 20th March, members of the string section of the orchestra took part, together with the choir of the Congregational Church, Swann Lane, Cheadle Hulme, in a performance of items from Mozart's Twelfth Mass. The playing was greatly enjoyed by the members, and it is hoped that the visit may be repeated on some future occasion.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in April, and the Committee hope that members will do their best to be present.

R. B.

Old Hulmeians Concert.

The Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society gave their sixth concert in the School hall on Tuesday, February 15th. The audience was not quite up to last year's numbers, but those who attended were keenly appreciative of the work of the performers. The programme was short but was varied, well-balanced and interesting.

The concert opened with the School song played at a quicker tempo than usual. This and the precision with which the brass section played gave a sparkling opening to the performance. The "March of the Priests" (Mendelssohn) was most stirring

owing to the fulness of melody which made it easily intelligible. The three Songs of the Sea (Stanford) "Devon, O Devon," "Homeward Bound," and "The Old Superb," were inspiring tunes and were sung with feeling by Mr. Williams. Throughout this item the balance between orchestra and voice was well maintained, and nothing was lost of the songs. In the piano-forte solo, "Variations and Fugue" on a theme by Handel (Brahms), O. J. Charnock accomplished some difficult technical piano music. His second piece, "The Wedding Day" (Grieg), depending as it does for effects by the subtle changing of chords, was much more readily understood, and, though not so ambitious as his first item, was far more convincing. Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" was well appreciated owing to its fulness of melody and simplicity of exposition. The brass showed themselves to be under good control here. The "Emperor" Waltz (Strauss) was a typical Viennese waltz with a lilting melody full of charm. The orchestra seemed to enjoy this thoroughly, and this was, perhaps, their best piece of work during the evening. Of the second group of three songs by Mr. Williams, which included "The Moon Drops Low," American Indian song (Cadman), "Droop not, Young Lover" (Handel), "Old Mother Hubbard" (on the style of Handel), (Hely-Hutchinson), the last was, perhaps, the most enjoyable, since it was based on the well-known tune of that name, but with the usual harmonies of Handel replacing those generally used with this tune. The Overture to "The Merry Wives of Windsor" (Nicolai), was well done and the brass excelled themselves here. It should be noted that a number of the first fiddles were missing so that the orchestra was, throughout, under a great handicap.

Conductor: Mr. Williams.

"Ten Minute Alibi."

Detective melodrama has to make a departure from the conventional if it is to be effective nowadays; and Anthony Armstrong's "Ten Minute Alibi," produced by the Old Hulmeians at the Lesser Free Trade Hall on Friday and Saturday, March 25th and 26th, makes little attempt at distinction; it barely saves itself from mediocrity by a remarkable "pre-construction" of the crime in the first act, and by the extreme importance of a clock which is the "machina ex deo" of the piece. This clock is the focus of the whole play; as the detectives observe, "It's all something to do with Time."

The characters are, however, very stereotyped. Philip Sevilla, the traditional Unscrupulous Villain, is planning to abduct Betty Findon, who is infatuated by him; and Colin Derwent murders him to save the girl he loves from worse than death. He conceives the plan under the influence of a drugged cigarette given to him by Sevilla, and the manner in which it is executed delighted the audience immensely, especially when Derwent's plans are slightly affected by unexpected contingencies. He establishes an alibi very simply by putting the clock back ten minutes. In the last act we see the 'tects at work; after a series of chronological calculations which leave the audience in a state of nervous exhaustion, they decide to let Derwent's alibi stand. Betty Findon now comes to her senses and realises she should have listened to Colin's advice. Thus the audience is asked to approve of a murder which could have been avoided if Derwent had called in the police.

Derwent was played with great intensity by L. Roberts, although one felt at times that his forced nonchalance would not have deceived anybody. As Inspector Pember remarks, his "explanations all come pat," but the audience sees rather more obviously

than is necessary, how very impromptu the explanations are. The spontaneity of the hero's actions was very vividly conveyed, but did the author intend Colin to be quite such a bungler? Miss M. Barker was charming as Betty Findon, the heroine who believes anything she is told as long as her informant is unreliable enough, and she gave a sincere and natural study of a rather awkward part. R. A. Prideaux, as Philip Sevilla—complete with moustache and side-whiskers—was villainous enough to convince us from the beginning that this was to be our corpse. He played this part with his usual sangfroid relieved by an occasional suggestion of Latin volatility. B. Muth was well cast as Sir Miles Standing, a distinguished old gentleman who declines to be trifled with, and whose obstinacy is so trying to Derwent. His performance was delightfully clear cut, and it was all the more effective for its understatement. As Detective-Inspctor Pember, N. Hawley thoroughly enjoyed his part and held the audience's attention throughout an episode whose complexity might have made it tedious. His performance was not a caricature; it gave a convincing impression of the typical attitude of the Englishman to his job: he does it efficiently without appearing to take it seriously at all. We were thankful for the comic relief at this point. The Inspector had an admirable foil in M. S. H. Caw, as Detective-Sergeant Brace, the astute young product of the Trenchard Police College. Pember easily succeeded in keeping pace with Brace's professional enthusiasm in solving the mystery. This was really good team-work. O. R. Dennis made an enigmatic, unobtrusive Hunter, a refreshing change from the "perfect butler" type.

The smallness of the cast throws considerable responsibility on the chief parts, and G. A. Norris, the producer, is to be congratulated on a very competent presentation of an undistinguished play; not one

player was badly cast, and there was a notable scarcity of "technical hitches." The scene was unchanged throughout, and this gave opportunity for a painstaking arrangement of the setting.

The Old Hulmeians Orchestra, conducted by R. Burrows, provided a pleasant background to the intervals.

D. E.

Old Hulmeians Motor Club.

During the first three months of the year, this section of the Association has enjoyed three successful events: a shortest route competition, the annual dance, and a novelty rally.

The dance, held at the Brooklands Hotel in February, provided a really good evening for everyone present, and has been one of the outstanding events of the season. It may be said that everything was very satisfactory, including the supper, which, of course, to a Motor Club member is very important.

For the novelty rally in March we had an especially fine day of sunshine, a light breeze, and a clear sky, giving just the right conditions for the event. We were supplemented in forces by the Manchester University Motor Club who managed to turn out more members than is the practice for one of their own runs. Needless to say, we all became very keen on each of the novelty tests adopted, and even "grown-ups" seem to find a great delight in bursting balloons, or taking part in such affairs as an egg-and-spoon race modified somewhat in order to adapt it to our Motor Club requirements. Our visitors were certainly impressed by the rally, indeed, to the

extent of asking us to join them in a return event of a similar type at some future date.

Although it may not be generally known, this section invites friends of members to join in the runs, and particulars of the events may be obtained from the members of the committee.

J. C.

By Air to Bahrein.

[The following is from W. T. Barrett who is with the Bahrein Petroleum Company on Bahrein Island in the Persian Gulf.]

Our last morning in England was damp and chilly, and, as the motor launch sped down the Solent we could just see the huge funnels of the "Queen Mary" in dry dock. Soon we descried the seaplane that was to carry us as far as Egypt, and as we drew up alongside the mighty hull and wings of the "Camilla" we felt very small and insignificant. No time was wasted; we climbed aboard, the doors were hermetically sealed, and, on the stroke of eight, to the roar of four 7,000 horse-power engines, the flying-boat was cutting a white furrow in the leaden grey of Southampton Water.

Gradually the boiling turmoil of foam fell away from the windows, and I realised we were in the air. The seaplane climbed steeply to 3,000 feet, banked sharply, and we caught our last glimpse of English fields and trees.

Still climbing, we passed through a thick cloud bank, and at 8,000 feet, in brilliant sunshine, we looked down on a vast carpet of fleecy white clouds. These stretched unbroken as far as the eye could see, and it was not until we were passing over the Auvergne district that we caught our first

glimpse of France. The clouds cleared rapidly as we flew farther south, and we marvelled at the peculiar hills known as the Puys de Vendôme; composed entirely of black basalt, they are perfectly conical in shape.

About noon we saw blue water ahead, and soon the seaplane was losing height rapidly as we approached Marseilles. Here the pilot made a perfect landing, and, while "Camilla" was being refuelled by a crowd of excitable French mechanics, we took the opportunity to step ashore and stretch our legs a little. Soon, however, we were off again, leaving the Riviera coast behind us on the left, and flying serenely over the Mediterranean. About 2-30 p.m. we were over Corsica, a grim rocky fastness which from above seemed to be composed entirely of jagged mountain peaks. An hour later the coast of Italy was in sight, and, at 4 p.m., the flying-boat landed on Lake Bracciano, the airport for Rome.

It was dusk when we arrived in Rome itself, and the drive through that historic city was a memorable experience. Robbed of much of its ancient glory by Fascist modernisation, enough still remains of its older civilisation to thrill the visitor.

We left Rome before sunrise next morning, and, at 6 a.m., "Camilla" was in the air again, her nose pointing almost due south. For the next four hours we flew along the mountainous backbone of Italy, the view being a repetition of gloomy crevasses and jagged peaks, with here and there on the sunny mountain sides a vineyard or olive farm. About 10 a.m. we landed at Brindisi, where, apart from some camouflaged hangars and Italian war planes, there was little of interest, and having refuelled, we said good-bye to Italy and headed across the Aegean Sea. Here we struck rather bumpy air conditions; "Camilla's" normal speed was 160 m.p.h. and to drop suddenly about a hundred feet

while travelling at this speed was anything but a pleasant sensation. Everyone was glad when we arrived at Athens; although we were some distance from the city itself, we could see the sun shining on the Acropolis, a memorable spectacle. We did not linger at Athens, but, having picked up two Greek passengers, we headed south over the placid blue of the Mediterranean. Night was falling as we landed in the harbour at Alexandria, and our luggage was unloaded from the "Camilla" for the last time.

The heat in Alexandria was much greater than we had yet experienced, and something indefinable in the atmosphere of the place seemed to tell us that this was the East at last. Once through the customs we were driven rapidly to a large hotel on the sea front, and here I, for one, realised I was in the East, for the window of my room was directly above a native restaurant!

We were roused at 3 a.m. next morning, but, after waiting for four hours in the hotel lounge, we were informed that, owing to a fault in the plane, our departure was postponed for twenty-four hours. We spent the day sight-seeing, and I was fortunate enough to see the young king Farouk go by in a procession. At night we saw an Arab cabaret, and finished off the evening with a visit to the Rio, Alexandria's magnificent open-air picture theatre.

We were off next day at 2 a.m. in the "Hadrian," a huge land plane, and we arrived at Gaza, in Palestine, in time for breakfast. We were now in biblical country, and, during the next four hours, we passed over such historic places as Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and the Sea of Galilee. At 11 a.m. we landed again at an oasis in the desert called Rutbah Wells, the most desolate spot imaginable; and here we came across a nomad tribe whose manner of living cannot have altered since biblical times.

All they had were a couple of black horse-hair tents and a few camels and donkeys, and how they managed to eke out an existence in that desert waste is a mystery to me. It was here at Rutbah Wells that we had a slight mishap. As we were taking off one of the immense tyres burst, and we were held up for two hours while repairs were effected. Consequently it was dark when we landed in Baghdad, and here I suffered my greatest disappointment of the journey, for Baghdad, far from being the jewel of the East as pictured in the "Arabian Nights," is an extremely dirty and unpleasantly odorous place. I was glad we stayed only one night; we were off at 5 a.m. next day and breakfasted in Basra at the head of the Persian Gulf. From Basra we flew parallel with the coast line of Arabia—leagues of golden sand joining an incredibly blue sea. Our last halting place before our destination was Koweit, a desert island in the worst sense of the word—nothing but sand and stones; here two courtly Arabs offered us "genuine antique scimitars" on the handles of which were stamped the words "Made in Germany"!

At 2 p.m. we emerged from "Hadrian" for the last time; we had reached Bahrein. So ended a flight of nearly 4,000 miles, over some of the oldest cities in the world. It was just four-and-a-half days since we had left Southampton.

O.T.C. Notes.

During the Christmas holidays we were informed that Major S. O. Jones, M.C., from the War Office, would like to visit the contingent early in the term. He came on

February 7th and, to suit his convenience, the parade was in plain clothes. He spent a long time with us, and, after inspecting the drill, the musketry, and the tactical work on the sand-table, he expressed himself as well satisfied with what he had seen. The work of the Juniors interested him, and he had a special word of praise for their work. Those who knew Captain Hibbard will regret to learn that he has been moved from the Ashton-under-Lyne Depot, but we are very fortunate in having as his successor Captain Hyde, who attended on Friday, January 21st, and gave a very interesting cinema lecture on gas and anti-gas precautions. Early in January word was received that Lance-Corporals D. R. Wood and A. L. Dennis and Cadet H. K. Goodger had been successful at the Certificate A examination Part II (written), held last November. This term the following seven candidates passed the Part I (practical), Lance-Corporal W. J. Mair, Cadets T. G. Bell, K. J. Brittlebank, R. M. Collins, C. H. Connor, J. V. Spring, and K. D. Taylor. Thirteen candidates took the Part II on March 8th, the results of which will not be known for some time. The weather throughout the term has been good, and, consequently, there has been little interference with parades which have invariably been well attended, but, owing to the Certificate A work, not a great deal of time has been spent on the field. A good many of the Seniors have put in some extra parades during which much useful work has been done. Among the Juniors the signalling has been continued when circumstances have allowed, and at a test held just before half term some dozen or so showed a real aptitude for the work. It is hoped to make use of these cadets next term. With the approach of Whitsuntide our thoughts turn to Grange-over-Sands and camp. Already arrangements are in hand for our sojourn there, and it is hoped that every cadet will make it his aim to be

present. With regard to our official O.T.C. Camp in August, we have just been notified that we are to go to Tidworth Pennings again. This is good news, for those who attended last year have nothing but the happiest memories of their experiences there—the wonderful situation of the camp, the pleasant sunny afternoons spent in the Happy Valley watching the demonstrations by the Green Howards, the thrills and excitements of night operations out on Salisbury plain, the visit to the Tattoo, and, lastly, the words of commendation from the C.O. of the Battalion on the work done by the contingent. The miniature range has been occupied mainly by the Shooting Eight who have been preparing for the *Country Life* competition, but, though they put in some good scores during practice, they did not do themselves justice in the competition proper, which was fired on Thursday, March 17th, at the R.A.S.C. range kindly put at our disposal by the Adjutant. The total score was 606 out of a possible 872. Dates have been fixed for two visits to the open range at Stalybridge when a beginning will be made with the competition for the Ratcliffe cup. The Shooting Eight for the *Country Life* competition was Sgt. W. T. Curtis, Lance-Corporals A. L. Dennis, D. R. Wood, W. J. Mair, F. Clarke, W. K. Bevan, and Cadets C. H. Connor and K. A. Stark; Squad leader, Lance-Corporal R. B. Fitzgerald. The annual inspection will take place on the School field on Thursday, June 23rd, when the visiting officer will be Brigadier V. T. R. Ford, D.S.O., Commander of the 127th Infantry Brigade. At the end of last term the following promotions were made: Corporal W. T. Curtis to be Sergeant, Cadets D. R. Wood, A. L. Dennis, W. J. Mair, F. Clarke, W. K. Bevan, P. W. Carnie, G. M. Williams, R. Joyce, to be Lance-Corporals.

Lacrosse, 1937-8.

Our record this term is five wins and four losses—a great advance on last term. The improvement is mainly due to the practices during the Christmas holidays and the experiment of playing R. J. Young in goal. Although not a first-class goalkeeper, he, as a good captain should, tried to make up for our losses last term by dropping back into goal. The defence has suffered by the new arrangement of the team, but opponents have had to work harder for their goals. Young's absence from the defence brought Billington on to the team, and Dennis, Mair, and Billington have tried hard to make up for the lack of determination so noticeable last term.

Graham has been indefatigable at centre, and Gill, Buckland and Flinn from last year's Colt's team, who were brought together again at the beginning of this term, although always overweighted, have shown 'crosse that we expect from a School first team. Their passing, however, is not hard enough, and not always intelligent, but they have tried to get goals.

The team has reached the final of the Juniors' Challenge Shield by beating Ashton "B" (away) 17—7, Offerton "B" (home) 8—3, and Old Waconians "B" (home) 14—4. Young has done his very best with the material at his disposal, and, if there are not too many leavers at the end of next July, the Lacrosse team ought to have a better time next season.

R. J. Young, A. L. Dennis, B. Race and W. T. Curtis have been chosen to play for the Lancashire Schoolboys against Cheshire Schoolboys on Flags final day at Fallowfield.

RESULTS.

v. ASHTON "B."—January 8th. Away. Won 17—7. First round of the Juniors' Challenge Shield.

Playing with the slope in the first quarter we soon scored three goals. From then on, we were decidedly the faster team. Our attacks were playing better, and had built up a substantial lead by half-time.

In the second half, forcing by the defence led to further goals, but the attack became crowded, and many opportunities were wasted. Buckland (5) and Flinn (4) were our chief scorers.

For this game Young played in goal.

v. OFFERTON "B." — January 15th. Home. Won 8—3. Second round of the Juniors' Challenge Shield.

A strong wind with showers of rain and hail made good 'crosse impossible. At the end of the first quarter we were leading 6—1. Playing with the wind in the second quarter we could score only two more goals, chiefly because our attacks played too close.

In the second half we failed to score. Our opponents crowded their goal, while we had too many on the attack and did not shoot often enough.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—February 2nd. Away. Lost 2—13.

Within the first five minutes we were leading by two goals scored by Gill and Buckland. Our opponents rallied and soon equalised. They took the lead because our attacks missed several easy chances.

In the second half our opponents scored further goals, due partly to our defensive errors. Our attack did not play on goal

enough, and, through poor handling, failed to penetrate a sound defence.

v. BLACKLEY PARK "A."—February 5th. Home. Won 14—3.

Both sides began with determination, backed up by sound defence play. We scored first, but they equalised, and the score at the end of the first quarter was 2—2. Our attacks were beginning to combine better, and at half-time we led 4—3.

In the second half we further increased our lead, the attack playing faster and passing more accurately. Our defence was sound and helped to score further goals by forcing. On the whole, the attack played well, while Cole and Ratliff showed promise.

v. OLD WACONIANS "B." — February 19th. Home. Won 14—4. Semi-final of the Juniors' Challenge Shield.

This was a very keen game, the play reaching a high standard. We soon took the lead and kept it throughout. Our attacks handled well, and their persistence kept the opposing defences busy. Their shooting was apt to be too hurried and inaccurate, but was made to look worse because of brilliant goalkeeping. Although our opponents' defence played well, our attack passed accurately and worked openings cleverly.

The School defence was sound throughout, Dennis, Mair and Billington bodying and clearing well. The centres worked hard, Race giving excellent support to the attack, and Graham did well to hold his man.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 26th. Away. Lost 6—20.

We opened the scoring, and play was even during the first quarter. Both sides

then missed easy chances, but our opponents gradually drew ahead to lead 8—4 at half-time.

In the second half our attack lost its previous speed and accuracy. Our opponents' attack improved, and, with forcing from their defence, built up a substantial lead. Our defence, faced by free men, became unsettled, and, although Race and Curtis worked hard, the attack could score only two more goals.

v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY "A."—March 9th. Away. Lost 6—11.

From the start play moved from one end to the other, neither side gaining the ascendancy. Our opponents scored first, but we soon equalised, and, at one point, led 3—2. However, our opponents scored again, and the score at half-time was 3—3.

Our opponents then scored two quick goals, and never lost the lead. Our attack worked hard, but inaccurate shooting and good goalkeeping checked our scoring. The defence played soundly, Dennis, Billington and Mair holding their men well.

v. CHORLTON "A." — March 12th. Home. Won 25—3.

Both sides began well, but our attack soon began to score goals by accurate passing and enterprising play. Further goals were added, and, with the defence playing soundly, we led 12—1 at half-time.

In the second half our attack proved superior. The centres worked hard, Curtis being outstanding.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. — March 19th. Home. Lost 9—19.

By fast and accurate play our opponents soon built up a three goals lead. Our defence failed to cope with a fast and determined attack, and at half-time the score

was 13—3 in their favour. Our attack's passing was poor, and determination was lacking. In the second half they livened up, but weak defensive work allowed our opponents to score. Curtis was our best attack, while Race and Graham never gave up.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—Final of Juniors' Challenge Shield. Saturday, April 2nd. Lost 6—12.

Cheadle Hulme began very determinedly but in face of very close marking shot appallingly, and Young did not have a single shot to stop for some minutes. However, Shirley for Cheadle Hulme, eventually pushed past Billington and opened the scoring. This goal was quickly followed by two more from Pickman and Shirley before Gill "hockeyed" one in for us. Pickman scored two more by getting our defence tied up, but Gill replied with two perfect individual efforts. Grundy then took charge of Gill and no more scoring took place before half-time. Immediately on the restart Gill scored again after some smart passing. Whitworth and Pickman replied for Cheadle Hulme, and then Buckland scored a further goal after some excellent passing between Gill and Race. 7—6 for Cheadle Hulme was not according to schedule, and for some minutes play was very exciting. Pickman, however, who was the outstanding attack, bored his way in and beat Young. This, however, did not seem to discourage the School team, and they carried play into the Cheadle Hulme goal mouth but could not find an opening. Another raid by Cheadle Hulme resulted in an accident to A. L. Dennis who had fought heroically against Pickman. At this point Cheadle got another goal and, with Dennis off the field, Pickman, who scored seven out of their twelve goals, was instrumental in raising their score to twelve.

The team gave their best display of the season, and Race, playing centre in the un-

fortunate absence of Graham, held Kelly to one goal, and that a back sling. Dennis, Mair and Billington defended strongly, and Gill and Buckland played 'crosse that was not surpassed by that of any of our opponents. Young did all that was possible both in and out of goal.

SECOND TEAM.

The Second team this term has been so often changed that it has never been able to settle down. The promotion of Billington, Mair, Flinn and Gill to the First, and the loss of Storry through illness caused complete disorganisation. In addition, Curtis, Ratliff, Joyce and Cole have, on occasion, been called on to assist the First team.

The defence suffered least from these changes. Weeks has proved to be a very sound point, and the experiment of moving Knight back to the defence turned out well. Cooper has improved in goal. It has been more difficult to find new centres and attacks. Curtis has improved rapidly as he has regained confidence, Hubbert has played well, and Joyce and Cole have worked hard in defence and attack.

The reserves lack experience, and their ideas of running into position are very unsound, but a more serious fault is poor handling.

Only four matches have been played. A fairly strong University "B" team was beaten 12—10. In this game our opponents had a strong attack and a weak defence, and, though they were attacking for most of the game, our defence played well enough to let the attack score enough goals to win.

Against Manchester Grammar School the defence again saved the game. The attacks seldom held the ball, but the defence kept steady under almost continuous pressure.

The game against Stockport Secondary School First team was unusual in that we scored three goals in the first half and our opponents scored three in the second. Hubbert was dangerous at first, but it was soon clear that the rest of the attack was innocuous, and two men were available to hold him. The defence, with great help from Cole, held out nobly, and the goals were given away by bad marking by a reserve centre.

In the last game, against Stockport Grammar School First, at Stockport, there was little good lacrosse, but the team fought back well in the second half after being down 3-13 at half-time.

The following have played:—W. T. Curtis, P. N. Knight, A. H. C. Ratliff, A. R. Cole, R. Joyce, E. Hubbert, F. W. Cooper, G. A. Weeks, R. L. Armitstead, H. Kay, H. S. Priest, W. A. Merchant, G. E. Barritt, P. B. Herbert, P. W. Carnie.

RESULTS.

Jan. 19.—v. University "B"	H Won	12-10
Feb. 5.—v. Manchester G.S.	A Won	4-3
„ 26.—v. Stockport Sec. S. 1st ...	H Drn.	3-3
Mar. 19.—v. Stockport G.S. 1st	A Lost	6-19

Results for the season: Played ten, won seven, lost two. Goals for 122, against 71.

UNDER 15.

Although they have had a successful season as far as results go, this year's Under 15 teams have not been as good as those of the last few years. They have adapted themselves to the new ten-a-side game quite well, and the handling has been good on the whole. Nevertheless, there has been a deplorable lack of "go" about the senior team in many matches. In this respect some boys have been excellent, playing whole-heartedly throughout the game.

Others, however, have been inclined to take things easily for a while, or not to bother about going for a loose ball if they thought they might not get to it before the opposition, or again to let the opposing defence pass the ball up to their attack players without making any real effort to hinder them. These failings may be thought mere trifles, but they often make the difference between winning and losing, for a team which plays whole-heartedly throughout the match is a very difficult team to beat.

Another striking feature has been the dearth of body-checking in defence. Our captain has set an excellent example in this respect, and has invariably stopped his man, but the others have been slow to learn. This also applies to the "rovers" whose attack play has been far superior to their defensive tactics. These deficiencies might easily have lost us many more matches had we not been so well served in goal.

The first team has usually been:—H. J. Abraham, G. W. Battersby (captain), J. D. Boardman, K. F. Brown, W. Brown, M. Michaelides, W. W. Mills, W. B. Ollerenshaw, B. T. Plaskett, R. P. Thomson.

This term matches have been played against Burnage High School First team (2-7 and 9-5), Manchester Grammar School U. 15 team (10-4 and 11-3), and Cheadle Hulme School U. 15 (10-6). The season's record is nine games won and three lost.

The second team this term has been chosen from G. S. Alvey, P. M. Breton, R. A. Bruce, P. J. Croxford, N. L. Galloway, R. H. Hargreaves, D. S. Hewet, P. D. Holmes, R. B. Marshall, F. Pethybridge, P. H. Richards, A. R. Rodgers, B. Rourke, N. M. Sampson and M. F. Wood (captain).

The team has played the corresponding Manchester Grammar School team twice (9-5 and 4-5). Four games have been won and one lost during the season.

Rugby, 1937-38.

Although the match results have been rather disappointing, the First XV have definitely improved since Christmas, especially in the forwards, and for the first time we have beaten Wakefield Grammar School.

The weakness has been chiefly in the backs, where we have not always had the combination or speed necessary for a successful side. Wadsworth, Mair and Carnie have been outstanding individually.

The best feature of the side, however, has been the way in which the second half of each match has been fought. In this respect they are probably better than any side we have had.

v. ST. ANSELM'S HALL. — December 15th. Away. Won 30—6.

Owing to examinations St. Anselm's fielded a weakened side, but the School were a long time before they took advantage of this. The three-quarters handled badly, and the forwards were weak in the loose during the first half. The handling and running of the three-quarters improved during the second half, and we took the score from 6—3 to 30—6.

v. AN OLD HULMEIANS XV.—January 19th. Home. Lost 5—26.

With seven of their first fifteen playing, the Old Boys had too good a side for the School. Play was very fast, and not until the second half did the Old Boys dominate the game, when their three-quarters scored several quick tries due to our weak tackling.

v. WAKEFIELD G. S.—January 22nd. Home. Won 14—9.

This is the first time the School has beaten Wakefield. The School forwards played well and gave Dixon a good chance

to heel the ball from set scrums. We scored a try and a goal after fifteen minutes play, and Wakefield replied almost immediately with a penalty goal and two tries. Thus the score stood at 9—5 for Wakefield at half-time. After the restart we brought the score to 9—8 through a penalty goal. The School were now having most of the game and a three-quarter movement sent Mair through to score, making it 11—9 in our favour. A few minutes before the end we converted another penalty goal, and a good game finished at 14—9 for the School.

v. MANCHESTER "B."—January 29th. Home. Lost 9—16.

With a heavier side against us, the School failed to reach the standard of play of the previous game. Starting with the wind behind us we led 6—3 at half-time. After the change-over, however, the three-quarters, excepting Mair, who tackled well, did not mark their men closely enough and by kicks ahead Manchester won the game.

v. MANCHESTER G. S.—February 12th. Away. Lost 0—39.

Graham captained the side in Wadsworth's absence. We were beaten by a better side. Manchester's forwards and three-quarters were superior to ours. By good handling and quick running Manchester scored freely, and dominated the whole game from beginning to end.

v. SIR JOHN DEANE'S SCHOOL.—February 16th. Away. Lost 8—9.

We had most of the play during the first half, but we scored only one try. Sir John Deane's School improved in the second half during which their forwards were successful in the loose, and they scored the winning try in the last minute of the game.

v. SANDBACH SCHOOL.—February 23rd. Home. Won 79—5.

We scored the first three tries before a set scrum had been given. After this good start the School scored freely. Flinn worked well at scrum-half and supplied the three-quarters freely with the ball. We led 48—0 at half-time, and, through good handling and passing, increased our lead to 79—5 before the final whistle.

The team has been chosen from :—W. V. Wadsworth (captain), W. Graham, P. W. Carnie, H. Kay, W. J. Mair, P. T. Flinn, S. Gill, F. Clarke, W. Dixon, R. Billington, F. Nuttall, P. B. Eastwood, K. A. Stark, D. R. Wood, W. G. Bevan and R. J. Young. Also played: A. G. Dunston.

SECOND XV.

This term we have won only one of our three matches, bringing the season's victories to three, though the keenness with which the games have been played might well have increased that number by two.

The outstanding feature of the games has been the forward play in the loose, where the pack has kept together and been quick on the ball. A. R. Cole, R. L. Armitstead, A. G. Dunston, F. R. Harrison and J. Kettlewell have been particularly prominent. In the tight the ball has come out far too slowly to give our halves time to get a movement going, and three-quarter play has consequently suffered. R. Joyce has developed into a useful scrum half, his spoiling and sound defensive work having frustrated many promising movements. W. T. Curtis, at fly-half, has been up with the game, but he should avoid excessive kicking when opportunities of opening up the game present themselves.

The greatest weakness of the backs has been in defence. Tackling and going down

to the ball to stop foot rushes have been lamentably weak, though A. L. Dennis, who has led the side well, has been the exception here. Once in possession the threes have handled well, and the wing men have gone hard for the line. R. B. Fitzgerald at full-back has improved, though his tackling is too uncertain for such a vital position.

The team has generally been :—A. L. Dennis (captain), R. B. Fitzgerald, B. Race, P. N. Knight, A. H. C. Ratliff, W. T. Curtis, R. Joyce, D. H. Griffiths, R. L. Armitstead, A. R. Cole, R. H. Bloomfield, J. B. Loebell, J. Kettlewell, F. R. Harrison and A. G. Dunston. Also played: S. Gill, G. M. Williams, C. H. Connor.

RESULTS.

Jan. 22.—v. Wakefield G.S. 2nd Won 18-10
Feb. 12.—v. Manchester G.S. 2nd Lost 0-20
„ 16.—v. Sir John Deane's S. 2nd ... Lost 5-9

Season's results: Played nine, won three, lost six; points for 102, points against 107.

COLTS XV.

Two matches have been played this term. Against Sandbach we managed to win, but we were quite unable to cope with the resolute running and accurate passing of M.G.S. at Fallowfield, and lost by a large margin. This was due to the weak tackling of our midfield players and the inept display of the pack.

v. SANDBACH SCHOOL.—February 2nd.
Won 11—8.

v. MANCHESTER G. S.—February 12th.
Lost 0—34.

P. J. Croxford; P. McLeod, G. W. Battersby, W. Brown, P. M. Breton, H. J. Abraham; G. T. Bassil, J. D. Boardman;

C. H. W. Hirs, A. Chapman, G. N. Hobson, A. Jackson, D. J. Tetlow, W. W. Mills, P. C. Wilkinson, T. R. Dixon, A. R. Rodgers.

House Games.

We have been particularly fortunate this term in having good weather on all but one half-holiday.

On one especially fine afternoon a detailed analysis of the record showed that only six boys, other than those medically excused, did not play games. This is a sufficient indication of the number of boys who play on a Wednesday and Saturday afternoon.

At the beginning of the term the final of the Rugby football "knock-out" was decided, Whitworth winning by four goals and two tries, 26 points, against Fraser, who scored 10 points. In the House Lacrosse League, competition has again been very keen and, except for the first week, Whitworth have held a clear lead over the other Houses, although that lead is now being challenged by Gaskell.

The present positions, with one more game to be played to finish this round, are: (1) Whitworth 88 pts., (2) Gaskell 87 pts., (3) Dalton 73 pts., (4) Fraser 62 pts., (5) Byrom 57 pts., (6) Heywood 53 pts.

All the Houses have fielded good teams, both senior and junior, and particularly when able to include School team players the play has been very close. Thus Fraser beat Whitworth in one knock-out semi-final, by only two goals, after extra time, while

in the other semi-final between Gaskell and Dalton a replay was necessary after a draw 3—3, Gaskell finally winning by four goals to three.

The finals of both Junior and Senior "knock-outs" were won by Gaskell, the first team beating Fraser by ten goals to three. Hubbert and J. Buckland three each, and Race and Young two each, were the scorers for Gaskell. N. M. Hicks, P. B. Herbert and W. T. Curtis scored for Fraser.

In the under-fourteen final Gaskell beat Heywood in a close match.

The following House colours have been awarded:—

Byrom.—J. D. Boardman, A. G. Dunston, W. W. Mills, R. Rayner. Junior: N. M. Sampson, D. Huxstep.

Dalton.—R. L. Armitstead, G. W. Battersby, K. F. Brown, F. W. Cooper, S. Jewsbury, H. S. Priest. Junior: D. S. Hewet, N. Scholes, R. P. Thomlinson, G. C. Waters, A. Whitehead.

Fraser.—W. Flunder, J. Kettlewell, J. D. Robson. Junior: C. P. Dockeray, J. M. Gilliat, R. A. Worswick.

Gaskell.—J. Buckland, R. M. Collins, A. Crawford, R. B. Fitzgerald, K. Halstead, E. Hubbert, A. Robinson, A. R. Rodgers, M. F. Wood, D. R. Wood. Junior: P. J. Croxford, J. B. Redfearn.

Heywood.—C. H. Connor, G. F. Deason, G. F. Gill, L. Hicks, C. T. Hough, A. Welby. Junior: G. L. Lee, R. A. Bruce, J. A. Cross, L. Robertson.

Whitworth.—G. S. Alvey, J. C. W. Hargreaves, P. R. Edwards, B. Vitkovitch.

D. R. W.

