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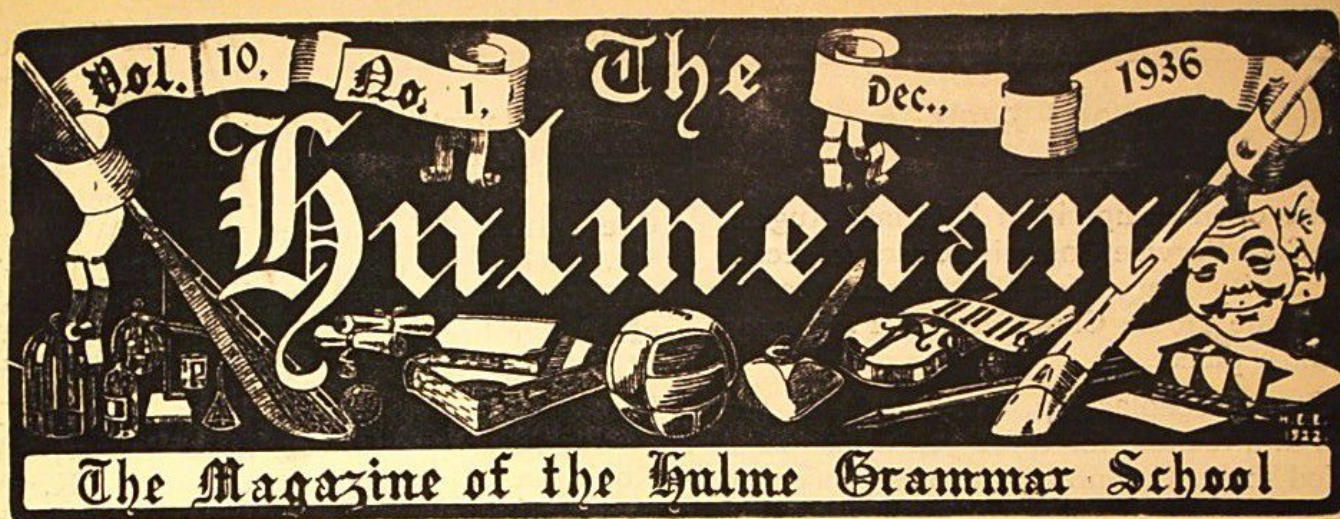
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The Jubilee.

On Tuesday, January 26th, 1937, the School celebrates its Fiftieth Anniversary. At 11 a.m. on that date there will be a service in the Cathedral. Notice of other functions in connection with the celebrations will be found under "The Old Hulmeians Association" notes. The Secretary of the Association will be glad to send an invitation to any Old Hulmeian whose name is not on the list of members.

At the reception which will be held at the School in the evening there will be unveiled a portrait in oils of the late Dr. Joseph Hall, M.A., Litt.D., who was Head Master of the School from its opening until the 31st day of July, 1913. The portrait is being presented by an Old Boy as a Jubilee Gift to the School. Old Boys who were at School during Dr. Hall's headmastership will doubtless make a special effort to be present on this occasion as a mark of the affection and respect in which they hold his memory.

Notes and News.

At the open competition held last August by the Civil Service Commissioners to decide the first fifty places for the Administrative Class of the Home Civil Service, P. Rogers took sixth place.

A State Scholarship, value £100 per annum and tenable for three years, has been awarded to D. C. Snow, who has proceeded to Queen's College, Cambridge.

Manchester City Scholarships, value £60 per annum and tenable for three years, have been won by D. Erskine, R. H. Stanley and P. Whitaker.

R. H. Stanley has been awarded a Stockport Major Scholarship, value £75 per annum, tenable for three years.

At the Scholarship examinations held last term by Manchester University, P. S. Ellis was awarded the John Kenworthy Bythell Memorial Scholarship of £50 per annum, tenable for three years.

The following successes were gained at the Higher and School Certificate Examinations held by the Northern Universities Matriculation Board last July. Subjects in which Distinction was gained are shown in brackets :—

Higher School Certificates, VI. C.M.U. : A. F. Brazier, D. Erskine (English, History), J. H. C. Fenter, A. Gordon, J. Mason, W. A. Parkinson.

VI. S.U. : D. Barnes, D. C. A. Bevis, D. N. Buttrey, P. S. Ellis, D. M. Herbert, A. Hesford, A. A. McKerrigan, C. R. Peers, D. W. Preston, G. Saxon, D. C. Snow (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), G. S. Somerset, R. H. Stanley, K. W. Sutcliffe, R. D. Watts, P. Whitaker, A. White (Physics), E. B. Williams.

School Certificates. (Those marked with an asterisk have also been awarded Matriculation Certificates) :—*H. Arnold (History),

T. H. Barrett, *R. Billington (History, French, Mathematics, Chemistry), *H. E. Dalton, *P. B. Eastwood (Mathematics, Chemistry), *H. Embleton, *D. W. Fox, *H. K. Goodger (Latin, Physics, Chemistry), *W. Graham, *D. H. Griffiths (Chemistry), *P. B. Herbert, A. Holiday, *R. Kenworthy, *J. B. Loebell, R. Morgans, *E. Nield (French), F. Nuttall, R. Price, *A. H. C. Ratliff (English, History), R. Rayner, *A. Robinson (1) (English, Physics), *K. A. Stark, L. N. Sutcliffe, *W. V. Wadsworth, *G. A. Weeks, *G. M. Williams, *D. R. Wood (Additional Mathematics, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), *A. Wrigley, G. Barrow, R. Brown, R. Craddock, H. R. Crichton, M. P. Ellis, *D. B. Gagg, H. G. Gosling, J. C. W. Hargreaves, K. L. Holland, *H. Houghton (English), *H. K. Joseph, *R. Kirby, *J. E. Lister (History), *A. S. Marshall (German), *S. Reid (German, French, Mathematics, Physics), E. S. Thelwall, S. Thomas, *J. M. S. Walley (History), *J. F. Weatherby (German, Mathematics), *B. J. Worboys, R. J. Young, J. Chapman, W. A. N. Ellis, J. L. Martin.

The Governors of the School have made the following awards :—

Scholarship, tenable for ex-elementary schoolboys, D. Barnes (1 year), W. J. Duerden (3 years).

Foundation Scholarships, tenable for one year, A. Gordon, A. F. Brazier, J. S. Battersby, D. C. A. Bevis, O. R. Dennis, D. M. Herbert, D. W. Preston, W. T. Curtis, S. B. Hirst, D. A. Marsh, J. F. S. Walton; for three years, A. Jackson, J. D. Robson, D. H. Watkinson, A. Brundrett, W. A. Mallinson, S. Gill, S. S. Wilson, W. J. Mair.

The Prefects for the year are :—O. R. Dennis (Head Prefect), A. Gordon, J. S. Battersby; R. C. Spooner, T. A. Yates, R. P. Smith, D. Barnes, H. Cartwright, A. L. Dennis, N. G. McCready, D. R. Wood.

Manchester University Degrees and Examinations :—

Honours School of Mathematics, Class I., W. J. Littlefair.

Intermediate B.Sc., A. L. Mosley.

Intermediate B.A., Latin, Class I., and Political Economy, Class II., J. K. Nicholson.

First M.B., Ch.B. Examination, Part I., Botany, P. G. Griffiths.

Diploma in Dentistry, Third Examination, Dental Mechanics, H. G. Holland; Second Examination, Botany, P. Saunbury.

Intermediate B.Sc. (Tech.), J. H. Porter.

In the Intermediate B.Sc. Examination at London University, R. H. Pear has passed in Economics.

At Bristol University D. A. Parry has passed in Physiology for the degree of B.Sc. (Hons.).

D. Ll. Griffiths has been appointed Resident Surgical Officer at the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

C. G. Eastwood has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer of Health for the Borough of Worthing.

D. T. Eastwood has been appointed to the living of Darwen.

H. Buckley has passed the Final Examination of the Law Society.

On the occasion of their silver wedding, presentations were made at the end of last term to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis by the boys of the School and by the Masters.

We are greatly indebted to the following donors for their gifts of books to the Library :—Mr. W. H. Thomson, A. Gordon, J. H. C. Fenter, R. D. Watts, A. F. Brazier, K. A. Hilton, H. Embleton and Mrs. J. W. Morley.

On Wednesday, October 28th, the School had its first Parents' Evening. The function roused the greatest interest, and, when the

Head Master rose to address the visitors, the hall was full to overflowing. After his talk the parents were invited to interview the masters in their form rooms. Tea was served in the old hall during the evening.

The pictures that have for so long hung in the old hall and on the stairway have been taken down for the time being, and the place has been considerably brightened by a coat of light paint.

Calendar for Lent Term :—

Lent Term will begin on Tuesday, January 19th, at 9 o'clock.

Mid-term Holiday will be on February 20th and 22nd.

The School Sports will be held on Tuesday, March 23rd.

The Term will end on Wednesday, March 24th, at noon.

The Easter Holiday will extend from Wednesday, March 24th, at noon, to Tuesday, April 6th, at 9 o'clock.

The Examination for Scholarships for Elementary School Boys, Foundation Scholarships, Special Places, etc., will be held on April 2nd and 3rd, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term will be held at the same time.

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*.

BIRTHS.

PORTHOUSE.—On August 29th, 1936, to Sheila Katheryn, wife of William Porthouse, a son.

EASTWOOD.—On October 3rd, 1936, to Enid, wife of Robert L. Eastwood, Penkridge, Amersham, a son, Robert David.

LOWTHER.—On 7th October, 1936, to Anne (née Kershaw) and Harold Lowther, a son.

COPPOCK.—On October 24th, 1936, to Clare, wife of Philip Dalton Coppock, of 11, Withert Avenue, Higher Bebington, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BRADSHAW—TAYLOR.—On August 26th, 1936, Hubert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bradshaw, of West Didsbury, to Kathleen, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor, of Brooklands.

BURROWS—BEAZLEY.—On August 27th, 1936, Thomas Edward, eldest son of the late Councillor and Mrs. W. T. Burrows, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, to Mabel, only daughter of Mrs. Beazley and the late Mr. F. J. Beazley, of Timperley and Whalley Range.

DEAKIN—GELDART.—On September 5th, 1936, Charles William Francis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deakin, Whalley Range, to Phyllis, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Geldart, Darley Park, Manchester.

KERSHAW—BRYCE.—On September 5th, 1936, Leslie Wray, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Kershaw, of Ellerslie, Talbot Road, Old Trafford, to Martha, youngest daughter of Mrs. Bryce, Ardbeg, Baguley, and the late Mr. R. B. Bryce.

BAIRD—SMITH.—On October 5th, 1936, Robert, eldest son of Dugald Baird and the

late Mrs. Isa Roy Baird, of Whalley Range, to Evelyn Marion, eldest daughter of Mrs. Amy Smith and the late Mr. C. M. Smith, of Withington.

ANGELL—FOSTER.—On October 17th, 1936, Leonard Alfred (A.M.I.Mech.E.), only stepson of Dr. Baker and only son of Mrs. Baker, of Denton, to Freda Mary, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Foster, of Northenden.

DEATHS.

MORLEY.—On July 20th, 1936, at The Glen, Knaresborough, John William, aged 71 years. For 35 years assistant master at the Hulme Grammar School, Manchester.

BOOTH.—On August 28th, 1936, at Rhyl, after a short illness, Edwin Vernon, Fern Royd, Edge Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, and only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. E. I. Booth.

CATLING.—On November 7th, 1936, suddenly, at his residence, Wintersdorf, Barkers Lane, Sale, Frank James.

Mr. J. W. Morley.

With great regret we record the death on July 20th of Mr. J. W. Morley, for thirty-five years assistant master in the School. He was buried at Brafferton, near Boroughbridge in Yorkshire, in a district with which his family had long been connected. At the funeral the School was represented by the Head Master and Mr. J. A. Barber, the Old Hulmeians Association by Mr. G. N. E. Gilliat and Mr. A. L. Powell, and the Hulme Lads' Club by Mr. H. Hough; of old pupils and colleagues there were also present Mr. K. Mudie, the Rev. H. Palmer, Mr. H. S. Wihl, Mr. J. I. Franklin and Mr. E. G. W. Hewlett.

Mr. Morley will always be most affectionately remembered by the generations of boys who passed through the School in his time. Though born in Surrey he was a Yorkshireman by descent, genial and warm-hearted, with a fine presence and affable charm which made him generally popular in School and out.

He was educated at Dulwich College, under Bishop Welldon, and at Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he took his degree in 1887. On leaving Cambridge he went abroad to study French and German, and taught for a time in a school at Bex in Switzerland, and at Neuenheim College, Heidelberg. In January, 1891, he was appointed by Mr. Joseph Hall to succeed Mr. W. A. Badham as chief modern language master in this School. Here he found his vocation—he was never tempted to go elsewhere, but remained in the same position until his retirement thirty-five years later. For twenty-two of those years Mr. Morley had six colleagues who, like him, worked with Dr. Hall until the latter retired from the headmastership in 1913. Thoroughness and aversion to scamping or undue haste were characteristics of his, and led to lasting results in the work and after-careers of his pupils. He had a sympathy, too, with the weaknesses of human nature as shown by the schoolboy, though the wise did not presume too far upon his indulgence. In dealing, for instance, with defaulters on the detention lists—one of his duties for years—he had a happy way of tempering justice with mercy, which effected its purpose better than severer methods.

In his teaching he followed at first the lines in general use at the time for modern languages, but, after a few years, an important change was introduced throughout the School which showed that Mr. Morley was open to new ideas and ready to welcome

changes when convinced of their value. French and German, it should be remembered, were newcomers to the timetables of Grammar Schools, and their teachings had been modelled on that of the classical languages, the main features being grammar (a "thorough grounding") and translation from and into the foreign language, the actual use of which in the classroom was almost negligible. There was, however, growing criticism of this way of teaching living languages, which notoriously led to poor results in practice, and reformers advocated the use of the foreign language for its proper purpose of expression by making it the actual medium of instruction. The change in method proposed was really fundamental, and to carry it out in practice needed faith in its value on the part of the teacher, and a planned course where the teaching was in several hands. Examples, however, of success elsewhere, especially abroad, carried conviction to Mr. Morley and his confrères, and, when towards the end of the nineties new and attractive school books on reform lines were available, the new method was adopted in the junior and middle forms of the School with results which fully justified the change, and eventually permeated the work up to the highest forms. In Mr. Morley's own top form, Modern V. or VI., in which French or German literature had to be studied, and the new method was less obviously applicable, he continued to set a high value upon accurate translation, and, of course, he had a way of his own in everything he did.

When the School began its association with the Hulme Lads' Club in 1893, Mr. Morley joined the Committee of the Club and was Chairman for twenty-five years, from 1901 till his retirement from the School. He took charge of the annual collection made in the School, which began with a

modest total of £11 8s. 6d., but reached the figure of £253 16s. in his last year.

For years he was a keen playgoer, and, in the happy days when Miss Horniman was making Manchester famous by her repertory company, Mr. Morley was to be seen weekly in the stalls of the Gaiety Theatre, and for some years was Treasurer of the large Playgoers' Club which had been formed among its patrons. Afterwards he took an active part in the dramatic life of the School, not only producing plays, but acting himself with great success in rôles suited to his temperament, such as that of the Coroner in "The Speckled Band" or the Judge in a mock trial. He acted also in several productions of new plays by the "Unnamed Society."

As a speaker he was deliberate but impressive, and those who were present will not forget his last appearance at the Old Hulmeians Dinner in 1932, when he proposed the toast of the School.

After his retirement and marriage to Miss E. M. Scarisbrick in 1926 he made repeated visits to Italy, and settled finally in Southport, where old friends and pupils were always sure of a hospitable welcome.

E. G. W. H.

Speech Day.

This, the outstanding function of the School year, took place on Monday, July 27th, when the importance of the occasion coupled with one of the summer's brightest days, brought out almost a record crowd so that even the standing-room available was not adequate to accommodate everybody, and the swing doors into the hall had to be left open to enable those outside to hear what was going on.

The Bishop of Middleton occupied the chair, and the prizes were distributed by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Manchester.

After the singing of the School Song the Chairman asked the Head Master, Mr. Trevor Dennis, to read his report, which opened with a long list of the many academic and other successes of Old Boys. Thereafter, he went on to speak of the contemplated new buildings which included a new manual room, two new class-rooms, a new library with the alteration of the present manual room to changing-rooms, and rooms 1 and 2 to an armoury and an orderly-room for the use of the Officers' Training Corps. Here it was explained that, during the year, the Cadet Corps had been one of seven out of almost two hundred applicants to be raised to the status of an O.T.C. It was pleasing, said the speaker, to be able to state that the number of boys desiring to enter the School was increasing, and the number of applications for admission in September had already equalled the total for the whole of the previous year. Moreover, the numbers in the Preparatory School were also going up. For the first time, the five acres recently added to the playing fields had been utilised. Mentioning the vexed question of homework, the Head Master pointed out that to-day it was chiefly a test as to whether boys had learned what they were supposed to have been taught in School. Boys in the sixth forms, if they intended to do anything important on leaving School, might insist on doing something approaching three hours' work each evening whether it was set or not. In any case, the master who set much homework was not, as might be supposed, easing his own work by obviating the necessity for much tuition in class: he was adding to it because of the correcting the homework entailed. Concluding, the Head Master pointed out that the coming year would see our Jubilee, and by January the School

would have been in existence for fifty years. Speaking of the early days when five or six masters gave their whole lives to the School, he said it was with the greatest regret that the School had learned only a few days before of the death of one of these masters, Mr. J. W. Morley. Howbeit, others were still with us and would be able to take part in the celebrations. The Old Boys, too, would be ready to join in these, and the Association was always waiting to welcome, as new members, the boys who left School.

The Chairman, calling upon the Archdeacon to distribute the prizes, said he could not let pass the opportunity of congratulating the School on the astonishing list of Old Boys' successes that had just been read out by the Head Master.

The presentation of the prizes completed, the Archdeacon began by remarking that he must also offer his congratulations on the School's successes, and then went on to speak of the importance of the contemplated new buildings, adding it was essential for the proper development of the School that its equipment should be kept up-to-date. He felt, he said, rather at a loss to know what to talk about as he did not feel qualified to discuss foreign affairs or matriculation, or examinations in general, or even homework—the usual subjects of speeches on such occasions. He seemed to think that boys had changed, and were not quite so unruly as in his school-days. To the boys who had won prizes he offered his congratulations, and then said a few words of encouragement to those who had failed to win anything. It was a great thing to win prizes, but it was even greater to have done one's best at every task. He knew such things were said on all speech days, but he repeated it in all sincerity. School should teach us not merely to do the important things, but to pay attention to details, to work and to know the joy coming from labour carefully performed.

Following on the speeches we had the rendering of a sonata (Kriesler) for flute, violin, cello and piano, and then the Orchestra, with the Head Master conducting, gave us one of its best performances in its playing of Haydn's Oxford Symphony (Adagio, Minuet).

The exhibitions of art and woodwork, and the demonstrations being carried on in the science laboratories attracted many visitors.

PRIZE LIST.

(The Form Prizes for the Sixth and Fifth Forms, together with most of the special prizes, are awarded on the results of the Higher and School Certificate Examinations held in July, and were presented this term.)

SPECIAL PRIZES.

VLIES MODERN LANGUAGES PRIZE for Sixth Forms: D. Erskine.

OLDFIELD ENGLISH PRIZE for Sixth Forms: D. Erskine.

DEHN HISTORY PRIZE for Sixth Forms: D. Erskine.

DEHN CLASSICAL PRIZE for Sixth Forms: J. H. C. Fenter.

WILLIAMSON SCIENCE PRIZE for Sixth Forms: D. C. Snow.

LYMER MATHEMATICAL PRIZE for Sixth Forms: D. C. Snow.

DEHN HISTORY PRIZE for Fifth Forms: H. Arnold and R. Billington (equal).

DORRINGTON LATIN PRIZE for Fifth Forms: H. K. Goodger.

ASPINAL PRIZE for Religious Knowledge: A. White.

ODDY PRIZE: O. R. Dennis.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZE: D. Erskine.

ART PRIZES: Fifth Forms, B. J. Worboys; Fourth Forms, K. White and T. Ingham (equal); Third Forms, A. Brundrett; Second Forms, D. W. Walton; First Forms, G. H. Sykes.

FORM PRIZES.

- VI. C.M.U.: D. Erskine.
 VI. S.U.: D. C. Snow.
 VI. C.M.L.: 1, F. Clarke, 2, J. P. Wilde.
 VI. S.L.: 1, H. Cartwright; 2, R. C. Spooncer.
 V. A.: 1, D. R. Wood; 2, R. Billington.
 V. B.: 1, S. Reid; 2, B. J. Worboys.
 V. C.: 1, W. A. N. Ellis; 2, J. L. Martin.
 IV. A.: 1, J. Wilks; 2, S. F. B. Hewitt.
 IV. B.: 1, N. A. Demet; 2, R. Joyce.
 IV. C.: 1, H. C. Clements; 2, B. Vitkovitch.
 III. A.: 1, A. Brundrett; 2, T. Seed.
 III. B.: 1, E. S. Barber; 2, J. D. Robson.
 III. C.: 1, J. G. Storry; 2, J. P. Colbeck.
 II. A.: 1, E. Barratt; 2, J. D. Boardman.
 II. B.: 1, G. B. Warburton; 2, S. Jones.
 II. C.: 1, R. W. Hancock; 2, B. E. Adams.
 I. A.: 1, K. Hall; 2, K. T. Howe.
 I. B.: 1, B. Doherty; 2, R. B. Herbert.
 I. C.: 1, D. S. Hewet; 2, A. Whitehead.
 Lower I.: 1, G. N. Pointer; 2, M. T. Fitzgerald.
 Preparatory School: 1, J. W. N. Glover; 2, D. Watkins.

The Entertainments.

The appeal of this section of the School's activities seems to be at least as great as ever, if the sale of season tickets is any true indication of the popularity of the entertainments. This year 510 tickets have been sold, and, as most holders make use of them on all possible occasions, we are having good houses each Tuesday, though, of course, the dramatic productions still continue to be the greatest draw. As in past years, there has been an effort to vary the programme, and, during the term, we have had, besides the usual plays, a debate, a mock trial, lectures, and an interesting production of "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" by the Preparatory School. So much effort has been expended in the past on completing the fittings of the stage that there now remains little to be done each season, and this year there have been no important additions to the "gadgets." Still, the stage hands have not been idle as a great deal of work has had to be done in preparing for the Christmas play.

Programme:—

Lantern Lecture, 20th October.—We had an innovation on this, the opening entertainment of the season, when Mr. M. C. Sutton, of the National Geographical Society, gave a lecture illustrated with cinematograph pictures. The first film was of the Malay States and Ceylon, and we saw pictures of Switzerland with its snow-covered mountains in contrast to the sunny scenes of the East. Finally, we had a film in colour showing many garden scenes together with visits to various parts of the coast of Britain.

Debate, October 27th.—On this occasion the fair name of the U.S.A. was at stake, the proposition being "That the discovery of America is to be regretted." There was quite a good house, and, though the opposition carried the day, the reputation

of America was not fully vindicated, for when the question was put to the vote, the majority was a mere 23, the figures being, For 123, Against 146. D. Erskine put the proposition, and he and his seconder, A. Gordon, made good play with some clever points, but the opposition, ably led by D. M. Herbert, with G. M. Williams as seconder, got in many telling blows. As in all recent debates, there was a praiseworthy readiness on the part of many members of the audience to express their views on the matter when the proposition was thrown open for discussion, and the speaking was, on the whole, good. It is worthy of note that those taking part in these debates now seem to realize that the first necessity of a speaker who would be convincing is to make himself heard. Those who spoke were: A. L. Dennis, A. Thorpe, A. F. Brazier, G. W. E. Stark, J. Erskine, A. Richardson, F. Clarke, F. W. Cooper, J. Wilks. The debate was arranged by Mr. Anderson.

Lantern Lecture, November 3rd.—The Head Master, Mr. Trevor Dennis, gave us a very interesting talk on "Architecture", when he sought to show us how to find beauty in buildings. He pointed out that architecture reveals the type of men who produced it: several slides showed, for example, how the Normans expressed solidarity and simplicity in their buildings. Several imitative styles to be seen in Manchester were mentioned, and the lecture concluded with some views of the School.

Play, November 10th.—Form VI. S.L. presented a short one-act play entitled "Safe at Last" (Guy Tanner). It was a promising start to the season's dramatic productions, for the setting was good and the play was cleverly acted by the following cast: the Retired Colonel (D. H. Griffiths), the Fugitive (A. Wrigley), the Detective (D. R. Wood), a Keeper from a Lunatic Asylum (A. Robinson), the Constable (P. B. Eastwood), James, the

Butler (G. A. Weeks). Producer, the Head Master.

Play, November 17th.—"Like Father," produced by Mr. Thompson and presented by Form IV. B., was an amusing comedy which provided J. A. Stephenson with the opportunity of giving an excellent performance as the irate father of a somewhat naughty schoolboy. Reminded of his own inattentive school-days by a dream, he was induced to become more kindly disposed towards his son, and so everything ended happily. Cast: John Smith, father (J. A. Stephenson); John Smith, junior (S. S. Wilson); Mrs. Smith (R. Batley); Doris, the daughter (H. S. Priest); Ellen, the maid (F. G. Higgins).

Play, November 24th.—In "The Recoil" (Eric Logan), Form V. A. seemed to realize that they had a lot to do to make the play fulfil its description as a "thriller," and they set about their task in a courageous fashion that enabled them to surmount their difficulties. Though the players did not, perhaps, get quite all the thrill out of the play, they gave a good performance. Cast: Lieutenant Malone (J. Wilks), Second Lieutenant Denny (D. W. Brooks), Captain Frith (J. G. Bell), Private Wilks (C. P. R. Dunn). Producer, Mr. Powell.

Mock Trial, December 1st.—On this evening the whole majesty of the law was invoked to deal with a prisoner who had improved upon the somewhat ordinary offence of car theft by stealing a corporation bus, affectionately called Little Audrey, left outside a hotel into which the driver and his conductor had disappeared to enjoy a stimulant described in the evidence as "a quick one." Though appropriation of another's car is usually a matter for the police court, it was felt that nothing less than the full dignity of an assize court could deal with this "monstrous" crime, and thus it was that we had all the trappings of this form of trial, trumpeters, judge in full dress, jury (mixed!!), full

array of counsel, etc. To the strident and discordant notes of the trumpeters the judge made a rather scrambling entrance, and when once the members of the jury had settled their private differences, the proceedings opened. The usual preliminaries over, the counsel called their witnesses, as queer and unreliable a crowd as were ever summoned to give evidence in a court of justice. Perhaps, however, the nature of their testimony was of no very great importance, as the attention of the jury was too frequently distracted from the main business by intermittent differences amongst themselves. A strange assortment was this jury, including, as it did, film stars, B.B.C. celebrities, a navvy, a peer of the realm, and the reincarnation of Antony and Cleopatra. Yet, with all this array of talent to deliberate on the speeches and the evidence adduced, it was only after the spin of a penny that they could decide to find the prisoner guilty.

Cast: Judge (D. Erskine), Counsel for Defence (A. L. Dennis and S. B. Hirst), Counsel for Prosecution (G. W. E. Stark and D. C. A. Bevis), Prisoner (A. F. Brazier), Clerk of Assize (G. D. Clark), Usher (H. Cartwright), Constable (P. S. Preston), Warders (C. R. Peers and D. W. Preston); Jury, Sydney Howard (W. T. Curtis), Joseph Egg (A. Richardson), Adolf Hitler (R. P. Smith), Stuart Hibberd (J. P. Wilde), A. J. Alan (O. R. Dennis), Mrs. Buggins (D. Barnes), Lord Nuffield (D. M. Herbert), Alfred Pickswinger (N. G. McCready), Cleopatra (B. Race), Antony (R. C. Spooncer), Joseph Littlewood (C. T. Sutcliffe), Sweeney Todd (J. F. S. Walton); Witnesses, Sam Johnson (R. M. Jones), Jim Boswell (P. N. Knight), Eliza Higginbottom (J. S. Battersby), Rev. Holy Moses (R. Kirby), Dr. Osborne (A. Thorpe), Arthur Carver (T. A. Yates).

Preparatory School Harvest Festival.

The Preparatory School held their Harvest Festival on Wednesday, September 23rd, at 9-30 a.m. The boys brought fruit, eggs, butter, vegetables, toffee, etc. The order of the service was as follows:—1, Hymn, "All things bright and beautiful"; 2, Prayers; 3, Hymn, "We plough the fields and scatter"; 4, Story, "The Good Samaritan"; 5, Hymn, "Thank you for the world so sweet"; 6, Collection.

Half of the things were sent to Nell Lane Hospital, and the rest to the Galloway Home. The collection was sent to Dr. Barnardo's Home.

J. T. NORRIS.

Night Journey.

The road unfolds,
Silver in the moonlight;
A sinuous ribbon,
Ever extending:
O'er it we speed.
Beneath, mad-pounding wheels,
Above, the black-purple of night;
And in our ears
A wild surge,
The song of the speed-god.

The wind whispers,
Swaying the branches.
Onwards we hurtle,
Power unleashed
Urging us forward.
Over the countryside,
Through hamlet and town,
Woodland and pasture,
Exultant we speed.
We are the speed-god's,
Imbued with his power:
And into the night
Thus do we travel.

R. P. S.

The Old Hulmeians Association.

The 22nd Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Wednesday, September 16th, at 8 p.m. There was an attendance of 111.

After the Secretary had read a brief report on the working of the year, the Treasurer presented his Financial Report and Balance Sheet.

This was followed by reports from all the Sections.

The following officers were then elected :

President: The Headmaster.

Vice-Presidents: As before.

Hon. General Secretary: Mr. A. L. Powell, 29, South Drive, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

Hon. Assistant Secretary: Mr. A. I. Robinson.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. Whittingham, 38a, Ryebank Road, Firwood, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

Hon. Assistant Treasurer: Mr. G. R. Vlies.

General Committee: Messrs. Blakey, Mark, Rains, Gilliat (together with Messrs. J. A. Barber and D. Ll. Griffiths from last year).

Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring Auditors, Messrs. Parkinson and Mather, who were re-elected, and to the Officers.

There were discussions on the Endowment Scheme, the Jubilee year of the School, and of the Hulme Lads' Club. In connection with the last it was suggested that an Old Hulmeians subscription list be re-started.

The following suggestions were made for the consideration of the General Committee :—

- (a) A donation to the Hulme Lads' Club.
- (b) Incorporation of the crest on the O.H. tie.
- (c) Formation of a Cycling Section.
- (d) Formation of a Debating Section.

The Endowment Scheme is now an accomplished fact, and 125 units have been taken up, so that in 10 years time there will be a sum of £1,250 available for some purpose to be suggested by the Association and approved by the contributors.

A Trust Deed has been drawn up, and all contributors now have a copy. It cannot be too strongly emphasised that further units can be taken up at any time by those prepared to contribute 16s. 11d. per year for 10 years. Further policies will be taken out if and when required, and an appeal is made, particularly to younger members of the Association and to boys leaving School, to take up units as soon as they are able.

Having safely established the Endowment Scheme, the General Committee is now busy arranging for suitable ways of celebrating the Jubilee year of the School, 1937.

The actual anniversary is on January 26th, and, as readers of the Old Hulmeians News Sheet already know, arrangements have been made for a service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. on that day, and it is also proposed to have a luncheon at the Midland Hotel followed by a Lacrosse match at School in the afternoon, and a reception at the School at 7-30 p.m.

All Old Hulmeians, whether members of the Association or not, are invited to all these functions, and it is also hoped that many parents of past and present members of the School will come.

In view of the difficulty in obtaining addresses of those who are not in touch with the School, the Committee hope that

no Old Hulmeians will let the non-arrival of an invitation keep them away.

Among the items of news to be recorded is the fact that Kings Road has now been paved and the Association is required to pay the sum of £269 towards the cost. It is pleasant to be able to say that £150 of this has been paid at once, and the payment of the balance will be considered at the end of the present financial year. It is very encouraging to think that the Association is in a position to pay this rather large sum of money, and it should bring home to members the need for prompt payment of subscriptions.

The "News Sheet" is now an official organ of the Association, and is doing much to keep members in touch with current happenings.

The attention of Old Boys is drawn to two functions which, though not taking place on January 26th, should form a very important part of our Jubilee celebrations. They are: the Dance at Longford Hall, on Friday, January 22nd, 1937, and the Dinner at the Midland Hotel, on Saturday, March 6th, 1937.

In conclusion, the General Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. H. Cardwell for his kindness in drawing up and executing the Endowment Scheme Trust Deed, and also Mr. C. G. Dehn for his very helpful revision and criticism.

A. L. P.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

In spite of the fact that we started this season with an unusual run of bad luck the Club has maintained its position fairly well.

The first team have lost K. Rains and G. R. Adams from the attack, both of whom

have been compelled to resign; they have rendered long and valuable service to the Club, and we were very sorry to lose them. Rains had won almost every representative honour possible at the game, and had toured America with an English side, whilst Adams was one of the best left attacks playing the game. H. H. Midgley has also been unable to play on the defence, but we hope he will soon be turning out again.

In view of this, the attack has been reconstructed, Whitehouse moving up to third home and Derbyshire playing centre, while D. Sherratt and G. R. Vlies have been brought on to the defence. This arrangement has worked very well, and the team is maintaining its position of last year. Only three matches have been lost, and two of these, against Stockport and Boardman and Eccles, by very narrow margins.

The "A" team have suffered from the many calls made upon them by the first team, and have rarely turned out the same team on successive Saturdays. In spite of the fact that they did not win a match until December 5th, however, they cannot really be considered outplayed in the Second Division. They drew with Old Stopfordians and lost by the odd goal on three occasions. Against the Manchester University team, who were in the First Division last year, they were leading by 8—6 well into the second half, and were a little unlucky to lose 11—8. If the same attack can be kept together for the rest of the season, they are quite likely to have a much greater measure of success. K. B. Hilton has played some excellent games in goal, and A. Jones, F. L. Davies and M. W. Flinn have also played well, whilst the side has an excellent captain in A. W. Orr.

The third team were sorry to lose their old captain, N. W. Sunderland at the beginning of the season. For many years he has been an enthusiastic and able captain. G. Holt

also has only been able to turn out occasionally. Their new captain is T. L. Gillison, but he has played more often on the "A" team, where he has done excellently. In spite of many calls upon them, however, the third team have held their own in a division where they are playing the "A" teams and first teams of other Clubs. Their best performances were in defeating Birch, Mellor "A," and University "A," the latter in the First Round of the Lancashire Junior Cup. H. A. Whatley, L. A. Angell, N. E. Hawley, J. Wright and A. B. Whitehouse have all played well and have taken their places successfully on the "A" team on occasion. J. G. Rickards and A. H. Watson have played some useful games on the defence.

The "B" team are holding their own in the Fifth Division under the able captaincy of C. W. F. Deakin. They have played some very close and interesting games, and have some good victories to their credit. They have been handicapped by lack of a regular goalkeeper, but they seem to have some versatile players who can fill this onerous job admirably. Consistently good on this team are K. B. Clayton, D. M. Arrandale, D. R. Hodgkinson, I. A. McTaggart and L. M. Hartley, while P. Jones is an admirable centre, fast, hard-working and dangerous.

We have still room for a few more members, all of whom are assured of excellent games, and anyone thinking of joining should get into touch with J. Mark or any member of the Committee at once.

On the School Jubilee Day, Tuesday, January 26th, it is hoped to play two exhibition matches on the School ground. Mr. Barber is raising a team of Old Hulmeians, who are not members of the Lacrosse Club, to play the first team, while the "A" team will play the School team.

J. M.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

Sept.	19.—v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe ...	11—7	W.
"	26.—v. Old Grovians	20-9	W.
Oct.	3.—v. Offerton	19-7	W.
"	10.—v. Old Waconians	4-10	L.
"	17.—v. Old Mancunians	12-0	W.
"	24.—v. Boardman and Eccles	7-9	L.
"	31.—v. Oldham and Werneth	10-1	W.
Nov.	7.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild	12-6	W.
"	14.—v. Old Mancunians	9-7	W.
"	21.—v. Stockport	5-7	L.
Dec.	5.—v. Cheadle	7-3	W.

"A" TEAM.

Sept.	19.—v. Old Stopfordians	5-5	D.
Oct.	3.—v. Manchester University	8-11	L.
"	10.—v. Chorlton	4-12	L.
"	17.—v. Heaton Mersey	1-15	L.
"	24.—v. Cheetham	8-9	L.
"	31.—v. Albert Park	6-7	L.
Nov.	7.—v. Heaton Mersey	5-17	L.
"	14.—v. Rochdale	6-7	L.
"	21.—v. Disley	3-12	L.
"	28.—v. Ashton	5-10	L.
Dec.	5.—v. Stockport "A"	9-7	W.

THIRD TEAM.

Sept.	19.—v. Worsley	3-10	L.
"	26.—v. Urmston	5-10	L.
Oct.	3.—v. Birch	8-8	D.
"	10.—v. Marple	3-9	L.
"	17.—v. Stockport Sunday School ...	3-13	L.
"	24.—v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe "A"	15-7	W.
"	31.—v. Ashton "A"	7-7	D.
Nov.	7.—v. Mellor "A"	9-4	W.
"	14.—v. Wilmslow	4-10	L.
"	21.—v. Urmston	6-12	L.
"	28.—v. University "A"	4-3	W.
Dec.	5.—v. Birch	7-3	W.

"B" TEAM.

Sept.	26.—v. Cheetham "A"	14-1	W.
Oct.	3.—v. Rochdale "A"	7-1	W.
"	10.—v. Heaton Mersey "A"	1-10	L.
"	17.—v. Offerton "A"	7-0	W.
"	24.—v. Disley "A"	5-14	L.
"	31.—v. Manchester G.S.	0-17	L.
Nov.	14.—v. Old Mancunians "B"	7-9	L.
"	21.—v. Worsley "A"	5-1	W.
"	28.—v. Manchester G.S. 2nd	4-4	D.
Dec.	5.—v. Ashton "B"	4-6	L.

Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

The Society commenced the 1936-37 season with a well attended Social held at the School on Tuesday, October 6th. The chief item on the programme was a play reading in the form of a "broadcast." This experiment amply justified the good work that W. H. G. Adams had put into it. The Orchestra, as usual, contributed its part to the entertainment, and was much enjoyed.

The first Dramatic production of the season was the occasion of two interesting departures from the Society's usual practice. "Once in a Lifetime," was played in the Lesser Free Trade Hall, Peter Street, on November 20th and 21st, and professional scenery was used. This latter change caused a lot of heartburning on the committee, but few will now say that it was not worth while. The Lesser Free Trade Hall was nearly full on both nights, and the audience was not slow to appreciate the extra comfort and convenience of our new quarters. A report of the play appears elsewhere in this issue, but the committee would like to place on record its appreciation of the really hard work that Mr. Parren expended on the production.

The March play has not yet been finally chosen, but will be announced as soon as possible.

The Orchestra is now hard at work preparing for the Concert which is to be given in the School on Tuesday, February 16th. A very interesting programme has been drawn up, and it is hoped that the Hall will be full to capacity. Tickets will be on sale shortly after Christmas.

The monthly rambles have been held regularly, only one having to be cancelled on account of bad weather. A party, composed of nearly all the cast of "Once in a Lifetime," attended the Rugby Section Dance held, in conjunction with the Christie Cancer Fund Dance, at the Embassy on December 4th, and had a very enjoyable evening.

G. A. N.

Old Hulmeians Rugby Football Club.

A good start has been made to the Rugby Club's second season, and three teams have been run regularly. Unfortunately, the fourth team have had the misfortune to play only four games out of the nine which were arranged. There do not seem to be quite enough members to make up a complete fourth team every Saturday, but the number available has been high enough on every occasion except one. It seems probable, however, that all the remaining matches on the "B" team's fixture list will be played.

The "Extra A," and even the 1st and "A" teams have also suffered from cancelled fixtures, but in these cases it has always been found possible to arrange another match. In fact, when Orrell were unable to turn out a team on November 28th, a hastily arranged game resulted in a 15-14 victory over Sale "A." This is probably the best performance of the 1st XV., either this season or last season, and the result should mean a further improvement in the fixture list.

This was the tenth victory of the 1st team in the eleven games played so far this season, the only defeat being at the hands of Old Crossleyans in Halifax. The match was a splendid one, and the score of 13-10 represents the even nature of the game.

Except for these two games, however, the 1st team have had few close matches, although the game with Sale "Extra A" was much harder than the score of 13-5 suggests.

The backs have been considerably stronger in attack since S. R. Blakeley joined the team, and he has scored 19 tries in the nine games he has played for the 1st team. His success speaks well for his centre, W. A. Parkinson, who has made many openings and who has been a decided asset in defence. The other centre, N. Meakin, played a brilliant game on the opening afternoon of the season, but recently he has not seemed quite so confident. In choosing the team

the position of right wing three-quarter has always proved the most difficult, and so far three players have been tried in this position.

E. B. Jackson at fly-half has again been outstanding, and F. Dixon has been a sound and reliable full-back. The position of scrum-half has been shared between W. Ll. Lloyd and D. H. Elbourne, and both have played good games in what has sometimes been a thankless position.

Since the arrival of W. A. Parkinson it has been possible for the captain of the side, J. C. Blakey, to rejoin the scrum. He has been in splendid form this year, and his work in the loose has been an inspiration to the side. E. H. Vlies has added weight to the front row, where N. H. Jackson has been "out-hooking" most of our opponents. The other forwards have usually been J. K. Nicholson, S. Plant, J. D. Rainbow, W. J. Littlefair and R. Mark, all of whom have played well enough to be selected automatically week after week.

The "A" team has been far stronger this year, and on the few occasions when the 1st team has required reserves the "A" team men chosen have always risen to the occasion. W. G. Aspinall has made a splendid full-back, and D. H. Elbourne has invariably earned high praise for his work at scrum half. A. Lister, H. E. Dalton, B. A. L. Ling, T. F. Redman, A. Hesford and I. D. Burke have appeared in the three-quarter line with success, and probably the most consistent forwards have been J. Hartley, G. C. Lockwood and G. Edwards.

The team made a poor start to the season, losing heavily to Old Salfordians "Extra A" and Heaton Moor "B." Six successive victories followed, and then two more heavy defeats. A splendid game with Sale "Extra A," resulting in a draw of 3-3, appears to have been another turning point, as it was followed by an easy victory over Hulme Hall. There are still some difficult fixtures ahead, but the form already displayed gives one good reason to think that the "A" team

will finish the season with a record not very much less successful than that of the 1st team.

The "Extra A" team reached the end of October without being defeated, but since that time four matches have been lost. The blame for this decline must be attached to the forwards, who seem incapable of overcoming the handicap of being outweighed by most of our opponents. F. Dunston has proved himself a good hooker, and H. R. Carver has had a successful season.

The outsides have suffered from the ineffective play of the forwards, but W. A. N. Ellis and R. Kenworthy have revealed themselves as extremely promising players. R. W. Townsend and I. D. Burke have done all that has been required of them at half-back.

The "B" team has lost all four matches, but, even so, D. Scott and R. A. Prideaux have had opportunity to play some good games, and when required by the "Extra A" they have not let the side down.

Several additional fixtures have been made, perhaps the most important being a match with the University "A" on March 6th. There are some hard matches down for the Christmas season, for the 1st team play Ashton-on-Mersey at Wythenshawe on Boxing Day, and Toc H, also at Wythenshawe, on January 9th.

Next season's fixtures are almost completed, and it is hoped early in January to start arranging matches for 1938-1939, when the full effect of the 1st team's success will, it is expected, be reflected in the fixture list.

The Section Rambles continue to be held on the second Sunday in each month, and, although there are fewer walkers than there were in the summer months, there is still enough support to warrant their continuation. The Section Dance was held at the Embassy on December 4th, and, backed up by large numbers of the Dramatic Section, it proved a great success.

C. G. D.

RESULTS.

1ST XV.

Sept. 19.—v. Old Mannerians	H	27-8	W.
„ 26.—v. Old Crossleyans	A	10-13	L.
Oct. 3.—v. Manchester G.S.	H	31-11	W.
„ 10.—v. Old Mannerians	A	6-3	W.
„ 17.—v. Man. Univ. Medicals	A	21-0	W.
„ 24.—v. Tyldesley "A"	A	22-11	W.
„ 31.—v. Bowdon "A"	A	23-3	W.
Nov. 7.—v. Wilmslow "A"	H	11-0	W.
„ 14.—v. Old Salfordians "A"	H	39-11	W.
„ 21.—v. Sale "Extra A"	H	13-5	W.
„ 28.—v. Sale "A"	A	15-14	W.

"A" TEAM.

Sept. 19.—v. Old Salfordians "Ex. A" ..	A	5-31	L.
„ 26.—v. Heaton Moor "B"	H	9-26	L.
Oct. 3.—v. Manchester G.S. 2nd	A	24-9	W.
„ 10.—v. Hulme G.S. 2nd	A	29-3	W.
„ 17.—v. Davenport "B"	A	8-5	W.
„ 24.—v. Kersal "B"	H	3-0	W.
„ 31.—v. Sale "B"	A	8-0	W.
Nov. 7.—v. Metrovick "B"	H	15-11	W.
„ 14.—v. Wilmslow "B"	A	5-24	L.
„ 21.—v. Dukinfield "A"	H	0-24	L.
„ 28.—v. Sale "Extra A"	H	3-3	D.
Dec. 5.—v. Hulme G.S.	A	3-3	D.
„ 5.—v. Hulme Hall	A	16-6	W.

"EXTRA A" TEAM.

Sept. 19.—v. Old Salfordians "B"	H	8-3	W.
Oct. 3.—v. Manchester G.S. 2nd	H	20-0	W.
„ 31.—v. Ashtonians "B"	H	3-11	L.
Nov. 7.—v. Metrovick "C"	A	3-6	L.
„ 21.—v. Old Aldwinians	A	6-22	L.
„ 28.—v. Hulme Hall	H	0-30	L.
Dec. 5.—v. Manchester "Extra B" ...	H	17-5	W.

"B" TEAM.

Sept. 26.—v. Manchester "Extra B" ...	A	5-38	L.
Oct. 3.—v. Eccles "B"	A	0-9	L.
„ 24.—v. Didsbury "B"	H	3-19	L.
Nov. 14.—v. Prestwich "B"	A	0-17	L.

The Cambridge Old Hulmeians Association.

Only two meetings of Old Boys occurred this term, and the description of the activities of the members can only at best be brief. There was no election of officers, and the meetings, having no pretence to official dignity, resembled more a vocal quartet, the main item being some witty stories by G. C. Evans. This was balanced by the basso profundo of D. C. Snow and the antiphonic effects of G. R. Lamb and M. Ballinger. This simile is not, however, as irrelevant as it might seem, for three members of the Association have taken to some musical activity or another.

G. R. Lamb played in the distinguished Orchestral Concert given on November 27th by the C.U.M.S., and he was, if the programme is to be believed, the only member of Downing to take part. It is believed (we say it thus in the guarded journalistic manner) that he is also a member of one of Cambridge's more modern societies.

D. C. Snow is a regular member of Queen's Chapel Choir. This fact, however, does not deter him from vigorous action with a 'crosse stick. In Howard Marshall's charming phrase, it is all Lombard Street to a china orange that "the other place" will now require to consolidate their position before the inter-varsity match.

Towards the end of term M. Ballinger sang madrigals in St. John's Combination Room Concert. He has not, however, like Snow supported the home interests by playing 'crosse, but has taken up squash, a game requiring considerable exertion.

It is hoped that next term an Old Boys' Dinner will be held in Cambridge to celebrate the School's Jubilee.

M. B.

Association of Old Hulmeians in London.

The Annual Dinner of the Association was held on Saturday, 31st October, 1936, at the Hyde Park Hotel. Our usual venue, the Hotel Metropole, having been converted into offices, a change was necessitated, but all present at the Dinner agreed that Hyde Park Hotel maintained the tradition of London Dinners—the food and accommodation were excellent, and, as usual, the floral decorations were in the School colours.

There were twenty-five present, which is about the average attendance, but with the growing membership of the London Association, it is hoped that much larger gatherings will be possible in future.

Mr. E. Barnes took the chair at the Dinner which was followed by the Annual General Meeting at which Mr. T. Leslie Brown was appointed Chairman for the ensuing year.

Mr. R. Y. Fison proposed the Toast of the School, and the Head Master in his reply gave an interesting account of the progress of the School during the past year.

Mr. H. R. W. Anderson was called upon to propose the Toast of the Association to which Mr. T. Leslie Brown replied.

The Toast of the Visitors was proposed by Mr. E. Barnes, and replies were made by Messrs. K. G. Fison, J. A. Barber, A. L. Powell, D. M. Parren, Professor W. J. Young, Dr. D. Ll. Griffiths, Messrs. A. Robinson, C. G. Dennis, A. Robinson and T. F. Redman.

The singing of the School Song and "Forty Years On" concluded a very enjoyable evening.

All Old Boys resident in or around London are eligible for membership, and are cordially invited to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. Leslie Brown, 6, Marechal Niel Avenue, Sidcup, Kent.
T. L. B.

Old Hulmeians Motor Club.

The new season has been very successful and enjoyable up to date, and the following events have been held:—

The October Novelty Rally was well attended, and great feats of skill were performed.

In November we held a firework picnic, a hardy annual which received additional help by the arrival of vast quantities of firewood. Members and friends met inside the Cat and Fiddle, to the dismay of one member who only looked *outside* (at first). Later proceedings took place in Goyt Valley.

The Hot-Pot held in December was one of the best for several years. A visit to Hulme Hippodrome afterwards provided a safety valve for exuberance of members.

New Year's events: January 17th, Sporting run. February 21st, Shortest route competition. February 28th, Dance at Brooklands Hotel.
R. B. G.

"Once in a Lifetime."

After staging their productions at the Withington Hall almost without a break for a good number of years, the Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society decided upon a change, and presented "Once in a Lifetime" (Moss Hart and G. S. Kaufman) at the Lesser Free Trade Hall on Friday and Saturday, November 20th and 21st. As to the respective merits of the two halls one

might quote Sir Roger de Coverley, "Much might be said on both sides." A feature of these productions, and one deserving of consideration, has always been the opportunities they have given to Old Boys to foregather during the intervals, but the Lesser Free Trade Hall provides little in the way of accommodation for such pleasant meetings in the course of the evening. Still, the new venue has much to commend. But "the play's the thing!" The production was a lively affair which, considering the limited stage and the numbers in the cast, went merrily along without apparent hitch, the producer showing by his management of each scene an eye for grouping and situation, but, as for the piece itself, there was a fair body of opinion that "Once in a Lifetime" was not, for various reasons, the type of play best suited to the occasion. As a dramatic work it was not very satisfactory fare: it is a play that leaves no very lasting impression, yet it achieved its purpose, and that was to make the audience laugh, for the cross-talk was, on the whole, bright and clever, and from time to time some snappy line crackled across the footlights. Though the play possibly depended mainly on the wit of the playwrights for its effect, the ludicrous situations that arose had their measure of humour, and we laughed as we saw the "goop," George Lewis, in spite of himself, making good in a Hollywood which far outstripped even the hectic Hollywood of the film magazines. If it be true, as someone has said, that the curse of this film-town is garrulous people, the Hollywood depicted in this play was well and truly damned, and, if words could have raised the three adventurers to eminence in "the talkies," then theirs were assuredly the high places. While the cast was large, most of the work fell upon some half dozen of the characters. Miss Webster, as May Daniels, was much in the picture. She proved herself a very happy choice for this exacting part, doing her work unfalteringly well with

a precision of touch that showed real understanding. Since his first essay in histrionics in his early schooldays, R. Mark has appeared in many parts, but the character of the inane George Lewis is, perhaps, one of the most difficult he has yet played, but he stuck to it and behaved throughout in a sufficiently fatuous way as to be a success. His co-adventurer, Jerry Hyland, was played by J. W. Yates with energy and resourcefulness, and he showed himself to be a tough guy whom no set-back could discourage. No play about Hollywood would be complete without its Mr. Glogouer, and R. A. Prideaux embodied this well-drawn character in convincing manner, showing us all the keenness and astuteness of his type in a business deal. In her appearances in the Society's plays Miss Mark has shown herself nothing if not versatile, and, though this was not, perhaps, a part that really suited her, she knew all that was required of her as the languid Miss Leighton, while Miss Leahy in the pleasantly thrilling part of Susan Walker seemed to enjoy her experience. It is not possible to speak here of all who attracted notice, but mention must be made of J. C. Jarvis, who gave the right note of earnestness and determination in his part as Lawrence Vail, while W. H. G. Adams in his make-up, his shuffling gait and his "matey" manner was true to type. Many of the players took double rôles, thus effecting an economy of personnel. It was obvious that the players had been carefully coached in their American accent, and most of them succeeded in maintaining it throughout. The good houses each night must have been very gratifying to the producer and all the others who laboured so hard in the preparation of the show.

It might be well here to put in a plea for the orchestra, as they do not seem at times to get that attention from the audience they deserve. Theirs was a very pleasing contribution to the evening's enjoyment.

The Library.

The Library is becoming more and more a centre of activity in the School and great use is being made of Room 10 for private study. Thirty new volumes have been added to the catalogue this term, and, so great is the congestion on the shelves, that the problem of housing the new books is becoming one of real difficulty, as they have to be placed wherever they can be accommodated without regard to their proper shelves. This makes it difficult at times for borrowers to find some of the books they require, but, until the new library is available, nothing can be done in this matter. This year there has been a great growth in the number of borrowers, and, so great has been the increase, that a second loose-leaf borrowers' book has had to be provided. Up to date 110 borrowers have taken out over 700 books, a number that should be considerably augmented by the end of the term: these figures, it should be noted, do not include the use of reference books. Unfortunately, it is never possible to get quite accurate figures in these returns, as a number of boys still thoughtlessly omit the simple formality of recording their borrowings. From the records of the science section, which is housed in the new buildings, it would seem that more use might be made of the books kept there, and it cannot be too widely known among fifth and sixth form boys that these science books are available for their use. Though it is mentioned elsewhere, we should like to record in these notes our appreciation of the gifts of books from Mr. Thomson, A. Gordon, J. H. C. Fenter, A. F. Brazier, K. A. Hilton, H. Embleton and Mrs. J. W. Morley.

All who desire to make use of the Library should apply, in the first instance, to the Librarian, Mr. Anderson, or to any of his assistants, A. Gordon, D. Erskine, W. T. Curtis, H. Embleton.

Au moulin de Rotrou.

As the guest of a friend whom I had never seen before, I spent a fortnight in the quiet tranquillity of a charming little French village. During this short space of time, I had more than enough opportunity to discover the beauties of the district.

In quite open surroundings, not far by rail from Tours, this village is in that part of the country known as "the Garden of France." Far, far different from the noise and worries of a busy city, was the quietude of that mill in Vaas. Indeed, the only noise was that of water turning a wheel, sometimes lazily, sometimes briskly, but at all times making a sound that made music in one's ears. Looking across the pastureland that separated the mill-stream from the main river, I could see a bank of rushes on the far side, and behind them, as on an island, a little copse of tall trees.

Away in the distance, so it seemed, was the roar of the river as it raced over the weir—for there was another larger mill near the centre of the village. In such circumstances I would sit chatting to my friend seated on the grass or fishing in the loop-stream which supplied the water that drove the mill. Occasionally, more towards the end of my stay, a lumbering farm-cart would come lurching down the narrow, sandy-coloured lane leading to the mill, bringing more corn to be ground.

At such a time all would be hurry and bustle. The miller would appear in his blue overalls and soft cap, all covered in fine, white dust, and he would weigh the sacks and then have them hoisted up to the next floor ready for their turn in the grindstone.

André would help his father in all this, and, afterwards, if it was a fairly large order, they would all retire to the house and talk things over, the while drinking a glass of wine.



JOHN WILLIAM MORLEY, B.A.

If the customer wanted flour urgently, the miller would give him in exchange for his corn a certain quantity of flour, the amount depending on the average yield of the particular year's crop after grinding. In this manner I was able to have a few words with many of the customers who came to the mill, and I found them very interesting and kindly disposed. Living as I did, right in the heart of the country, I got the impression that to the people of the countryside, life is far more pleasant than it is to the town-dweller, and, in their own simple way, they get more out of it than do the dwellers in the cities. There was in Vaas very little of the town atmosphere; instead, one found among these people that quiet, simple, trustworthy nature which comes from intimate contact with the countryside.

D. R. W.

A Two-Minute Thought.

For us they lived and prayed, and fought
and died;

'Twas for our sake they cast the weighted
dice

Of life and death, and bravely side by side
That we might live, they made their sacrifice.

To-day we honour them with drum and fife;
To them the 'blazoned flags in tribute dip,
For, through those four grim years of mortal
strife,

Their conquering virtue was their comradeship.

Across the fading years has spread their
fame;

Their living memory, age cannot benumb;
And through the realms of sounding space,
their name

Unchanging and unchangeable will come.

W. T. C.

Lacrosse, 1936-7.

Only five matches have been played by the first team so far this season, and two have been won and three lost. We have lost to Manchester Grammar School and Cheadle Hulme School, and, in both games, our attacks have been feeble. Individually they are all good 'crosse handlers, but, when up against a defence who play close on their men, they are all inclined to snatch at their passes. The shooting also has been poor, and a really first-class shot might have made a big difference in all these lost games. Lack of determination to carry on when half past a man is one of the causes of the weakness in attack; another is the taking of the eye off the ball after openings have been made. Attacks to be successful, and defence men, too, must keep their eye on the ball. Catching is easy if this rule is always observed.

The defence has been over-worked against our two rival schools, but it is not entirely free from some blame. Only Young and Yates are first-class 'crosse handlers. Cartwright, Clarke and Rider stop their men in some unorthodox manner, but generally lose the ball, and the attack persists instead of being repulsed. Quite a lot of work and goals could have been saved if the ball had been cleared to the attack wings more quickly.

v. BLACKLEY PARK "A."—September 26th. Away. Won 4—2.

This was our first match, and we took a long time to settle down. Against hard checking our attack made little headway until almost half-time, when, through timely forcing by the defence, we obtained two quick goals. Our opponents played with better understanding in attack, but our defence, on which Cartwright was prominent, played a sound game. In the second half the attacks improved, and were in possession of the ball most of the time.

v. HEATON MERSEY GUILD "A." October 17th. Away. Won 10—3.

In appalling weather conditions we made a bad start, and, owing to faulty clearing by the defence, were soon two goals down. The attack, however, showing great improvement on our previous match, played well, and at half-time we led 5—2. In the second half, the defence, well supported by Jones in goal, were much steadier. Spooncer and Brazier worked hard on attack with good results.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Saturday, October 24th. Lost 6—11.

This was the first time we had encountered really stiff opposition, and it served to bring to light our faults. In a fast, vigorous game we scored first. Soon after, the defence had a momentary lapse and conceded two goals. Our attacks were unable to penetrate their defence, mainly due to the fact that they did not keep on the move, and relied more on individual efforts, whereas the opposing attacks played with understanding and took their passes on the run. At half-time the score stood 6—2 against us. Soon after the interval Spooncer was forced to retire through injury. For a time we met with more success and pulled the score up to 5—7. Faulty marking by the defence followed, the final score being 6—11.

v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY "A." October 28th. Home. Lost 5—14.

The University began at a great pace and were soon two goals ahead. Immediately after, however, we replied and gained the lead. The attacks worked hard and combined better than in the previous match, with the result that we increased our lead. Just before half-time, Jones, in goal, had to retire with an eye injury, but in spite of this we led 5—3. The second half was a decided contrast to the first. Our defence, somewhat disorganised by Jones's absence, failed to hold our opponents' attacks and conceded 11

goals. Our attacks, also, lost their grip on the game, and met with no further success.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Wednesday, November 11th. Home. Lost 3—9.

Our visitors opened the scoring, but soon afterwards we replied, Brazier rounding his man and making no mistake with his shot. Thence onwards the game was fast and hard fought, but our defence was at fault in not checking hard enough. Our opponents added five goals by hard shooting on a muddy ground, and led 6—1 at half-time. The defence now marked closer and checked harder, conceding only three goals, which were mainly due to forcing by the opposing defence. The attacks made no attempt to combine and, except for Brazier, who received little support, were well held.

SECOND XII.

This year's team has not been up to the standard of previous years, and the chief cause of trouble is the ineffective attack. The handling is fairly good, and one or two of the team are fast, but there is an obvious unwillingness to risk going in with the ball, and we have made the work of opposing defences unduly easy.

The attacks must learn that it is to their advantage for the opposing defence to check—a quick attack can dodge a check, and should then be able to go past his man. They should also remember that, once in front of their opponent, they should go straight for goal, without looking round to see where the opponent is. Another important point is that an attack must always keep his eye on the ball. Far too many passes have been missed by people who are watching their opponent instead of the ball.

The defence on the whole has been good. Colbeck has always been sound, and frequently brilliant, in goal, and Wadsworth has been the best of the others. Billington has usually held his own man, but is rather

slow in taking the free man with the ball, while Clark is apt to take him much too soon. The defences have not yet learned to cover each other. When a free man comes down the field the whole defence must fall back, and the man should be taken by one of the wing defences, both of whom should have moved towards goal. A. L. Dennis has been very sound at cover, but must clear more quickly, and Kirby has worked hard on attack and defence. Marsh has been a useful centre, and Barnes a keen and efficient Captain.

Team: D. Barnes (Captain), A. L. Dennis, G. D. Clark, W. T. Curtis, P. N. Knight, R. Kirby, W. V. Wadsworth, R. Billington, J. P. Colbeck, I. Gray, D. A. Marsh, D. C. A. Bevis.

Also played: J. S. Battersby, J. F. Weatherby, A. Wrigley, R. Joyce, V. A. Inman and K. F. Blackshaw.

RESULTS.

Sept. 26.—v. Stockport Sec. School 1st...	A	14-1	W.
Oct. 10.—v. Stockport G.S. 1st	A	6-8	L.
„ 17.—v. Manchester G.S.	A	4-8	L.
„ 24.—v. Urmston "A"	H	18-1	W.
„ 28.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	7-6	W.
Nov. 11.—v. Manchester Univ. "B" ...	A	14-8	W.
„ 21.—v. Manchester G.S.	H	4-5	L.
Dec. 2.—v. Stockport G.S. 1st	H	6-9	L.

UNDER 15 LACROSSE.

Both teams are playing good lacrosse, and are maintaining the high standard set by former teams. The tendencies for defence men to rush the opposing attacks and to ignore the free man are happily dying out, and attack players are now keeping the ball moving. The improvement shown indicates that the present teams will emulate those of last year in going through the season without defeat, although this hope was very nearly shattered at Cheadle Hulme, where a fast and exciting game ended fittingly as a draw.

The first team has played the corresponding teams from Manchester Grammar School (12—3 and 18—3), Cheadle Hulme School (11—11), and Burnage High School (16—1), and has usually been: H. J. Abraham, G. W. Battersby (captain), W. Brown, J. Buckland, A. R. Cole, W. J. Duerden, P. T. Flinn, S. Gill, K. Halstead, E. Hubbert, W. J. Mair, J. G. Storry.

The second team, chosen from G. M. Baron (captain), J. D. Boardman, R. M. Collins, F. W. Cooper, P. R. Edwards, G. G. Fisher, P. B. Herbert, N. M. Hicks, W. A. Merchant, W. W. Mills, B. T. Plaskett, H. S. Priest and R. G. Ralphs, has defeated Manchester Grammar School Under 15 second team 21—0 and 32—0.

Rugby, 1936-37.

The results of the First XV. have, on the whole, been rather disappointing. They have played three good games, against Northwich, Sale Schools' side and Wakefield. If they can reproduce the form they showed in the last game, they will not lose any more matches this season.

In the earlier part of the season the greatest weakness was in the forwards, particularly in set scrums, where the heeling was not clean, but there has been an improvement lately in this respect. The service from the scrum has varied considerably. Goddard has worked hard, but he is reluctant to fall on the ball and tries have often been scored against us as a result of this failing. Wadsworth has done very well at stand-off half, but he still kicks with his left foot only.

The three-quarters have improved considerably and are now playing well except that passes are not always given, or taken, as they should be.

Yates, at full-back, tackles as well as ever, and his kicking has improved.

We are again greatly indebted to Mr. Young, of the Sale R.U.F.C., for refereeing most of our home matches.

The team has usually been: R. C. Spooncer (captain), T. A. Yates, O. R. Dennis, W. V. Wadsworth, H. Cartwright, R. D. Rider, A. F. Brazier, R. Kirby, W. Graham, P. W. Carnie, H. M. Burton, D. C. A. Bevis, N. G. McCready, P. S. Preston, G. Goddard.

RESULTS.

v. SALE SCHOOLS XV.—September 19th. Home. Lost 0—27.

Against faster and much heavier opponents our defence was not very determined, especially in the centre, while the forwards failed to give the backs a fair share of the ball. The forwards had little chance against the heavy opposition, but the backs started several promising movements which, however, were spoilt by slowness in getting the ball across the line. We unfortunately lost Rider during the second half, but our weak tackling was the cause of the defeat.

v. AN OLD HULMEIANS XV.—September 23rd. Home. Lost 11—16.

The forwards played much better in this game, Rider and Weatherby following up very well. Preston, however, was injured in the first few minutes and had to go off for the rest of the game, thus discouraging the backs. One brilliant movement, however, was started by Goddard and finished by Dennis scoring; Wadsworth converted this try. Dennis also scored after a dribble, and Kenworthy luckily scraped over after some haphazard passing, Wadsworth failing with both kicks.

Peers (one) and Blakeley (three) scored for the Old Hulmeians, Blakeley converting two of the tries.

v. BOWDON R.U.F.C. "B."—October 3rd. Home. Won 32—0.

Preston was still unfit, so Wadsworth played outside-half and Brazier played in the three-quarters, while Yates played back in place of Young who had also been hurt. The forwards were greatly improved and gave the backs the ball nearly every time, both from line out and scrum, but the handling of the backs was rather poor and many tries were lost due to knocking on. The opponents' defence was very poor and broke down altogether after half-time; the scorers were Spooncer three, O. R. Dennis two, Goddard one, and Wadsworth one, while Wadsworth converted four tries and kicked a penalty goal.

v. KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, LYTHAM.—October 7th. Home. Won 13—11.

The team played was the same as in the last game, but Brazier went back to the scrum and Burton played on the wing. The forwards did not play as well as in the previous game and were inclined to slack after we had established an advantage, but the backs showed more cohesion and handled better. Our first try was a combined effort from all the backs and resulted in Burton scoring, Wadsworth kicking the goal. They replied with a try, but we scored another goal when the forwards pushed their scrum over the line. They, however, retaliated with a goal and five minutes from the end a penalty goal, which put them ahead 11—10. From a scrum, however, Spooncer broke through the centre and passed to Dennis who scored in the corner. The try was not converted.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—October 10th. Away. Lost 5—16.

Graham took the place of Kenworthy in the centre, and Rider and Weatherby were both missing from the forwards. The handling of the backs was very poor, although the marking was a little better.

With three reserve forwards the pack failed to gain possession of the ball, and, as the backs were slow in getting up on their men, the opposition had plenty of chances. They scored one goal before half-time, and one goal, one try, and one penalty goal afterwards. Dennis broke through the centre to score a try which Wadsworth converted. Yates at full-back played a good game covering up the backs' mistakes.

v. SIR JOHN DEANE'S SCHOOL, NORTH-WICH.—October 14th. Away. Won 20—11.

With our full team out again we started very well and led at half-time 17—5. The handling of the backs was much improved, and Dennis scored three tries after the ball had gone right across the field. In the second half, however, although the backs remained superior, the forwards tired and allowed the opposing pack to break through. This led to three tries on their part. Our only reply was a try by Dennis. Our other scorers were Goddard and Spooncer, while Wadsworth kicked one goal.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—October 21st. Home. Won 28—5.

There was much more penetrative power amongst the backs in this game, and they broke through the centre on many occasions, but their final passing was very poor. We started by scoring a good try by Yates followed by one by Graham and one by Burton. Wadsworth converted the first. In the second half, with the wind, we improved a little, but the handling remained poor although the forwards worked hard, especially in the loose, giving the backs a good share of the ball. Graham, Preston, and Spooncer scored, and then Weatherby touched down after a forward rush. Graham played a good game in the centre, and Preston was the best forward.

v. SALE SCHOOLS XV.—October 31st. Away. Lost 3—8.

This was the best performance yet, and the most prominent features were the hard work of the forwards and the determined tackling of the backs. The forwards gave the backs a fair share of the ball, but they failed to break through the heavy Sale backs. Sale scored in the first half making the score 5—0 at half-time. In the second half we attacked strongly, but they scored an unconverted try first. Wadsworth almost got over, but our only score came from a kick ahead by Yates followed by a dribble, Rider touching down. The kick failed.

v. KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, LYTHAM.—November 4th. Away. Lost 3—41.

After our display against Sale this result was extremely disappointing. It was largely due to weak work by the forwards, and half-hearted efforts both in attack and defence by the backs. Only two of their tries were scored by backs, the remainder being the results of forward rushes. Our only try was scored by Dennis.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—November 7th. Away. Lost 6—19.

We were extremely unfortunate to lose the toss and to have to play against a strong wind in the first half. Our defence was, on the whole, sure, but by silly mistakes we let them establish a lead of 16—0. In the second half our backs showed their superiority and performed several promising movements. The forwards, however, tired out by the first half struggle, failed to give the backs much of the ball. The two tries scored by us were both good, Brazier scoring from a quick heel after a forward rush and Spooncer cutting through the centre to send Dennis over.

v. SIR JOHN DEANE'S SCHOOL.—November 18th. Home. Won 27—0.

The forwards were outplayed by a livelier pack in this game, but their backs were so

weak that, despite the fact that they had most of the ball and of the game territorially, they failed to score. Our backs showed quite good form, but the handling was weak at times. Several good tries were scored by us, particularly the last one in which six backs handled the ball before Dennis scored. The scorers were: Graham two, Spooncer two, Dennis two, Rider one, while Wadsworth kicked three goals.

v. WAKEFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—November 28th. Away. Lost 5—11.

This was a very creditable effort, and most of the credit must go to the forwards for their splendid work. The backs received the ball oftener than the opposing backs, but did not use it to much effect. In the first half we had slightly the worse of the game, and were 5—0 down at half-time through bad marking. In the second half our forwards overcame theirs and after several efforts the backs succeeded in working a man over for Spooncer to score, Wadsworth converting the try. Our forwards now dominated the scrums, but our backs failed to score, although Dennis made several good runs. They, however, scored a penalty goal which rather subdued us, and at the very end scored a try after a forward rush.

v. SANDBACH SCHOOL.—December 2nd. Home. Lost 8—11.

This was a very disappointing game on account of the rain which fell almost continuously, and the slippery state of the ball. In the first half our backs showed some signs of scoring, but the handling was very poor and nearly all the final passes went astray and Sandbach scored first, intercepting a stray pass on their 25 and running the length of the field. We quickly replied, however, Wadsworth going over by the posts from a scrum on their line; he converted his own try. In the second half the game turned into a continuous struggle between the forwards, and our opponents

dribbled over twice, converting one try. Our backs rarely saw the ball, and our only reply was an unconverted try scored by Spooncer breaking through. Graham was the best back.

v. AN OLD HULMEIANS XV.—December 5th. Home. Drew 3—3.

The Old Boys team had all the regular First team backs except one, but only three First team forwards. The day was one of the worst possible, an extremely cold wind blowing and intermittent hail falling. For the third time in succession the forwards gave a very good show, Burton being prominent, while the defence of the backs was very sure, Brazier looking after his man effectively. In the first half we were unlucky not to score on two occasions after dribbles. They scored first, Jackson giving Blakeley an easy run in of ten yards. In the second half our forwards dominated the game, but the backs failed to score mainly owing to the greasy ball which made handling difficult. Wadsworth, however, kicked a penalty goal during the second half. Their best forward was Littlefair, but both sets of backs lacked cohesion and, with slightly more determination, we should have scored again.

SECOND XV.

RESULTS.

Oct.	10.—v. Old Hulmeians "A"	H	3-28	L.
	„ 14.—v. Sir John Deane's School...A		9-3	W.
	„ 21.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...A		8-0	W.
Nov.	4.—v. Rishworth 1st XV.	H	0-50	L.
	„ 7.—v. M.G.S.	H	0-21	L.
	„ 18.—v. Sir John Deane's School...H		5-7	L.
	„ 28.—v. Wakefield G.S.	A	5-28	L.

The team has been chosen from the following:—D. Barnes, J. S. Battersby, W. K. Bevan, F. Clarke, P. B. Eastwood, D. H. Griffiths, D. M. Herbert, H. Houghton, K. F. Joseph, R. Morgans, R. P. Smith,

G. S. Somerset, J. F. S. Walton, D. R. Wood, R. J. Young, G. D. Clark, D. H. Crawshaw, I. A. Crompton, A. L. Dennis, P. N. Knight, B. Race, J. B. Swarbrick, J. M. Vipond, G. M. Williams, A. Wrigley.

COLTS XV.

This team settled down quickly at the beginning of the term and, after losing their second match by one point to Macclesfield, went on to win their other matches convincingly.

The mainstay of our attack and defence has been the three-quarter line. It is significant that they have scored more than three-fourths of our tries. Brown's running has been very effective, while Mair and Gill have made openings and even sent their wings in with tries on several occasions.

The halves are beginning to understand each other's play. With a little more confidence they should prove a really effective link between forwards and three-quarters.

The scrummaging of the forwards has not been convincing, but in the loose play W. Dixon and Baron have played keenly and intelligently. When the forwards get together and heel back to their halves from loose rushes then we should be able to score freely.

The team has been : G. W. Battersby, E. T. Worthington, S. Gill, W. J. Mair (captain), W. Brown, G. T. Bassil, P. T. Flinn, W. Dixon, H. Kay, R. Batley, J. Buckland, A. R. Cole, J. S. Storry, T. R. Dixon, G. M. Baron.

RESULTS.

v. King Edward VII. School, Lytham...	A	31-10	W.
v. Macclesfield Grammar School	A	18-19	L.
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	40-6	W.
v. King Edward VII. School, Lytham...	H	28-9	W.
v. Manchester Grammar School	A	39-0	W.
v. Sandbach School	A	20-6	W.

Played 6, Won 5, Lost 1; Points for, 176;
Against, 50.

O.T.C. Notes.

Our first year as an O.T.C. is over, and an interesting and busy time it has been. Since the last issue of the Magazine we have received the report on the inspection last June by Major-General K. G. Buchanan, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. The Contingent has been passed as efficient, and the following remarks are extracts from the report:—

"The material of the Contingent is good and promising."

"The Contingent is finding its feet, and the Inspecting Officer considers it has made a very good start."

"All are keen."

This is encouraging, and we hope it will inspire all members of the O.T.C. to go on and do even better next year. The inspection over, the next important event was the camp at Strensall, which ran from Tuesday, July 28th, to Wednesday, August 5th, and those who attended had an enjoyable and interesting experience. The weather, an all-important matter in the success of a camp, was good, and the varied programme was carried out without a hitch. The first two days were spent in organization and field work, then on Friday night about 11 o'clock the three battalions marched out on night operations to be carried out over ideal country about two miles from camp. This was exciting work, and, though the scheme was completed in shorter time than expected, it was all very interesting, and the troops marched back to their quarters to enjoy a well-earned rest. On Saturday we visited York, where a pleasant afternoon was spent, while on Sunday, after church parade, we were inspected by Field-Marshal Sir Cyril Deverell, Chief of the Imperial General Staff. Monday and Tuesday were devoted to some extremely interesting demonstrations which greatly impressed those who were lucky enough to see them, while on one afternoon

some of our Contingent were privileged to have a ride in the tanks. To our surprise we were asked to provide one of the guards for Monday night. This is a much more formidable business than at our own Whitsuntide camp, but those taking part did not let the Contingent down. The battalion commander's report at the end of the camp spoke in encouraging terms of our work. Since the term began recruits have been coming in steadily, and already the O.T.C. Section is up to its establishment. This promises well for the future. We have been fairly lucky in the weather on Fridays, and the parades have been well attended, much good work being done. The Certificate "A" candidates did well in their Part I. (practical) examination, 18 out of 22 passing, but the results of the Part II. (written), which was taken on November 17th, have not yet come to hand. Candidates for the March examination are now undergoing their special courses. In musketry excellent progress is being made, and already some twenty boys have passed 1st Class in the Empire Test. On Thursday, November 28th, a team took part in the S.M.R.C. Competition, the scores being, L.-Cpl. R. C. Spooncer 85, Cadet R. M. Jones 80, Cadet T. A. Yates 69, L.-Cpl. H. Cartwright 68, Sgt. A. F. Brazier 65, Sgt. J. S. Battersby 64, L.-Cpl. W. T. Curtis 63, Cadet K. F. Blackshaw 63.—Total 557. Next term we are due to fire in the "Country Life" contest, and it is hoped that, out of the promising material we have, a good team will be got together. The juniors in Platoons 3 and 4 are working well, and should be a source of strength when they join the senior platoons. A very praiseworthy custom seems to have begun among those leaving School, and this year the following boys have presented their uniforms to the Corps: L.-Cpl. A. White, R. H. Stanley, J. F. Weatherby, J. C. Chapman; we much appreciate their thoughtfulness. The O.T.C. has many good friends among its Old Boys, and we should like to

express here our great indebtedness to Mr. Walter Thorpe for the loan of a large tarpaulin cover, and to Mr. J. Kershaw for providing us with a large motor lorry to transport our equipment to and from Strensal.

The following promotions have been made to date from November 19th, 1936: Lance-Sergeant J. S. Battersby to be Sergeant, Acting Sergeants D. Barnes and A. F. Brazier to be Lance-Sergeants, Lance-Corporals R. C. Spooncer, N. G. McCready, D. A. Marsh and R. P. Smith to be Corporals, Cadets D. C. A. Bevis, H. Cartwright, W. T. Curtis, C. R. Peers and D. W. Preston to be Lance-Corporals.

House Games.

The cricket knock-out competition final, played on speech day last term, resulted in a fairly easy win for Dalton House. A moderate score by Dalton, who batted first, was too much for Whitworth House who batted weakly. The effects of their match in the morning in an unfinished tie probably had something to do with the unexpected defeat.

The football this term has been interrupted in the last few weeks by bad weather, but, when conditions permitted, there were on the average 330 boys taking part in games. On four successive half-holidays junior games were cancelled, the seniors being able to play on one of them.

The old difficulty of School matches weakening House teams has again arisen, and, to a certain extent, has caused the unevenness of the various House teams.

Whitworth are almost certain to win the shield as they are thirty points ahead of Fraser House, who are second. They have beaten every House by thirty points or

more on at least two occasions. The Under Fourteen team has been very successful this year, losing very few matches.

Fraser, at present second in the table, are twenty points ahead of Dalton. There has been a great improvement in the side from previous years, and the forwards, usually a weakness in the House, have been stronger this year.

Dalton and Gaskell Houses, about equal in strength, are well below the leaders. Dalton First team have been weakened by calls from the School teams, such players as Spooner, Graham, McCready, and Vipond being badly missed. Gaskell have got a good First team, but the Under Fourteen has given little support.

Byrom and Heywood are easily the weakest of the league. The former started very badly, but caught up well after half-term. Later, however, they seemed to have lost confidence.

A point which is seen at once from the table is the inequality of the Houses. Over seventy points separate Whitworth from Heywood. This has made the competition less open than usual, but many games have been keenly contested.

The "knock-out" competition was started at the beginning of the season when Heywood beat Gaskell by 23 points to 9, and Whitworth beat Byrom by 55 points to nil.

The semi-finals are due to be played on the last Wednesday of term.

House colours for football this season have been awarded to the following:—

Byrom: None awarded.

Dalton: G. A. Weeks, G. W. E. Stark, R. Craddock, B. J. Worboys, R. L. Armitstead, R. H. Priest, S. B. Hirst.

Fraser: A. L. Dennis, J. A. Stephenson, P. B. Herbert, G. G. Fisher, R. Billington, F. R. Harrison, R. H. Bloomfield. Junior: R. G. Ralphs.

Gaskell: D. R. Wood, J. F. S. Walton, J. P. Wilde, R. B. Fitzgerald, W. H. Jakeman. Junior: A. R. Bailey, P. J. Croxford, P. D. Holmes, M. F. Wood.

Heywood: D. W. Preston, A. H. C. Ratliff, P. W. Carnie, J. C. Jennings, W. J. Mair, K. White, A. Welby.

Whitworth: J. C. W. Hargreaves, J. B. Loebell, R. Joyce, G. W. Garner, I. A. Crompton, P. T. Flinn, H. Kay.

The positions of the Houses up to December 5th, are:—

1, Whitworth 111 points; 2, Fraser 81 points; 3, Dalton 60 points; 4, Gaskell 58 points; 5, Byrom 40 points; 6, Heywood 40 points.

O. R. D.

The Hulme Lads' Club.

On Wednesday, December 2nd, the School, or that large proportion of it which possessed the time and inclination to do so, paid its annual visit to the headquarters of the Hulme Lads' Club in Silver Street.

Though the Club, like the School, is celebrating its Jubilee this year, this occasion was not marked by any special celebration, unless one includes an impressive display of bunting in one of the recreation rooms.

As usual, billiards, table tennis, and various other forms of recreation were well patronised before the display proper began, as was the boxing ring, where at least one combatant took the full "count." Others displayed their prowess, or lack of it, on the parallel bars, and some original varieties of fives were also played.

The physical training and gymnastic displays attained the high standard which we had come to expect from the members of the Club, and reflected great credit upon instructor and pupils alike. Nor was interest ever allowed to flag through lack of variety..

The netball match which followed also aroused keen interest, especially among those who had seen the game played here before, and remembered something of its finer points.

Finally we returned home, the visit having kindled in us a greater admiration than ever for this wonderful organisation, its members and its work. Only thoughts of the homework which we had left undone darkened our outlook.

D. M. H.

Strensall.

Successfully negotiating the tramcar door by flattening ourselves out, we staggered to a seat, perched ourselves on the edge, and tried to look comfortable. With full equipment, including a pack on one's back, comfort on a tram seat is not to be effected. However, we eventually arrived at Victoria Station to meet the rest of our contingent. When the train drew in, we found the compartment reserved for us, and then began the business of making ourselves comfortable. This is an art, and appears to consist of piling equipment and rifles on luggage racks and then placing the rest round the door, making it difficult for anyone to get in or out. Rain met us as we entered York, but it had stopped before we reached Strensall, and we marched to camp behind the band of the second battalion of the Manchester Regiment.

Camp was a maze of tents, huts and marquees, and the fatigue party offered, in their grandest manner, to show us round. They had got everything ready for us, and had even filled our palisades, a

duty which one member vowed had given him hay fever. As half the contingent did not arrive till Friday, we lived in luxury, two or three only in a tent.

The following morning, having done our kits in the way shown to us, a way that took only a few minutes, we had breakfast and went on parade.

The time was officially devoted to organisation, and our contingent spent the morning on its own, crawling through bracken on a section stalk. This was very good fun, especially when one member of the section dived into a hidden hole head first. A demonstration of guard mounting took place at the Manchesters' barracks in the afternoon, and we were specially interested, as we had heard we should have to do a guard.

There were several important duties to be performed in camp, and not the least of these was that of orderly sergeant or corporal. The one on duty had to get up before reveillé, draw rations, answer bugle calls, see that the lines were tidy, and, last but not least, dress the fire-buckets. When drawing rations, the corporal marched his orderlies to the cookhouse and waited patiently behind a bench until someone said the word, "Hulme". Dixies suddenly appeared, and off dashed the orderlies with the meal. Bugle calls were very awkward. They occurred so often that it seemed to have been a habit to blow for the sergeant while he was having his tea, or for the corporal when he was busy.

On the Friday we took part in an attack and defence scheme complete with fireworks that should have made a smoke screen, but somehow did not. On the following day we spent an enjoyable afternoon in York, and, when we got back, there were feverish efforts to blanco our equipment for the inspection by Field-Marshal Sir C. Devereux, which took place on Sunday morning. On Monday a very interesting display was given by a rifle

section, a machine-gun section and the new Bren gun. This was followed by a demonstration by tanks and by the 2nd Battery the Royal Artillery, from Catterick. The time soon passed, and Monday evening and our guard drew nearer. The afternoon was spent in a last minute rehearsal cleaning up.

At 6-0 p.m. we marched off to the parade square, and, for the next half-hour, sloped and ordered arms and fixed and unfixed bayonets. Then, after being inspected, we fixed bayonets and marched off to the guard tent. Here we settled down to the routine, each taking his turn as sentry. Grand and visiting rounds came before midnight, and then all but the sentry went to sleep.

About 2-0 a.m. the sentry challenged someone, and the answer was given, "Visiting rounds." The sharp command of the sentry, "Turn out the guard!" woke us up, and, grabbing our rifles, we dashed out of the guard tent. Our visitor was the subaltern for the following day, who had come just to have a look at us. The rest of the night passed without adventure, and, at reveillé, we were dismissed and rejoined the remainder of our contingent.

Our stay at camp was drawing to a close. On Wednesday morning an early reveillé awoke us, and soon the whole camp was a scene of feverish activity. Blankets, bedding, and other camp material issued by the quarter-master were being got together by the various contingents to be returned to the stores. That done, each cadet then had to look after his personal belongings, draw rations, and see that all was ready for the homeward journey. It was a summer morning so beautiful that work was almost a pleasure. By 10 o'clock all was ready, and, forming up with other contingents, we marched off to the station. Our first O.T.C. camp was over.

H. C.

Cricket, 1936.

In 1936 eight School matches were played; two were lost by the narrowest of margins, two drawn very much in our favour, three were even draws; in only one were we badly outclassed, and here we managed to play out time. In club games, which are a less sure index as to the success of the season, we won three and lost six. Such a result is not very bad, but it is not very good. The fielding was probably the worst for many years; O. R. Dennis and Wadsworth were good, A. L. Dennis and Young were safe, but most of the rest were very uncertain. This made things very difficult for the bowlers.

Wadsworth was the most successful bowler, but is not yet very deadly nor very accurate; O. R. Dennis and Rider did fairly well, but were handicapped by weak fielding in the country; Preston took a few wickets with faster stuff.

Rider and Robinson improved tremendously in batting; Parkinson, from whom a good deal was expected, was rather disappointing; Preston, O. R. Dennis and Rowson contributed useful scores, but the tail end had few chances of batting, in fact only when conditions had proved too hard for the earlier batsmen. Eight colours will be available next summer and should form a keen and successful side.

1ST XI. BATTING AVERAGES.

	Innings.	n. out.	Runs.	A'vge.
R. D. Rider	16	3	412	31.7
S. B. Robinson	17	2	416	27.7
W. A. Parkinson	17	0	403	23.7
P. S. Preston	14	2	201	16.75
F. Clarke	11	7	52	13.00
P. B. Rowson	15	4	127	11.55
R. J. Young	11	2	100	11.1
O. R. Dennis	15	0	139	9.3
W. V. Wadsworth	13	2	76	6.9
A. L. Dennis	8	2	19	3.17
R. Kenworthy	9	0	16	1.8

In Bowling W. V. Wadsworth took 42 wickets for an average of 13.2 runs; R. D. Rider 21 wickets, average 25.7 runs; P. S. Preston 17 wickets, average 26.2 runs; O. R. Dennis 24 wickets, average 27.3 runs.

v. KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, LYTHAM.
July 18th. Home. Drawn.

KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, LYTHAM.

R. Garside, b Wadsworth	16
K. Huskinson, lbw b Dennis	3
A. Openshaw, not out	108
G. L. Tootill, c Rowson b Wadsworth	0
D. S. Mumford, ht wkt b Dennis	18
Rn. Garside, b Wadsworth	25
Extras	4

Total (5 wks., dec.) 174

THE SCHOOL.

W. A. Parkinson, b Tootill	16
S. B. Robinson, b Critchley	30
R. D. Rider, b Tootill	0
O. R. Dennis, run out	4
P. B. Rowson, c R. Garside b Tootill	0
P. S. Preston, b Barlass	25
W. V. Wadsworth, not out	22
R. J. Young, not out	2
Extras	4

Total (6 wks.) 103

F. Clarke, R. Kenworthy and A. L. Dennis did not bat.

v. OLD HULMEIANS.

July 22nd. Home. Won by 3 wickets.

OLD HULMEIANS.

T. G. Moore, c Young b Wadsworth	14
E. B. Jackson, b Wadsworth	5
H. Lowther, b Preston	33
C. Morley, b Rider	22
J. R. Howard, lbw b Preston	7
D. G. R. Martin, lbw b Rider	0
G. R. Lamb, lbw b Preston	1
H. G. Holland, b Preston	2
C. G. Dennis, b Wadsworth	5
K. B. Mercer, not out	1
J. K. Nicholson, b Wadsworth	0
Extras	6

Total 96

THE SCHOOL.

W. A. Parkinson, b Moore	5
S. B. Robinson, b Lamb	11
R. D. Rider, b Lamb	1
O. R. Dennis, lbw b Morley	12
P. S. Preston, b Moore	1
W. V. Wadsworth, b Morley	3
P. B. Rowson, not out	31
R. J. Young, c Lowther b Morley	23
F. Clarke, not out	5
Extras	15

Total (7 wks.) 107

R. Kenworthy and A. L. Dennis did not bat.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
July 24th. Away. Drawn.

MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

R. T. Hewitt, lbw b Wadsworth	46
J. B. Walker, lbw b Wadsworth	5
E. G. Wainwright, c A. L. Dennis b Rider	22
M. R. Compston, lbw b Rider	14
R. Slack, b Preston	19
N. Williams, run out	1
R. C. Biggs, lbw b Preston	1
C. T. Dale, lbw b Wadsworth	7
L. Kershaw, c Parkinson b Preston	14
G. P. Swain, lbw b Wadsworth	7
L. B. Floyd, not out	4
Extras	2

Total 142

THE SCHOOL.

W. A. Parkinson, b Williams	10
S. B. Robinson, b Floyd	39
R. D. Rider, b Williams	0
O. R. Dennis, b Williams	4
P. S. Preston, lbw b Floyd	6
W. V. Wadsworth, c Floyd b Williams	18
P. B. Rowson, b Williams	1
R. J. Young, not out	18
F. Clarke, not out	4
Extras	12

Total (7 wks.) 112

R. Kenworthy and A. L. Dennis did not bat.

SECOND XI.

v. KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, LYTHAM.
July 18th. Away. Won by 7 wickets. King Edward's School: 63. School: R. C. Spooner 22, R. B. Fitzgerald 8, P. N. Knight 22, R. Joyce 5, G. Goddard 8, S. R. Blakeley 8, A. F. Brazier 18, I. Gray (not out) 12. Total for 7 wickets 109. G. M. Baron, W. J. Mair and J. P. Colbeck did not bat. Bowling: R. Joyce 4 for 11, A. F. Brazier 4 for 22. Brazier did the hat trick.

UNDER 14 XI.

v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' (CROSBY) COLTS.
July 4th. Home. Draw. H.G.S.: 66 for 1 wicket (Gill 29, Abraham 28 not out). Rain stopped play.

v. KING EDWARD VII. (LYTHAM) COLTS.
July 15th. Home. Won. K.E.S.L.: 17 (Ralphs 6 wickets for 6). H.G.S.: 55 for 3 wickets (Buckland 21, Priest 12 not out).

The Hulme Grammar School Corps Camp Account.

WHITSUNTIDE, 1936.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank...	61	17	10
„ Camp Fees and Fares ...	278	1	1
„ Donations for Prizes—			
A. O. Gatley, Esq...	£0	7	6
Mrs. Barber ...	0	5	0
E. Barnes, Esq. ...	0	5	0
		0	17 6
„ Sale of Food ...	4	3	1
„ Profit on Minerals ...	1	10	0

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	£	s.	d.
By L. M. & S. Railway Co. for Fares	38	8	3
„ Do. for Carriage on Equipment ...	14	16	1
„ Do. for Windermere Trip ...	3	14	0
„ J. Langdon & Sons, Ltd., for Hire of Equipment ...	68	15	7
„ R. Wilson for Carting Equipment ...	£4	0	0
„ Do. for Coal ...	4	8	9
		8	8 9
„ W. Sedgwick for Camp Site ...	13	2	6
„ Do. for Milk and Eggs	7	2	0
		20	4 6
„ B. W. Harvey for Groceries ...	63	13	0
„ T. D. Smiths, Ltd., for Bread ...	12	18	0
„ J. Procter for Meat ...	13	13	0
„ W. & T. Tyson for Greengrocery ...	3	4	0
„ Sundry Purchases, Food, Gratuities, etc. ...	10	18	3
„ Q.M.'s Purchases ...	1	12	9
„ Prizes ...	5	4	0
„ First Aid Requisites ...	3	19	4
„ Dr. Hardman ...	2	15	0
„ Mabbott & Co. Ltd. for new Kitchen Chimneys ...	3	10	0
„ I. B. Wilson for Duck Boards and Repairs ...	5	1	10
„ Grange Hotel for Billet ...	1	2	6
„ Hire of Wireless Set ...	0	10	0
„ Grange Council for Water ...	0	5	0
„ Bank Commission and Cheque Book, less Interest ...	0	14	8
„ Balance in Bank ...	63	1	0
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Audited and found correct, 1st December, 1936.

A. L. POWELL.

J. A. BARBER, Camp Commandant.