



The Magazine of the William Hulme's Grammar School

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Notes and News.

On another page is published a list of Old Hulmeians serving with H.M. Forces. We cannot pretend that it is complete, and the Editor, Mr. Anderson, will be glad if those who read these notes will do all in their power to help to complete it. Corrections will be gratefully received. Information may be sent to the Head Master, the Secretary or any Master, as well as to the Editor. It is hoped to print further lists in future numbers of "The Hulmeian."

War conditions and the evacuation of the School to Hutton have enforced a temporary suspension of the School entertainments and of numerous Old Hulmeians activities. The School Athletic Sports were cancelled.

There was no football during the Easter term, and, owing to the severe weather, only some four lacrosse matches were played. The absence of their reports is mainly responsible for the modest dimensions of this number of "The Hulmeian."

Professor H. J. Seddon has been elected a Fellow of Worcester College, Oxford.

J. Wilks has been awarded the Hulme Scholarship at Brasenose College, Oxford.

Manchester University Degrees and Examinations:—

Second M.B., Ch.B.: J. S. Battersby, D. W. Preston, T. A. Yates.

First M.B., Ch.B., Part II.b (Zoology): W. V. Wadsworth.

First M.B., Ch.B., Part I., Chemistry and Physics (at higher standard): R. L.

Armitstead, R. B. Fitzgerald, A. H. C. Ratliff.

Second B.D.S. Examination: P. H. Taylor.

Diploma in Dentistry, Third Examination: D. Burke.

First B.D.S. Examination (Chemistry and Physics): P. W. Carnie.

The Pilling Prize for members of the students' section of the Manchester Association of Engineers has been won by N. Youatt, who is an Associate of the College of Technology.

At the annual meeting of Convocation of Manchester University held on February 23rd, 1940, S. R. Best was elected as a representative of Convocation on the University Court.

A. L. Dennis has been elected Captain of the First XI. Cricket.

The cloakrooms and passages underneath the School have been converted into strong air-raid shelters easily capable of accommodating every boy. Practices are held frequently, and the whole School can be safely under cover in less than two minutes. As further proof of our preparedness for any emergency it should be stated that almost the whole staff and nearly all the prefects have qualified in First Aid and A.R.P. work.

Calendar for Midsummer term:—

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Thursday, May 9th, at noon, to Thursday, May 23rd, at nine o'clock.

The Higher School Certificate Examinations will begin on June 24th.

The School Certificate Examinations will begin on June 28th.

Midsummer Term will end on Monday, July 29th, at four o'clock.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—*The Old Public School Boys' Magazine* (South

Africa), *The Grammarian* (Tientsin Grammar School, North China), *The Savilian*, *The Lidunian*, *Esmeduna*, *The Aldwinian*, *The Sandbachian*, *The Leigh Grammar School Magazine*, *the Waconian*, *The Stopfordian*, *The Buxtonian*, *The Frome County School Magazine*, *The Wigan Grammar School Magazine*, *The Brun, Hutton Grammar School Magazine*.

BIRTHS.

MORLEY.—On October 5th, 1939, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Morley, a daughter.

WINSKILL.—To Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Winskill, on January 5th, 1940, a daughter.

WILLIAMS.—On January 6th, at 15, Queen's Road, Cheadle Hulme, to Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Williams, a son.

SHAW.—On March 4th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. D. K. D. Shaw, of 24, Barwell Road, Ashton-on-Mersey, a daughter.

CLARKE.—On March 14th, to Elsie and Philip A. T. Clarke, a son.

ODDY.—On March 17th, to Audrey, wife of Lieutenant G. V. Oddy, R.N.V.R.(A.), a son.

MORRIS.—On March 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morris, a son.

MARRIAGES.

JONES—CHAMBERS.—On December 6th, 1939, Roy Renshaw, only son of the late J. T. and Mrs. E. Jones, of Darley Park, Manchester, to Charlotte, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Chambers, of Whalley Range.

LAUGHTON—HORNBY.—On 30th December, 1939, at St. George's Church, Stockport, Francis Seddon Laughton to Constance Hornby.

MUTH—BARKER.—On January 1st, 1940, at St. James's Church, Hope, Derrick Otto,

only son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Muth, Whalley Range, to Muriel Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Barker, Pendleton.

BROOMHEAD — HUDSON. — On February 3rd, 1940, at Emmanuel Church, Didsbury, Thomas Alfred, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Broomhead, of Whalley Range, to Lucy Wadsworth, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hudson, of Didsbury.

MORRISON—CRAIG.—On March 23rd, at St. Ann's Church, Manchester, Robert Morrison, M.A., A.I.L., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Morrison, of Edinburgh, to Mary, elder daughter of Mr. T. Craig, O.B.E.(Mil.), M.R.C.V.S., D.V.H., and Mrs. Craig, of 273, Withington Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

HOLT—CREAKE.—On April 24th, at Dore Parish Church, John Bayley Holt, B.Sc., son of the late Mr. Arthur Ogden Holt and Mrs. Gertrude Holt, of Gatley, to Olga Esme Creak, B.A., elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. St. Arnaud Creak, of Dore, Sheffield.

Sub-Lieutenant F. H. Collins, R.N.

It is with much regret that we record here our first casualty among Old Hulmeians serving with H.M. Forces. While we are not permitted to give details of the circumstances in which Sub-Lieutenant Collins met his death, it can be stated that he was killed in action while serving on board one of His Majesty's ships. He left School in 1934, and after taking his B.Sc.(Tech.), with First Class Honours in 1938, he took up an engineering appointment with Metropolitan-Vickers. In August, 1939, he joined the R.N.V.R. Reserve and on the outbreak of war he was granted a commission as Sub-Lieutenant (Engineer) in the Navy.

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

It was obvious last September, when the School was evacuated, that the collection would be carried on under considerable difficulties. The help of the Old Hulmeians Association was enlisted, and an appeal sent out to members in an effort to make the total of this year's School collection as nearly as possible equal to last year's total of £321.

Our return to Manchester brightened the outlook, and the result exceeded our hopes. The School total was £240 10s. 9d., which was increased to £248 10s. 9d. by the generous help of last year's President of the O.H.A., Mr. C. G. Dehn, who once more showed his great interest in all things connected with the School by offering a bonus of £1 to any form collecting 85% of last year's total. The Preparatory Department and the following forms qualified for this bonus: Lower 1, 1 A, 1 B, 3 B, 5 A, 6 S.L., 6 C.M.U.

The highest total and average per head was once more achieved by 6 S.U., again thanks to N. W. Preston, who collected £20 out of their total of £28 4s. 9d. This brings the aggregate of the Preston brothers (N. W. and D. W.) to £200, and once more we offer our congratulations and thanks, mingled with a hope for successors.

The appeal to members of the O.H.A. brought in £80, so that when this was added to the School collection of £248 10s. 9d., the grand total reached £328 10s. 9d., actually more than last year's amount.

A letter from Sir Christopher Needham, President of the Club, follows:—

29th March, 1940.

Dear Mr. Trevor Dennis,

I want to tell you of the great appreciation which the Committee and Officers of the Procter Gymnasium and Hulme Lads' Club have for the invaluable support given by The William Hulme's Grammar

School to the Club. We have received £248 10s. 9d. being the proceeds of this year's collection, which I realize must have entailed very much hard work and enthusiasm during these difficult times—not only difficult in general, but especially so for you because of the evacuation of the School and its return.

Your staff must have given immense support in this matter; especially do we value the help of Mr. A. L. Powell.

I understand that in the above-named amount there is included the balance of the fund allocated by the Parents' Association, and I should like to include them in our sincere thanks.

May I also take this opportunity of expressing our gratitude to the Old Hulmeians Association; the special appeal which they issued has realised about £80 0s. 0d., and many of their members continue to give personal and valued help in the running of the Club.

The continuity of the School's interest in the Lads' Club is very helpful not only in regard to finance, but in encouraging the Officers of the Club to carry on and face their many problems with enthusiasm.

The boys of your School will be interested to know that the Lads' Club has been kept open without a break for over 53 years, and it is our hope that we may be able to carry on this important work throughout the war and afterwards.

Yours faithfully,

C. T. NEEDHAM, *President.*

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The William Hulme's Grammar School,
Alexandra Park,
Manchester 16.

Form	Amount.		Average per head.
	£	s. d.	£ s. d.
Prep.	13	6 0	
1 A	14	9 3½	0 9 4
1 B	17	10 6	0 11 8
2 A	8	7 3½	0 6 0
2 B	9	10 5½	0 7 1
2 C	2	7 4	0 3 7
3 A	11	13 5	0 10 7
3 B	16	1 0	0 11 6
3 C	4	1 0	0 5 5
4 A	9	0 11	0 8 3
4 B	5	17 1	0 4 11
4 C	9	7 0	0 8 11
5 A	23	2 0	0 17 1
5 B	10	14 0	0 8 7
5 C	6	9 4	0 7 2
6 C.M.L.	5	13 4	0 7 7
6 S.L.	11	0 0	0 11 7
6 C.M.U.	7	8 4	0 14 10
6 S.U.	28	4 9	1 11 5

Old Hulmeians serving with H.M. Forces.

The date given is the year of leaving School.

- Arrandale, D. (1936), R.A.S.C.
 Baker, R. D. (1934), R.A.O.C.
 Barber, N. A. (1924), Major, R.A.S.C.
 Bateman, W. E. (1934), Royal Armoured Corps.
 Batty, D. G. (1933), Royal Corps of Signals.
 Besford, J. C. P. (1928), Surgeon-Lieut., R.N.V.R.
 Blackburn, J. S. (1934), R.N.
 Bowers, J. M. (1932), R.A.F.
 Bradshaw, F. (1936), R.A.S.C.
 Bunting, J. W. (1933), Hon. Artillery Company.
 Burman, J. W. (1931), Royal Armoured Corps.
 Chapman, J. (1936), 2nd Lieut., R.A.S.C.
 Clayton, K. B. (1931), Lieut., R.N.V.R.
 Colbeck, J. P. (1937), Bombardier, R.A.
 Cole, A. R. (1939), Cadet, R.N.
 Collins, F. H. (1934), Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.
 Crompton, I. A. (1938), R.A.S.C.
 Currie, R. (1937), Sergeant, R.A.F.
 Daley, B. (1936), 2nd Lieut., Manchester Regiment.
 Davies, J. H. (1937), R.A.S.C.
 Dunston, F. (1934), R.A.
 Edwards, G. (1934), Bombardier, R.A.
 Edwards, R. D. (1936), R.A.S.C.
 Edwards, R. H. (1934), Pilot Officer, R.A.F.
 Elbourne, D. H. (1935), Lance-Corporal, R.E.
 Embleton, R. F. (1936), R.A.S.C.
 Eskine, D. (1937), Lance-Corporal, The King's Regt.
 Fletcher, F. M. D. (1932), 2nd Lieut., Hon. Artillery Company.
 Flinn, M. W. (1935), Sergeant, F.S.P.
 Flunder, D. B. (1937), Cheshire Regiment.
 Garner, P. (1933), R.A.S.C.
 Goodwin, C. L. (1927), R.A.F.
 Goodwin, L. E. (1927), R.A.F.
 Goodwin, P. D. (1934), Corporal, Royal Corps of Signals.
 Goodwin, R. B. (1920), Major, R.A.S.C.
 Gordon, A. (1937), The King's Regiment.
 Gosling, H. G. (1936), R.A.S.C.
 Gray, I. (1937), Royal Corps of Signals.
 Hadfield, A. M. (1930), R.A. (Anti-Aircraft).
 Hadfield, R. S. C. (1928), 2nd Lieut., R.A. (Anti-Aircraft).
 Halliday, L. R. (1934), Sergeant, R.A.F.
 Harrold, N. (1932), 2nd Lieut., Cheshire Regiment.
 Hesford, A. (1936), 2nd Lieut., Manchester Regt.
 Hilbert, C. L. (1930), 2nd Lieut., R.A.O.C.
 Hill, C. G. (1934), Sergeant, R.A.F.
 Hinnell, K. G. (1935), R.A.F.
 Holden, T. R. (1933), Royal Armoured Corps.
 Jackson, N. H. (1934), R.A.F.
 Jones, R. R. (1933), Captain, R.A.S.C.

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Keir, A. S. H. (1931), C.O.M.S., Manchester Regt.
 Kent, E. V. (1926), 2nd Lieut., R.A.S.C.
 Kershaw, H. (1934), Machine Gun Corps.
 Leigh, A. D. (1933), Lieut., R.A.M.C.
 Little, J. H. (1933), O.C.T.U.
 Livings, J. B. (1933), R.A.S.C.
 Lockwood, G. C. (1933), Royal Corps of Signals.
 Lymer, R. W. (1927), Lieut., R.A.S.C.
 Manion, L. S. (1932), Lieut., R.A.M.C.
 Mark, Jas. (1932), 2nd Lieut.
 McCready, N. G. (1937), R.N.
 McTaggart, I. A. (1934), R.A.
 Moore, T. G. (1934), Pilot Officer, R.A.F.
 Moss, H. (1934), R.A.F.
 Murdoch, T. W. (1937), R.N.
 Neesom, E. (1937), Sergeant, R.A.F.
 Nicholls, G. H. (1933), O.C.T.U.
 Nicol, W. M. (1933), 2nd Lieut., Seaforth High-landers.
 Oddy, G. V. (1923), Lieut., R.N.V.R.
 Paulson, G. (1934), R.A.
 Place, F. W. (1935), R.A.
 Pollitt, H. N. (1921), Bombardier, R.A. (Anti-Air-craft).
 Porter, J. H. (1935), Sub-Lieut., R.N.
 Prideaux, R. A. (1933), 2nd Lieut., Manchester Regt.
 Pursglove, D. W. (1932), R.A.
 Ratcliffe, K. H. (1935), Fleet Air Arm.
 Rickards, J. G. (1928), Lieut., R.A.
 Robinson, A. (1936), R.A.F.
 Rowson, P. B. (1936), R.N.
 Saunbury, E. (1932), Lieut., R.A.M.C.
 Slade, J. H. P. (1931), 2nd Lieut., Lancs. Fusiliers.
 Smith, M. W. (1923), Lieut., R.A.M.C.
 Smith, R. P. (1937), O.C.T.U.
 Sparkes, N. (1934), Lancashire Fusiliers.
 Sparkes, R. H. (1931), Lancashire Fusiliers.
 Sproule, W. (1925), Major, R.A.S.C.
 Stacey, K. (1935), R.A.S.C.
 Strachan, R. L. (1934), R.A.F.
 Stubbs, E. G. E. (1936), R.A.S.C.
 Sunderland, H. M. (1931), Royal Warwicks.
 Sunderland, R. D. (1935), 2nd Lieut., Royal Warwicks.
 Sutcliffe, C. T. (1937), Infantry Training Centre.
 Taylor, G. R. (1937), 2nd Lieut., Lancs. Fusiliers.
 Thorp, A. (1937), King's Own.
 Travis, C. W. (1934), 2nd Lieut., Royal Corps of Signals.
 Vipond, J. M. (1937), Sergeant, Manchester Regt.
 Watts, K. W. (1927), Fleet Air Arm.
 Weatherby, J. F. (1936), Corporal, R.A.M.C.
 Webster, J. (1935), R.A.S.C.
 White, K. (1937), 2nd Lieut., R.A.S.C.
 Whitehouse, A. B. (1935), R.E.
 Williams, N. (1921), 2nd Lieut., Loyal Regiment, (North Lancs.).
 Wilson, M. G. (1936), R.A.S.C.
 Wood, L. C. (1914), Captain, Manchester Regiment.
 Wood, N. W. (1935), O.C.T.U.

The Old Hulmeians Association.

The usual Founder's Day Service was held at the Cathedral on January 26th, and was attended by the School, parents and a number of Old Hulmeians, including a fair sprinkling in uniform.

The service was conducted by The Bishop of Middleton (The Rev. Dr. A. F. Alston), who also gave the address, and the lessons were read by the Rev. H. Motley, one of the parents.

The choir was provided by the School as the Cathedral boys choir had been evacuated.

At the lunch which followed, at the Queen's Hotel, there were 79 present.

The toast of "The Pious Memory of William Hulme" was proposed by Mr. D. Ll. Griffiths, who paid tribute to the work of the School in educational progress.

Replying to the toast of "The School", proposed by the President, Mr. H. Cardwell, the Headmaster referred to the period of evacuation. He spoke of the kindness and consideration shown to us by the Hutton Grammar School, and welcomed as guests at the luncheon the Headmaster of Hutton, Mr. Abbott, and his wife.

Other guests were the Bishop of Middleton, Mr. F. H. Mainprice, Clerk to the Governors, Mr. J. I. Franklin and *The Manchester Guardian*, represented by Mr. J. Midgley.

Although it was thought that it would be impossible to have the Annual Dinner this year—and, indeed, it was suggested in a circular that members might care to send the price of the Dinner to help the School collection for the Hulme Lads' Club—there was such a demand for its retention that arrangements were made to hold it at the Old Rectory Club. Under the circumstances, the attendance of 61 was very encouraging. Those present had a most enjoyable evening. The

arrangements made by the Club Committee, and the service, were both excellent, and the speeches of a high order.

Professor Seddon, who now occupies the Chair of Orthopædic Surgery at Oxford, paid a very sincere tribute to the School and spoke of the need for mental and moral equipment for present times.

The Headmaster, in his reply, gave a short account of the evacuation and developments at the School.

Mr. L. H. Nesbitt, who has been actively connected with the O.H.A., especially the Lacrosse Section, for many years, proposed "The Association."

Mr. H. Cardwell, the President, responded and took the opportunity of passing round the room the Presidential Chain of Office presented by the previous President, Mr. C. G. Dehn.

Mr. John Mark added considerably to the enjoyment of the evening by proposing "Our Guests" in a way that delighted everyone with its wit.

Replying for the guests, the Dean of Manchester expressed his appreciation of the oratory of the evening and voiced the hope, and belief, that the spirit of loyalty and service which was so evident in the School and the Association, would be a powerful factor in providing the men willing and able to bring about the reconstruction that must come after the present conflict.

Mr. J. I. Franklin thanked the Old Boys for the kind reception accorded him.

It will be seen from the notes appearing elsewhere that the Lacrosse Section is, as far as possible, continuing its activities.

At the time of writing these notes, the Annual Golf Tournament has not yet taken place, but all arrangements have been made by the kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Northenden Golf Club, and a good attendance is hoped for.

As a certain amount of expenditure is incurred by the Association for overhead charges, it is hoped that members will make a point of paying their subscriptions so as to keep the Association in a sound financial position.

The Hon. Gen. Sec. (A. L. Powell, 29, South Drive, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester 21) will be glad to hear from any Old Boys who are serving with the Forces, and will try to keep in touch with them.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

As reported in the last issue, the club has been turning out two teams each week in a series of matches. As might have been expected, there has been a continuous loss of members, as different classes have been called up, but we have so far been lucky in finding others to fill their places. As an indication of the fluctuating personnel we have had at our disposal, it is interesting to note that forty-nine members have played at one time or another for the two teams.

We have suffered the greatest interference from the worst weather conditions in the history of the club. The first team were unable to play on nine consecutive Saturdays from the middle of December to the end of February, and the "A" team fared little better.

The first team has had quite a successful season. Latterly, they have been without D. S. B. Vincent in goal, but F. W. Cooper, and more recently, R. J. Young, have deputised. One very satisfactory feature of the season has been the reappearance of J. P. V. Woollam, who has been a great help to the side. Towards the end of the season we were also glad to have the services of J. R. Howard. After Christmas a most welcome return was that of N. R. Coe, the

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captain of the first team, but shortly afterwards we lost G. W. Orr, who had acted as his deputy. In spite of all these variations, however, the team has played well. One feature of the season has been the rapid improvement of J. Buckland, who is the most promising attack we have had for some years. He was selected to play for the County, as also were G. W. Orr and D. S. B. Vincent.

A six-a-side team played in a tournament at Heaton Mersey on April 6th, and managed to win its way to the final. They were defeated by a very good six from Manchester University, who quite deserved their success. It was an unexpectedly good performance from our six, who fought hard and were level at half-time, 2—2. In the second half, by fine, concerted play and superior speed, University made victory certain with four quick goals.

The "A" team have suffered even more variation in personnel than the first, but they have had some enjoyable games. L. A. Angell has captained them well, and has played very soundly both on the "A" and when called up to the first. D. B. Flunder is a very useful attack player, and K. M. Taylor, R. Billington and K. J. Ruddlesdin have played well.

An informal general meeting was held at the club house on April 3rd, at which the small committee, consisting of the Chairman, J. A. Barber, A. W. Orr and the Secretary, J. Mark, were re-elected. Possibilities for next season were discussed. We expect to lose more members during the summer, and we are banking heavily on getting a big supply of new members from School this year. It is obviously of the first importance that the lacrosse club should be kept alive. We hope, therefore, that our expectations of a big new membership from School next September will be realised.

J. M.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

Dec.	2.—v. Cheadle Hulme	H	13-2
"	9.—v. H.M. Guild	A	9-2
"	16.—v. Old Waconians	H	7-7
Jan.	6.—v. Stockport	A	P'pnd
"	13.—v. Mellor	H	"
"	20.—v. Old Mancunians	A	"
"	27.—v. Disley	H	"
Feb.	3.—v. Heaton Mersey	A	"
"	10.—v. Boardman	A	"
"	17.—v. Manchester University	H	"
"	24.—v. Blackley Park	A	21-5
Mar.	2.—v. Stockport Sunday School	H	16-4
"	9.—v. Cheadle Hulme	A	12-7
"	16.—v. Mellor	H	Can.
"	30.—v. Old Mancunians	A	9-13

"A" TEAM.

Dec.	2.—v. Old Stopfordians	A	9-17
"	9.—v. Old Waconians "A"	H	8-7
"	16.—v. Manchester Southern	A	12-10
Jan.	6.—v. Offerton	H	11-6
"	13.—v. Cheadle	A	P'pnd
"	20.—v. Old Stopfordians	H	"
"	27.—v. Rochdale	A	"
Feb.	3.—v. Birch	H	"
"	10.—v. Heaton Mersey "A"	H	8-16
"	17.—v. Worsley	A	P'pnd
"	24.—v. Manchester Southern	H	11-14
Mar.	2.—v. University "A"	A	P'pnd
"	9.—v. Cheadle	H	7-12
"	16.—v. Oldham	A	4-19
"	30.—v. Urmston	A	8-19

Old Hulmeians Rugby Football Club.

There have been no matches at all this season as a high proportion of the members of the club are already serving with the Forces. There are, however, still players available, and it is felt that some effort should be made to keep the club going until normal fixtures can be resumed.

At the moment there is every indication that matches will be arranged next season for all Old Boys anxious to play.

C. G. D.

The Cambridge Old Hulmeians Association.

This term the subject of greatest interest has been the weather. At the beginning of term it was much the same as everywhere else, and all outdoor sports were abandoned in favour of skating.

The ceiling of G. W. E. Stark's room still shows a fine surrealist pattern as the result of a burst; fortunately, it occurred before he came up.

Unfortunately, the censor will permit of no mention of the great improvement in weather since January.

There has been a minor epidemic of German measles here (perhaps a manifestation of the Führer's secret weapon), but at the time of writing none of the Old Hulmeians here has contracted it.

There have been no Old Boys' activities this term. Possibly everyone has been working too hard.

G. W. E. S.

Oxford Old Hulmeians.

This term at Oxford has been very quiet, with everyone working for some examination. The introduction of "Groups," special war-time examinations, has meant an examination at the end of each term for many people.

By the calling up of D. Erskine to His Majesty's Forces (the censor should be satisfied with that!) our number has been reduced to six.

Apart from such callings-up, which go on regularly throughout the term, Oxford life is gradually regaining more of its peace-time appearance. The "repatriation" of the St. Thomas's (London) Medical Students is another sign of this returning normality.

Early in the term "squash" was the only possible game for the majority, both river and playing-field being frozen over. After a few fitful attempts to re-establish itself the cold of late January has now given way to the unsettled weather of the days before spring.

The re-introduction of summer time has made life somewhat easier of late. Travel between lecture room and hall in the early evening is now less dangerous.

There have been some tea gatherings of Old Hulmeians, but no official meeting has yet been held.

G. M. Williams with his faithful "Neville" (his pet umbrella) was frequently seen with skates over his shoulder on his way to the meadow. Only K. A. Stark claims to have seen him in the act of skating!

A. F. Brazier has again been in the news politically, addressing political study groups, sometimes at very short notice.

F. Clarke has been seen and heard regularly in Christ Church. Suspicious tappings on windows in the dead of night are believed to have some connection with him.

G. A. Weeks and D. R. Wood continue to put up with each other, in spite of the latter's recent introduction of parts of the human skeleton into their rooms. This at first occasioned some alarm and speculation as to what might follow!

Our other outstanding memories seem to be cheering (unhappily without much success) at the Rugger match at Iffley Road and at Henley.

D. R. W.

Our Sojourn at Hutton.

Our arrival at Penwortham on the evening of Saturday, September 2nd, has already been recorded. Orders had been given that next morning, Sunday, September 3rd, we were to meet at Hutton Grammar School. Fortunately, the weather favoured us, and by 10 o'clock groups of boys, a little uncertain of the way, could be seen wandering hopefully towards Hutton. The school was two miles away from the district in which we were billeted, and grim were the forebodings at the prospect of having to cover this distance several times each day "for the duration." By 10-45 all were assembled in the school hall where, after the Head Master had addressed us, Mr. H. H. Abbott, Head Master of Hutton Grammar School, said a few words of welcome. Then came a solemn moment, a moment that will not readily be forgotten by those present. The wireless on the platform was tuned in, and there, in awed silence, we listened to the fateful words of the Prime Minister announcing that we were at war with Germany. This seemed a final answer to those who still fondly hoped there would be no war, and that our move to Penwortham would be nothing more than a strange but brief interlude in the history of the School.

The next few days we met each morning to report at the school, but soon a time-table was evolved, and work began in earnest. The work of two schools had to be dovetailed, and it was arranged that we were to have morning school one week and afternoon the next. This arrangement gave ample time for outdoor work, and games, "gym.", swimming and O.T.C. parades filled in the "spare" time. Though most of the School had taken advantage of the evacuation arrangements, there were still many left at home, and, to provide some form of education for them, permission was given by the authorities to commence a tutorial system at

School whereby boys still in Manchester could attend each day, under Mr. Gatley's supervision, to receive work to be done at home. This arrangement once started, the numbers at Hutton rapidly decreased, and more of the staff were transferred to cope with the work in Manchester. Whilst this makeshift arrangement might suffice for a time, it was not satisfactory, and soon the parents began a move to have the School re-opened. Meetings were held and deputations were sent to London to interview the authorities. When, after a time, it seemed that those in power would take no steps in the matter, the parents resolved that unless something were done by Saturday, December 2nd, they would bring their boys back to Manchester. A reply from the Board of Education granted permission for the School to return on condition that adequate air-raid shelters were provided. Work on these shelters was immediately begun and pushed rapidly forward to completion. On Saturday, December 2nd, a general move from Hutton began, and on Monday, December 4th, the School re-opened in Manchester.

We should like to take this opportunity of offering our sincere thanks to the Head Master, Mr. H. H. Abbott, and the staff of Hutton Grammar School for all their kindness and help during our stay there.

Year's End.

It was New Year's Eve. The sun shone warm and bright, but a crisp layer of snow hid the ground, and a thick layer of ice the tarns. Only the steep fell sides had shaken off the chill, white mantle, and rock and scree protruded dark and defiant.

In the west the clear, blue sky seemed to grow darker, and a faint crimson glow, spreading eastwards, gave warning of the approaching night. I hurried on until a

rude shelter of piled boulders told me I had reached Gavel top. All was quiet as I gazed at the stony summit, and for a moment I thought I was alone, but soon two climbers appeared from behind the shelter. We looked around. Far below, the lake lay still, guarded on either side by a line of low fells. Beyond the lake, flat green fields merged into the sea, from whose misty distances there radiated the glorious purple of the setting sun. Northward, rough, brown fell tops were spread under us, and, standing sentinel behind them, was the massive bulk of Skiddaw. To the east, the path by which I had travelled, climbing upwards past the frosty white tarns, disappeared over the hause, and far away the distant ridges stood clear cut in the cold December air. Our view southward was cut off by the steep, rock-strewn slopes of Lingmell and the Pikes, deeply scarred by great chasms. But our gaze ever returned to the calm, still lake, whose blue was now splashed with the glorious crimson of a sun bidding farewell to the old year.

At length the two climbers took their leave, and we went our separate ways; their voices faded, their nailed boots grated on the loose scree, and they were gone. Suddenly everything seemed changed. The fell had cut off the last lingering warmth of the sun, the wind began to blow colder and I saw that my path lay deep in snow. The dale, whither I was bound, looked dark and inhospitable. The valley below was hidden by a mistiness between the fells, whose flanks curved steeply down to the dale. The track scrambled down by the side of a stream, but no merry babbling was to cheer me on my lonesome way, for the water lay silent, motionless, frozen to the rock.

I paused to look down dale; there was no light, no habitation, only a steadily growing darkness. The serenity of the past had faded, and, in its place, was the darkness and uncertainty of the new year.

J. W.

The Library.

Now that we have settled down after our return from Hutton, the Library is again playing its part in the work of the School, and full advantage is being taken of the facilities it provides for study. If proof were needed, we would point to the records which show that, though the Library is open only to boys in the fifth forms and upwards, there were, during the Easter term, 72 borrowers who, between them, took out some 500 volumes. Since January new books in History, English and Science have been placed on the shelves.

It is pleasing to be able to record here a number of presentations to the Library. We offer our sincere thanks to Mr. J. G. Bell for the gift of a guinea, and to the following donors of books: the Rev. H. Motley, Mr. L. Haward, Mr. W. H. Thomson, J. R. Whitaker, B. Bruckshaw.

The Sacred Concert.

Owing to the difficulties arising out of the war conditions it was not considered practicable to make the Sacred Concert an evening performance as in the past. It was, therefore, decided to hold it on Sunday afternoon, March 17th, at 2-30 p.m. This was an experiment, but it proved a great success as, when the proceedings commenced, there was a large gathering of Old Boys, parents and friends. Owing to the cost of paper, and other circumstances, it had been decided not to print programmes, and the various items were announced from the platform by the Head Master.

The programme opened with the National Anthem, after which the orchestra played Beethoven's First Symphony in C Major. Though the playing occasionally lacked rhythm and phrasing, the orchestra was well in time and gave a good performance. This

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was followed by "Der Hirt an dem Fels", written by Schubert for solo tenor voice (Mr. Parsons), clarinet (Mr. Glasgow), and pianoforte (W. A. Mallinson). We have not had a similar item at these concerts for some years, and the audience was not slow to show its appreciation. The Easter Chorale, "Jesu meines glaubeus Zier" (Bach), was effectively sung by the choir with the orchestra accompanying. After the interval the concert continued with a pleasant performance of "Sonata in D Major" for two violins (R. S. Mahomed and M. W. Barber, violin-cello (Mr. Williams), and pianoforte (E. S. Burnett). In the rendering of Bach's "Ein feste Burg", the choir had good support throughout from an orchestra consisting of four violins, clarinet, bassoon and pianoforte. The solos were sung by Mr. Parsons (tenor), the Head Master (bass), and M. W. Barber (alto).

The concert was arranged by the Head Master.

O.T.C. Notes.

With the Easter term beginning as early as January 4th, it was hoped that we would have a chance of getting in some good work, especially for the Certificate A candidates, before half term, but in our reckonings we failed to take account of the dreadful weather that was to prevail during that time. It would be difficult to imagine worse conditions, and the state of the ground made field work quite impossible. Added to this, the "black-out" limited the time available for parades, but, making full use of every possible opportunity, the Certificate A syllabus in tactics, musketry, map-work, etc., was covered, and, when the weather improved later on, the drill and other outdoor work was completed. On Monday, March 18th, 28 candidates were presented for the Certificate A examination which,

during the present conditions, consists of practical work only, and the following 25 were successful:—Cadets D. R. Aldhouse, W. J. Bell, J. D. Boardman, P. M. Breton, C. Clay, C. P. Dockeray, J. Erskine, D. F. E. Ginever, K. Halstead, A. B. Haward, R. B. Herbert, C. T. Hough, E. Hubbert, A. Jackson, H. Kay, J. D. Robson, A. R. Rodgers, R. J. Salthouse, G. J. H. Sparkes, E. G. Thomas, J. P. I. Tyas, J. W. West, F. J. Whelan, P. C. Wilkinson, M. F. Wood. This was a pleasing and encouraging result.

During the later part of the term, the Manchester Regiment very kindly sent one of their sergeant instructors to help with some of the drill.

While at Penwortham, the uncertainty of things held up recruiting, but, since January, thirty-six recruits have joined.

It was thought at one time that the war would make it impossible to hold our annual Whitsuntide camp at Grange-over-Sands this year, but the many difficulties have been overcome, and already arrangements are almost completed. While it is, perhaps, too soon to prophesy, it looks as if all previous records will be broken, for over 120 cadets have intimated their intention of attending. It only remains for the weather to play its part to ensure another pleasant and successful camp. The main body will leave Manchester on Thursday, May 9th, while the advance party leaves on Monday, May 6th.

During the term a shooting match was arranged with Victoria College (Jersey) O.T.C., but the exceptionally good scoring of our opponents was too much for us, and we were somewhat easily beaten. We were rather handicapped by our lack of practice whilst at Hutton, but this is now being remedied, and it is hoped that most of the cadets will have completed the necessary course by the end of June.

The Annual Inspection will take place some time in June, and will be carried out by an officer sent direct from the War Office, but we have not yet been notified of the date.

Mr. C. R. Darlington has kindly offered his services and we are pleased to have his help on parades.

The following promotions have been made: To be Lance Corporals: Cadets M. F. Wood, A. Jackson, G. W. Battersby, E. G. Hall, N. W. Preston, A. Chapman, J. D. Robson, J. D. Boardman, K. Halstead, F. J. Whelan, P. C. Wilkinson.

We are very grateful to A. G. Dunston, D. A. Hague and G. F. Deacon, past members of the O.T.C. who have sent in their uniforms. This is a great help as it is not easy to procure uniforms at present.

The Track.

The track meant so very much to Pierre. He had grown up beside it, had seen its war wounds gradually concealed with fresh, verdant grass, and had explored its every inch. It scarcely seemed more than a few years since he had romped along it to the distant Jura, eager and courageous as any mountaineer, and now, only that morning, a notice had been published that the village must be evacuated, and the farm stock moved, for the district was again in the war zone.

For the next week, Pierre watched the sorrowful exodus from the village. Soon the whole place was deserted, only Pierre and his company of chasseurs being left to await the pack trains on their way to the Alpine outposts. He remembered his father had told stories of how men had died to save the village, and to guard the track which led down to the cities and the plains. Pierre

determined that he, too, would safeguard his village with all his strength.

Soon the convoys began to arrive and Pierre's company was ordered to accompany them to their stations. After the long march to the foothills came the hard climb up the rock-strewn mountain paths. The mules panted under their heavy loads as they neared the snow-line.

At last they reached the outpost and at once began the task of fortifying it; there were emplacements to be made, shelters to be built, and all the time the guards watched the frontier of peaceful, anxious Switzerland.

Soon the work was finished and the chasseurs waited grimly, confidently. "They will not pass us," they said, and Pierre would smile in agreement.

Time had passed quickly and Pierre saw the first signs of spring; the crocuses were blooming and the earth seemed to be stirring with a new life. Everything was peaceful and full of the promise of beautiful summer. The snow was melting and the snowline climbed higher and higher up the great slopes.

One night the spell of peace was broken. The guards heard a far-off rumbling like the thunder of heavy guns. The company "stood to," expecting an attack. The rumbling became louder, more menacing, and the soldiers began to look round puzzled and frightened. Suddenly one man realised what the noise was. "Avalanche!" he cried, and began to run frenziedly down the mountain path. His wild terror infected the others, and they threw away their arms and began to run aimlessly, futilely. The first boulders fell about them, and then they were overwhelmed in the terrible noise of rushing snow and hoarse cries of terror.

Peace had returned, but now there was no track, no village—just a beautiful white scene of desolation.

Lacrosse, 1940.

No matches were possible this winter until March 2nd, and only four games could be played before the end of term.

There was no lacrosse last term owing to evacuation, and in January and February the ground was either covered with snow or frozen hard. Through the resultant lack of practice we lost the first three matches we played and just managed to win the last match on time. In each game the attacks started brilliantly, but were weary and ineffective after half-time. With only one colour from last year a good season could hardly be expected, but poor 'crosse handling, due, in most cases, to the worst 'crosses seen on a School first team did not help.

A. L. Dennis, our captain, and Battersby have been outstanding on the defence, and Hubbert has been our most efficient attack. It is hoped that boys with ambitions to be on next year's first team will see that they are equipped with a good 'crosse before the end of this term, as 'crosses may be unobtainable next September.

The second team played only one match during the season, and caused some surprise by defeating Manchester Grammar School 7—5. The Manchester team handled cleverly, but we were superior in weight, speed and determination. The School started nervously, but when they realised that a win was possible, played with increasing enthusiasm.

1ST XII. RESULTS.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—
Away. Lost 6—10.

We started well, and led in the first quarter, Hubbert scoring some good goals.

Our defence was not sound, and they led 6—5 at half-time. The attack was quite ineffective in the second half, and got only one more goal, while they added four. Hewet and Boardman scored our other goals.

v. UNIVERSITY OLD HULMEIANS.—March 6th. Home. Lost 6—12.

Against a strong team we again made a good start, and even led at half-time. However, the attack faded out, and they scored some clever goals. Cloughley deputised successfully for Abraham in goal. Hubbert, Rodgers and Hobson scored.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—
March 9th. Home. Lost 2—9.

With the return of Battersby we hoped for a win, but, although the defence was strengthened, and only let in four goals in the first three-quarters of the game, the attack handled badly, and lacked determination. Battersby scored both our goals.

v. UNIVERSITY "A." March 13th. Away.
Won 8—7.

This was a keen and closely fought game. We led repeatedly by a goal, only for them to draw level again. Their defence was a strong one, and most of the goals scored were good ones. It was 7—6 for us near the end, but they equalised with a flick from the ground. Just on time a lucky goal gave us a win. Scorers were Boardman, Hubbert, Dennis, Battersby.

The following have played : A. L. Dennis (captain), K. Halstead, G. W. Battersby, M. F. Wood, E. Hubbert, J. D. Boardman, J. Kettlewell, H. J. Abraham, A. Brundrett, P. Cloughley, D. S. Hewet, L. F. Benson, G. N. Hobson, A. R. Rodgers, P. J. Croxford, H. G. Edwards, I. J. Smith, J. E. Raines.

House Games.

It was only three weeks from the end of the Easter term that House games became possible. By then, the effects of the snow had finally worn off. It was decided to concentrate on knock-outs, and apart from these only two games were played.

In the first round Gaskell gained an easy victory over Dalton. Hubbert and Halstead were the main reasons for the defeat of Dalton, for whom Hewet played well. Meantime Byrom unexpectedly beat Whitworth 12—0. Boardman and Mallinson, supported by Breton, Smith and Cloughley in goal, were the best players, while Benson worked hard for Whitworth.

In the semi-finals a close game was expected between Gaskell and Fraser. In spite of a good start by Fraser, Gaskell soon went ahead, and eventually won convincingly. There were some entertaining

struggles between the two centres, and Gaskell's goalkeeper proved unexpectedly difficult to beat. In the other semi-final, Byrom had no difficulty in defeating Heywood, who could only call on one School team player.

The weather for the final was appalling, a strong wind and stinging hail making good 'crosse difficult. Byrom fought hard, and were unlucky not to score several times, bad shooting being responsible. Gaskell were obviously the better team, having seven players who had played for the School first, and they scored goals at regular intervals.

In the junior knock-outs Gaskell beat Dalton and Fraser, and led 5—1 in the final when the conditions became so bad that the game was stopped. They had a strong team with many good 'crosse handlers. Whitworth beat Byrom and Heywood to reach the final, and they were having more of the game than the score suggests in the final.

The William Hulme Grammar School Games Account.

Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1939.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1938 ...				46	13	11
„ Grant from Governors—						
Lent Term ...	101	11	0			
Midsummer Term ...	100	19	0			
Michaelmas Term ...	75	12	0			
„ Sale of Cricket Caps ...				278	2	0
				0	7	6
	£325	3	5			
By Materials for Games ...				26	17	11
„ Travelling Expenses of Teams ...				24	4	7
„ Groundsman's Wages ...				78	0	0
„ Repairs to Mowing Machines ...				23	1	0
„ 14" Motor Mowing Machine ...				18	10	0
„ Petrol, Oil, Lime and Paint ...				28	2	11
„ Printing Fixture Cards & Subscription				3	6	0
„ Stamps, Postages and Telephone Calls				2	0	8
„ Sports Expenses ...				4	7	5
„ Teas to Visiting Teams ...				4	6	6
„ General Expenses ...				1	10	4
„ New Seats and Repairs... ..				11	10	6
„ Timber from Workshop... ..				2	6	9
„ Grant towards cost of Motor Mower ...				50	0	0
„ Bank Commission and Cheque Book,						
less Interest				0	8	9
„ Balance in Bank, 31st Dec., 1939 ...				46	10	1
	£325	3	5			

Audited and found correct, 5th March, 1940.

W. M. STONE, Chartered Accountant.

J. A. BARBER, Hon. Treasurer.