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## Notes and News.

We welcome to the School Mr. R. E. Glasgow, B.A., Wadham College, Oxford, who has joined the Modern Languages side.

A. E. Gilliat who attended the School on the Classical side from 1895 to 1899 has been appointed Finance Commissioner to the Burmese Government.

D. Erskine, St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, has been awarded a Heath Harrison Travelling Scholarship, and is at present in Germany.

G. A. Weeks has been awarded the Hulme Scholarship at Brasenose College, Oxford.

Manchester University Degrees and Examinations: Third M.B. and Ch.B. Examination (Pathology and Bacteriology), W. Dickson, E. S. Frazer, T. F. Redman, (Pharmacology), P. G. Griffiths.

First M.B. and Ch.B. Examination, Part II.a (Botany): J. S. Battersby.

N. H. Jackson has passed the final examination of the Chartered Institute of



Secretaries and has been awarded the James William Slack Prize for the best candidate in the Manchester and District area.

Following his lecture on "International Law and Order" at the end of last term, Mr. C. G. Dehn, this year's President of the Old Hulmeians Association, offered a prize to each of the two best essays on that subject. The prizes were won by R. Joyce and S. B. Jackman.

The following colours have been awarded this term:—Rugby football: A. L. Dennis, R. B. Fitzgerald, W. Brown, R. Joyce, R. Morgans, R. L. Armitstead, A. G. Dunston, A. R. Cole, J. Kettlewell. Lacrosse: A. H. C. Ratliff, R. Joyce, A. R. Cole, F. W. Cooper, J. G. Storry, G. A. Weeks.

The Old Hulmeians Annual Golf Competition will be held on Thursday, May 18th, on the course of the Northenden Golf Club, of which Mr. W. N. Caw (O.H.) is captain this year. It is hoped the event will be better attended than it has been these last two years. On another page will be found some interesting suggestions for stimulating interest in the work of this Section.

We have to thank Mr. R. J. Wilkins for the gift to the School of mounted parts of a dynamo, and G. H. Gill for a collection of fossils, shells and eggs, which should prove an interesting addition to the museum.

Calendar for next term:—

Midsummer term will begin on Tuesday, April 18th, at nine o'clock.

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Thursday, May 25th at noon, to Thursday, June 8th, at nine o'clock.

The Higher School Certificate Examinations will begin on June 26th.

The School Certificate Examinations will begin on June 30th.

Midsummer term will end on Monday, July 24th, 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, 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 Frome County School Magazine*, *The Centralian*, *The Liverpool Institute Magazine*, *The Rishworth School Magazine*, *The Wigan Grammar School Magazine*, *The Brun*, *The Manchester Regiment Gazette*.

## BIRTHS.

BRAY.—On January 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bray, a son. Braemal, Castle Bank, Stafford.

PETERS.—On January 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Peters, a daughter.

HOWARD.—On March 7th, at 240, Walstead Road, Walsall, to Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Howard, a son.

CORBETT.—On March 11th, at 7, Carlton Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Corbett, a son.

WILLIAMSON.—On March 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. Win Williamson (formerly Jean Gibb), of 38, Ruskin Road, Manchester 16, a son.



## MARRIAGES.

**THOMPSON—SWANN.**—On July 28th, at St. Mary's Church, Hulme, Kenneth Percival, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thompson, to Constance Mary, youngest daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Swann.

**ALLMAN—HILL.**—On December 17th, William, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. H. H. Allman, of Gatley (late of Whalley Range), to Dorothea, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Hill, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

**BUTLER—BROWN.**—On Saturday, December 17th, at St. Philip's Church, Norbury, London, Ernest Charles Peter Butler, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Butler, of Whalley Range, Manchester, to Margaret Lisbeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown, of Norbury.

**CLARKE—CAWTHORNE.**—On February 7th, at St. Werburgh's Church, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Alfred Austin Clarke, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clarke, Ringway, to May Cawthorne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Cawthorne, Whalley Range.

**FISON—BOURNE.**—On February 16th, at the Parish Church, Reigate, Robert Young, second son of Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Fison, of Broadleaze, Seaford, to Margaret Alison, second daughter of the late Mr. Henry Bourne, and Mrs. Bourne, of the Red House, Coppice Lane, Reigate.

**ODDY—SMITH.**—On March 1st, George Vernon Oddy to Joan Smith.

## DEATH.

**INGHAM.**—On January 24th, Tom, dearly loved only son of Marguerite Ingham, of 21, Woodlands Road, Alexandra Park, in his 19th year.

## The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

The amount this year reached the gratifying total of £321 1s. 0d. The Upper Science Sixth had the highest total and the highest average per head, thanks largely to the excellent work of N. W. Preston, who brought in £20 0s. 3d. Mention has been made before of the aggregate amount raised by the brothers N. W. and D. W. Preston. This total has now reached £180. Let us hope that their example may be emulated by other brothers passing through the School.

The work to which this money is devoted can be realised at the Annual Display given by Club members for boys of the School and their parents, during the Michaelmas term. At the recent display we saw, amongst other things, two excellent dramatic performances produced by Mr. P. M. Evans (O.H.) and Mr. Parren—both admirable productions. Other Old Hulmeians are doing equally valuable work in other spheres at the Club. The Chairman, Mr. H. E. Walker (O.H.), and the Secretary, Mr. H. Hough (O.H.) would welcome any further help from Old Hulmeians who are prepared to give a night a week to this invaluable social work.

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

January 5th, 1939.

Dear Mr. Trevor Dennis,

I once more wish to convey to you and to the boys of the Hulme Grammar School, the thanks of the officers of the Procter Gymnasium and Hulme Lads' Club for the continued support given to the Club. We appreciate very fully indeed all that your boys do for the boys who attend this Club. I want, therefore, to acknowledge with our warmest appreciation the generous contribution of £321 1s. 0d. which we have received.

With all good wishes for the New Year,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

C. T. NEEDHAM, *President.*

Trevor Dennis, Esq., M.A.,  
Hulme Grammar School,  
Manchester.



Form.	Amount.			Average per head.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Prep. ....	14	5	6	0	16	11
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1 A ....	11	11	1½	0	8	1
1 B ....	10	1	7	0	9	10
1 C ....	12	6	6	0	13	3
2 A ....	18	11	7	0	17	9
2 B ....	26	12	0	0	4	3
2 C ....	3	8	0	0	9	4
3 A ....	12	12	3	0	7	3
3 B ....	10	17	6	0	14	1
3 C ....	14	15	4½	0	12	0
4 A ....	16	16	2	0	8	7
4 B ....	10	15	6½	0	7	4
4 C ....	14	10	3	1	0	0
5 A ....	26	0	0	0	10	4
5 B ....	15	0	6	0	10	3
5 C ....	13	17	3	0	9	9
6 S.L. ....	7	16	5½	1	14	7
6 S.U. ....	45	0	0	0	18	4
6 C.M.L. ....	16	10	7	0	6	4
6 C.M.U. ....	5	0	11			

## The Entertainments.

The performance on Tuesday, March 21st, was the last of the Tuesday afternoon entertainments for the season, which came to a close with the Sacred Concert on April 3rd. It has been a pleasant series, and again, with so many forms desiring to give performances, it has been difficult to find convenient dates for everybody. The Preparatory School, who intended to put on a play, have, unfortunately, had to cancel it, but they hope to give the performance early next term.

LECTURE.—December 13th. Mr. C. G. Dehn, O.H., this year's President of the Old Boys' Association, gave us a lecture on "International Law and Order." In his well-prepared talk he traced the beginnings of common law from the family law of primitive peoples. He showed how international law had risen to its greatest triumph in the foundation of the League of Nations. Then, dealing with more recent events, he deplored the manner in which the countries of the world had allowed the power of the League

to crumble. Finally, he stated his belief that honourable International Law and Order could only be obtained by the adoption of, and the adherence to, Christian ideals.

PLAY.—"St. Joan," by G. B. Shaw, was presented by the School on December 17th, 19th and 20th. A report will be found elsewhere.

LANTERN LECTURE.—January 17th. Mr. Gatley gave us a lantern lecture on "The Scenery of the Rocky Mountains." He showed us many interesting views of the chasms and gorges of the Rockies and of the streams and rivers that tumble down the mountain sides. We were told of the quaint legends the natives of that part of the country hold about the various mountains, of how a wrathful god would walk down from his lofty home by way of a glacier. All the slides were in full colour, and we gained a vivid impression of that Canadian scenery.

MOCK TRIAL.—January 24th. Owing to an unexpected readjustment of the entertainments programme this event had to be hurriedly arranged. A desperate criminal (H. K. Goodger) was suspected of having among the junk in his barrow an infernal machine, which, however, as events fell out, was found to be not so very infernal. The case was carried on with a certain amount of abandon, and it must be confessed that the majesty of the law emerged from the proceedings somewhat tattered. The question of the guilt or innocence of the accused did not seem to be of any great moment, and perhaps it was just as well, for the evidence of the witnesses, to say nothing of their behaviour, seemed to have but little bearing on the matter. The jury, considering the seriousness of the charge, took their duties rather lightly, and the sudden appearance of an A.R.P. squad did not add to the dignity of things.

Cast : Judge (G. A. Weeks), Counsel for Prosecution (A. R. Cole), Counsel for



Defence (R. B. Fitzgerald), Clerk of Court (H. Embleton), P. C. Murgatroyd (A. G. Dunston), Witnesses, Mr. Chamberlain (A. L. Dennis), Mrs. Winterbottom (E. G. Hall), Flannagan (R. M. Collins), Western Brothers (W. J. Mair and J. Wilks), Shirley Temple (N. W. Preston), Mrs. O'Shaughnessy (S. Gill), Usher (P. W. Carnie). The jury and the A.R.P. squad were drawn from the remainder of the Sixth Forms.

PLAYS.—January 31st. Form VI. C.M.L. presented two plays produced by Mr. Parren. The first, "Improper Use," by D. R. Hanbury, was a comedy, the scene being laid in a railway carriage. The central character, Mr. Miggs, a nervous middle-aged gentleman with a burning itch to pull a communication cord, was neatly portrayed by H. S. Priest. He was ably supported by M. F. Wood and D. J. Tetlow as George and Sam, his fellow passengers. D. A. Macleod played the part of a porter.

The second play was "Mr. Fox," by Clemence Dane. It was a passionate drama of life "way out West," with hold-ups, romance, coal-black mummies, Chinese cooks and a sheriff; in short all that tradition leads us to expect.

Cast: Glory Be (A. Chapman), Buck (G. N. Hobson), Shorty (G. Webster), Clarence (E. G. Thomas), Jimmy Red (J. A. Stephenson), Saidie (E. W. Stanley), Hop Lee (D. G. Castle), Marquita (F. G. Higgins), Major Loramie (A. Jackson), Don Miguel (W. J. Duerden), Minister (S. B. Jackman), Sheriff (G. F. Gill), Officer (K. Halstead).

PLAY.—February 7th. Form 2 B presented "Who comes o'er the Sea?" by Frank Murray. The play, an echo of the '45 rebellion, was in three scenes, the first two being in the bar parlour of "The Jolly Roger," Darlton, Sussex, and the third in the fore-deck of the King's ship. It was altogether an ambitious effort, and was pleasingly done, all the characters speaking

up well. Special comment is due to Jack (G. Lees), who had the difficult task of singing without accompaniment. The whole form appeared in the cast, which included sailors and some desperate-looking smugglers. The principals were John Goodmarsh, Landlord of "The Jolly Roger" (P. S. Hewitt), Jack, his son (G. Lees), Parson Davis (B. M. Williams), Peter Davis, his nephew (G. Wilkinson), Jack Stanway (F. C. Summers), his companion, newly arrived from France (D. K. Partington), Captain Storm of the "Free Rover" (G. S. Todd), Naval Captain (E. G. Williams).

Producer, Mr. Martin.

LECTURE.—February 14th. Lieutenant G. A. Shepperd came over from the depot of the Manchester Regiment at Ashton to give a lecture on "The Story of the Manchester Regiment." He briefly traced the early history of the battalions that were to become the Manchester Regiment. Then, pausing to describe the early 18th century soldier, he went on to tell of the actual formation of the Regiment. Finally, he told of the work that the Regiment has done and is still doing. Lieutenant Shepperd also brought an interesting collection of photographs of the Regiment. These were laid out on tables outside the hall and were eagerly studied.

PLAY.—February 18th, 20th, and 21st. The School gave performances of "The Ringer" (Edgar Wallace). A report will be found on another page.

PLAY.—February 28th. Lower I. gave a performance of a play, "Mad Dogs and Englishmen," written by the form. The scene is laid in a ruined castle in the Arabian desert, and the play is a grim affair in which the Englishmen come near to death at the hands of some desperate Arabs, but finally outwit their captors. The cast embraced the whole form, but only a few had speaking parts. The others, whose main business



was to look fierce and villainous, accomplished this with great success, and at the same time showed themselves capable of keeping still when nothing was required of them.

Cast : The Sheikh of Omar el Farazan (R. A. Herz), Professor Patterson (G. McKerlie), Dr. McEwan, his assistant (J. F. Patrick), Ali (A. E. Clough), Mustapha (B. S. Berry), Ahmed (J. B. Cox), Yusif (G. D. Simcock). The remainder of the form were Arabs.

Producer, Mr. Williams.

PLAY.—March 7th. Form VI. S.L. performed "Scoop," a one-act play adapted by the Head Master from the book of that title, by Evelyn Waugh. The whole action takes place in the Hotel Liberty, Jacksonburg, Ishmaelia. In and out of this hotel wandered reporters looking for what newspaper men call a scoop, and we are finally presented with the comic result of the reporter who has done least work getting the best story. A good cast, in which the Head Master played first as Corker and then as Benito, gave a lively presentation of the play.

Cast : Pappenhacker (D. H. Watkinson), Wenlock Jakes (D. Bretherton), Pigge (W. A. Mallinson), Corker (the Head Master), Shumble (W. Brown), Whelper (H. Kay), Boot (E. Hubbert), Furious Frenchman (E. Barratt), Olafsen (J. D. Robson), Movietone News Chief (J. D. Boardman), Swiss Ticket Collector (S. S. Wilson), Bannister (A. Brundrett), Minister (C. T. Hough), Benito (the Head Master), Earl Russell Jackson (G. S. Alvey), Mrs. Jackson (R. R. Charnock).

Producer, The Head Master.

PLAY.—21st March. Form II.A gave an excellent presentation of a one-act play, "Scuttleboom's Treasure" (Ronald Gow). The action takes place on a pirates' desert island. Besides telling of the customary search for buried treasure, the play introduced a party of schoolboys with their master. Though one or two appeared a little awed, most of them were quite at ease

on the stage. Everybody was sure of his lines, and delivered them with confidence and clarity.

Cast : Black Bill (W. G. Gibson), Sharky Joe (P. A. Nuttall), Look-out Man (R. P. Handford), Slimy Pete (M. C. H. A. Tooby), Jamaica Jim (J. W. N. Glover), Rosebud (B. C. Roberts), Ebenezer Scuttleboom (F. Cawley), Litteston (M. H. Fisher), Mr. Fish (D. W. Hilton), Jones (D. Watkins). Other members of the form were boys and pirates.

Producer, Mr. Forrest.

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## "St. Joan."

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When the Head Master made it known that he would produce G. B. Shaw's "St. Joan" as the School Christmas play, it was realized that he had set himself a really difficult task, and, when he decided to draw the cast from boys many of whom had never before trod the stage in any School play, there were some misgivings, but results confounded the doubters and completely justified the faith of the producer. Whilst it would be idle to pretend that the performance was without flaw, it can at once be said that the production was something of a triumph. After a rather hesitant start the play quickly became alive, the actors showing a real understanding of what was expected of them, and getting into their parts with an obvious enjoyment that seemed to infect the audience. In common with most of Shaw's plays, "St. Joan" contains long speeches and some drawn-out passages of dialogue where the action languishes and the proceedings tend to become tedious unless intelligently tackled. This was a severe test in which the work of the players achieved a high standard. Indeed, one of the most interesting scenes was that in which the Earl of Warwick (A. B. Haward), the Bishop of Beauvais (A. Brundrett) and John



de Stogumber (H. S. Priest) came together in a long discussion. This scene, which could so easily have been rendered insufferably boring, was quick with interest throughout. This was A. B. Haward's first appearance in a play, and his interpretation of the part of Warwick left little to be desired, while A. Brundrett made a shrewd and dignified Bishop, and H. S. Priest an interesting Stogumber. The chief burden of the play, however, fell upon E. Hubbert as St. Joan. This was a most exacting part and if he slipped up a little once or twice he could hardly be blamed; he emerged with credit from the ordeal. Joan's habit of addressing the Dauphin as Charlie seemed to some to strike a jarring note, but Shaw deliberately employs the device to accentuate Joan's disregard of titles and worldly place. Again, in other parts of the play, the use of such expressions as "howler," "military dug-outs," and "deliver the goods" are legitimate attempts to translate the argot of the French soldier of that day with its forceful figures of speech into parallel expressions now current. That queer, unstable and enigmatic character, the Dauphin, was M. F. Wood's problem to which he seemed to have found the correct answer. Less prominent, though none the less successful in their parts, were Poulengey (D. H. Watkinson), La Tremouille (A. Jackson), The Archbishop of Rheims (played with all solemnity by J. D. Robson), Gilles de Rais (W. A. Mallinson), The Duchess of Tremouille (D. Bretherton), Dunois (G. N. Hobson), Canon John D'Estivet (E. G. Thomas), Canon de Courcelles (F. G. Higgins). The trial scene was the imposing and solemn episode it should be, wherein A. Chapman as Deputy Chief Inquisitor spoke his part in impressive tones. The Epilogue has been spoken of as "a Shavian gloss upon the play." Without inquiring too closely into the purport of that view, it is sufficient to say that it was a bright conclusion to an interesting production.

## "The Ringer".

This was the real Edgar Wallace stuff, mystery, secret panels, slick detectives, slicker crooks, a murder and an atmosphere of spookiness pervading the whole. The play is, of course, an adaptation of Wallace's novel, and, while it may not quite comply with the accepted principles of dramatic theory, it certainly fits in with Bernard Shaw's definition that drama is anything that interests an average audience when presented through the medium of the theatre.

After the first act, during which there was nothing much to enthrall, events began to move more rapidly, and the audience soon found itself deeply engrossed in the game of "find the Ringer." A cunning fellow, this Ringer, whose strange name derives from his celerity in ringing the changes in his make-up and disguise whereby after committing a crime—murder for preference—he keeps the police running in circles. Many old devices, on the whole cleverly contrived, are used to deceive the audience as to the identity of the Ringer, and many are the guesses hazarded. Detective Bliss, who gets little sympathy from the audience, early comes under suspicion. A. R. Cole had not much to say, but he made himself sufficiently objectionable to be a success as Bliss. Maurice Meister, a solicitor, who was early dismissed from all reckonings as a possible Ringer was, in a way, several parts in one, and gave W. T. Curtis opportunities for some clever work. Indeed, the standard of acting was high throughout. G. E. Barritt gave an amusing character study of Samuel Hackitt, an ex-convict, while A. L. Dennis made the most of the rather colourless John Lenley. Among those hunting the Ringer, J. Wilks was an efficient if somewhat "prosy" Commissioner of Police, and F. G. Higgins, though he made no mistakes in his part as Detective-Inspector Wembury, looked rather juvenile to be



really convincing. It is not easy in such a production to present women's parts effectively, but J. D. Currie as Cora Ann Milton, and B. A. Ratliff as Mary Lenley, moved and spoke in a manner that suggested careful rehearsing. A short and boisterous episode was the appearance of Mrs. Hackitt (F. J. Whelan). The central figure in the play is, of course, Lomond, a Scotch doctor, a part played with real understanding by H. S. Priest who, from his speech and mannerisms might have spent long years north of the Tweed. The small-part characters, the constables and plain-clothes men, succeeded in conveying the impression of that stolidness and uninspired outlook that is supposed to mark the work of our police. If the early scenes of the play lacked action, the later parts moved at rapid speed, the last scene of all being bewildering in its changes and revelations.

Mention must be made of the work of the stage-hands behind the scenes. They rivalled the Ringer himself in the dexterity of their work.

Producer, Mr. Powell.

## The Vultures.

It sounded a great way off—a very feeble cry, but full of agony and intense fear. I gazed at those grim mountains seeking in vain for some signal, some sign of life, any clue that might lead me to discover the reason for that fearful cry.

I shouted. The mighty barrier mocked me, repeating my futile cry with an eerie hollowness which intensified the loneliness of the place. But it was not lonely. The crags echoed my challenge to the vultures, which, seated upon the high ledges, croaked with glee at the lone attempt to rob them of what would soon be their prey.

The sight of those winged ghouls with their hooked beaks and doleful bloodshot

eyes staring cruelly before them made me realise the ghastly end awaiting the poor creature whose frenzied appeal had reached my ears. My loathing increased, and their irritating calm made me fling a stone up at one of them. It clattered against the rock just below the bird and dropped with a crash amongst the stones below.

The bird rose with a queer, slow wheeling movement. It stared down at me with baleful eyes, and suddenly broke out into what sounded like devilish laughter.

Then I heard it again.

From somewhere up amongst those crags I heard a sound which stilled the heart within me. A half choked scream rang out that would have stirred the most callous with pity—a frantic appeal from someone enduring a hell of stark fear.

I clambered up, barking my shins on jutting rocks. In less than five minutes my clothes were in tatters, but that terrible cry still ringing in my ears drove me on. Even the constant wheeling round of those birds of death could not stop me. On, on I went, dislodging stones and boulders, which seemed to take an eternity to hit the ground below. I dare not look round, and in a feverish state of haste, fear and curiosity I reached a good vantage point.

The beating of wings reminded me of my vigilant enemies.

I could still see no sign of humanity in this vast wilderness of peaks, but farther to my left I could see several vultures hovering over a particular crevice.

Up I went. The ground was now far below me.

They were still hovering above.

Up, up I went, nearing the crevice over which these great birds hovered in their relentless watch.



From out of the crevice came a sudden, weird, burst of raucous laughter which continued insanely for about a minute.

I felt sick and dizzy. The wretched being had gone mad—those birds—and then. . . .

I remember vaguely . . . . the vultures . . . . they were still circling round . . . . a sliding of gravel . . . . a rushing of air . . . . a sickening thud!

I could not move. Then I suddenly realized . . . . no one . . . . could possibly . . . . rescue me . . . . here. . . .

As I looked up, they were still circling round. H. S. P.

## The Old Hulmeians Association.

Since the last issue of The Hulmeian there have been several important functions.

The Dance at Longford Hall on Friday, January 13th, was probably the most successful we have ever had. So great was the demand for tickets that the sale of them had to be stopped some days before the Dance was held. There were 250 present, and apart from the enjoyment of the evening the financial result showed a profit.

The production of "Judgment Day," and the Annual Concert are dealt with elsewhere, as are the Rugger and the Musical and Dramatic Dances.

### FOUNDER'S DAY.

The service at the Cathedral was attended by a considerable number of Old Hulmeians and parents as well as by the whole School, including the Preparatory Department.

The luncheon at the Midland Hotel was again a most enjoyable affair. There were ninety-nine present. Speeches were made by Canon Woolnough, Chairman of the Governors, who proposed the toast of "William Hulme," and the President of the

Association, Mr. C. G. Dehn, who proposed "The School."

Mr. Dehn devoted most of his speech to the Spens Report, dealing with some of the recommendations made therein, and pointing out that in some respects the School had anticipated the report.

### THE ANNUAL DINNER.

It had been hoped that this year's Dinner would have brought out record numbers, but for a variety of reasons the actual attendance was only ninety-four, an improvement on last year, but not enough to make this most important function as representative as it should be.

The spirit of the evening, however, augurs well for the future of the Association. Before the speeches, letters were read from Dr. F. E. Brown and Messrs. E. K. Brice, K. G. Fison, E. G. W. Hewlett and C. E. Kelsey, and apologies for absence from many others.

Mr. D. Ll. Griffiths, proposing "The School," in a most impressive speech, paid very sincere tributes to the work of Dr. Hall and his colleagues and to the present Headmaster and Staff of the School.

The Headmaster responded and spoke of the encouraging growth of the School in its changing surroundings.

Mr. K. Rains, proposing "The Association," recounted the doings of the different sections, and referred to the general enthusiasm and good-fellowship prevailing.

In his reply, Mr. C. G. Dehn took advantage of his dual position as President of the Association and Chairman of the Association of Old Hulmeians in London, to read letters addressed from the one to the other expressing a proper appreciation of each other's qualities and difficulties.

Speaking of the doings of Old Boys, he mentioned the appointment of Mr. A. Gilliat as Financial Commissioner of Burma.



He expressed the desire to present, on the conclusion of his term of office, a chain of office to be worn by the President on ceremonial occasions. This announcement was received with enthusiasm.

"Our Guests" was proposed by Mr. David Cardwell, who showed a remarkable insight into the private activities of the gentlemen concerned, and his apt stories were greatly appreciated.

Canon Woolnough, Mr. T. Short (Hon. Treasurer, London Association), Mr. A. Ramsden (*Manchester Guardian*), and Mr. J. I. Franklin responded. Mr. Franklin, who received a very warm welcome, thanked those present for the evidence of affection which had been shown, and welcomed the opportunity of meeting again so many of his old friends.

Boys who will be leaving the School this summer are reminded of the opportunity of taking out units in the Endowment Scheme. Each unit involves the payment of 16s. 11d. per year for ten years, at the end of which the Old Hulmeians Association will receive the sum of £10 per unit. By this means it is hoped to put the Association of the future in the position of being able to consider any scheme of development which may then be thought desirable.

A. L. P.

## Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The most important event in the lacrosse world since Christmas was the meeting of the North of England Lacrosse Association, called to discuss the results of the experiment with the ten-a-side game. The decision was finally made to revert next season to the old twelve-a-side game, but the opinion of the meeting was in favour of continuing with the new rule concerning the centre-circles and the face—which had been an improvement. This new rule subsequently received the

sanction of the English Lacrosse Union, and they also gave their approval to dividing the game into four quarters. Even though the twelve-a-side game is returning, the two experimental seasons with ten-a-side have not, therefore, been altogether wasted, and it is to be hoped that another result will be the infusion of new tactics and greater mobility into the game under the old code.

The club has enjoyed one of its most successful seasons for some years. Since the end of November, the first team has played very well, and might have been in the running for the championship if we had not lost two early matches against lowly-placed clubs. We are the only team to have taken three points off Old Waconians, and Stockport have been beaten once and Mellor twice.

In the Flags we were leading 8—6 with only a few minutes to go, and we allowed Boardman to equalise. In the replay, the following week, they were in a similar position, but we were only able to get to 5—6. We hope to have our revenge in the return league match, which still has to be played. N. R. Coe has been in excellent form, and D. Sherratt has played well on defence. Unfortunately G. W. Orr has been unable to play since Christmas, and J. C. Jarvis was injured against Stockport, and their places have been filled by J. Mark and D. S. B. Vincent. The latter has played some brilliant games, both for the first team and the "A."

The "A" team, although not very settled as regards personnel, have scored some good wins, and made their position safe in the Second Division. Particularly gratifying were victories over Oldham and Manchester University. Latterly, owing to injuries and calls from the first, they have played many reserves, but have always been excellently led by A. W. Orr.

The third team have enjoyed great success this season, and in addition to being almost certain of a return to the Third Division,



they have won the Lancashire Junior Cup for the second time in three years. The trophy is open to clubs from the Third and Fourth Divisions, and they won it as a Fourth Division club, defeating Old Waconians "A" of the Third Division, in the final. The team has been well captained by N. E. Hawley, who has played very soundly on defence, and D. M. Arrandale and E. B. Williams have played some good games in midfield.

One of the best features of the club's progress this season has been the success of the junior teams and this is, of course, a promising augury for the future. Both teams enjoy good leadership, the "B" under J. F. Caldwell, and the "C" under B. A. Marsh. The "B" team have been fighting hard for promotion, but the defeat by Boardman "A" on March 11th may prove a decisive blow to their hopes. They have, however, won their way to the final of the Juniors' Challenge Shield, in which they meet Cheadle Hulme School. The "C" team have won promotion from the Sixth Division in their first season, and are training some valuable material for future senior teams.

N. R. Coe was selected for the County, and he and N. A. Barber played for the North. D. S. B. Vincent and J. Mark were selected for the County Colts against Yorkshire.

Owing to the return next season to twelve-a-side, we shall need a really good contingent of new members from School at the end of this year. A simple exercise in mental arithmetic shows that to run five teams of twelve is going to require at least an additional ten members, if our newly-formed fifth team is to continue as it has begun. This year we welcomed several new members from the School first and second teams, and we hope to welcome a few more next September, but we also issue a special invitation to those people who have not won any sort of colours and would simply like gentle exercise in congenial company. J. M.

## RESULTS.

## FIRST TEAM.

Dec. 10.—v. Mellor .....	H	7-5
„ 17.—v. Heaton Mersey .....	H	6-3
„ 24.—v. Blackley Park .....	A	13-2
Jan. 14.—v. Boardman and Eccles .....	H	8-8
(Senior Flags.)		
„ 21.—v. Boardman and Eccles .....	A	5-6
(Flags Replay.)		
„ 28.—v. South M/c. and Wythenshawe	H	16-7
Feb. 4.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild .....	A	16-9
„ 11.—v. Stockport .....	H	16-10
„ 18.—v. Old Mancunians .....	H	11-3
„ 25.—v. Old Waconians .....	A	8-8
Mar. 11.—v. Offerton .....	H	6-7

## "A" TEAM.

Dec. 10.—v. Manchester University .....	A	2-9
„ 17.—v. Urmston .....	A	10-4
„ 24.—v. Urmston .....	H	3-5
Jan. 7.—v. Cheadle Hulme .....	A	4-8
„ 21.—v. Oldham and Werneth .....	H	13-9
„ 28.—v. Cheetham .....	H	10-3
Feb. 4.—v. Manchester University .....	H	10-4
„ 11.—v. Stockport Seconians .....	A	7-10
„ 18.—v. Ashton .....	A	7-20
„ 25.—v. Old Mancunians .....	H	4-12

## THIRD TEAM.

Dec. 10.—v. Heaton Mersey .....	H	7-8
„ 17.—v. Offerton "A" .....	H	7-3
„ 24.—v. Cheadle "A" .....	H	17-2
„ 31.—v. Stockport Seconians "A" .....	A	7-5
Jan. 7.—v. Disley "A" .....	A	P'tp'd
„ 14.—v. Boardman and Eccles "A" .....	H	16-9
„ 21.—v. Heaton Mersey "A" .....	A	18-14
„ 28.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild "A" .....	H	20-9
Feb. 4.—v. Oldham and Werneth "A" .....	H	24-5
„ 11.—v. South M/c. & Wythen. "A" .....	H	1-0
„ 18.—v. Blackley Park "A" .....	A	21-2
„ 25.—v. Offerton "A" .....	A	5-9
Mar. 4.—v. Barton Hall .....	A	21-5
„ 11.—v. Old Waconians "A" .....	Chorlton	11-7
(Lancs. Junior Cup Final.)		

## "B" TEAM.

Dec. 10.—v. Old Mancunians "B" .....	A	11-9
„ 17.—v. Old Waconians "B" .....	A	5-8
„ 24.—v. Birch "A" .....	A	11-6
Jan. 14.—v. Ashton "B" .....	A	17-6
„ 21.—v. Chorlton "A" .....	H	18-7
„ 28.—v. Ashton "B" .....	A	10-2
Feb. 11.—v. Cheetham "A" .....	H	1-0
„ 25.—v. Old Waconians "B" .....	H	2-10
Mar. 11.—v. Boardman and Eccles "A" .....	A	5-10



**"C" TEAM.**

Dec.	10.—v. Marple "A" .....	H	7-2
"	17.—v. Oldham "B" .....	H	4-2
"	24.—v. Stockport Sunday School "A" .....	H	1-0
"	31.—v. Heaton Mersey "B" .....	H	2-12
Jan.	7.—v. Stockport Seconians "B" .....	A	13-2
"	14.—v. Stockport "B" .....	H	6-5
"	21.—v. Disley "B" .....	A	21-7
"	28.—v. University "B" .....	A	10-9
Feb.	4.—v. Stockport Seconians "B" .....	H	14-9
"	11.—v. South M/c. & Wythen. "B" .....	A	1-0
"	18.—v. Cheadle Hulme "C" .....	H	4-1
"	25.—v. Oldham "B" .....	A	9-6
Mar.	4.—v. Hulme G.S. II. ....	A	2-10
"	11.—v. Rochdale "A" .....	H	10-1

**Old Hulmeians Rugby Football Club.**

Since November of last year the Rugby Section has fared but little better than it did before that time. Three wins have been recorded, but for the most part the first team has allowed itself to be beaten. With more enthusiasm and energy the team is capable of doing much greater things, and should have won at least half of its matches, despite the vastly improved fixture list. This lack of dash is evident also in both the second and the third teams, and, if the club is to continue both as a Rugger Club and as a progressive section of the Association, the spirit of the first two years must be recaptured. It is not intended that this report shall draw a dismal picture of a declining Section, but rather as an inducement to the club members to take a more active part in the club's organisation. There is no doubt that the Rugby Section can prove itself to be a most valuable asset to the Old Hulmeians Association and can do so in the coming season. Throughout the club there is a keen enough spirit which, however, has not yet really been displayed this season, but which it is hoped will become manifest before the 1938-9 season expires, and be maintained throughout the following seasons.

As far as the actual play is concerned, there is talent in the club in all teams, which

can be turned to great advantage as has been demonstrated on very rare occasions, but which has not been given the measure of support it deserves. All the games have been close, but never has a really concerted and determined effort been made in either attack to win a game, or in defence to save it. We have played moderately good football, but, if pressed, have not fought back as a good side, and particularly a side of Old Hulmeians should do.

No more need be said about the efforts on the field itself. With regard to the club's other activities, there is no cause for complaint; indeed, there can be nothing but praise. The Pavilion and Ground Fund is increasing steadily, and to date the travelling expenses have been very low. A very unhappy piece of news has been received from the Corporation Rating Committee who have exercised their power not only to charge rates from March of this year, but to charge for the year 1938 to 1939. It might be explained that, prior to March, 1938, rates had not been charged, as the ground out at Wythenshawe had not received the attention of the Assessment Committee, and the club, therefore, had not been called upon to pay rates. This is a serious blow, and has caused a great intensification of the search for a new ground, as it seems likely that we shall not be able to stand the strain of such expense in addition to the expenses which we already incur, until 1942.

Our finances, however, at the moment are sound, and there is no cause for undue alarm. The reason for our sound position is to be found not only in the revenue received from subscriptions and weekly subscriptions, but also in our social functions which have proved successful. The dance yielded a good profit, and was admirably supported. The hot-pot was not so well attended, but nevertheless showed a small profit. Unfortunately we were unable to welcome Mr. H. B. Toft, who was to have been our guest, as he was unable to come. The Rugger film



proved most interesting and instructive, and was quite well attended. The support received by the first dance has tempted us to hold one at the Royal Oak Hotel, Chorlton. A very enjoyable evening is anticipated.

W. A. P.

## RESULTS.

### FIRST TEAM.

Sept. 24.—v. Manchester "Ex. A" .....	H	3-6	L
Oct. 1.—v. Ashtonians .....	A	5-37	L
" 15.—v. Old Salfordians .....	A	10-16	L
" 22.—v. Sale "A" .....	A	9-12	L
" 29.—v. Ashtonians .....	H	5-8	L
Nov. 5.—v. Winnington Park .....	H	3-11	L
" 12.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey .....	A	9-15	L
" 19.—v. Didsbury .....	H	20-0	W
" 26.—v. Manchester "Ex. A" .....	A	3-11	L
Dec. 3.—v. Bowdon .....	A	0-8	L
" 10.—v. Sale "A" .....	H	6-8	L
" 17.—v. Old Boys' Team .....	H	5-0	W
Jan. 2.—v. Davenport .....	A	0-8	L
" 14.—v. Davenport .....	A	3-18	L
" 21.—v. Old Salfordians .....	H	3-22	L
" 28.—v. Tyldesley "A" .....	A	8-6	W
Feb. 11.—v. Old Aldwinians .....	H	16-6	W
" 18.—v. Preston Grasshoppers "A" .....	A	6-26	L
" 25.—v. Eccles .....	A	6-16	L
Mar. 4.—v. M/c. University "A" .....	H	11-6	W

### "A" TEAM.

Sept. 24.—v. Manchester G.S. ....	H	0-13	L
Oct. 1.—v. Hulme G.S. ....	A	0-12	L
" 15.—v. Old Salfordians "A" .....	H	3-22	L
" 22.—v. Sale "Ex. A" .....	H	7-27	L
Nov. 5.—v. Winnington Park "A" .....	A	3-50	L
" 12.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey "A" .....	H	6-13	L
" 19.—v. Didsbury "A" .....	A	0-14	L
" 26.—v. Toc H. ....	H	16-0	W
Dec. 10.—v. Sale "Ex. A" .....	A	0-28	L
" 31.—v. Manchester "B" .....	H	0-24	L
Jan. 21.—v. Old Salfordians "A" .....	A	5-18	L
" 28.—v. Hulme Hall .....	H	0-38	L
Feb. 11.—v. Hulme Hall .....	A	3-26	L
" 18.—v. M/c. University "Ex. A" .....	H	5-11	L
" 25.—v. Hulme G.S. "A" .....	H	8-14	L
Mar. 4.—v. M/c. University "Ex. A" .....	A	0-21	L
" 18.—v. Davenport "A" .....	H	0-6	L

### "EXTRA A" TEAM.

Sept. 24.—v. Manchester G.S. 2nd .....	A	6-14	L
Oct. 1.—v. Hulme G.S. 2nd .....	H	6-8	L
" 8.—v. Broughton Park "B" .....	H	3-3	D
" 15.—v. Manchester "Ex. B" .....	H	0-36	L
" 22.—v. Sale "B" .....	A	11-17	L
" 29.—v. Davenport "B" .....	H	3-21	L
Nov. 5.—v. Winnington Park "Ex. A" .....	H	3-22	L
" 12.—v. Toc H. "A" .....	H	0-12	L
" 19.—v. M/c. University "B" .....	A	0-27	L
" 26.—v. Eccles "B" .....	H	0-0	D
Dec. 10.—v. Sale "B" .....	H	0-34	L
" 17.—v. Eccles "B" .....	A	3-18	L
Jan. 21.—v. Old Salfordians "Ex. A" .....	H	0-77	L
" 28.—v. Manchester G.S. 2nd .....	H	0-21	L
Feb. 4.—v. Hulme G.S. "A" .....	A	6-27	L
" 18.—v. Old Salfordians "Ex. A" .....	A	0-35	L
" 25.—v. Sale "B" .....	H	21-4	W

## Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

The Society's activities for the 1938-9 season closed with the Annual Dance held at "Danebury," Slade Lane, Levenshulme, on Wednesday, March 15th, 1939, and about forty members and friends spent a very enjoyable evening.

With regard to other events this year, reports of "Judgment Day" and the Concert appear elsewhere in this issue, so there is little that need be said here concerning them. Mention should be made, however, of W. H. G. Adams as producer of "Judgment Day" for his most entertaining production; not only had he a very short time in which to prepare the play, but it was one with a large cast which taxed the list of acting members to its utmost.

It is a matter for regret that the experiment of giving three performances of the plays did not prove successful financially, although, as far as the cast is concerned, it is often felt that a two-night production hardly justifies the work of rehearsals. The alteration of the date of the second production from March to Founder's Week in January unfortunately did not reflect any appreciable



increase in the sale of tickets, and, as it brings our two productions rather close together, the Committee are inclined to revert to some date in March next season.

The orchestra, however, benefited by the alteration in having a longer period for rehearsals, and, as a result, were able to put on a varied programme. Some new members, particularly in the wood-wind section, have given us the most balanced combination we have had for some years.

The General Meeting will be held in April, and the Committee hope to be able to place before members some recommendations for next season, particularly with regard to the ticket question, and a possible change from the Lesser Free Trade Hall. In the meantime the Secretary would be pleased to have any suggestions from Old Boys which might be of assistance to the Committee. R. B.

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### "Judgment Day".

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To pass from the whimsicality and sweetness of "Prunella," their previous production, to the stark grimness of the melodrama, "Judgment Day" (Elmer Rice), reveals a commendable catholicity of taste in things dramatic within the Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society. By their wide and varied choice of plays they seek to catch the interest of all, and it is to be regretted that their efforts do not meet with the support they deserve. This last production, given in the Free Trade Hall on January 26th, 27th, and 28th, was brought forward some two months in the hope that, fitting in with the other Founder's Day celebrations, it would enjoy greater patronage from the Association, but, frankly, the results were disappointing.

Based on comparatively recent happenings abroad, "Judgment Day" deals with the trial of a group whose subversive activities

have brought them to their reckoning. The play had many tense situations and dramatic moments, which, though possible only in the hysterical atmosphere of such a court, nevertheless commanded interest and held the attention throughout. The characters in this play are sharply individualized, and presented the producer with some rare material on which to work; on the whole the cast responded nobly. J. Mark was a happily-chosen George Khitov who, like all his kind was ever ready to harangue the court with fiery fury on the slightest provocation: this was altogether a spirited character study. As Lydia Kuman Miss Welch was alert to all the possibilities of her rather difficult part. Though once at least she floundered as if uncertain of herself, she was never dull. The presiding judges, imposing in their robes of office, varied considerably in their approach to the case, and this was ably brought out as the play proceeded, Vlora (D. Sherratt), lacking the decisiveness of his position, Tsankov (R. S. C. Hadfield), with the rasping and intolerant manner of the frenzied Nazi, Slatarski (O. R. Dennis), with the quiet assurance of one determined to see justice done. Just as interesting were the counsel, Dr. Wolfgang Bathory (N. G. McCready) fussing and fuming to secure a conviction, Dr. Stambulov for the defence (M. S. H. Caw) cleverly making the most of his case, and Conrad Noli (A. T. Parsons) coldly logical and quietly effective. J. S. Battersby stolidly maintained the correct sullen and morose attitude demanded of his part as Kurt Schneider. The procession of witnesses provided some well-defined and ably presented character studies; the pompous and complacent Dr. Constantine Parvan (R. A. Prideaux); the garrulous, communicative and "matey" Vasili Bassaraba (N. E. Hawley), the type of witness counsel dearly love to get into the witness box; and the sabre-rattling, explosive General Rakovski (C. A. Burnside). Mrs. Irene Adams almost persuaded us she was not yet in her



teens, and spoke her words in the piping tones that fitted well with her rôle as the juvenile Sonia Kuman.

The articulation, an important point in play production that does not always receive due attention, was better in this play than we have ever heard it. This word of commendation includes the prompter, whose mellifluous and pleasing voice was heard whenever those on the stage fumbled with their lines. The "noises off," emanating chiefly from what sounded like an over-worked and somewhat wheezy gramophone, were not the most successful part of the production. Still, that is but a minor point, and if the Society can maintain the standard of this year's production their enthusiasm and enterprise should soon meet with a full reward.

The Old Hulmeians orchestra, with R. Burrows as conductor, provided some pleasant entertainment during the evening.

Producer, W. H. G. Adams.

## Old Hulmeians Concert.

The Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society gave its seventh annual concert at School on Tuesday, March 7th, with a programme designed to appeal to all tastes. In view of this, and the high standard of the playing, it was regrettable that there were not more present. Receiving the enthusiastic applause that it did, one felt that the effort so successfully made was deserving of greater support.

The solo artiste was Miss Lotte Sabadina, whose piano playing was pleasing and much appreciated. The pieces she had chosen, ranging from the Adagio sostenuto movement of Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata, to "Witches Flight," were in keeping with the wide appeal of the whole concert. Another soloist was G. Lewin, who played the Adagio

and Rondo of Mozart's Concerto in A major for clarinet and orchestra—a difficult task very creditably accomplished.

A pleasant evening's entertainment was brought to an end in rousing fashion with Ansell's full-blooded "Plymouth Hoe" overture.

W. T. C.

Conductor, D. M. Williams.

### PROGRAMME.

1. The School Song ..... *Clive Carey*
2. Overture ..... "Poet and Peasant" ..... *Suppe*
3. Valse Lyrique ..... *Sibelius*
4. Pianoforte Solos :
  - (a) Adagio sostenuto from Sonata in C Sharp Minor (The Moonlight) ..... *Beethoven*
  - (b) The Mountain Stream ..... *Sydney Smith*
 Miss LOTTE SABADINA.
5. Symphony No. 4 in A Major (The Italian)
 

Allegro Vivace : Andante con Moto ..... *Mendelssohn*
6. Waltz ..... "Wein, Weib und Gesang" ..... *Strauss*
7. Concerto in A Major for Clarinet and Orchestra
 

Adagio : Rondo.  
Solo Clarinet : G. LEWIN.  
*Mozart*
8. Pianoforte Solos :
  - (a) Deux Nocturnes ..... *Chopin*
  - (b) "Autumn" ..... *Chaminade*
  - (c) "Witches Flight" ..... *Miss LOTTE SABADINA.*
9. Suite in D for Strings ..... *Bach*

Gavotte : Bourrée : Air, and Gigue.
10. Nautical Overture "Plymouth Hoe" ..... *Ansell*

## The Cambridge Old Hulmeians Association.

The term has passed extremely quietly from the point of view of Old Boys' activities, no meeting having been held as most members gave out that they were working. Early in the term J. Mark proceeded to his M.A., and a few weeks ago was elected Senior Treasurer of the University Lacrosse Club. At the same meeting R. C. Spooner was elected captain for the season 1939-40. The latter was unfortunate enough to dislocate his shoulder in a game half-way through the term, but, after several weeks of inactivity,



he recovered sufficiently to play in the annual match against the C.U. Ladies' Lacrosse team.

G. C. Evans is at the moment on a short botanical trip to Ireland, where, no doubt, he will gather some more stories as well as specimens.

Of the other members, G. W. E. Stark has been making a regular appearance at the engineering laboratories, and has occupied his leisure hours playing in the C.U.M.S. orchestra. D. A. Parry has occasionally been seen riding a bicycle through Cambridge, but little has been heard of G. S. Somerset.

H. C.

### Oxford Old Hulmeians.

This has been, on the whole, a quiet term here, but the activities of the Hulmeians have been carried on with undiminished ardour. Clarke, to whom we offer our congratulations, played against Cambridge in the Varsity 'crosse match, and gained his half-blue; Brazier also took a prominent part in the match—as Cambridge goal-judge! (by kind permission of the Honorary Secretary of the C.U. Lacrosse Club). Erskine roused himself to such effect that he was awarded a Heath Harrison Scholarship, on the strength of which he has disappeared into Germany, probably to discover what Hitler really intends, or, more probably, to avoid writing these notes. Congratulations are due to G. A. Weeks for gaining the Hulme Scholarship at B.N.C., and we hope to see him and others in Oxford next year. Brazier played in the New College Rugger side which visited King's, Cambridge, and was greatly cheered by the belated yet vociferous appearance of most of the Cambridge lacrosse team in full war paint. A. F. B.

### Old Hulmeians Golf.

[The following is from Mr. Franklin, who helped to found this Section, and did so much for it in its early years.]

The peculiarity of the Golf Section is that it springs into activity on one day in the year. For many years now, on Ascension Day, a few Old Hulmeians have gone to one of the local golf courses and, after paying a green fee and the sectional subscription (2/-), have played a medal round, and still fewer have stayed on till about 9-0 o'clock in the evening, eaten supper, lamented the smallness of their numbers, and then gone home; three of them more or less pleased with themselves because they carry home either the Bradbury Cup, the Vlies Cup or the Merchant Cup; the rest not quite so pleased. The Section then relapses into a state of suspended animation for the rest of the year.

This is not a satisfactory state of affairs. The Section is hardly justifying its existence, and yet one would be sorry that it should follow the Cricket and the Motor Section into oblivion. Moreover, unlike these, the Golf Section has vested interests. What is to happen to the trophies which have been given to it in the hope that they would stir it up to a greater activity? The generous intentions of the donors have failed in their purpose. The attendance at the meetings has steadily declined.

The following suggestions are put forward in order to make the Section fulfil its proper function which, like all the other Sections, is to promote the Association among Old Hulmeians. There are a good many golfers among the Old Boys, mostly members of local clubs, and I suggest that in each of these clubs the O.H. members should group themselves together, as it were, existing almost independently, and yet with some connecting link with each other. Their doings might involve the minimum trouble



with the maximum of pleasurable activity. The winning of each of the cups might be decided in the following way. Any member of the Section might send to the Secretary a properly attested score of any round, played on any course at any time of the year. The award of each trophy might be decided by a Committee, consisting of a representative of each of the local clubs. On the result of these returns :

The Bradbury winner would be the best O.H. golfer whose handicap is not greater than 12.

The Merchant Cup for the less skilled (handicap 13 and upwards).

The Vlies Cup to the best scratch player.

This plan might appeal to those who like to win prizes, but there are other ways of playing golf many may consider more sociable. The O.H.'s in any club might from time to time pick sides and have a game on any suitable day of the year. These matches could be played without causing any inconvenience to the other members of their respective clubs, and could be followed, if desired, by some sort of celebration in the evening.

Another quite pleasant variation would be for a team of Old Hulmeians in Club A to issue a challenge to a team in Club B.

An informal account of any such matches might be of interest, but personally I should avoid any attempt to discover a champion team. Ideally these games would just happen, called into existence by the prevailing circumstances. Very little organizing would be required, and again no inconvenience to the members of the clubs. Some five or six Chorltonians would just invite five or six Sale members to play on a fine summer evening and the thing is done. Doubtless other forms of activity will occur to other Old Hulmeians.

There is, however, one essential, namely, that in each club one loyal O.H. golfer will be found willing to look after the other O.H.'s in his own club.

If these ideas meet with approval, I should advise that the annual competition on Ascension Day should be suspended until it is really wanted.

J. I. F.

## Nemesis.

The grass, luscious, sweet, and green ;  
The trees, tall and strong ;  
The flowers bending o'er the stream  
And kingcups nodding in a dream  
Lulled to slumber softly  
By the birds' clear song.

The slum, poisoned, choking, foul :  
Its hovels, squalid, small ;  
The screaming sirens drown the growl  
Of engines ; 'neath a reeking cowl  
Slime-polluted, oily  
Still the black streams crawl.

The town, desolate, conquered, dead ;  
The noise drowned in peace.  
The slum, fermenting, makes a bed  
Through which a lily thrusts its head.  
Nature has the vict'ry  
When mankind shall cease.

S. B. J.

## The Library.

The Library continues to be the centre of much useful work. By the end of the term the number of borrowings will have passed the 400 mark. On an average each borrower



has taken out four books; the figure, of course, does not include the numerous occasions when books are used only for reference.

Owing to the ever-increasing size of the Library, the English section has, during the term, been reorganised, while the French and German sections are being similarly dealt with. In this work G. E. Barritt has had the help of F. G. Higgins, who has been appointed an assistant librarian.

We are much indebted to Mr. C. G. Dehn, this year's President of the Old Hulmeians Association, who has kindly offered to supply for another year the "Bulletin of International News," and to Mr. A. F. Brazier for the gift of a book to the History section.

### O.T.C. Notes.

Our contingent seems to go from strength to strength, and this year our numbers are greater than they have ever been. Though our establishment is, officially, limited to 60, we are already 73 strong, and, with cadets graduating from the junior platoons, together with new recruits from the upper forms of the School, our numbers by July should reach the 80 mark. All told, our total strength is just under 120, but there is room for still more.

Much of the training in the early part of this term had to be done indoors owing to the inclemency of the weather, but there have been good attendances, especially among the seniors, and some very useful work was done. The Certificate A candidates underwent their Part I. (practical) examination on Thursday, February 16th, when the following were successful:—Cadets B. E. Adams, G. W. Battersby, K. F. Brown, E. Daley, C. P. R. Dunn, E. G. Hall, S. Hartley, P. McLeod, W. J. Onions, N. W. Preston, C. T. G. Ratcliffe, P. C. Wilkinson. On March 7th seventeen candidates sat the Part II. (written) examination, and, if keenness and

enthusiasm count for anything, there should be good results; nothing, however, will be known till May. Those not yet up to Certificate A work have been taken through a course embracing scouting and patrols, musketry, map work and message writing. At half term an examination was set, and the results were very satisfactory. This bodes well for the future.

Perhaps the most important thing in the term's work has been the change over to the new drill in threes. It is not quite so formal and rigid as the old drill, and makes for greater mobility and much greater ease in the tactical handling of a unit.

Arrangements for the Whitsuntide camp, which will run from Thursday, May 25th, to Tuesday, June 6th, are already well advanced. With regard to the official O.T.C. camp in August, we have not yet been notified as to where we will be sent, but it will probably be somewhere in the South. The dates of the camp, it should be noted by all seniors, are from August 1st to August 9th.

The "Eight" have been putting in a good deal of practice this term, and on Friday, March 3rd, they put up the best show we have yet made in the *Country Life* competition, the individual scores being: Cadet A. R. Cole 83, Sergt.-Major W. T. Curtis 82, Corporal W. J. Mair 81, Cadet C. T. G. Ratcliffe 72, Sergt. A. L. Dennis 68, Lance-Corporal R. M. Collins 68, Coy.-Q.M.S. D. R. Wood 63, Sergt. R. B. Fitzgerald 63. These, together with the scores on the landscape target, brought the total up to 729, which is 121 over our last year's score. In a return match against Elizabeth College, Guernsey, we did not do so well and were somewhat easily beaten.

The film of last year's camp at Grange has been shown several times, and has proved very interesting.

Though no date has been fixed, the annual inspection will take place in June.



## Night March.

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The last of the salvos has echoed round the arena, and the glaring searchlights have hissed one by one into darkness. The music of the massed bands dies into the tree-clad distance, and the Tattoo is over. In contrast with this stirring finale of noise and of light, the march back to camp impresses with its silence and darkness, for the route lies over the rough-grassed downland, beneath the dark trees, and sometimes along the dusty white chalk paths of Salisbury Plain.

Once the village and barracks have been left behind, and the column of troops numbering almost 3,000 has felt the uneven surface of the Plain beneath its feet, a muffled silence falls. Voices are hushed, and only scattered, indistinguishable scraps of conversation are borne back now and then on the light, warm breeze. Stumbling over knotted tufts of grass and into invisible declivities, the column moves on, the pad of heavy boots on the coarse, springy turf serving only to intensify the surrounding silence. A mist hangs just above, blotting out the stars, and pressing down upon the column. The brigade might be marching along a tunnel whose floor is grassland, whose walls are infinity, and whose ceiling is opaque vapour. Looking neither to right nor left, each man moves forward mechanically, his view restricted to the bobbing caps of the three or four preceding files, his feet cautious of pitfalls at every step.

Occasionally a flickering beam of light from a lantern or torch carried by an officer darts between the marching ranks as it swings in his hand, throwing into sharp relief for a fraction of time the angle of a nose, the gleam of a button, the outline of a set jaw. There is a feeling in the air that no one quite likes to define. Eyes are kept on the ground, minds are numbed. Someone who has not yet sensed the strangeness in

the air gives a gasp and a laugh as he stumbles over a root and falls to his knees, but he, too, is suddenly silent as his laugh, amplified and distorted, echoes back hollowly from the near-by trees. The column marches on.

After an hour or so, an imperceptible straightening of the shoulders, a quickening of interest, and louder phrases of conversation denote a change. The column is more alive to its surroundings; the leading company has come into sight of camp. Row upon row of wraith-grey tents stretch out and come ever nearer, until the column, silent once more, is absorbed into their midst, breaks up, and, with scarcely a sound, vanishes, and all is once more motionless and quiet beneath the watching trees.

W. T. C.

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## Lacrosse, 1938-9.

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The first team has definitely had a better season than last, in so far as we have beaten the Manchester Grammar School three times as against three losses when these notices were written last year. It is true that the margin was only one goal in the first two matches—the third win was by five goals. We have, however, lost to Cheadle Hulme School three times—once in the semi-final of the Juniors' Challenge Shield—and cannot call ourselves, therefore, a first-class school side. As was the case last year, the team has been weak in goal, and Abraham, who was first choice, lost his place to F. W. Cooper for our final matches, and also for the Lancashire and Cheshire Schoolboys match. Dennis and Ratliff are both first-class defence men, and they have recently had the help of G. A. Weeks, but too many goals have been scored against us without the defence being beaten. Mair, and



recently Storry, have helped Cole splendidly with the extra work the ten-a-side game imposes on the midfield players, and Cole, when the necessity arises, can always be relied upon to get the ball at the face. S. Gill is an excellent attack player, and I doubt if we have ever had a better of his type, but Joyce has given him a lot of support and scored some clever goals. Curtis, one of the best 'crosse handlers on the team, has scored some excellent goals, but lacks determination against a powerful defence.

Six of the team with four M.G.S. first team players visited Loughborough College, where the game has recently been started, and won a pleasant game very easily.

A. L. Dennis has been an excellent captain in every respect. A. L. Dennis, W. J. Mair, S. Gill, A. R. Cole, W. T. Curtis, and F. W. Cooper were chosen to play for the Lancashire Schoolboys' team that beat the Cheshire Schoolboys 9—8 on the M.A.C. ground before the Lancashire v. Cheshire match.

#### RESULTS.

v. UNIVERSITY "A."—February 1st. Away. Drew 6—6.

Against a strong side we held the lead throughout the game, but had to be content with a draw. Our attacks were well held by a good defence, and scored mostly from long shots on a frozen ground. Cooper, in goal, played well, and the defence was safe.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—February 11th. Home. Lost 6—12.

After opening well, we were unlucky to have several goals scored against us. Some

were hockeyed in from the ground, and one bounced back into the goal off the goalkeeper's 'crosse.

Mair played well as a rover, but the defence was incapable of stopping the forcing defence-man.

v. OLDHAM "A."—February 8th. Away. Lost 8—10.

Lack of keenness in the first half resulted in a score of only 6—3 for us, when we should easily have got a dozen goals. We paid for this, when they drew level at 6—6, at the end of the quarter. Three quick goals, in the final quarter, seemed to settle the game, but we drew up to 8—9. A final goal just before the whistle ended an exciting game in our defeat. Their goalkeeper was practically unbeatable.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—March 1st. Away. Lost 2—16.

This game was the semi-final of the Challenge Shield. Mair got the ball into the net soon after the start, but they were leading 7—2 at half-time, Joyce scoring our second goal. In the second half our attack had the ball more than theirs, but never looked like scoring. Almost every break-away by their defence resulted in a goal, however. The defence did not mark their men close enough, although Weeks was a success in his first game.

v. MANCHESTER G.S.—March 11th. Home. Won 16—11.

We led 10—4 at half-time, and always had the game in hand. But for Howard, who scored almost all their goals, we should have won easily. Gill (7) and Joyce (6) scored some clever goals, although the latter might have got two more. Cole, at centre, completely dominated their centre, and Cooper, in goal, saved some good shots.



## SECOND TEAM.

Further changes on the first team have been so unsettling to the second, that several games have been lost this term, which should have been won. Weeks, our original captain, Cooper, the goalkeeper, and Storry have all been promoted, and, as these changes came at a time when there could be no evening practices, it has been difficult to cultivate any combined play.

Our defeats have been at the hands of Cheadle Hulme School, Stockport School 1st and Manchester Grammar School (twice). We have beaten Cheadle Hulme (away), Burnage, the Old Hulmeians "C," and Disley "B." These last two games were the semi-final and final of a Juniors' Cup Competition which we won without much difficulty.

Halstead succeeded Weeks as captain, and has improved greatly as a centre, particularly in defence. Battersby has been the most polished defence man, and Carnie has held all his opponents. Wrigley has worked well, but is still too easy to pass. Kay and Brown, returned from the first, are fast and dangerous on the attack, but Brown's handling is weak, and Kay is apt to leave his man when defending. The defence on the whole has been somewhat slow to see and cover the danger from free men.

Priest has been the most consistent of the attacks, and Merchant and Hubbert have both played well at times. Many goals have been lost by poor shooting after good approach play.

The team has been picked from:—K. Halstead (captain), H. J. Abraham, R. L. Armitstead, G. W. Battersby, W. Brown, P. W. Carnie, E. Hubbert, H. Kay, W. A. Merchant, H. S. Priest, A. Wrigley, G. E. Barritt, K. F. Brown, P. Macleod, B. T. Plaskett, M. F. Wood. G. A. Weeks, F. W. Cooper, J. G. Storry, promoted to the first also played.

## RESULTS.

Dec.	7.—v. Stockport G.S. 1st .....	H	8-6	W
„	14.—v. Burnage High School 1st ...	H	17-2	W
Jan.	28.—v. Burnage High School 1st ...	A	11-7	W
Feb.	11.—v. Stockport Sec. Sc. 1st .....	H	7-9	L
„	22.—v. Cheadle Hulme Sc. 2nd ...	A	5-4	W
„	25.—v. Manchester G.S. 2nd .....	A	4-12	L
Mar.	1.—v. Cheadle Hulme School 2nd.	H	7-8	L
„	4.—v. Old Hulmeians "C" (S.F.).	H	10-2	W
„	11.—v. Burnage High School 1st ...	H	18-7	W
„	15.—v. Manchester G.S. 2nd .....	A	4-6	L
„	18.—v. Disley "B" (Final Juniors Trophy, at Cheadle Hulme)		26-0	W

## UNDER 15.

The junior lacrosse teams have not quite fulfilled their early promise, but nevertheless they have both had a good season. The handling and positional play has been quite good, but one very striking drawback has been evident. On both teams it has been a common practice to give up the ball as lost once it has been knocked out of the 'crosse, or when a shot has missed goal. Consequently the opposing defence players have been able to clear the ball with ease, and this lack of perseverance on the part of the attack has put the defence under unnecessary pressure.

This term, the first team, chosen from L. F. Benson, J. D. Boardman (captain), P. M. Breton, R. A. Bruce, J. A. Cross, P. J. Croxford, R. G. Edwards, P. G. Fowler, N. L. Galloway, D. S. Hewet, L. Robertson, R. P. Thomlinson and R. A. Worswick, has played Manchester Grammar School Under 15 (7—18, 11—13, and 15—10), Manchester Grammar School 3rd (14—7), Cheadle Hulme School Under 15 (10—9 and 11—7) and Stockport Grammar School "A" (14—5).

The following have played for the 2nd team:—M. W. Barber, N. G. Bullivant, H. Charlesworth, P. Cloughley, B. S. Galloway, W. K. Kissack, H. Milgate, F. Pethybridge (captain), P. H. Richards, T. K. Robinson, B. Rourke, N. M. Sampson, I. J. Smith, G. C. Waters. Their results this term are



26—1, 10—1 and 16—1 *v.* Manchester G.S. Under 15 2nd; 7—14 *v.* Manchester G.S. Under 14; 8—4 *v.* Stockport Secondary School 2nd, and 10—2 *v.* Burnage High School 2nd.

As a result of the season's play the first team has won eight games and lost two, and the second team has won seven and lost one.

## Football, 1939.

The improvement shown towards the end of last term has been fully maintained. Wet weather has made the going very difficult, and the last game, against Sir John Deane's School, at Northwich, was the only game played this term with a dry ball.

The usual team has been:—R. B. Fitzgerald; H. Kay, A. L. Dennis, W. J. Mair (captain), W. Brown; S. Gill, R. Joyce; R. Morgans, R. L. Armitstead, A. G. Dunston, K. A. Stark, A. R. Cole, P. W. Carnie, J. Kettlewell, D. R. Wood.

The following have also played:—W. T. Curtis, A. H. C. Ratliff, J. G. Storry, C. H. W. Hirs, F. R. Harrison, A. Wrigley.

*v.* WAKEFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, December 10th. Away. Lost 0—20.

Though it was fine overhead, the ground was very wet, and was not conducive to good handling. The first half was very even, Wakefield being only three points up by half-time. Towards the end of the second half Wakefield scored four quick tries, one of which was converted, and a penalty goal. Faulty marking by our backs was chiefly responsible for this collapse. The forwards played well, though in the second half their opponents gained more of the ball from both set and loose scrums.

*v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, December 17th. Home. Lost 3—5.

Owing to the state of the ground this game was chiefly a battle between the forwards, as the ball soon became very heavy and slippery. All the scoring was done in the first half, though most of the play was in midfield. In the second half Manchester pressed very strongly, the ball entering their half only about three times. However, they failed to score again. Mair scored our try.

*v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, January 21st. Away. Lost 0—6.

This was a very even game, the tackling of both sides being very keen. At half-time there was no score, but soon after the resumption Manchester scored from a long kick ahead. Later a forward crossed our line. Our backs moved quite well, but the final pass always went astray. The forwards played well and made some useful rushes.

*v.* SANDBACH SCHOOL.—Wednesday, January 25th. Home. Won 28—0.

The ground was in good condition, the weather was fine, and the forwards obtained the ball from most of the scrums, but it took the backs most of the first half to settle down. The backs' defensive work consisted in stopping forward rushes, but our tackling was not tested. The scorers were Kay 3, Dennis, Brown, Gill, Mair and Joyce. Kay kicked a penalty goal, and Joyce converted two of the tries.

*v.* MANCHESTER "B."—Saturday, January 28th. Home. Lost 3—16.

Both Manchester's backs and forwards were heavier than ours, and it was this extra weight that was responsible for their victory. The marking of our backs was not faulty, but they did not tackle hard enough. Mair scored our try.

*v.* SIR JOHN DEANE'S SCHOOL.—Wednesday, February 15th. Away. Won 16—5.

In spite of the dry ball our backs' handling was weak, and we scored only one try before



half-time, although the forwards gained the ball from most of the scrums. After half-time the forwards were very lively in the loose and were largely responsible for our scoring later. Joyce played a very good game. Brown, Harrison and Joyce scored tries, two of which Joyce converted; he also kicked a penalty goal.

v. OLD HULMEIANS "B."—Saturday, February 11th. At Wythenshawe. Won 29—6.

The Old Boys opened strongly and held the School for the first quarter of an hour. As a result of good running by the backs the School scored under the posts. The try was converted, and, inspired by this early success, the School continued to score. The second half saw play degenerate into forward rushes, and owing to poor tackling by the School the Old Boys were able to score twice.

v. OLD HULMEIANS "A."—Saturday, February 25th. At Wythenshawe. Won 14—8.

The Old Boys played vigorously, but their backs were usually held up by the School forwards backing up. It was some time before the scoring was opened, the School being the first to score by a movement that let Kay through on the wing. Play was even throughout the match, but the School appeared to have a better combination than the Old Boys, whose play tended to be individual.

## SECOND XV.

The second rugger side finished the season well at Northwich, winning easily by 26 points to nil. The best feature of this match was that we converted four of the six tries.

At full strength the team throughout the season has been:—H. J. Abraham; J. G. Storry, G. W. Battersby, A. H. C. Ratliff, A. Wrigley; S. Gill, B. Vitkovitch; R. M.

Collins, A. Jackson, G. F. Deacon, C. H. W. Hirs, K. Halstead, F. R. Harrison, G. A. Weeks, R. B. Marshall.

E. A. Tetlow has played several good games at three-quarter, and G. S. Alvey has done useful work in the second row.

The complete record for the season is:—Played 11, Won 7, Lost 3, Drawn 1. Points for 176, against 54.

## House Games.

So far this term it has been possible to play House games on only five of a possible fifteen afternoons. This has been due to very unfortunate weather conditions which have caused the cancellation of more than half the games. Frequently the day has started well, often with brilliant sunshine, but by lunch-time this has given place to a drenching rain.

Even so, we have had some very good games. The rivalry between Fraser, Dalton and Byrom to win the "knock-out" competition is particularly keen, though Gaskell are by no means out of the running.

The scores in the first round of the competition were:—Seniors: Dalton 12, Whitworth 3; Byrom 14, Heywood 5. Juniors: Dalton 15, Whitworth 6; Byrom 6, Heywood 7.

We did not find it possible to hold a "knock-out" competition for Rugby football last term. Indeed, it has been difficult enough to arrange for the lacrosse "knock-out."

Dalton have maintained a slight lead in the House Lacrosse League, and, since there is not time to complete a second round, are certain to have won the flags.

Positions at the end of the first round:—(1) Dalton 40 pts., (2) Gaskell 38 pts., (3) Heywood 28 pts., (4) Fraser 18 pts., (5) Whitworth 14 pts., (6) Byrom 12 pts.



At the time of writing energetic preparations for the Sports are evident, and we may hope that this year the weather will allow us to keep to our appointed time-table.

Senior House colours have been awarded to the following boys:—

Byrom.—Football: C. Blair, P. M. Breton, C. Clay, W. J. Duerden, P. McLeod, J. S. Whitelegg. Lacrosse: P. M. Breton, W. J. Duerden, A. G. Dunston, W. A. Merchant, N. M. Sampson, G. Webster.

Dalton.—Football: A. Jackson, H. M. Milne, R. Morgans. Lacrosse: D. Brether-ton, A. Jackson, R. Morgans, S. S. Wilson.

Fraser.—Football: A. R. Haworth, W. B. Ollerenshaw, W. J. Onions, E. A. Tetlow, F. J. Whelan. Lacrosse: A. Brundrett,

R. H. Hargreaves, W. J. Onions, E. A. Tetlow.

Gaskell.—Football: D. G. Castle, P. J. Croxford, D. A. Hague, K. Halstead, G. N. Hobson, P. D. Holmes, R. B. Marshall, K. A. Stark. Lacrosse: D. G. Castle, P. J. Croxford, G. N. Hobson, P. D. Holmes, R. B. Marshall, A. R. Rodgers.

Heywood.—Football and Lacrosse: K. R. Bowman, J. A. Cross, J. Erskine, J. R. Whitaker.

Whitworth.—Football and Lacrosse: T. G. Bell, A. Chapman, P. G. Fowler, F. G. Higgins, C. T. G. Ratcliffe, E. G. Thomas, J. Wilks. Lacrosse: G. S. Alvey.

D. R. W.

## The Hulme Grammar School Games Account.

*Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1938.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1937 ...				123	17	7
„ Grant from Governors—						
Lent Term ...	102	12	0			
Midsummer Term...	102	0	0			
Michaelmas Term...	102	18	0			
				307	10	0
„ Sale of Old Mowing Machine ...				4	0	0
				<u>£435</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Materials for Games ...	21	7	11
„ Travelling Expenses of Teams ...	63	5	0
„ Groundsman's Wages ...	78	0	0
„ Repairs to Mowing Machines ...	17	10	6
„ Petrol, Oil, Lime and Paint ...	27	2	4
„ Printing Fixture Cards & Subscription ...	8	19	6
„ Stamps, Postages, and Telephone Calls ...	2	12	4
„ Expenses re New Groundsman ...	4	5	0
„ Sports Expenses—Engraving Cups, etc. ...	2	2	8
„ Repairs to Hand Cart ...	2	5	0
„ Teas to Visiting Teams ...	8	7	8
„ General Expenses ...	2	9	6
„ Part Cost of New Motor Mower ...	150	0	0
„ Bank Commission and Cheque Book, less Interest ...	0	6	3
„ Balance in Bank, 31st Dec., 1938 ...	46	13	11
	<u>£435</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>

Audited and found correct, 4th March, 1939.

W. M. STONE, Chartered Accountant,  
Manchester.

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