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School Notes and News

The Rev. A. H. Ginever, M.A., is retiring at the end of this term, thus joining a small but distinguished band of men who have devoted the whole of their professional career to the service of the School. An appreciation follows at the conclusion of these notes.

We are also losing Mr. G. M. Thornton, M.A., who is taking up another post at the Lower School of John Lyon, Harrow. Mr. Thornton was appointed originally to the School in 1950 to teach English, but latterly has transferred to the History staff while retaining the English Scholarship set, in the teaching of which he has met with considerable success. He has taken an active interest in games, particularly cricket, in which he has

shared in the coaching of the School teams. He has also taken part in the activities of the Literary and Debating Society. He was also responsible for the very successful production of R. C. Sherriff's "Home at Seven" at the end of the Michaelmas term, 1953. We wish him every success and happiness in his new post.

When we return in September we shall not be greeted by the familiar kindly face of Mr. Locke. At the age of seventy, after twenty-one years in the service of the School as Senior Porter, he has decided to retire. Mr. Locke is one of those whose prompt and reliable services one is too much inclined to take for granted. More often than not in the past twenty-one years he has been the first to arrive in the morning and the last to leave the premises at night. His services were never of greater value than in the difficult war period, when

he was always at School in time to open up in the mornings, whatever the night's adventures had been. We are sorry that at the end of his career at the School a broken ladder should lead to a broken arm; but rejoice that it has not led to a broken heart. Mr. Locke has met this misfortune with the same triumphant fortitude that he has manifested in all other mishaps. We hope he will have many years' happy gardening at which he is so accomplished an expert.

We welcome to the School Mr. C. H. Gobie, B.Sc. (University College of North Wales, Bangor), who has recently joined the staff as Biology master.

Our best wishes are offered to the Headmaster's secretary, Miss Rossant, on her marriage. We are glad to learn that we shall not be losing her as Mrs. Blair.

The groundsman's building, commenced in the Autumn of last year is now completed and only awaits an occupant.

The "Current Affairs" periods of the Third Year Sixth have included this term lectures by Mr. E. A. G. Holloway on "The Gold Standard" and by Mr. McKenzie on "America, Great Britain and the U.S.S.R.". We hope to have further lectures, before the end of the term, on "Missionary Work in Johannesburg" by the Rev. F. G. Sidebotham (O.H.) and on "Pakistan" by Mr. Owain-Jones, who gave us such an interesting talk on "The British Council" last term. These lectures are supplementary to those given by the School staff.

The President of the Methodist Conference, the Rev. W. Russell Shearer, M.A., will also be paying a visit to the School on Monday, July 4th, to address Senior Boys.

Mr. Collings is taking a party of Middle School boys to Paris on August 1st. We trust that they will have a very enjoyable and profitable time.

We have to thank a generous, anonymous donor for the gift of a Hymn Number Stand, similar in style to the reading-desk and other platform furniture. This very acceptable gift is made in memory of A. H. Roy, an Old Hulmeian—contemporary with the donor—who died in South America shortly after leaving School in July, 1924.

We congratulate G. T. Fielding on being awarded the Cartwright Scholarship in Mathematics at Manchester University.

Calendar for Michaelmas Term:—

Michaelmas Term will begin on Tuesday, September 13th, at 9-15 a.m.

Mid-term holiday will be on October 28th, 29th and 31st.

The Christmas Holidays will begin on Monday, December 19th, at 4 p.m.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt this term of *The Denstonian*, *The Savilian* and *The Wallaseyan*.

The Rev. A. H. Ginever

At the end of this term Mr. Ginever is bringing his long career at this School to a close. Before entering Pembroke College, Oxford, from which he graduated with an Honours Degree in Modern Languages, he served with the R.A.S.C. in the First World War, taking part in the Balkan Campaign as well as seeing active service in France.

Mr. Ginever began teaching at the School in Sept., 1922. Considerable personal contacts with both France and Germany, reinforced by exceptional thoroughness and patience, have resulted in his work's achieving conspicuous success. In between the wars he conducted several parties of boys from School to Germany, visiting either the Harz Mountains or Bavaria.

He has taken an active interest in the orchestra and has played the violin for concerts, operas and dramatic performances for a number of years. He has been responsible for the costumes for both the Tuesday entertainments and the major productions.

During the Second World War he helped with the running of the School Harvest Camps at Grange-over-Sands and also with fire-watching at School. Since then he has regularly accompanied the C.C.F. to camp as its chaplain.

He has always been closely identified with Fraser House, of which of recent years he has been Housemaster.

His chief concern, however, has been the spiritual life of the School. He has prepared many boys for confirmation. The Christian Fellowship was the outcome of his initiative and he has presided over its activities with characteristic enthusiasm from its first inception. He has frequently been requested to officiate at the marriage of many Old Hulmeians, in whose activities he has taken an abiding interest.

Those who have come into even the most fleeting contact with Mr. Ginever's kindly disposition will have been impressed with the fact that his Christianity is not merely a doctrine to be taught, but a life to be lived: those who have been fortunate enough to have known him over a long period of years will readily acknowledge that the

privilege of acquaintanceship with him has enriched their lives.

Shortly after entering the School, Mr. Ginever took orders in the Church of England. Since then he has undertaken Sunday duty at St. Mary's, Hulme. In retirement from teaching he hopes to devote the whole of his time to parish work. He and Mrs. Ginever will have not only our best wishes, but also our most grateful thanks for all they have done for us.

The late Miss M. Caiger

It was with deep regret that we learned of the sudden death of Miss M. Caiger on Monday, May 23rd. The daughter of a Manchester Rector, she was born in 1891 and was educated at Manchester High School for Girls. She first came to the School in the difficult period immediately following the First World War as Second Form Mistress, when sufficient men teachers were not available. She was so successful a teacher that when the Preparatory School was established at "Peveril Mount" in 1923, she was invited to join its staff. She continued to teach there till 1946, when indifferent health decided her to make an early retirement. She then went to live at Buxton, but on medical advice removed from there to Cheltenham, where she died. Her funeral, however, took place at Manchester to which she had given her life, and was conducted by the Rev. J. Mair, an Old Hulmeian and former pupil of hers.

Miss Caiger was a remarkably successful teacher. Her cheerful and equable temperament enabled her to overcome the manifold difficulties which she encountered in her long years of service to the School and its Preparatory Department. Many generations of Old Boys will be grateful to her for the grounding she gave them; but her concern for her pupils did not end when they entered the main School. She was always most interested in their subsequent achievements.

After she had retired she paid frequent visits to School functions, sometimes coming from so far away as Cheltenham specially for that purpose and to renew old associations. It was characteristic of her interest in the School that she regularly presented a prize for French in the Middle School. She has departed for ever from our midst, but neither by her former pupils, nor by her colleagues and friends will she be readily forgotten.

The Donner Library

Last year we were able to report the erection of the Old Hulmeians' Memorial Shelves and the provision of a large number of books to place upon them, thanks to a generous donation from the Old Hulmeians' Association. Although this year we have received no similar benefaction, we have yet added 130 volumes to the shelves and more are on order. Some of these were gifts, for which we have to thank Messrs. C. S. Youatt (O.H.), J. E. McShane, E. A. G. Holloway, W. L. Bonnick, P. Evans as well as P. J. Richards of 6 iii A.

A new shelf has been opened to accommodate an increasing amount of literature on "Careers". Sixth Formers will now be able not only to increase their knowledge from the general stock of the Library, but also to obtain ideas for putting it to best use. Several firms have very kindly contributed to this "Careers" shelf, and we would like to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of pamphlets and books from: Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd.; United Steel Co. Ltd.; The Medway Corrugated Paper Co. Ltd.; Ferguson Palin Ltd.; English Electric Co. Ltd.; Lever Bros. Ltd.; John Holt & Co. (Liverpool) Ltd.; Rolls Royce Ltd.; and others.

In the course of the School year 139 Sixth Formers have borrowed 1,129 volumes for home reading. The practice of retaining books longer than a week still persists. This robs other people of the chance of using the books, and makes the work of the Librarian harder. 82 volumes have been repaired, a larger number than it was hoped would be necessary. Some old volumes, giving out-of-date information, have been removed.

Those who use the Library are reminded that all books must be returned before the end of term. If this is not done, it will become necessary to charge boys for books which they have signed for but have not returned.

Many boys now leaving the School will have made great use of the Donner Library. To mark their gratitude by presenting a volume to the Library would be a gesture at once fitting, generous and appreciated. We also wish to thank N. Elston for his valuable assistance throughout the year.

The Literary and Debating Society

THE DONNER UNION.

Lottery tickets and clothes lines, ghosts and Hydrogen bombs, fish, aerial railways and a titanic struggle over a quantitative description of dots

... the debating season closed in a fury of rhetoric.

M. M. Kelsall, our chief exponent of the rhetorical art, made an effort to sweep up both our debating society and that of Manchester Grammar School in a peroration he unfortunately found he had left at home, in proposing "That this House would prefer Communist Domination to a Third World War", G. G. Ellis, our most fiery speaker, continued the rhetorical tradition elsewhere in maintaining "That this House believes in Ghosts" while, during a "Local Government Election", E. A. Rose (as an Independent) delivered a brilliantly eloquent speech maintaining that the only independent policy to have was no policy at all.

During this election meeting (in which E. A. Rose obtained a substantial majority) we welcomed both G. A. M. Wood and E. W. Dickinson as new principal speakers. Both Wood (Liberal) and Dickinson (Conservative) treated the House to eloquent and original harangues, centring their policy on the need to relieve traffic congestion either by reducing the number of cars owned by the Lord Mayor, or by building an overhead railway. G. Ramsdale (Labour) also showed a predilection for the traffic problem: he suggested building new roads.

Traffic congestion did not prevent our welcoming Manchester Grammar School over here on March 7th, however. Mellor and Lyon, their main speakers, maintained the high reputation of their school in the mournful World destruction v. World Communism debate already mentioned. A. H. Brazendale seconded Mellor opposing the motion in a severely practical speech. The House, however, in the best traditions of debating, diverted itself by discussing Rusholme, the Roman Empire, and the decadent state of British civilisation.

Nevertheless, for all the panegyrics on liberty delivered in the above debate (the House deciding even destruction was better than Communism), under the auspices of J. P. Clarke and B. W. Wilson it was decided at another time that "A Line must be Drawn Somewhere." Mr. Clarke waving a ruler like a Roman gladiator cowed the opposition (M. Royle and A. Bennett) into telling jokes about professors of economics after everybody, unsuccessfully, had essayed to define a line.

In an attempt, therefore to obtain greater scientific accuracy the next debate was held in one of the science class-rooms. The setting was significant for it was here that G. G. Ellis and B. M. Segal spoke in the previously mentioned debate in favour of the existence of ghosts. The opposition, led by I. M. Stewart and J. R. Baker,

impressed by their surroundings, supported their arguments from that doyen of scientific weeklies *Punch* but failed to convince the House, who largely abstained from voting. (The figures were: For 14, Against 6, Abstentions 25).

Finally, to wind up the debates for the season, the House decided in a series of impromptu debates that, although enjoying the happiest days of its life at school, not being a fish, it would have preferred to have loved and lost followed by four dots. Speakers were chosen by lot and we were pleased to welcome, suddenly precipitated into debate, P. Gribble, J. K. Roberts, G. H. Lynn, D. W. Lomas, C. Wilde, D. Andrews, P. D. B. Collins, J. R. Taylor, and A. Edwards as new speakers.

One last meeting remains to be reported—a play-reading of Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple" with Whalley Range High School. From a truly noteworthy performance it is only possible to mention a few names. D. G. Woodcock romped through Richard, encouraged by Miss Gabrielle Griffiths (Judith) at his elbow. A. H. Brazendale revelled in the eccentricities of Burgoyne; Miss Barbara Greenbaum brought Mrs. Dudgeon into life by her reading (although her appearance belied the character); J. Davis distinguished himself as narrator by the judicious introduction of stage-directions into dramatic situations, and G. Ramsdale as Christy dissolved both the audience and himself into laughter.

(Miss A. Shelton, J. D. S. Harrop, J. A. G. Rimmer, I. M. Stewart, E. W. Dickinson, and I. W. Green also read parts).

The kettle for tea being slow to boil in the interval, the social side of the evening was more developed than usual—which, we trust, pleased everyone with the exception of our renowned misogynist J. D. S. Harrop.

In conclusion the secretary would like to thank for their willing assistance all those who have painted our posters, in particular C. B. Lowe and D. G. Woodcock.

The Science Society

The Society has had a fairly full term; but of course towards the half-term holiday its activities have been eclipsed by the General Certificate Examinations. Before these became really imminent there were two evening meetings, one visit, and the General Meeting.

The first evening meeting of the term was on Thursday, March 10th, at 7-0 p.m. when Mr. F. Capstick of F. Reddaway & Co. Ltd. gave a lec-

ture entitled "Plastics." Mr. Capstick began his talk by describing the different types of materials which are known under the collective name "plastics". He went on to explain, with the aid of a large variety of samples, how the materials are moulded and pressed into the desired shapes. After the lecture, the members examined the samples and discussed them with Mr. Capstick and other members of the Plastics Institute who had attended the meeting with him.

The visit was to the wire-works of Richard Johnson & Nephew Ltd. We met at the wireworks at 2-15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22nd, and were conducted round the factory, where we saw how the thin wire was rolled and pressed from huge billets of steel and copper. Our guides also showed us how some of the steel wire was coated with a protective coating of tin, and an almost super-human machine which made barbed-wire. After we had been round the whole factory, we adjourned to the canteen where, after a cup of tea, we asked our guides questions on the industrial processes involved in wire-making.

The second evening meeting was on Tuesday, May 10th, at 7-0 p.m., when Mr. J. Birkbeck of the John Bull Co. Ltd. gave a lecture on "Rubber". He first gave us a brief history of how rubber plantations had first been set up in Malaya with trees smuggled from South America; then he proceeded to tell us how the rubber was processed into the innumerable objects of everyday use. We learnt how the rubber was mixed with varying percentages of sulphur and other chemicals to obtain different degrees of hardness. After the lecture had finished we examined the samples and photographs which Mr. Birkbeck had brought with him.

The General Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 24th, at 3-45 p.m. At this meeting the old officers and committee members resigned and the following were elected in their stead:—

Vice-Chairman—A. E. Backhouse.

Secretary—N. V. Barber.

Treasurer—T. R. Bateson.

Two members of the committee from the Upper Science Sixth: D. Gill and P. Bee.

One member of the committee from the Upper Art Sixth: M. M. Kelsall.

The Society is much indebted to Mrs. Faulkner for the work she has done at the evening meetings in preparing the refreshments, and on behalf of the Society, I should like to proffer our hearty thanks to her

The Leonardo da Vinci Society

For more terms than he cares to remember, G. N. Leah has lent his words and wisdom to the Society's intellectual musters. As a last token of goodwill before leaving for Cambridge, he read, on Friday, May 6th, an excellent paper on "The Symphony", which was itself a perfect harmony of thorough objective research and sincere personal testimony. It traced the symphony's genesis out of the Sonata and Italian Overture, worked through the Classical period, and came to rest with especial emphasis on the great Romantic composers of the nineteenth century. Despite the lamented absence of the Headmaster, we managed to stray onto politics, and a full discussion ensued. Not a little of the continental flavour of the evening emanated from Mrs. Jecny's mysterious Viennese coffee, as much as from the haunting Viennese music.

The death of Einstein we all accept. Yet we should hardly have appreciated the immense significance of our loss, had not B. M. Segal given the Society an exhaustive exposition of his life and work on Monday, May 23rd. Deep and comprehensive, yet almost intelligible even to the non-scientific members of the audience, Segal's paper dealt with both the Special and General Theories of Relativity, besides passing the learned reference to theories of the universe, nuclear fission, and quantum mechanics. A dazed and admiring group of da Vincians then had recourse to some more mundane refreshment, rather frightened to think that if $E=MC^2$, the very biscuit they were eating, kindly provided by Mrs. Bird, could devastate Northern England.

To demonstrate the wholly catholic nature of the Society, we returned to the literary arts on Tuesday, June 14th, when A. H. Brazendale delivered a brief but brilliant lecture upon T. S. Eliot. After a liberal treatment of the earlier Georgian and Imagist movements, he related our great contemporary to his social and intellectual environment, considering with especial assiduity the regimen of F. R. Leavis that "the poet should stand at the point of highest consciousness of his age". Mr. Foyster graced the meeting—the last of the present virile session—with a reading of some of Eliot's more controversial poems.

Once more we thank our hosts and hostesses for providing the material means to our spiritual ends.

The Christian Fellowship

Three main meetings have been held over the last few weeks, all of which, it is interesting to note, have been well attended.

The first, in April, was a visit from a figure well known to many of us, the Rev. C. R. Butlin, a small but very alert man, who gave us a short but quick-fired challenge on where we stand in the sight of God. Our interest was held by the talk, which was very valuable to all present.

Our next meeting was an extremely pleasant one, when the Music Room was filled with a crowd of visitors from Whalley Range High School. The community hymn singing consequently was of a high standard not previously experienced. Mr. H. Green, a famous Crusader, wound up the meeting very adequately with the story of Hezekiah. We hope the future holds in store more such meetings.

A film entitled "The Return to Egypt", the story of Joseph and his brothers, was brought to us by a member of the Laymen's Home Missionary Movement. The American accent was only a temporary deterrent, and the colour-film served as a good illustration for the speaker's final words on the return of the Jews to Israel.

It is hoped that there will be a full list of speakers for the rest of the term, and that the Music Room will be equally full to welcome them.

The Christian Fellowship is for the benefit of all boys in the School, and so please make your appearance a regular one. Your presence would also be valued at the successful 1 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study meetings, held on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively.

"How shall we escape, if we neglect, so great Salvation."—Hebrews 2, v 3.

C.C.F. Notes

The efficiency with which the N.C.O.'s are carrying out their training this year in the C.C.F., is becoming evident by the number of cadets who are already up to the Certificate "A" standard so soon after the last examination. So far this year, two Examination Boards have visited the Corps, each time practically all the cadets proving themselves to be proficient. It is hoped, therefore, to arrange one more Certificate "A" examination during the last weeks of this term.

This high standard of training is not limited to the infantry section, but is to be seen in the more specialized branches. The Signal Platoon has spent

much of its time on the new National Net, and has contacted over fifty different schools in places as far apart as Jersey and Edinburgh. The R.E.M.E. Platoon, carrying on with its more theoretical work, distinguished itself last term when it visited the R.E.M.E. Workshops at Burscough, for the purpose of taking the Certificate "T" Examination. In this, all cadets passed, and a letter of commendation was sent by the examining officer, congratulating the Platoon on the high standard gained.

As a result of the two Certificate "A" Examinations, the N.C.O.'s Cadre has swelled beyond a single platoon, and two Cadre Platoons are now working along similar lines, each with its own N.C.O. instructors. Many of these potential N.C.O.'s will have their first opportunity of practical section leading when the infantry section of the C.C.F. are engaged on a field-day, to be held on June 27th, at Crowden Ranges.

The Inter-House Shooting Competition will very soon be under way, during which the individual shooting cup for the best shot will be won.

The Annual Inspection of the Contingent will take place this year on July 6th, when the inspecting officer will be Brig. Halsted, Chief Signal Officer, Western Command. Already the band has been rehearsing, and is expected, as usual, to be playing on that occasion in its own particular style.

For the final activity of the corps this year, it moves to Castle Martin, Pembrokeshire, for camp. The camp period extends from July 26th to August 3rd, and it is hoped that a strong representation of our contingent will be able to attend.

During the year, the following have passed the Signals Classification:—

Cpl. Duckworth; L/cpls. Morris A. C., Turnbull G. F., Barber N. V., Stockdale G. H., Wilford J. M. C. Also, the following have gained an Assistant Instructors Certificate:—

L/Cpls. Stockdale G. H., Howat J. W., Wilford J. M. C., Watson N. R., Turnbull G. F., Venables T. L.

The R.E.M.E. Certificate "T" results showed the following passes:—

Cdts. Hinson K. J., Maguire I. M., Coleman G. A., Low I. A. B., Taylor D. B., Tatham J. O., Bradley W. A., Maclean C. W., Wilson J. M., Lord M., Broughton P.

The following promotions were made w.e.f. 26th April, 1955:—

Corporal McCreath M. K. to Sergeant (Band Sergeant). Cadets Cummings H. M., Hardiman R. P., Rayman J. D. E. (Signals), Howat J. W., Stockdale G. H., Venables T. L., Wilford J. M.

C. (R.E.M.E.), Barber N. V. Maclean C. W., Maguire I. M., Taylor D. B., Wilson J. M. (Cadre), Armstrong A. B., Beaumont C. W., Birch E. R., Booth M. J., McDiarmid C. G., Phillips G. S., Pitty A. F., Ross I. M., to be Lance Corporals.

The Athletic Sports

The School Athletic Sports meeting was held on Wednesday, 30th and Thursday, 31st March. The weather was fine for the occasion, but at times the East wind was rather chilly for the spectators. The ground was in excellent order for the occasion, but owing to the exceptionally severe Spring weather less training was possible than is usually the case, with the result that a slightly lower standard of achievement was attained. The organisation of the event was, however, by no means below the usual standard. The time schedule was accurately observed throughout the meeting and Mr. Renny is to be congratulated and thanked for the success that met his usual, untiring efforts.

Thirty-five Standards were gained, more than last year, and one record was broken. P. J. Richards (G) set up a new record for Putting the Weight, with a Putt of 36 ft. 2ins. Whitworth House are to be congratulated on winning the Henry Worrall Athletic Shield for the first time since 1937. The results are as follows:—

100 YARDS—Open: F. Martin (B) and P. J. Richards (G); (11.7/10 secs.); 3, R. E. Williams (G); 4, F. P. Haslam (D); 5, A. M. Fish (W); 6, A. E. Backhouse (W). Under 16 (11.7/10 secs.): 1, I. M. Ross (W); 2, G. W. Francis (F); 3, G. S. Phillips (H); 4, A. F. Pitty (B); 5, R. T. Wood (H); 6, M. Lockey (D). Under 15 (12.7/10 secs.): 1, H. R. Macallum (B); 2, C. C. Anderson (H); 3, N. M. Parr (F); 4, J. V. M. Rubin (H); 5, B. Weinhold (G); 6, I. Sargen (W). Under 14 (13.7/10 secs.): 1, V. H. Lucas (D); 2, D. W. Robinson (G); 3, P. A. Gee (W); 4, C. S. Cooper (G); 5, A. K. Burling (W); 6, S. W. Newton (F). Under 13 (14.4/10 secs.): 1, D. P. Swain (W); 2, J. H. Wilde (W); 3, I. M. Lawless (W); 4, M. P. Halls (B); 5, D. W. Ogden (H); 6, C. I. Hammond (D).

220 YARDS—Open (24.4/10 secs.): 1, F. Martin (B); 2, G. N. Leah (H); 3, A. M. Fish (W); 4, D. Wilde (W); 5, R. E. Williams (G); 6, A. E. Backhouse (W). Under 16 (24.45/100 secs.): 1, I. M. Ross (W); 2, R. T. Wood (H); 3, D. A. Price (D); 4, A. F. Pitty (B); 5, I. W. Rodger (W); 6, V. M.

Fearon (W). Under 15 (12.7/10 secs.): 1, J. G. Roberts (B); 2, R. H. Eldridge (D); 3, R. M. Kelly (W); 4, T. W. Batley (F); 5, J. V. M. Rubin (H); 6, N. M. Parr (F). Under 14 (30 secs.): 1, V. H. Lucas (D); 2, M. J. Friend (G); 3, D. W. Robinson (G); 4, D. Brooks (H); 5, A. K. Burling (W); 6, A. H. Nugent (W). Under 13 (30 secs.): 1, I. M. Lawless (W); 2, D. P. Swain (W); 3, J. H. Wilde (W); 4, M. R. Hall (H); 5, V. A. Pitt (H); 6, A. H. Williamson (G).

440 YARDS—Open (56.3/5 secs.): 1, K. L. Kilbey (G); 2, J. K. Robertson (F); 3, A. C. Morris (B); 4, G. N. Leah (H); 5, C. G. Silcock (D); 6, D. Andrew (W). Under 16 (63 secs.): 1, G. W. Francis (F); 2, G. S. Phillips (H); 3, D. A. Price (D); 4, A. K. Geddes (G); 5, G. M. Scarlett (B). Under 15 (65 secs.): 1, J. G. Roberts (B); 2, H. B. Macallum (B); 3, R. H. Eldridge (D); 4, R. M. Kelly (W); 5, J. D. Eccleston (D); 6, J. Woodhead (H).

880 YARDS—Open (2 min. 16.4/5 secs.): 1, C. E. Bryans (D); 2, K. L. Kilbey (G); 3, D. Watkin (F); 4, P. G. Arnfield (W); 5, C. H. F. Turner (F); 6, C. Silcock (D).

ONE MILE—(4 min. 43.6/10 secs.): 1, C. E. Bryans (D); 2, D. Watkin (F); 3, P. G. Arnfield (W); 4, D. S. Armstrong (H); 5, C. G. McDiarmid (F); 6, T. D. Scott (H).

120 YARDS—Hurdles Open (3ft. 3in.) (19 secs.): 1, J. K. Robertson (F); 2, J. P. Sheppard (W); 3, T. W. Warnes (G). Under 16 (3ft. 0ins.): (21.4/5 secs.): 1, R. G. Heaton (W); 2, I. W. Rodgers (W).

HIGH JUMP—Open (5 ft. 0ins.): 1, M. Lord (G); 2, F. A. Watson (F); 3, P. Bee (H); 4, G. Barrow (G); 5, T. J. Bush (G); 6, B. Wilson (H). Under 16 (4ft. 6ins.): 1, E. R. Birch (W); 2, D. King (H); 3, A. G. Lees (H); 4, F. A. Kynaston (F); 5, J. R. Bradshaw (H). Under 15 (4 ft. 7 ins.): 1, A. P. H. Perry (H); 2, J. Peats (W); 3, J. P. Bloomer (G); 4, J. G. Roberts (B); 5, G. M. Geary (G); 6, P. S. Harrison (D). Under 14 (4 ft. 5 ins.): 1, G. P. Mainwaring (B) and V. H. Lucas (D); 3, D. Paton (B); 4, K. J. Taylor (G); 5, P. A. Gee (W); 6, D. W. Robinson (G). Under 13 (3 ft. 11ins.): 1, J. G. Parkinson (B); 2, J. H. Wilde (W); 3, J. R. Mallinson (G); 4, A. R. Anderson (B); 5, R. I. Talks (G); 6, P. P. Constantine (D).

LONG JUMP—Open (18 ft. 7 ins.): 1, F. Martin (B); 2, P. J. Richards (G); 3, D. Wilde (W); 4, F. P. Haslam (D); 5, B. Cartwright (H); 6, A. C. Morris (B). Under 16 (17 ft. 3 ins.): 1, I. M. Ross (W); 2, G. S. Phillips (H); 3, A. F. Pitty (B); 4, V. W. Fearon (W); 5, G. B. Brundritt (H); 6, G. Field (G). Under 15 (15 ft. 1 ins.): 1, A. P. H. Perry (H); 2, R. B. Macallum (B); 3, J. M. Crook (G);

4, J. Slater (D). Under 14 (13 ft. 4 ins.): D. Paton (D); 2, B. Hayes (G); 3, D. L. Carden (G); 4, A. K. Burling (W); 5, G. N. Bromiley (D); 6, C. S. Cooper (G). Under 13 (14 ft. 1 ins.): 1, D. P. Swain (W); 2, R. I. Talks (G); 3, I. M. Lawless (W); 4, J. H. Dixon (W); 5, A. F. Thomas (H); 6, J. M. Quail (W).

POLE VAULT—Open (6ft. 3ins.): 1, B. H. Blakely (D); 2, D. Wilde (W).

THROWING THE JAVELIN—Open (128 ft. 7 ins.): 1, C. Gee (B); 2, M. J. Roberts (W); 3, J. G. Taylor (F); 4, C. E. Bryans (D) and R. A. Dearden (D); 6, C. G. McDiarmid (F). Under 16 (88 ft. 3 ins.): 1, B. J. Holland (F); 2, A. C. Clark (W); 3, J. Cornes (B); 4, I. R. Macallum (D).

PUTTING THE WEIGHT—Open 12 lbs. (36 ft. 2 ins.): 1, P. J. Richards (G); 2, M. Lord (G); 3, J. K. Robertson (F); 4, A. E. Backhouse (W); 5, T. J. Bush (G); 6, M. J. Smith (D). Under 16 8 lbs. (34 ft. 10 ins.): 1, B. L. Holland (F); 2, G. M. Scarlett (B); 3, A. C. Clark (W); 4, I. R. Macallum (D); 5, T. W. Woodward (H); 6, J. Cornes (B).

HOUSE RELAY RACES—Open 4 × 110 Yards (49.2/5 secs.): 1, Byrom; 2, Fraser; 3, Gaskell; 4, Whitworth. Under 16 (54.3/5 secs.): 1, Whitworth; 2, Heywood; 3, Dalton; 4, Byrom. Under 14 (60.4/5 secs.): 1, Dalton; 2, Fraser; 3, Gaskell; 4, Heywood. Under 13 (60.3/5 secs.): 1, Whitworth; 2, Heywood; 3, Dalton; 4, Byrom. 4 × 440 yards Open (4 min. 7.1/5 secs.): 1, Byrom; 2, Fraser; 3, Gaskell; 4, Whitworth.

THE HENRY WORRALL ATHLETIC SHIELD—Whitworth.

THE GASKELL CHALLENGE CUP—Open Events: P. J. Richards.

THE CARDWELL CUP—Under 16 Events: I. M. Ross.

THE DONNER CUP—Under 15 Events H. R. Macallum.

THE CHINA CUP UNDER 14 EVENTS—V. H. Lucas.

THE BEST COMPETITOR UNDER 13—D. P. Swain, 17 points.

THE CAPTAIN OF ATHLETICS FOR 1955—R. K. Davies.

Totals of House Points are as follows:—

Byrom, 134½; Dalton, 132½; Fraser, 101½; Gaskell, 152½; Heywood, 121; Whitworth, 218.

The Athletic Society

Colours have been awarded to the following:—
R. K. Davies, C. E. Bryans, J. K. Robertson, K. L. Kilbey, P. J. Richards, G. N. Leah, B. H. Blakeley, R. E. Williams, F. Martin, M. Lord, D. Watkin.

On the 3rd May, the School competed in a Triangular Athletics Match with Manchester Grammar School and Cheadle Hulme School, held on the grounds of the Manchester University Athletics Club. The result was 1st the School, 2nd Manchester Grammar School, 3rd Cheadle Hulme School. The School was represented by the following team: R. K. Davies (Captain), J. K. Robertson, C. E. Bryans, K. L. Kilbey, G. N. Leah, P. J. Richards, R. E. Williams, F. Martin, B. H. Blakeley, A. C. Morris, D. Watkin, P. G. Arnfield, P. A. Gabbott, M. Lord, J. G. Taylor, G. C. McDiarmid.

At the Northern School's Athletics Championships, held at the White City Stadium, Manchester, on Saturday, 28th May, the School was placed 12th out of the sixty-seven schools competing from all over the North of England. C. E. Bryans came 2nd in the Mile with a time of 4 min. 24.3/10 secs. his best time so far. The School was represented as follows:—

R. K. Davies (Captain), P. J. Richards, Vice-Captain, C. E. Bryans, K. L. Kilbey, D. Wilde, G. N. Leah, R. E. Williams, F. Martin, D. S. Armstrong, B. H. Blakeley, J. P. Sheppard, M. J. Roberts, M. Lord, D. Watkin, G. C. McDiarmid, T. C. Marks, C. H. F. Turner, P. A. Gabbott.

Cross-Country Running

This year we had a much fuller programme than had previously been possible. As well as taking part in the Annual Northern Schools Cross-Country Championships we were fortunate in running two away matches against Cheadle Hulme School. We would like to thank them for their kindness in arranging these fixtures and for their hospitality.

Although we lost both matches, the result in both cases was extremely close, and the team gained greatly by the experience. In order also to get some experience of running in hilly country, on 18th February, the team again ran over a course of 4—5 miles in the snow near Mellor, after which we were entertained to a wonderful tea by Mr. and Miss Renny. We would like to thank them most sincerely.

The climax of the season's effort came at Heaton Park on 19th March, and for the first time we gained a reasonable position. All the team ran well, especially D. L. Watkin who had only recently joined it. I. M. Ross, who had shown great promise in the two matches against Cheadle Hulme, was most unfortunate in running into an obstacle during the race.

RESULTS.

February 9th. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL (Away) Cheadle Hulme won by 40 points to 42. Cheadle Hulme—1, 2, 3, 7, 13 and 14. School—4 I. M. Ross, 5 P. A. Gabbott, 6 P. G. Arnfield, 8 D. S. Armstrong, 9 T. D. Scott, 10 J. D. Hague.

March 9th. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL (Away) Cheadle Hulme won by 36 points to 44. Cheadle Hulme—1, 2, 5, 8, 9 & 11. School—3 I. M. Ross, 4 D. Watkin, 6 P. G. Arnfield, 7 J. D. Hague, 10 P. A. Gabbott, 14 J. M. Broadbridge.

March 19th. Northern Schools Championship (Heaton Park).

Out of 55 teams of six the School was placed 31st. Individual positions (first four to count) were: 1. D. Watkin (83rd.). 2. P. G. Arnfield (102nd.). 3. K. P. Geddes (124th.). 4. D. S. Armstrong (193rd.).

Preparatory School Sports

The Preparatory School Sports were held on the afternoon of Thursday, June 23rd. Fortunately the rain, which had fallen steadily in the morning, stopped and, though the skies were somewhat threatening, did not interfere with the proceedings in any way. The ground dried out well, so everybody had an enjoyable afternoon. We were very pleased to see a good turn-out of parents and we hope many of them will be able to be present at the main School Sports in future years as their sons progress up the School. The Sports were run with all their customary efficiency by the Preparatory School Staff and the Prizes graciously presented by Mrs. Stockdale.

The results were as follows:—

Chariot Race.—11 Years: 1, C. Lomas and M. R. Sumner; 2, R. Widdows and I. A. Kennedy; 3, C. D. Cooke and J. Openshaw. 10 Years: 1, P. Miller and N. Paton; 2, M. E. Eastwood and T. A. Manning; 3, C. Clegg and E. Roberts. 9 Years: 1, I. Crewe and R. Laughran; 2, J. Woodhead and S. Paton; 3, M. E. Beattie and G. Roberts and P. Merriman and J. Cheney. 8 Years:

1, J. Williams and M. R. Wienholt; 2, G. Davies and J. Nesbitt; 3, E. Mathieson and P. K. Kerr.

Throwing the Ball.—11 Years: M. R. Sumner 41 ft.; 2, C. D. Cooke; 3, J. Openshaw. 10 Years: 1, N. Paton, 33 ft. 8 in.; 2, D. Smart; 3, N. Kennedy. 9 Years: 1, M. E. Beattie, 29 ft. 1 in.; 2, G. Roberts; 3, R. Laughran. 8 Years: 1, G. Davies, 29 ft. 5 in.; 2, J. Williams; 3, J. Nesbitt.

Kangaroo Race.—7 Years: 1, R. Maskell; 2, I. Laughran; 3, J. Miller. Under 7 Years: 1, G. Dent; 2, P. J. Allman; 3, A. D. Crewe.

Sack Race.—11 Years: 1, A. Gribble; 2, M. R. Sumner; 3, I. Kennedy. 10 Years: 1, M. E. Eastwood; 2, E. Roberts; 3, C. Clegg. 9 Years: 1, G. Roberts; 2, R. Laughran; 3, J. Woodhead. 8 Years: 1, J. Williams; 2, E. M. Mathieson; 3, E. G. Whittingham.

Visitors' Race—1, Harry Levy; 2, Robert Whittingham.

Egg and Spoon Race.—7 Years: 1, D. Turner; 2, I. Loughran; 3, R. Marshall.

Hurry to School Race.—Under 7 Years: 1, G. Dent; 2, J. Dangerfield; 3, R. Whiteside.

Flat Race.—Under 11 Years: 1, M. R. Sumner; 2, R. Widdows; 3, I. Kennedy. 10 Years: 1, T. A. Manning; 2, N. Paton; 3, J. Kelly. 9 Years: 1, P. Merriman; 2, D. Merriman; 3, G. Roberts. 8 Years: 1, M. R. Weinhold; 2, J. N. Nesbitt; 3, N. Moore. 7 Years: 1, D. N. Turner; 2, J. Richards; 3, R. W. Maskell. Under 7 Years: 1, J. Allman; 2, G. Dent; 3, A. Crewe.

Obstacle Races.—11 Years: 1, C. Cooke; 2, M. R. Sumner; 3, I. Kennedy. 10 Years: 1, N. Paton; 2, D. Smart; 3, C. Clegg. 9 Years: 1, M. E. Beattie; 2, G. Roberts; 3, J. Cheney. 8 Years: 1, G. Davies; 2, E. Mathieson; 3, J. Bennett. 7 Years: 1, D. Turner; 2, D. Assar; 3, A. Campbell. Under 7 Years: 1, J. Allman; 2, G. Dent; 3, P. Broadie.

Parents' Race.—1, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts; 2, Dr. and Mrs. Mathieson; 3, Mr. and Mrs. Maskell.

House Relay Race.—1, Kingsley; 2, Kipling; 3, Barrie.

High Jump.—11 Years: 1, M. R. Sumner, 3 ft. 11 in.; 2, C. D. Cooke; 3, C. Lomas. 10 Years: 1, E. Roberts, 3 ft. 8 in.; 2, N. Paton; 3, P. Miller. 9 Years: 1, G. Roberts, 3 ft. 5 in.; 2, M. E. Beattie; 3, I. Crewe and P. Merriman. 8 Years: 1, J. C. Williams, 3 ft. 5 in.; 2, E. B. Mathieson; 3, G. M. Davies and J. M. Nesbitt.

Twelves Challenge Cup.—10 Years and over.—M. R. Sumner (16 points).

Davies Cup.—Under 10 and Over 8 Years.—G. Roberts (12 points).

Shield.—Under 8 Years.—G. J. Dent (10 points).

House Shield.—Kingsley (76 points).

Swimming

There have been good attendances at the bathing periods at Chorlton Baths on Wednesdays and Fridays and several promising swimmers have been noted.

At the Manchester Schools' Gala (Southern Section) I. Lawless and C. Swann were champions in the Free Style and Back-stroke races respectively of the same age group. G. H. Stockdale has been chosen to represent the Manchester Schools in the individual 100 yards Free-style event.

The Badminton Club

This term has been mostly one of inactivity for the Club. Members have forsaken the court for the cricket field and even the 'learners' have thought it wise to take a rest. Towards the end of March, however, E. A. Royle raised a team to play the School, the result leaving the superiority of the visitors in no doubt, 16—2. The School was represented by I. H. Munro (Capt.), K. L. Kilbey, N. R. Watson, R. N. Paxton, P. C. C. Brown, R. B. Woolham.

Many of the members are leaving this year. To those who remain there lies the task of building up the club again. New members are welcome and should see Mr. Thomas (6th and 5th Forms only). The standard of play in the club over the past few years has greatly improved. We hope that those members who will be at School next year will do their utmost to see that the club continues to go from strength to strength.

Lacrosse

FIRST TEAM.

Colours were re-awarded to J. K. Robertson (Captain), G. E. Bryans, G. Gee, F. Martin, K. L. Kilbey and R. E. Williams, and new colours to D. Wilde, E. A. Royle, C. G. Silcock, T. W. Warnes, G. F. Stockdale, M. Lord and B. Cartwright.

The matches played after the Easter number of the *Hulmeian* had gone to press included our only defeat of the season and the final of the Lancashire Junior Cup. Unfortunately, among the matches cancelled on account of the weather was the return fixture with the University at Oxford. We hope we shall be more fortunate next season.

March 12—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...A L 2-8

In spite of our earlier victory, we expected a hard struggle on their difficult hillside ground, but the ground was not the main reason for our defeat. The defence played well in spite of the absence of Royle who was injured and replaced by Bickerton, but the attack was decidedly lethargic. Passes were slow and inaccurate, inopportune shouts for the ball, nearly always by the wrong man, upset combined play, and above all the ball was frequently carried up the field instead of being passed quickly. This not only wasted time, but enabled the Cheadle Hulme attacks to fall back and help their defence. Kilbey worked hard, but received little support.

March 19—v. Urmston "A"

Final—Lancashire Junior Cup.

At Heaton Mersey W 24-4

The mistakes of the last game were taken to heart, and against heavier and more experienced opponents, the School played its best game of the season. The ball was kept moving with short, swift, and accurate passes, and the superior pace and fitness of our team told heavily in the later stages. Silcock played with more confidence in goal, and Gee and Wilde did well on the defence. Williams played well on the attack, and the Urmston defence could never counter the forceful play of Bryans.

The game was well fought until the last quarter, when the exhausted Urmston team began to flag, and our defence eagerly joined in the scoring. The match was played in an excellent spirit throughout—a tribute to the play of the Urmston team.

March 21—v. Manchester Grammar School
H W 12-4

This game was arranged as a trial match for the selection of the Lancashire Schools side, and though there was a certain laxity in the play towards the close, there was some clever lacrosse in a pleasant game. Gee's intelligent positional play took most of the sting from the Manchester attack, which was only dangerous when Carden made his exhilarating dashes from the centre. Our attack was not extended, but Warnes showed promise.

April 1—Lancashire Schools v. Cheshire Schools
At School D 10-10

Seven of the School team were selected for this game—Robertson (Captain), Bryans, Gee, Martin, Kilbey, Williams and Wilde, and a keen and exciting game ended fittingly in a draw.

Lancashire started slowly, and Cheshire, by good attack play built up a 5-1 lead, while the Lancashire attack failed to combine as one unit. A positional change on the defence checked the Cheshire attack, and Lancashire began to find the right man with accurate passes. Lancashire led 8-7 at the end of the third quarter, and the game became faster than ever in the last quarter. Chances were missed, as both defences marked so closely that the attacks had to shoot hurriedly, and the play swung rapidly from end to end. It was an excellent game which neither side deserved to lose.

SECOND TEAM.

The Second Team played two games after the last number of the Magazine went to press, and as they won both, were the only School side to win all their matches. The defeat of the Old Hulmeians Extra "A" was a particularly good effort, as the Old Boys were a strong and experienced side.

March 12—v. Cheadle Hulme School H W 12-4

March 19—v. Old Hulmeians Extra "A" H W 15-6

UNDER 15 TEAM.

The team finished the season with two defeats by Cheadle Hulme School, the second being the Final of the Juniors' Challenge Shield. In both games the attack failed to combine effectively against a good defence, and our defence was overpowered by good forcing from the Cheadle Hulme defence. This was particularly the case in the Final, when after our attack had missed several chances in the first quarter, they became quite ineffective, and the defence were frequently faced by one or more free men. We congratulate Cheadle Hulme on a well-deserved success.

Seven of the team, H. M. Stockwell, A. F. Pitty, J. Cornes, J. L. Williams, F. A. Kynaston, T. W. Batley, and J. H. Birtwistle, were chosen for the Lancashire Under 15 team which defeated Cheshire 13-5.

March 12—v. Cheadle Hulme School A L 4-7

March 19—v. Cheadle Hulme School at Cale Green L 2-14

UNDER 14 TEAM.

The Under 14 Team finished the season very well, and its standard of play improved steadily. All its opponents have been Under 15 teams, but they have countered their disadvantage in height

and weight by speed and good handling. The replayed semi-final of the Juniors and Schools Cup against South Manchester was won convincingly, and after a very good drawn game with Stockport Juniors came the Final of the Cup against Cheadle Hulme School Under 15 2nd. This was a most exciting match. We scored twice in the first quarter, but then their weight and size began to tell, and they built up a lead of 5-2. That was as far as they could go. The defence, well supported by Yale in goal, played more closely and got the measure of their bigger opponents. The superior handling of our attacks made their defence unsteady, and we scored the winning goal a few minutes from time, with a shot into which Robinson put every ounce of his strength. March 12—v. South Manchester Juniors

H W 11-3

March 19—v. Stockport Juniors ...H D 10-10

March 29—v. Cheadle Hulme School Under 15 2nd at South Manchester W 6-5

Cricket

An important item of cricket news is the completion of three new net wickets made of concrete with a rubberoid covering. They make fast true wickets that take spin. Net practice now is possible when grass wickets would be unfit for play, and the true surfaces make genuine stroke practice feasible. There is no doubt that these nets will in time lead to a general improvement in the standard of batting.

The School 1st XI has considerable talent. J. K. Robertson, last year's captain, has resigned his captaincy and given up cricket for the time being in order to concentrate better on his examination work. C. Gee is the new captain and has shown real keenness as well as an ability to handle his side. But the weather has been very unkind so far, so much so that no matches were played before the Whitsuntide holiday. At the time of writing three matches only have been played.

June 8th—v. Bolton School.

The School batted first and scored 77 runs for 8 wickets against some accurate bowling, before declaring. N. R. Watson batted steadily and M. Lord used his excellent eye for a ball and his strong forearm to score a valuable 20 runs. Both G. W. Francis and G. S. Phillips from last year's Under 15 side showed they could bat, while K. S. Williams proved the value of his indoor practice last term by batting soundly and producing some attractive strokes on the leg and off. Bolton School

just won on time, but there was always a possibility of their getting out and the finish was exciting. It is pleasing to note that some good catches were taken, though the ground fielding left a good deal to be desired.

SCHOOL.

C. Gee c. Eden b. Guthrie	...	...	4
N. R. Watson c. Barnes b. Green	...	...	17
J. D. E. Rayman b. Guthrie	...	...	1
G. S. Phillips c. Eden b. Green	...	...	8
K. L. Kilbey c. Barnes b. Guthrie	...	...	0
M. Lord b. Whittle	...	...	20
G. W. Francis not out	...	...	8
D. F. Borland l.b.w. Whittle	...	...	2
K. S. Williams run out	...	...	11
Extras	...	...	6

Total (for 8 wickets) 77

J. Davies and M. J. Roberts did not bat.

BOLTON SCHOOL.

K. A. Barnes c. Gee b. Williams	...	...	1
P. A. Bates c. Lord b. Roberts	...	...	2
A. K. Eden run out	...	...	5
J. P. Fisher c. and b. Roberts	...	...	34
J. C. Whittle run out	...	...	14
R. Hall c. Gee b. Francis	...	...	2
D. C. Fearhead not out	...	...	5
C. S. Hargreaves not out	...	...	7
Extras	...	...	8

Total (for 6 wickets) 78

I. Guthrie, P. J. Harrison, and M. Green did not bat.

June 11th—v. King Edward VII School, Lytham.

The match was played on a perfect wicket with a fast outfield and provided a very pleasant day's cricket. The School scored their 169 runs in 2½ hours and left their opponents the same time to make the runs. It was good to see so many of the School side make respectable scores and make them firmly. K. S. Williams again showed himself a greatly improved batsman and J. D. E. Rayman at last came up to expectation. M. Lord made valuable runs quickly, but will have to learn to correct his rather agricultural sweep. It was, however, C. Gee and N. R. Watson who laid the foundations to our score with some attractive batting. Of the bowlers both C. E. Bryans and K. S. Williams bowled well on a wicket that gave no help.

SCHOOL.

C. Gee c. Ogden b. Kidd	...	...	23
C. E. Bryans b. Kidd	...	...	0
G. W. Francis l.b.w. b. Adcock	...	...	0
N. R. Watson st. Ogden b. Wiggans	...	...	34
J. D. E. Rayman c. Adcock b. Wiggans	...	...	22
M. Lord c. Wiggans b. Adcock	...	...	36
D. F. Borland l.b.w. b. Bewley	...	...	4
J. H. Delaney run out	...	...	10
K. S. Williams not out	...	...	22
R. E. Williams not out	...	...	13
Extras	...	...	5

Total (for 8 wickets) 169

D. W. Archer did not bat.

LYTHAM.

C. G. Wiggans	...	...	3
M. W. Bewley b. Bryans	...	...	38
D. C. White l.b.w. Francis	...	...	52
A. T. Ogden st. Archer b. Gee	...	...	8
D. M. Firth c. Archer b. Williams	...	...	4
I. W. MacNae not out...	...	...	16
G. Kidd l.b.w. Williams	...	...	5
R. G. Dagnall not out	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	6

Total (for 6 wickets) 133

Richardson, Gilbert and Adcock did not bat.

June 15th v. Parents.

An exciting game ended in a draw. Thanks to their last two batsmen the parents made the presentable score of 81 runs for 8 wickets, though they needed one hour and three quarters to make them. The School were left with seventy-five minutes to make the runs, but against good bowling and with a slow outfield the task proved too much for them in spite of some brave efforts to score quickly. After the early dismissal of N. R. Watson, C. Gee and G. W. Francis batted well, and M. Lord was again effective. G. W. Francis bowled well and deserved his four wickets for 26 runs. K. S. Williams also bowled well, but the fielding was not as good as it should have been.

PARENTS.

Mr. Hilton b. Francis	...	...	...	17
„ Kennedy l.b.w. Williams	...	...	...	0
„ Maskell b. Williams	...	...	...	8
„ Robinson c. and b. Francis	...	...	...	12
Dr. Cooke c. Gee b. Francis	...	...	...	6
Mr. Hannant l.b.w. Gee	...	...	...	1
„ Williamson b. Francis	...	...	...	1
„ Ballinger b. Williams	...	...	...	7
„ Gee not out	...	...	...	14
„ Birch not out	...	...	...	13
Extras	...	...	...	2
Total (for 8 wickets)				81

Mr. Morris did not bat.

SCHOOL.

C. Gee l.b.w. Kennedy	...	...	...	15
N. R. Watson b. Maskell	...	...	...	4
G. W. Francis b. Kennedy	...	...	...	14
C. E. Bryans l.b.w. Kennedy	...	...	...	5
M. Lord b. Kennedy	...	...	...	12
D. F. Borland b. Maskell	...	...	...	5
J. D. E. Rayman c. Maskell b. Kennedy	...	...	...	0
G. S. Phillips l.b.w. Kennedy	...	...	...	3
K. S. Williams not out	...	...	...	5
M. J. Roberts not out	...	...	...	0
D. W. Archer did not bat	...	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	...	3
Total (for 8 wickets)				66

SECOND ELEVEN.

So far only two matches have been played, and both have resulted in convincing victories for the School. The match against Bolton School had to be cancelled because of rain. The weather has also interfered considerably with practices.

Although the team is consequently still in a state of flux, and we do not know which players the 1st XI may require, there is no lack of promising material, and we should have one of the best 2nd XIs for several years.

Perhaps the most noticeable improvements can be seen in the batting, and here we can begin to discern the fruits of Mr. Watt's patient instruction in the gym during the winter. There is a much greater readiness this year to hit the bad ball hard, as could be seen in the match against the Town Clerk's Department. Improvement has been particularly evident in the batting of A. C. Morris and J. D. Hague. We have been fortunate, too, in being able to call on some old 1st XI colours, and good innings have been played by K. L. Kilbey

and E. A. Royle. G. W. Francis (now in the 1st XI) has also batted well, and, among the younger members, J. L. Williams has shown promise.

As we have still had the services of M. J. Roberts and P. H. F. Ribbon, and, for the first game, those of Francis, a most useful off-break bowler, we have not yet experienced much difficulty in getting our opponents out. Morris also bowled well in the second match, getting a good deal of life from the wicket. J. M. Temperley (slow left-arm) shows keenness, but his length is as yet uncertain.

The team is being very well led by D. K. P. Greenwood. His fielding and that of Morris has set a high standard, and the team have responded well. J. Davis has kept wicket adequately. The running between wickets has improved. Finally, with not a few other players of 2nd XI standard on the fringe of the team, there is likely to be keen competition for places.

RESULTS.

May 18th v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL 2nd XI (Home). Cheadle Hulme 55 (M. J. Roberts 5 for 5, Francis 3 for 6). School 59 for 3 (Francis n.o. 28, Morris n.o. 18). School won by 7 wickets.

June 11th v. TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT (Home). School 141 for 7 declared (Kilbey 31, Morris 27). Town Clerk's Department 59 (Morris 6 for 15). School won by 82 runs.

UNDER 15.

The season has only just started, and most of the matches are still to be played. Detailed comment on the side is not possible yet. The fielding seems to be competent, the bowling has not been fully tested and the batting is uncertain. The three matches so far played have been won.

RESULTS.

May 18th v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL at Home. Won by 40 runs. School 68 (M. P. Robinson 30, P. Bardsley 13, A. M. Veal 14). Cheadle Hulme 28 (R. G. Harrison 8 for 9).

June 8th v. BOLTON SCHOOL, at Home. Won by 4 wickets. Bolton 57 (R. G. Harrison 5 for 14, M. H. F. Cocker 4 for 13). School 58 for 6 wickets (J. Slater 19 n.o., R. Millner 14).

June 11th v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM, Away. Won by 44 runs. School 157 for 9 wickets declared. (M. P. Robinson 67, R. Millner 20, W. D. Yale 20, R. G. Harrison 20, J. Slater 17 n.o.). Lytham 113 (R. G. Harrison 5 for 34, D. Hallard 2 for 29).

House Games

LACROSSE.

Despite the general weather difficulties we were able to finish the House Leagues, and the finals of the House Knock-Out Competitions were staged in comparatively good conditions. Fraser were the favourites in the Junior Competition and fulfilled expectations by defeating Gaskell 7-4. In the Seniors Final Gaskell, despite having a strong attack, had a difficult task in defeating Fraser; all-round strength and direct thrustful play gave them the victory by 10-8.

The Six-a-Side Competition, now an annual attraction, took place on Wednesday, March 16th. Arrangements proceeded according to plan, and with the weather remaining favourable, the afternoon was once again a success. Gaskell and Fraser were joint-winners with 17 points and Heywood third with 12 points. The Second Forms also had their own competition.

It is pleasing to note that the First Forms were able to have plenty of practice, having games no less than 15 times during the term despite the severity of the weather.

CRICKET.

The cricket season at School always seems rather disconnected, but so far the weather has smiled kindly on us and the House League is well under way. At the time of writing, Heywood are leading with 45 points, 5 points ahead of Gaskell, and Dalton third with 38. A pleasing feature is the improved attendance, particularly among the Seniors. This improvement has continued despite the examinations, when House Prefects are not always available to check teams.

Fraser, with an easy victory over Byrom, and Dalton, through their defeat of Gaskell, have reached the final of the Junior Knock-Out Competition. The results of the Senior Competitions were in some cases unexpected. In the 1st Round, Heywood defeated Whitworth by 1 wicket and Dalton defeated a strong Fraser batting side by 7 wickets. The results of the Semi-Finals were:—Heywood 39; Gaskell 42 for 4. Gaskell won by 6 wickets. Byrom 72 ; Dalton 26. Byrom won by 46 runs.

Rugby Football Fixtures

MICHAELMAS TERM, 1955.

Sept. 28th—L. H. Watkins XV.....	Home
Oct. 9th—King's School, Macclesfield.....	Home
Oct. 12th—Old Hulmeians	Home
Oct. 15th—House Matches	
Oct. 22nd—	
Oct. 26th—Cheadle Hulme School.....	Away
Nov. 2nd—King Edward School, Lytham...	Home
Nov. 5th—	
Nov. 9th—House Matches	
Nov. 12th—Manchester Grammar School...	Home
Nov. 16th—Birkenhead School	Away
Nov. 19th—House Matches	
Nov. 23rd—Wakefield Grammar School ...	Home
Nov. 26th—Sale R.F.C.....	Home
Nov. 30th—Wallasey Grammar School.....	Home
Dec. 2nd—Merchant Taylor's, Crosby	Away

Still Life

As the literary peer and the working-class don never tire of reiterating, we live today in the age of the Common Man. And indeed, it is this being, we opine, that those avuncular old gentlemen, the editors of the Sunday 'populars', seek to delight with their titillating accounts of high jinks in high Society. However, as we feel that many of the species *Homo Vulgaris* have a mistaken idea that the high lights shine only south of the Edgware Road, we have ventured a Kaleidoscopic *clin d'oeil* at our local celebrities. We have called it "Stars in their Orbits", or "The World(s) around Us".

Corn-cropped personality-girl Chloe Cullen is talk of the town in Grimsby where her sparkling novel about trawlers and personality-girls has been the centre of epoch-making dissension in the greatest controversy of the Lincoln National Grid Area since D. H. Lawrence wrote his sensational "Lady Chatterley's Liver". Then the moot point was whether Lawrence should have allowed B**t's Cash Chemists to cure her or not; now the burning issue is whether Miss Cullen was right to describe the odoriferous trawlers in detail, or wouldn't they have been better left to the imagination? Says Miss Cullen: "The artist has a right to his Sound

and Vision". And Smell? Incidentally, Miss Cullen, who is reading philosophy of fieldwork at Scunthorpe Agricultural College ("Jethro Tull's such a dear, don't you think?") told me she hopes to get to Fleetwood for the season. The fabulous northern paradise of sun-bathed boarding-houses looks like being next year's society spot.

Talking of paradise, I recently met ravishing Mme. Lolli Bridge, Sicilian-born wife of lucky Alberto (Berto) Bridge, Irish commercial consul to Hebden Bridge. She showed me a beggar-woman's shawl she's had sent from Dun Laoghaire; so take my tip you fashion-followers, the woollen shawl and clogs combine is on the way in. So snug, so economical ("they'll last you over a hundred years") and too, too chic. Mme. Lolli claims that leading society women in Mayfair, Paris, and Dun Laoghaire, are entranced by her new creation. Is it envy or education, I wonder, which makes high-heel shoe creationists call it 'sabotage'? And a post-script for men—small, distinguished M. Bridge (his-little-boy-lost-on-Ilkla'-moor-baht'-at-look is quite captivating!) explained how his new hair cut—short back and sides and a hole in the middle—is all the rage in middle-aged men's circles right now.

Coming out next week is that blonde Yorkshire bombshell and enfante terrible of B.B.C. North of England Home Service, Denise Arde-Cache. Rep. actress at Slaithwaite Arts, Miss Arde Cache, you remember, refused to be commissioned into the Life Buoys "even though I am six foot six", and did a spell 'inside'. Having observed that her sackcloth fitted her admirably, I bade her a hasty good-bye and left her entertaining a multitude of dubious debs. at her Denshaw flat.

Indigent, unpopular heir to the Angelo candy-floss and cream-ices fortune is Michael ("Archie") Angelo. "Archie", who is studying to be a pop-tune singer, is at present pay-clerk-in-chief to the Rutlandshires, with whom he is doing his National Service. Though he has no pretensions to painting, I understand he is going into pictures. Sammy de Milo of the Venus Beverage and Picture Corporation, and the Military Police of H.M. Army are understood to be "watching him closely".

Footnote: D. H. Lawrence (1885-1930) was a miner's son who got his teacher's certificate at Nottingham University. He was always moving house and travelling. Was interested in wild life and is buried in the South of France.

A. H. BRAZENDALE (6cu).

Old Hulmeians at Scunthorpe

It is a great privilege to be the first to contribute a letter from this young college. Only recently has the number of Old Hulmeians in attendance merited such a gesture; but I trust it will become part of the tradition.

The Scunthorpe Regional College for Progressive Education was established in 1949, with money left by a Hire Purchase Refrigerator magnate who died mysteriously in a Cheltenham mental home. His vision was of an institute where education was pleasure rather than drudgery—a sentiment echoed in the college motto: *Semper sunsum ma non troppo*. Our benefactor is further commemorated by the inscription—over the Samoan Ceramics study doorway—of his favourite dictum: "See! a yellow snake on your lapel—a moon-worshipper! Grrr!"

The College has built itself a renown for broad, advanced, often somewhat obscure, learning. Only a bare six months after its inauguration, the Chief Education Officer for Lincoln is reported to have said: "The work of this college cannot be overlooked. I am sure something ought to be done about it". We think he could have been only complimentary when he used the strange analogy that "wide waters run shallow".

And so to the Old Boys. R. B. Worthington (left in the V's) is said to be making heavy going of his Combined Erse and Economics Course, while H. H. Robinson (expelled from the IV's) progresses well in Law, finding the call of the Bar as irresistible as ever.

A. G. M. Silt told me he had found his true vocation in the Field Botany Class—but has since been publicly reprimanded for entering after hours by means of the Vice-Precentor's rhubarb plot.

Redwood and Bransby are finding liberal amusement in the venerated "3 F's" course—Physics, Philosophy and Phonetics. The latter certainly declared he is working on a theory to counter Einstein's, while the other pursues a rather colourful life in search of the vernacular. Their study has already been decorated twice this session, and "if that sort of thing happens again—says the Bursar—there'll be a fine pantomime when old Fuzzie finds out".

Nearby, in a converted cheese factory, is the College of Progressive Art, at present without a Principal, since Professor Stanislov committed suicide in rather distasteful circumstances last

year. It is there that S. T. Dagworth has created a 30 ft. abstraction in concrete, aluminium filings, and 2 cwts. of foam rubber, entitled "Grim Death". He first aroused the interest of the Neo-Picassoan Group, and incidentally of the College Chaplain, when he exhibited his self-styled, realistivist' canvass portraying the liberation of the soul of a sick cow. He is president of the Friends of Art Happy Circle. (Every Tues., Primrose Gdns.).

W. S. Warburg has worked himself into the closely guarded Eager Aesthete's Society. Some of their more intelligible studies this term have concerned Public Morality during the Twang Dynasty, Some lesser known Cuneiform Literature, The effect of the Rail Strike on Modern Poetry, Don't Dilly Dali, and Early Origins of the Irish Linen Industry. I hear they are arranging a pony-trekking pilgrimage to South Uist later this summer.

Lastly, myself. With Secondary Prelims./'B' cert. part III only four years off, and my Post-Negro Culture and Advanced Embroidery Courses demanding more and more time, I can allow myself only three shows a week. But how should I complain, knowing that the Scunthorpe College has widened my vision of this world, opened to me vast arenas of knowledge and craft, and made me the independent, perfectible being that I am.

Must go now to meet Standish (still the same old Bleary Bob) outside the Regal. 'Grande Passion' with Gloria Hess and 3-D music.

We welcome all next year's freshers to this full, pure life.

J. D. S. HARROP (6cu).

Then and Now

The sun shone down out of a cloudless sky and the great crowd sweltered in the intense heat. The bands played and the drums beat out the time for the countless marching feet. In the distance the bayonets of a detachment of soldiers glinted in the sun. How hot it was!

The scene seemed to blur a moment. The sound of marching feet seemed to fade also. The sounds and the crowd, too, changed. It was as if a cloud had passed over the scene, but the picture speedily cleared.

But where were the crowds? Where were the soldiers? The sound was more like the rumbling

made by carts. Yes, it was made by carts, several of them, with crowds jostling around them were making their way towards the centre of the open space. The sun beat down unmercifully. How hot it was!

What was that glinting in the middle of the area? Whatever could that peculiar contraption mounted on that platform be? Just then the sun glinted on it. It was like a . . . no, it could not be . . . a guillotine!

Yet there it was in the centre of the open space, surrounded by crowds and by cockaded drummers, rolling out a mournful dirge. The leading cart, or tumbril, had just reached it. He could see the wretched victims in the cart and around them the shouting, blood-thirsty mob.

These poor men and women were going to the guillotine to satisfy the fears of the Committee, of that fear-stricken group of men who held the life and death of every citizen in the blade of the monster which was even now preparing for work.

There was a grating sound followed by a swish; the drums rolled; there was a shout of triumph. This scene repeated itself again and again, but he could not help sensing that some greater event was about to take place.

A great shout went up as a good-looking man, obviously of noble birth was pushed into place. The drums rolled and a great shout drowned the sound of the horrible machine. He shuddered and he heard a man near him say, "Another head of an aristocrat—Madame Guillotine does well . . ." but he heard no more as others around him joined in the shouting of the blood-intoxicated crowd.

But something peculiar was happening, once again the scene was blurring. Was that really the guillotine? Where were the rumbling tumbrils? What had happened?

The crowds were still there but the scene had changed. The rumbling was not made by carts but by tanks. Tanks? What were they doing . . . ?

He closed his eyes, feeling dazed and confused. A voice behind him dimly told him that he was all right and would be better in a moment. Something wet splashed across his forehead. How pleasant it felt in the heat!

He reopened his eyes. There were the tanks, real enough. It was not a dream after all. The parade, yes the Liberation Day parade in the Place de la Concorde in Paris, he remembered now!

And he had been stupid enough to faint!

J. E. O. SCREEN (6ml).

Departure

Ten long cars tight on the curve, waiting for the signal.
 Time. Doors slammed. Last words said. Goodbye. Goodbye!
 Whistle screams: Flag drops. Strident siren wails. Departure.
 Steam is escaping: power to pistons; the wheels creep forward,
 They spin round madly on the greasy rails, throwing up sparks.
 The fire-king shudders and snorts. Levers are twisted. Check.
 Once more power to pistons; the train surges forward
 Gripping the rails. Sharp, harsh blasts from the chimney as
 Like a snake it winds out to the sunlight; to the dirty sunlight
 Of the northern town. It throws a silhouette on the walls of the cutting,
 Or rumbles under blackened girders, under hollow-sounding bridges shutting
 Out the light in the third-class compartments driven northwards.
 Rumble under, clatter over, train and smoke together go,
 Past the chimneys, houses, steeples looking down on the lines below.
 Make for the country, the hills, the mountains, threaded by the shining mile.
 Gather speed, past Shap and Tebay, in time for tea at "Merrie Carlisle."

G. A. M. WOOD (6m1).

By the River's Brink

It was a sultry July afternoon when midges were floating above the river's bank, and everything lay basking in the sun. Peacefully the water murmured along, and washed against the stones. Fish darted about above the clean pebbles, jumping for may-flies and the fisherman's bait.

Opposite this grassy bank was an ancient gnarled willow with mossy roots washed by the river's quiet current. A deep shadowy pool lay below, where large shadowy tench lay contentedly. The weathercock glinted in the sun as the church-clock lazily struck two.

In the fields beyond the river were several cows basking in the heat; and whipping their tails at swarms of flies. Blue hills lay in the distance,

shimmering in a heat-haze. The sky was a deep Mediterranean blue reflected in the water. All was calm and bright.

Late that night, distant drummings were heard under a glowering sky. A rushing surge of waters grew from a whisper to a roar. Gone were the fishes; an angry brown torrent swirled past the roots of the old willow tree. Flowers peacefully sleeping were whirled from their beds, and added to the chaos of branches and sticks carried on with the river's rush. For an instant, everything was illuminated with the weird electric-blue of lightning, and the peal of thunder echoing round caused the very ground to shake.

Stones were torn way from the banks and the deep shadowy pool was a whirlpool of foaming water. Fields were flooded and cattle drowned.

Still later came the final burst of the tempest. Through all the rush and wailing of the angry river and wind came a mighty crash. The venerable old willow-tree, the favourite haunt of fishermen was gone. As the storm subsided, a last angry glow of orange sky in the west appeared and was then swept away.

The old peaceful river was never the same again. Perhaps time healed the wounds, and the villagers probably say that it is much better without an old rotten willow.

D. M. BRIERLEY (5Y).

Across the Bridge

Ivan slowly walked along the muddy track which led away from the town. He walked slowly because of the glutinous effect which the mud had on his well-worn boots, because of the septic blisters on his feet, and because he was very tired. Tonight, however, unlike many similar occasions, there was a certain triumph mingled with the weariness on his dirty, bearded face. Business that day had gone well. By selling his two cows, he had been able to buy enough cigarettes to convince Lewinsky that it was likely to be very profitable to smuggle peasant-farmers across the border in the back of his truck.

Lewinsky drove a supply lorry for the army. Unlike many of his comrades, he felt no qualms of conscience about betraying the State in such a fashion as Ivan had suggested; a man must look after himself in these hard times. Occasionally, he journeyed across the border, and had agreed, with much persuasion, to smuggle Ivan across for the sum of two hundred cigarettes.

When Ivan gained the crest of a small hill, he turned to look back at the town. There were not many people about, only the occasional cluster of emigrants who had been lucky enough to obtain passports, and who now hurried with incredulous joy along the road which led across the river and into the no-man's-land beyond. Halfway across the bridge stretched a red and white barrier which was heavily guarded. To pass through this barrier and gain the opposite side had been Ivan's sole ambition for many years. Ever since his parents had been arrested by the militia—how long ago it seemed now! Almost ten years. Ivan himself had only escaped by giving evidence against them. He passed a hand over his forehead as he thought of these things—a hand which still trembled at the thought of that betrayal. Ever since that day, he had been obsessed with the idea of escaping from the monsters who had snatched from him all he had ever hoped for, or loved. For years he had tried to get a passport, and, that having failed, he had searched for a driver corrupt enough to help him.

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Abruptly he turned away towards the little shack which was his home.

He met Lewinsky's truck just outside the town at six the following morning. A swift delivery of the fee, and Ivan scrambled into the back of the truck, which bumped down the road to join a string of others crossing the bridge. He had slept little for some nights, and was jerked out of a semi-conscious daze by Lewinsky's conversation with the soldier at the barrier. He trembled as he heard the voice of Brodsky, the officer in charge, as it interrupted the cordial talk of Lewinsky and the soldier. "Come on, get that thing out of here"—and then the engine leapt into life, and the truck jerked across the river to the opposite bank.

Suddenly Ivan heard Lewinsky's tense voice: "Now! get the hell out of here, no damn peasant's going to get me shot".

Ivan leapt out of the truck and ran wildly across the stony ground.

The guard on the bridge did not know what to make of the bent, ragged figure which suddenly darted out from the line of disappearing trucks, but he did not stop to consider what to do about it. Orders in such cases were clear. It was a remarkably easy shot

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Lieutenant Brodsky pondered over the matter for some minutes, his bushy eyebrows knitted. He thought that in his report it would be as well to inflate the incident as much as possible. Otherwise there might be awkward questions asked,

and awkward questions could sometimes ruin a man. Yes, that was it, describe the peasant as a "capitalist warmonger", or spy, or something.

"Very well, that'll do", he said at length.

"Yes, comrade Lieutenant", said the soldier dutifully, and went back to his patrol on the bridge.

P. J. BLOUNT (4A).

A Knock at the Door

I watched him as he approached the garden-gate. I watched him coming up the path, and I heard his knock on the door. As I marched to answer his summons, I tried to steel my fluttering nerves against the coming attack, yet I was confident of my ability to turn him away. I opened the door, and

"Ah, good morning, good morning to you, young sir!" Gracious! I thought, he sounds like that Hancock fellow on the radio. However, he continued, "Is the lady of the house at home? No? Oh, a great pity. But I can see that you can recognise good wares when you see 'em, what? Now just look here, I have a marvellous new brush at only—"

"I am very sorry", I cut in icily, "but I am in no position to buy anything of this nature"—here indicating his case which lay open on the door-step—"without my mother's permission. That will be all, thank you". And I swung the door to quickly. But, as I had feared, there, between door and jamb, was a pointed yellow shoe.

Very slowly, I peered round the door again; now he was standing there with a brush in either hand.

His smile, as he moved forward, made me wince. It was a smile of triumph.

"Now, as I was saying, this brush is of extra high quality, being exceptionally cheaply priced at nine shillings and sixpence. And this floor-polish is the best and cheapest in the country. A new tooth-brush? Ah! we have—"

"I am afraid that I bought a new tooth-brush only last week", I said, feeling suddenly small. This ceaseless attack was wearing me down.

"We have many more lines that I feel sure will interest you", he rattled on, "for instance, there is this, and this, and this floor-cloth is a completely revolutionary idea. All you have to do is"

And so it went on for at least a quarter of an hour. Bargain after bargain, all at extortionate prices.

Finally he said, "Thank you, young sir, good morning to you!" and walked off.

Now my only worry is how to get rid of one mop, a revolutionary floor-cloth, six dusters and two tins of grate-polish before mother comes home.

I. C. SMITH (4A).

A Poet's Dilemma

Writing a poem's my task tonight,
And this I am trying with all my might,
But what I am up against it seems
Is the handicap of lacking themes.

Though there are many from which to choose,
I shall have to rely on help from my Muse,
But how to invoke her to come to my aid,
Is something I've never been taught I'm afraid.

There must be a good way to summon a lady,
Be she a mortal or something more shady,
I must find my Muse by hook or by crook,
I've thought of the phone, but she's not in the book.

I could send her a wire, if I knew the address,
Surely she'd come if she knew my distress.
If I don't reach her soon I'm thoroughly sunk,
And the probable outcome is something I funk!

R. M. F. LINFORD (4y).

It's a Dog's Life

During the war, it was very difficult to get people to do jobs quickly, and not always easy to obtain skilled labour. Therefore when a lady, standing on a cane-bottomed chair, fell through it, it was very difficult to find a good 'cane bottomed chair mender'. However, at last, one was obtained, but the lady was warned that he was rather eccentric, and any peculiar things he said or did were to be ignored.

He arrived on one of those days when everything goes wrong. To begin with it was raining, the sort of rain that is peculiar to Britain only, so the washing, of which there seemed to be an abnormal amount, was hung up in front of all the fires, throughout the house.

His arrival was marked by a gentle tap on the door. The mistress, who happened to be near the door, transporting a basin of soggy laundry

to a clothes-horse, opened it. Before her eyes had focussed upon the timid little man at the doorway two large, wet, dirty, smelly but rather playful dogs leapt up at her, and landed on her clean clothes. The dogs licked her hands, her face, and the laundry with much vigour. She was about to reprimand the man severely for bringing his dogs with him, and not keeping them under proper control, when she remembered that she had been warned that he was eccentric. As soon as she managed to get the chaos under control, she thought that she had perhaps better not mention it. After all, she reflected, no irreparable harm had been done; the clothes would easily wash clean again.

"Mary", she called to her maid, "take these two dogs into the kitchen will you please, while this gentleman mends the chair?"

"Certainly ma'am", replied the girl, quaking with horror. But the dogs did not need the maid to take them to the kitchen. The joint smelt so appetising, that surely it must taste the same, but they momentarily forgot the meat, as a spitting cat barred their way, and so a lively chase ensued, under tables, behind bins, and in and out of the poor cook's feet, who was already madly shrieking, and threatening in the most lively language to give notice at once. Pandemonium was everywhere. Pots fell off the stove, tables overturned, jugs crashed off shelves, and a large lump of ceiling plaster fell into the gravy boat. The maid and her mistress raced in to help the swearing cook restore order, which was eventually 'managed' by expelling the cat, and grabbing the dogs by the scruff of their necks. A short debate followed, but no one appeared to have a sensible idea. Eventually they coaxed the dogs into an old storeroom, where they ran riot. They made terrible messes on the floor, rubbed their wet and smelly bodies all over the carpet and wallpaper, they tore the furniture (of which there was fortunately very little) and then had a tremendously long and fierce battle, during which no one dared enter the room. This went on for about half-an-hour then the maid suggested giving them an old bone or two to keep them quiet. This succeeded for a while, and then chaos broke out again.

The mistress, her maid, and her cook, were just about at the point where, eccentric old man or not, they had had enough, when the news came that the chair was finished. Having paid the man for his services, the lady showed him to the door, and was just about to have his dogs brought for him, when he just walked out of the house and with a polite "Morning ma'am", strolled away, without the dogs.