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## Notes and News.

At the end of this term we say good-bye to Mr. Toft, who has been with us for the past fifteen months. During that time his wide experience on the Rugby field has been of great service to the School. We wish him every success in his new appointment.

R. Millner (Inner Temple) has passed his Final Examination, and was called to the Bar on January 26th.

We congratulate W. A. McAdam on his appointment as Acting Agent-General for

British Columbia in London. After leaving School he received a business appointment in Edinburgh before going to Canada, where he was in banking and commerce for some time.

Rugby Honours Caps have been awarded to R. H. Pear, N. H. Jackson, J. R. Howard, N. B. Smethurst, E. S. Frazer and F. L. Davies of the 1st XV.

Second team caps in Lacrosse have been awarded to J. S. Blackburn, J. H. Porter and W. A. Parkinson.

Rapid strides are being made with the levelling of the new ground, and now only



about one-third of the area remains to be dealt with. Recent progress has been very rapid and, since the beginning of February, some 1,670 tons of cinders have been deposited on the ground.

At the invitation of the University Lacrosse Club Mr. Barber spent about a week at Cambridge coaching the team in preparation for their match against Oxford. His great experience and sound advice proved invaluable, and the side was victorious for the first time since 1911.

J. Mark (Trinity) and G. A. Cooke (Downing), who were awarded their Half-Blues last year, were members of the Cambridge team that defeated Oxford.

At a meeting of the Cambridge University Lacrosse Club J. Mark was elected Captain for the season 1934-5.

R. Y. Fison has been captain of England's hockey team for the second year in succession.

N. R. Coe, who had the honour of captaining the team, and N. A. Barber of the Old Hulmeians lacrosse club, played in the North of England team that defeated the South on March 10th, and, together with A. R. Merchant and A. G. Campbell, were also awarded County honours.

E. Barnes, a former member of the Old Hulmeian lacrosse team, but now playing for the London club, Willoughby, was chosen to play for the South of England.

The Old Hulmeians in London held a successful hot-pot supper on Thursday, March 22nd. The address of the Secretary, T. Leslie Brown, has been changed and is now 47a, Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, London, S.E.12

All Old Hulmeians are asked to note that the Annual Competition for the Bradbury, Vlies and Merchant Cups will take place on

the Northenden links on Thursday, May 10th.

The School is at all times interested in its Old Boys, and we are always glad to record the movements and successes of Old Hulmeians. All communications should be addressed to the Head Master or to Mr. Barber or to the Editor at the School.

Calendar for Midsummer Term :—

The term will begin on Tuesday, April 10th, at nine o'clock. The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Wednesday, May 16th, at noon, to Thursday, May 31st, at nine o'clock. The School Certificate Examinations will begin on June 29th. Midsummer Term will end on Wednesday, July 25th, at noon.

The subscription to the Hulmeian is 1/6 per annum, and should be paid to Mr. Barber at the School.

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), *Ulula*, *The Savilian*, *The Lidunian*, *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*, *The Stopfordian*, *The Waconian*, *The Frome County School Magazine*, *The Buxtonian*, *Esmeduna*, *The Altrinchamian*, *The Leigh Grammar School Magazine*, *The Aldwinian*, *The Willastonian*, *The Centralian*, *The Sandbachian*.

## BIRTH.

SHERRATT.—On December 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Graham Sherratt, a son.

## MARRIAGES.

BEGGS—RICHARDSON.—On December 16th, 1933, at Christ Church, West Didsbury,



Harold Noel, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Beggs, of West Didsbury, to Bessie, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Granville Richardson, late of Mile End, Stockport.

ELLIOTT—BUSH.—On January 20th, 1934, at the Parish Church, Croydon, Charles Morris William Elliott, B.A., son of the late Mr. C. H. Elliott, and of Mrs. Elliott, Ravenhurst, Broughton Park, Manchester, to Lesley Margaret, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bush, Addiscombe Grove, Croydon.

WOODROFFE—SYMONDS.—On February 20th, at St. Mary's, Hulme, Norman Woodroffe, 37, Dorset Street, Hulme, to May Symonds, of 184, Embden Street, Hulme.

## DEATH.

PEDDER.—On the 12th December, in hospital, John Norbury, the beloved husband of Hilda Haynes Pedder, aged 45 years.

## The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

The collection this year shows the gratifying increase of £18 15s. 5½d. over last year's result. As usual the collections vary in the different forms, but the larger averages at the bottom of the School and at the top show once more that the result varies with the effort made rather than the age or size of the collector.

The highest aggregate and average was obtained by 5a with the excellent total of £34 5s. 11d.—an average of £1 7s. 5d. per head.

The display at the Club this year, on November 22nd, was a great success, and no doubt inspired many boys to greater efforts, while Sir Christopher Needham's visit to the School helped on this good work.

Letters from His Royal Highness, the Duke of Gloucester, and Sir Christopher Needham appear below.

(COPIES.)

DEAR MR. DENNIS,

During my recent visit to the Hulme Lads' Club, Manchester, I was much interested to hear of the connection between the Hulme Grammar School and the Club, which is the oldest in the North of England. I understand that the majority of the Committee and Officers of the Club are Old Boys of the School and that the School contributes about one-third of the total amount required to carry on the work of the Club.

As President of the National Association of Boys' Clubs I attach very great importance to the connection between Public Schools and Lads' Clubs, and I should like to express to you my thanks and appreciation of your support, which I trust will be maintained at its present high level in future years.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) HENRY.

15, CROSS STREET,  
MANCHESTER 2,

19th February, 1934.

DEAR MR. TREVOR DENNIS,

## PROCTER GYMNASIUM AND HULME LADS' CLUB.

It is again a pleasure to me to be able to offer the sincere thanks of the Club to the boys of the Hulme Grammar School for the renewed help which they have given in collecting the very substantial sum of £260 7s. 4d. I wish to express gratitude to all concerned for this increased help, especially at this time when it is difficult to maintain the normal flow of subscriptions.

The Club is very largely dependent on the boys of the Hulme Grammar School, and we all hope



that the intimate connection will continue to be of the closest possible nature.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) C. T. NEEDHAM,

President.

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1 A .....	16	7	9½	0	11	8
1 B .....	10	3	7	0	7	3
1 C .....	13	11	11	0	9	9
2 A .....	24	9	4	0	15	9
2 B .....	9	6	5	0	6	5
2 C .....	8	0	10	0	7	4
3 A .....	13	7	10½	0	8	8
3 B .....	8	18	0	0	5	7
3 C .....	7	3	10	0	4	10
4 A .....	8	17	6	0	6	4
4 B .....	9	6	2	0	7	9
4 C .....	6	1	4	0	5	1
5 A .....	34	5	11	1	7	5
5 B .....	9	16	0	0	9	4
5 C .....	19	0	0	0	14	1
6 S.L. ....	10	3	11	0	9	3
6 S.U. ....	6	16	9	0	6	10
6 C.M.L. ....	2	10	4	0	4	2
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## The Library.

Much has been done this term towards making the library an even greater aid to the seniors, and, since Christmas, there have been catalogued and placed on the

shelves 65 new volumes, some of which are second copies of books that are so much in demand that they have had to be duplicated. To make room for these additions, a few books that had clearly outlived their utility have been withdrawn, and, as the limited space at our disposal is still rather congested, it is possible that other accommodation will have to be found for a few more old volumes that would seem to have served their purpose long ago. A new case or a few additional shelves would, of course, help us out of our difficulties for a time at least. It is pleasing to note an increase in the number of fifth form boys who are using the library. A list of recent additions to the library will be found posted in Room 10.

We should like to express here our best thanks to an Old Hulmeian, Mr. Eric Simcock, of London, for the gift of a German Lexicon in eighteen volumes.

## Holiday Reflections.

Easter is here, but, though the snap of winter is still with us, the lengthening days bring thoughts of the restful summer weeks, when, school temporarily laid aside, we experience those joys which help to lighten the most dismal moments of the future. Stirred by these thoughts my memory calls up a two weeks' walking tour in Germany, and, as I reflect on the events of that fortnight, most of which were as interesting as they were novel, it is difficult to single out any special incident. Yet there remains fixed in my mind one place which I left with greater reluctance than I experienced when quitting the others. It was on the left bank of the Mosel, a little place called Zell, typical of the peaceful country German village that one discovers round every bend of the river, and consisted of one long



street behind which the vine-clad mountains rise in terraces until the vines give place to the barren upper slopes. There it is that the "Schlosz" is found, for nearly every village has one, now more or less ruined, but still forming an imposing silhouette against the sky, the silent guardian of the straggling houses far below.

We approached Zell from the opposite bank, crossing the river by a ferry which had the current for its driving power, an old-fashioned device, yet more up-to-date than the leaky old rowing-boat which was often the only means of crossing the river. As the ferry touched ground two little urchins ran forward and scooped up a few little fish left stranded on the board over which we stepped ashore. From the river bank we passed under a low arch to the main road down which we made our way towards the Jugendherberge, a hostel, more prettily situated than most; it was a bungalow boasting quite extensive grounds and gardens. Soon after our arrival we set out for the village restaurant. When we left it the sun was setting, and, as we strolled along the bank of the Mosel, we saw the brilliant evening light glittering in the rippling surface of the river, which seemed to invite us to plunge into its cooling depths. The sun had set when we returned to the Jugendherberge, but it was a perfect night, and we remained outside in the garden. Gradually we were joined by other guests at the hostel, including some we had met before dinner. One great difference between the English and the German hiker is the fondness of the latter for singing; not merely a raucous bawling of a popular song, but singing of real beauty. On this particular night song after song followed each other in quick succession; first, a rousing marching tune, then a soft folk melody, now back again to resounding patriotic verses rising to a hearty crescendo, then silence as the last echoes rose and fell, and died away among the slopes of the surrounding

hills. So the evening wore on until authority called us to bed. But for the German guests the evening had not finished; it was a fête night for them, and later, swinging gaily-coloured lanterns, they set out for the village, pausing at our windows to sing a song, the refrain of which contained the words, "Gute Nacht." The last we heard that night was the faint sound of the revelers still singing in the distance.

The next morning, after an early dip in the river and a hearty breakfast, we bade good-bye to our friends of the night before, and set off again, still following the winding Mosel.

In all we visited about twelve hostels, but perhaps the most romantically situated was that at Bacharach. An old mediæval castle had been partly renovated and converted into a Jugendherberge, and was reached by toiling up a fairly steep hill, but the view from the ramparts fully repaid the arduous climb. From an outstanding buttress there lay below us a magnificent panorama of the river Rhein, winding into the mountains, whose lower slopes, right to the water's edge, were covered with clumps of delicate trees. Again our night was spent singing, and this time the scene was high up on the wall of the castle itself. Between songs the silence seemed too impressive to be broken, and people almost held their breaths as they listened to the quiet murmur of the Rhein far below, on whose surface the brilliance of the full moon was mirrored.

Many other pleasant memories rise, too many to be mentioned. There were the miles and miles of the terraced mountains, literally covered with vines, the beautiful view from Marienburg from which vantage point two bends of the Mosel can be seen at once, the canoes gliding easily down stream as it moved lazily among the hills. All these speak of a most successful holiday. It is still an ambition of mine, however, to



follow the same route again, this time on the Mosel, paddling gaily along in the bright sunshine, careless of everything but the "joie de vivre."

T. F. R.

## The Entertainments.

The series of entertainments which ended on Tuesday, March 13th, with the performance by VI C.M.U. of two short plays has been very successful, and has shown clearly that the interest of the School in these activities is unabated: the number of tickets sold, 517, must be nearly a record, the quality of the "fare" provided has been high, and the average number attending each Tuesday has been, if anything, above the figures of past years. The chief events since the last issue of the Magazine have been the Christmas and the Lent term plays and the sacred concert which was held in the School hall on Monday and Tuesday, March 26th and 27th. The preparation for the School plays has, of course, devolved upon Mr. Brierley and Mr. Bentley. While no great additions have been made to the properties and stage fittings, those who help behind the scenes have not been idle, and much excellent work has been done for the Tuesday plays by Mr. Thomson and his assistants, the chief of whom have been R. E. Gates, H. D. Vernon and W. J. Lockett. T. Davies and R. C. Sowood, as electricians under Mr. Adams, have looked after the lighting, while Mr. Ginever in charge of the "clothing department" has always been ready with his help. "Making up" is a heavy task at times, and Mr. Brierley has had the willing assistance of Mr. Williams in this work.

PLAY.—December 5th. The Preparatory Department took the stage on this date and

presented the following four scenes from Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland": (1) The Duchess's Kitchen, (2) The Mad Hatter's Tea Party, (3) The Croquet Party of the Queen of Hearts, (4) The Trial of the Knave of Hearts. The players all seemed to enjoy the experience, and the performance was one of the best shows the Preparatory boys have given us for some years. It is difficult for such youthful voices to carry through the hall, but only occasionally did the speakers put the hearing of the audience to the test. Much thought and labour must have been given to dressing the players, but this work was well repaid, for the bright and artistic costumes proved very effective. J. F. Mair made a good appearance as Alice, and the Queen of Hearts (J. K. Barrett) caught the eye—and the ear with his frequent loud demand "Off with his head!" B. A. Ratliff as the Dormouse was also effective. Other chief characters were:—White Rabbit (G. S. Laing), The Duchess (J. O. Spalding), Cook (A. L. Smith), Cheshire Cat (A. W. Peers), Mad Hatter (G. B. Seed), March Hare (W. L. Tonge), Gardeners (E. D. Palmer, P. Cloughley, R. B. Mair), King of Hearts (R. A. Bruce), Knave of Hearts (G. J. H. Sparkes), Executioner (E. Barr). A number of Soldiers and Courtiers completed the cast.

Producers, Mrs. Rowlands, Miss Caiger, Miss Davies.

SCHUBERT CONCERT.—December 12th. In the course of this entertainment the Head Master added greatly to the interest of the performance by speaking to us on Schubert's work and his place in the world of music. Programme: 1, Symphony No. 5 in B flat, The Orchestra. 2, Song, "The Erl King," the Head Master. 3, Part Songs, Three Dances, The Choir. The concert was arranged by the Head Master.

PLAY.—December 16th, 18th and 19th. On these three dates performances were given of



"The Knight of the Burning Pestle" (Beaumont and Fletcher). A report appears on another page. Producer, Mr. Brierley.

LANTERN LECTURE.—January 16th. The Lent term programme was opened with a lecture by Mr. Gatley, who chose as his subject "Mountain Scenery." He showed us many slides, some of which were all the more interesting as they depicted places known to most of us.

PLAY.—January 23rd. VI. S.U. gave the plays a good start for the term with a clever and, at times, boisterous performance of that amusing one-act play "Ali the Cobbler" (Martin Shepherd). The scene is laid in Ali's shop in Baghdad. Cast, Ali the Cobbler (C. T. Howard), Sulaman, his assistant (Mr. Williams), Said, Ali's brother (P. Saunbury), Fatima, Ali's wife (F. Luckman), Mustapha, her cousin (W. D. Ward).

Producer, Mr. Brierley.

PLAY.—January 30th. The high standard set by the production of the previous week was fully maintained by VI. S.L., who entertained us with some clever playing in the comedy, "A Collection will be made" (Arthur Eckersley). Cast: The Rev. Cuthbert Cheese (O. R. Dennis), Count Martel (Mr. Dennis), Paul Roget (A. Praeger), Colonel Anstruther (J. H. Porter), Proprietor of Hotel (D. A. E. Chambers), Waiter (N. H. Jackson), Mrs. Anstruther (J. D. W. Roberts). The setting of the play was the lounge of a hotel on the Italian Riviera.

Producer, Mr. Dennis.

PLAY.—February 6th. In "The Little Man" (Galsworthy) a good cast drawn from VI. C.M.L., with Mr. Ward in the strong silent part of the Englishman, gave a performance that was at once lively and, to give due credit to the noises-off department, "sound." The play provides some excellent studies of national characteristics. It

is rather unusual to find three scenes in a one-act play, but the property people and scene-shifters were so nimble in their work that the delays were reduced to a minimum, and the piece lost nothing of its continuity. Cast: The Little Man (M. W. Flinn), The American (K. Dandeker), The German (J. S. Blackburn), The Englishman (Mr. Ward), The Englishwoman (F. Dixon), The Mother (J. K. Nicholson), The Policeman (R. C. Sowood). D. H. Ratcliffe appeared first as The Waiter and then as The Official, while N. Meakin appeared as The Dutch Youth and The Policeman.

Producer, Mr. Parren.

PLAY.—February 10th, 12th, 13th. The School gave performances of "Fighting Chance" (E. W. Waddy and W. Badham). A notice about this play appears on another page.

Producer, Mr. Powell.

PLAYS.—February 20th. We had a double turn this week, plays being given by forms Lower I. and IIIB. The first of the two was a comedy in one act, "Fool's Mate," written and performed by Lower I. The players gave a good account of themselves, and all seemed determined to make sure of being heard. Cast: King Rudolph of Urania (B. T. Plaskett), Queen Matilda (A. C. Lockwood), Princess Rose (J. M. Gilliat), The Lord Chancellor (C. H. W. Hirs), The King's Jester (H. J. Abraham), The Royal Cook (H. M. Milne), King Ferdinand of Rothland (S. Hartley), The Duke of Aysland (S. T. Cursley), Footmen (J. L. Motley and P. G. Fowler), Guards (W. W. Mills and B. Tennant). The remainder of the form acted as courtiers and soldiers.

Producer, Mr. Williams.

The other play was performed by IIIB. with Mr. Thompson as producer, and, though some of the players were on the



stage for the first time, they gave a creditable performance of "The Stoker" (Harold Brighthouse), the scene of which is laid in the captain's room in an East Indian liner.

Cast: Archie Railton (R. Brown), Peter Howard (K. H. Ratcliffe), The Captain (R. Kirby), The Stoker (J. F. Weatherby), Mrs. Leighton (K. H. Joseph), Sheila Pallant (E. S. Thelwall).

LANTERN LECTURE.—February 27th. The hall was well filled when the Head Master spoke on that fascinating country, Egypt. He told us much that was interesting about its people and its places of note, and explained something of its irrigation system.

PLAY.—March 6th. It is a long time since we had a performance from a I.I.C. form, but Mr Lowther, who became their form-master in September, rehearsed them in "The Gentle Giant," a one-act play in two scenes by D. W. Ross, and, on this date, they gave a very lively and amusing show. Cast: Tumtywiggle, the Gentle Giant (Mr. Lowther), Frenilla, his wife (R. C. Applegate), Eleena Fay, his daughter (R. Currie), Abigail, his maid-of-all-work (L. J. Morris), Jack the Giant Killer (P. P. Webster), A Charioteer (W. A. Stead), Hugger and Mugger, the Giant's Fairy Godfathers (J. C. Sant and G. H. Smith), Prologue (W. Smith), Violins (D. S. Walker and K. Nicholson).

Producer, Mr. Lowther.

PLAYS.—March 13th. The last entertainment of the season had a Shakespearean flavour about it, and consisted of two short plays performed by VI. C.M.U. The first was "The New Wing at Elsinore," a dramatic sequel to "Hamlet," by St. John Hankin. The setting is the ramparts of the castle at Elsinore on a moonlight night, just the place and the time for ghosts to walk, and we had visitations from two of them.

Cast: Horatio (R. Mark), Fortinbras (L. R. Halliday), Ghost of Hamlet's Father (J. R. Howard), First Clown (S. Plant), Second Clown (T. Davies), Ghost of Shakespeare (I. A. McTaggart).

In the course of the second play—"Puck's Good Deed for the Day" (John Bourne)—which takes place in a wood near Stratford-on-Avon, there pass across the stage some queer figures, with most of whom the hero "holds converse," and some comic situations arise. Cast: Puck (P. G. Griffiths), Mr. Monty Montmorency (L. R. Halliday), A Gentleman of Stratford (I. A. McTaggart), Miss Millicent Thompson (T. G. Moore), Miss Porkington-Porkington (A. Carmichael), A Woman Hiker (R. H. Pear), An American (J. R. Howard), A very Literary Gentleman (R. Garner), A very Literary Lady (O. J. Charnock).

Producer, Mr. Anderson.

## "The Knight of the Burning Pestle."

The School reached far back into the past for its entertainment this Christmas, and, in contrast to last year's very modern play, with its "stunts," we had performances on December 16th, 18th and 19th, of that Elizabethan burlesque, "The Knight of the Burning Pestle." It was a happy choice, as the play is admirably suited for school performance, and, indeed, if old records are to be believed, it was first acted by school-boys. To appreciate the play fully it is really necessary to know something of the Elizabethan theatre and the times, but suffice it to say that the authors, Beaumont and Fletcher, are here poking fun at the citizens of London for their taste in silly romances and extravagant melodramas, and



at the playwrights for pandering to that taste, while the Londoner's play-going manners are justly held up to ridicule. The play is really a good many things woven into one, but the three main strands are the romance of the London merchant Venturewell, the burlesque proper in which the apprentice, Ralph, appears as hero, and the satirical intrusion of the citizen and his wife. All this material gave the players great opportunities, and, disregarding the academic niceties of the play, they rightly set about getting as much fun out of it as possible. The staging was Elizabethan in its simplicity. Being therefore deprived of the extraneous aid of elaborate settings, a greater demand was made upon the players in creating "atmosphere," but they responded nobly, and, as the play developed and the scene of action shifted, we hiked with them through such places as Waltham Forest and Mile End, and even reached as far as Moldavia, where we met the Princess Pompiona, daintily played by W. J. Mair. J. H. Porter as the Citizen, and M. S. H. Caw, his wife, from the time they scrambled on to the stage on payment of an extra "tester," fussed and meddled with the progress of events, so that an opportunity of displaying his dramatic powers might be given to their apprentice Ralph, a part taken by D. Erskine, who thoroughly enjoyed himself, and, with his two valiant henchmen, George (P. N. Knight), and Tim (G. W. E. Stark), performed some stirring feats of chivalry. In some of their adventures, this bold apprentice appeared mounted on a quadruped that might have been a hybrid between the Loch Ness monster and an army mule. Ralph called it a "palfrey," while the programme referred to it as a donkey, but, whatever its name or whatever its forebears, it was certainly an animal of parts—two parts to be exact—R. W. Townend and W. A. Parkinson. The former as

the forelegs and the latter as the hind legs provided the motive power, but, unfortunately, they did not always move as if guided by "one mind with but a single thought," and the creature consequently assumed some queer shapes, at one time closing up in concertina fashion till it sagged ominously in the middle, at another, reminding one of those Wordsworthian daffodils that "stretched in never-ending line." Still, the animal was a great success, taking an intelligent interest in the proceedings and indulging in some mirth-provoking "horse-play." R. Mark as Jasper Merrythought, and W. D. Ward as Master Humphrey, did sound work, while A. L. Dennis, taking his first big part in a School play, was a successful Mistress Luce. The irresponsible and amusing Master Charles Merrythought was well represented by F. Luckman, though at times he seemed a little too much under the influence of liquor, and consequently his voice was somewhat "cracked within the ring." The heavy part of Master Venturewell was played by L. R. Halliday, and he strutted about the stage in a manner that fitted well with the character of a successful merchant of generous proportions: his was a good performance. W. Dickson made a fearsome picture as Nick the Barber, while W. G. Aspinall did well in the trying part of Mrs. Merrythought. The four folk dances, arranged by Mr. Bentley, were prettily done, and the following pieces of music, together with some of the traditional music of the period, were played during the evening:—Fantasia (Orlando Gibbons), Pavane, "The Earl of Salisbury" (William Byrd), Song (Thomas Campion), Galliard (John Bull).

The play was produced by Mr. Brierley.



## "Fighting Chance."

The performances of this play in the hall on February 10th, 12th and 13th, brought the School a new experience. "Fighting Chance," by Edmund W. Waddy and Walter Badham, had never before been performed on any stage, so that we had all the thrills of what theatre-goers call a "première." Described as "a modern adventure," the play does not belie this title, for it introduces to us those modern pests of society, the insurance swindler and the "smash-and-grab" raider with, it should be added, a touch of romance thrown in just to relieve the sordid story of the gangsters. The plot is a good one, and is skilfully handled, though the last two scenes, with their breathless sequence of events, tend to be a little confusing, and entail some lively mental gymnastics if the thread of the story is not to be lost. By contrast, parts of the first two acts move somewhat leisurely, but, though confined more to words than to action, the dialogue is always good and interesting, and contains some bright and snappy lines to which, generally speaking, the audience was ready to respond. Where there are few players, it is the more imperative that each should pull his weight, and, in this respect, the cast was happily chosen, for the standard of acting was high throughout, and there were several praiseworthy studies of the characters, some of which were interesting and well-drawn. Joe Simpson at once comes to mind, and N. H. Jackson interpreted the part with a real understanding of what was required: he was interesting from the time he first came in as the out-of-work ex-soldier with his legitimate grouse against the world, till he finally passed out, an essentially honest man who, having committed a crime under stress of circumstances, is willing and glad to expiate his sin against the society that has done so little for him. The hero is a young

journalist, considered by his friends in the "exclusive club" to have a "bee in his bonnet" about some things, but in the end it is his acumen and astuteness that bring the villains to justice. The part was played with refreshing zest by R. Mark, who gave an interesting picture of John Tredennick. In contrast to the rather impulsive journalist, we had the casual phlegmatic doctor who, in spite of his apparent lack of enthusiasm, gave Tredennick loyal, if somewhat tepid, aid in weaving the net that was to enmesh the gang; as Dr. Arnold Sinclair, M. W. Flinn started shakily, but improved as the play proceeded. J. H. Porter proved a sound choice in every way for the part of Benjamin Miller. As his daughter, Jetta, A. L. Dennis was quietly effective and made the most of his awkward part. No "gangster" play would be really complete without a "double-crosser," and the part of Pahlen presented K. Dandeker with an opportunity for some really excellent work. O. R. Dennis let us hear some good "Cockney" stuff as the down-and-out Bill Burton, and P. Saunbury as Bernard Keller, a crook jeweller, was convincing both in his performance and his "get-up." The presence of Annie Kirk brought some comic relief into the grim business of crook-hunting, and D. Erskine gave an entertaining character study of Tredennick's Scotch housekeeper, while G. W. E. Stark as Mrs. Simpson made a good effort with his small part. D. A. E. Chambers seemed much at home as the slow-moving, "matey" and garrulous George, the waiter at the exclusive club. The arm of the law was represented by Detective-Inspector Robinson (A. Praeger), and in his pompous, punctilious and ponderous manner he was the real thing, even to the carefully trained moustache, while S. Plant, as a policeman, utterly confounded the critics of "the force" by being at hand when he was required.

The play was produced by Mr. Powell.



## Winter Sunshine.

Like thin, writhing, tortured fingers,  
The long grey shadows of the trees  
Slip o'er my feet. Still there lingers,  
All tattered by the icy breeze,  
A ghost of a mist on the trembling lake.  
The world seems so chill—it will never  
wake—

Then like a sword stroke cleaving the cold  
A sea-gull swings up over the trees,  
Shivers the sun-beams to a splash of gold  
Which swiftly drenches the slumbering leas  
And wakens the world to a frozen glory.

F. L.

## Old Hulmeians Association.

Members are asked to note the following changes :—

The Hon. Treasurer is now :—

Mr. S. WHITTINGHAM,  
38A, Ryebank Road,  
Chorlton-cum-Hardy,  
Manchester.

The address of the Hon. General Secretary is now :—

Mr. A. L. POWELL,  
29, South Drive,  
Chorltonville,  
Manchester.

The new group system has now been put on a more definite basis, and each leader has been given a list of the names and addresses of his group, while Mr. B. D. Norris has been elected O.C. of the groups. Any members wishing to start a new group or to join an existing group should communicate with him at 31,

Wellington Road, Whalley Range. It is hoped that group leaders will keep in touch with their groups and canvass them in connection with the payment of subscriptions and also the various social functions.

There has been a number of social events since Christmas.

The Dance on February 2nd at Longford Hall was a success, both socially and financially. There were 123 present.

The Hot-Pot at the Cities Hotel on January 20th was a most enjoyable affair, but the attendance was very meagre, only 66 taking part.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Midland Hotel on Saturday, March 10th. There were 94 present. Dr. Colin Campbell, Senior Lecturer in Chemistry at the Manchester University, proposed the toast of "The School," after which was sung the School Song.

The Head Master responded and spoke of the life of the School during the past twelve months.

"The Association" was proposed by Mr. W. A. McAdam, the new acting Agent-General for British Columbia.

The President, Mr. W. Newton Caw, responded.

Mr. F. H. Lowe, the President of the Association of Old Hulmeians in London, was present, and brought greetings from the London Association.

A list of those present is given below :—

F. Adams, G. R. Adams, A. H. Allman, W. Allman, H. R. W. Anderson, H. Andrew, B. C. K. Ballinger, J. A. Barber, N. A. Barber, E. Barnes, G. R. Barnes, M. G. Blackburn, T. W. M. Bland, F. Bond, R. Bradshaw, W. R. F. Branagh, T. Broomhead, I. D. Burke, D. P. Burke, E.



C. P. Butler, A. G. Campbell, Colin Campbell, W. N. Caw, R. G. Clarke, M. H. Cobbold, G. Cocker, R. Cocker, L. L. Cooper, P. M. Dale, E. E. D. Davies, E. Davy, Trevor Dennis, C. G. Dehn, F. E. Dehn, P. M. Evans, M. C. Forrest, A. O. Gatley, G. N. E. Gilliat, D. Ll. Griffiths, N. Harrold, N. E. Hawley, J. B. Holt, J. C. Jarvis, A. Jones, C. H. Jones, P. Jones, H. S. Kiernan, T. R. Lea, W. Ll. Lloyd, John Lord, F. H. Lowe, H. Lowther, R. W. Lymer, W. A. McAdam, John Mark, T. S. Martin, B. A. Marsh, F. B. Mayo, A. R. Merchant, W. F. Merchant, B. Muth, B. D. Norris, G. V. Oddy, S. R. Oddy, D. M. Parren, J. E. Peters, L. S. Pidd, E. L. Pixton, R. G. Porter, A. L. Powell, R. A. Prideaux, K. Rains, J. G. Rickards, A. I. Robinson, J. I. Robinson, J. C. Scammell, J. Short, J. E. Shortland, J. H. P. Slade, A. Smith, P. V. Stevenson, N. W. Sunderland, K. P. Thompson, Walter Thorpe, E. H. Vlies, H. H. Vlies, J. H. Ward, S. Whittingham, C. Wilkes, D. M. Williams, J. Wright, J. N. Wright, N. Youatt, C. S. Youatt.

### Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

Although the 1933-34 season has not been quite so successful as that of 1932-33, the Section generally is in a much stronger position than ever before. Whilst a great disappointment was suffered in the unexpected dismissal of the first and "A" teams from the Senior Flags Competition and Lancashire Junior Cup, we have good reason to be very proud of the fact that the general level of the Section has been improved greatly by the league success of the latter team.

The third team have added to this success by their excellent showing in the Fifth Division of the League, and are assured of

promotion. The "B," although not quite so successful, have pulled together in a most praiseworthy manner, and have always given their opponents a good game.

Whilst the Section has a good membership, it can well do with more support from the School next season, and any new members may rest assured that regular games will be given to them.

It may not be generally known that, for various reasons, prominent amongst which is business, several unexpected resignations have reduced our playing strength. The first team, for instance, have turned out on several occasions with only four of the original 1933 team players. This naturally affects the whole playing strength, and junior teams have suffered in consequence of such occurrences.

Before dealing with the individual performances of the four teams let us congratulate Mr. J. A. Barber on his appointment as the referee for the Senior Flags Final this year, an honour which is made doubly important by the fact that this is the Jubilee Final.

We should like also to congratulate N. R. Coe on his appointment as captain of both the Lancashire and the North Teams.

Other players to be honoured are N. A. Barber (North and Lancashire), and A. G. Campbell and A. R. Merchant (Lancashire).

The first team, as is generally known, have been most unfortunate in the matter of injuries, all of which occurred at the most important stage of the season, and their dismissal from the Flags can be explained by the fact that in this competition (2nd round) they had to find five reserves. This is no reflection on the "A" team members who were brought on, but it cannot be denied that a first appearance in an important Flag match does affect a new player far more than a regular player.



Apart from this match and the league fixture against Stockport, the team has undoubtedly held its own.

In the absence of T. R. Lea and J. C. Jarvis, H. H. Midgley and K. B. Hilton have done well, and F. G. Bray and L. A. Walker have justified their trials at second home.

The "A" team have every reason to be very proud of this year's achievement in obtaining promotion to the Second Division. This is no small feat when it is realised that nearly all their opponents had several more years' experience in the Third Division, the "A" having been elected to this Division only this season. Had they not been deprived of the services of six of their regular team in the Junior Cup match against Rochdale, they would undoubtedly have won that game. Their defence has been very strong indeed, and has undoubtedly formed the basis of the success enjoyed. All the men have played really well, so that it would be unfair to individualise.

At centre, however, J. N. Whitehouse has more than fulfilled his early promise, and is now playing a first-class game each week, whilst H. Lowther and G. R. Adams are two dangerous wing attacks.

The absence of E. C. P. Butler decidedly reduced the scoring strength of the attack, and it was unfortunate that his business appointment in the South came before the close of the season.

L. A. Walker has always worked very hard, and when he develops a really strong shot should be a dangerous man in front of goal.

On the third team A. Jones has proved himself a most useful and adaptable player, and it speaks well for his abilities that he has played on many occasions on the "A" team as both a wing attack and wing defence. The team generally have worked

excellently together, but there is still room for improvement on attack, where only B. C. Scammell and H. Andrew show any real shooting power. M. C. Forrest has worked hard at centre. Their defence has borne the brunt of the work, J. H. P. Slade and G. Holt being outstanding.

The "B" team have suffered more than any other in the matter of "cry-offs," and it speaks well for their keenness that there have been few complaints, even when they found themselves one man short.

J. Turton has been their most consistent attack, with J. F. Caldwell a sound wing. Both these players have always given full satisfaction when called up to the senior sides, a remark which applies equally well to T. L. Gillison on the defence. C. W. F. Deakin has again captained his side well under many trying circumstances.

Let me finish with one word in regard to punctuality. Several members on various occasions have arrived at the ground five minutes after the game is due to start, a fact which greatly affects the morale of any side. Let our club give a good lead to the opposing sides, and we shall have done much to improve lacrosse generally.

Finally, we wish to offer our thanks to the School for their co-operation in the matter of practices, and to Mr. Leggat for his valuable services as the club's official goal-umpire.

With the sanction of the Head Master practices will be held regularly in the month of September, with a possibility of one in August. Members will be advised by post card, and it is urgently requested that all players take advantage of the excellent ground conditions to get some first-class training.

The Annual General Meeting will be held this year on Monday, 9th April, at 7-45 p.m., in Beresford's Restaurant, Pall Mall,



Manchester. Prior to the meeting an informal Dinner will be given at 6-15 p.m. at the same address, the latter function being in place of the usual theatre party following the meeting.

K. R.

### RESULTS.

#### FIRST TEAM.

Dec. 9.—		
„ 16.—v. Ashton	.....A	Pstpd.
„ 23.—v. Boardman & Eccles	.....H	7-5
„ 30.—v. Offerton	.....A	11-5
Jan. 6.—v. Old Mancunians	.....A	5-14
„ 13.—v. Heaton M. Guild (Flags)	.....A	7-7
„ 20.—v. Do. Replay	.....A	10-11
„ 27.—v. Stockport	.....A	3-14
Feb. 3.—v. Heaton Mersey	.....H	10-11
„ 10.—v. Old Waconians	.....H	8-6
„ 24.—v. Albert Park	.....A	16-8

#### “ A ” TEAM.

Dec. 9.—v. Mellor “A”	.....H	7-8
„ 16.—v. Rochdale	.....H	6-2
„ 23.—v. Birch	.....A	11-5
„ 30.—v. Wilmslow	.....A	11-4
Jan. 6.—v. Stockport Secs.	.....H	9-5
„ 13.—v. Rochdale (Junior Cup)	.....H	6-7
„ 20.—v. Blackley Park	.....A	4-6
„ 27.—v. Heaton Norris	.....H	14-8
Feb. 24.—v. Ashton “A”	.....H	9-6
Mar. 3.—v. Ashton “A”	.....A	13-2

#### THIRD TEAM.

Dec. 9.—v. Stockport S.S. “A”	.....H	18-3
„ 16.—v. Disley “A”	.....A	1-0
„ 23.—v. University “A”	.....H	16-5
„ 30.—v. Rochdale “A”	.....H	Pstpd.
Jan. 6.—v. Romiley 1st	.....A	7-5
„ 13.—v. Worsley “A”	.....H	10-2
„ 20.—v. Bramhall “A”	.....H	1-0
„ 27.—v. Blackley Park “A”	.....A	11-4
Feb. 3.—v. Offerton “A”	.....H	1-0
„ 10.—v. Cheadle “A”	.....H	6-13
„ 24.—v. Hulme G.S. “A” (F)	.....H	8-3
Mar. 3.—v. Worsley “A” (F)	.....H	7-2

#### “ B ” TEAM.

Dec. 9.—v. Hulme G.S. “A”	.....A	8-4
„ 16.—v. Cheadle Hulme “B”	.....H	1-0
„ 23.—v. South & Wythe. “B”	.....A	2-12
„ 30.—v. Chorlton “B”	.....H	1-0
Jan. 6.—v. Ashton “B”	.....A	9-3
„ 13.—v. Old Mancunians “B”	.....A	3-8
„ 20.—v. Heaton M. Guild “B”	.....A	5-6
„ 27.—v. Cheadle H.S.	.....A	2-28
Feb. 3.—v. Manchester G.S.	.....A	0-19
„ 10.—v. Old Mancunians “B”	.....H	10-6
„ 24.—v. Stockport Secs. “A”	.....A	6-5
Mar. 3.—v. Oldham “B”	.....A	4-13

(F) denotes Friendly Fixture.

## Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

At the time of writing the second production of the season has not taken place, but preparations are well advanced, and we have every reason to look forward to a successful show.

We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks to Mrs. Sunderland, who, for several years has allowed the stage staff the use of her cellars as store and workrooms, and has done everything possible to make them comfortable. Circumstances have made the continuance of this arrangement impossible, and the Headmaster has allowed us to use the rooms above the stables at Peveril Mount.

The stage staff has established itself in its new quarters. Electric light has been installed, and the place is proving most convenient for the work. We feel that the great task of clearing and cleaning the place deserves special mention. The party, which, choking and coughing, swept down the cobwebs and gathered up the rubbish



will not easily forget the thoughtless member who stood below while large quantities of rubbish and a rain of curtain rings descended. The proceedings fittingly terminated with a bonfire.

A very successful social was held at School on Tuesday, February 27th, when sixty-three were present. A one-act play, "The Boy Comes Home," by A. A. Milne, was read, and the Choir found an opportunity to sing six part-songs, which proved very popular. The Choir has improved in numbers and ability, and it is hoped that a concert will be possible next year. The Old Hulmeians String Quartet made a successful first appearance; there was some hearty community singing, and the Orchestra concluded the proceedings with a bright performance of "The Barber of Seville" Overture.

Rambles have been continued, but, though the number who turn out is smaller than in the past, some very interesting walks have been enjoyed.

D. M. W.

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## The Cambridge Old Hulmeians Association.

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The Lent term has, as usual, passed off quietly, and we are awaiting the examinations though they are still in the somewhat distant future. The achievement of the term has been the winning of the lacrosse match against Oxford for the first time since 1911. J. Mark and G. A. Cooke, who were in the team last year, retained their places in the side. During a week of coaching Mr. Barber gave very valuable help. A. G. Sidebotham rowed in the Selwyn Pair which was entered for the Junior Pairs.

G. A. C.

## Old Hulmeians Motor Club.

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Since the last issue, the Motor Club has held two social runs, a dance, and a treasure hunt.

The dance was held at the Grand Hotel, and, although the numbers were small, those who attended had a most enjoyable time. We hope that in consequence the next one will attract more.

The treasure hunt was also successful, thirty-six people turning out. The treasure was discovered by J. Mark, assisted by Miss Pear, although L. S. Pidd and his crew arrived at the finish first, but were unable to solve the final clue. An excellent lunch followed at the Old Vicarage Café, Holmes Chapel.

Our plans for the future include a novelty rally, a sporting event, and bathing runs during the summer.

The present membership of the Club is forty-four, and the Committee feel that there are many Old Boys who would enjoy the Club outings if they came. An invitation is extended to any Old Hulmeian to come on the novelty rally in April. The exact date is not yet fixed, but the Hon. Secretary, R. B. Goodwin, 20, Swinbourne Grove, Withington, will be glad to notify anyone who will communicate with him.

R. B. G.

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## A Chance Meeting.

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We were returning from a tour of the surrounding district and a breakdown had made us later than we had expected. Darkness had fallen, and the heavy rain that drove against the windscreen seemed to



intensify the gloom. The road was deserted except for occasional hordes of rats which, driven from their usual haunts by the torrential rain that had caused the rivers to overflow, scuttered across the road and disappeared into the darkness beyond. The wind moaned through the trees and seemed to play a deep song of mourning, weird music in harmony with the unreal atmosphere of this queer night, while, in the distance, a rumble of thunder added its deep note to the melancholy tune. Here and there on the hillside a light shone from a lonely cottage window, but, far from cheering us, their beams seemed to accentuate the misery of the night.

This was no place to linger in at such a time. Set in the heart of the hills, remote from towns, old customs and superstitions still existed in the minds of the simple country-folk, and it was not to be wondered at, therefore, that we encountered no villagers on the road.

Presently, we approached a kind of valley where the road ran alongside a dark and dreary stretch of water that hardly justified the name of lake. Here, owing to the narrow and tortuous road we were obliged to proceed with extreme caution, and, peering anxiously into the darkness ahead, we steered our way round the sharp turns. Suddenly, as we rounded a bend, a figure stepped into the glare of the headlights. Hastily we applied the brakes and the tyres bit into the loose road surface, quickly bringing the car to a stop. The figure came nearer, and gradually we could discern his features. He was a tall man with a weather-beaten face and carried a rucksack which had been drenched through by the rain, while his heavy boots seemed to suggest that he was on a walking-tour.

His appearance was not very prepossessing but his voice and manner of address bespoke the man of culture. A slight trace of accent was noticeable in his speech, and

his subsequent remarks confirmed this impression, for he explained that he was an American on his way round the world, and asked if we could give him a lift to the nearest village where he hoped to catch a train. We found him a very agreeable companion, and his descriptions of the countries he had passed through helped to relieve the oppressions and gloom of the night. His tastes seemed to be rather eccentric, for, although apparently of comfortable means, he seemed to prefer a life of travel and hardship to one of ease, and his adventurous nature had taken him into many strange and little-known corners of the world.

When we reached the village we parted company, and, thanking us, he set off down the main street, head and shoulders bent forward as he battled his way through the driving rain. We watched him disappear into the gloom, and we wondered what strange adventures would befall him ere he completed his travels.

N. H. J.

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## Cadet Corps Notes.

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The Corps Dance, held at the School on Friday, December 22nd, was a great success, and was better attended by present Cadets than for some years past.

Another first-aid class has been started this term, and we are extremely fortunate in again having Dr. A. H. M. Robertson as lecturer. "A" Company and six Cadets from "B" Company, who are attending the lectures, ought to gain some valuable knowledge of the human anatomy and experience in first-aid work.

After Easter the signalling section will get to work again, and it is hoped to give the Cadets in "B" and "C" Companies some practice.



Sergeant Mark is already rehearsing the Military Band on the School field in preparation for the Whitsuntide Camp, and from the sounds that float into School on Friday afternoons, we are to have some lively march tunes at Grange-over-Sands.

Arrangements for Camp are now well in hand, and it is hoped to leave Manchester by the 4-10 train on Wednesday, May 16th, for Grange-over-Sands, and return on Tuesday, May 29th. As Whitsuntide is extremely early this year, Cadets who are taking the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate will have plenty of time for work between camp and the examinations, and a fortnight in camp is an excellent preparation in itself for them.

Although we have passed the hundred mark, we want more recruits, and it is still possible for boys of thirteen to join and go to camp this year.

Again we have to record an almost uninterrupted run of parades this winter, and the Unit ought to be able to put up a good show again at our camp inspection.

The following promotions have been made to date from January 16th:—

Sergeant S. Plant to be Company Sergeant-Major.

Acting Lance-Corporal T. G. Moore to be Lance-Corporal.

J. A. BARBER, *Cadet Major,*  
*Officer Commanding.*

## Out for the Day.

The peacefulness of morning, its air filled with eddies of mist, and its dew glistening on the grass is rudely broken by the strident notes of the bugle. Slowly the sergeant of the guard runs the "Union Jack" to the top

of the flag-staff, and watches it flutter gently, as the reveillé calls the sleeping camp to life. Tousled heads appear from under the brailings, tent-flaps are flung open, and howls of protest arise as the guard shatters the dreams of some unfortunate. But a hum of excitement, an unusual, expectant atmosphere is in the camp; the hardy youths, splashing themselves with water, seem to put more vigour into their ablutions; the orderlies move with unusual quickness; the bank does a brisk and roaring business, and even the bacon in the cookhouse seems to sizzle more noisily. Surely the usual glory won on "Inspection Day" has not affected the life of the camp. No! It is a far greater event than Inspection Day. It is the last Friday in camp, Windermere Day, the glorious day, the thought of which has whiled away many a weary lesson. The old order is passed along the tents, "The Corps will move off at eight o'clock." After breakfast the Corps anxiously waits for the bugler to sound the "Fall In," and, as the last notes die away, we march smartly on to the parade square, with haversacks and water-bottles draped skilfully around our bodies. At last the order is given, and we find ourselves marching in fours down to the road, with drums and bugles disturbing the bovine placidity of the neighbouring cattle.

It is fortunate that we climb the Cartmel hill at the beginning of the day, and not at the end. As we struggle onwards we hear the beats of the big drummer decreasing in strength as he nears the summit, but at the critical moment a sympathetic bugler hands him a water-bottle, and he resumes his duty with redoubled vigour. We march very easily along nine miles of lakeland road, under shady trees, while the blazing sun bathes the country side with golden lustre. Somehow our bugle band has an irresistible fascination for cattle, almost akin to the power of Orpheus over birds and beasts, and if it were not for the fences and quaint



stone walls around the fields we should arrive at Lakeside with quite a large herd.

After halting at a picturesque spring to quench our thirst, we resume, and, at about eleven o'clock, we march boisterously into Lakeside, having exhausted both our repertoire of songs and our water-bottles. We then "absorb" chocolate and lemonade, bought at exorbitant prices from Lakeside Station, after which we embark on a steamer and sail for a blissful hour and a half up the lake. The whole corps chooses to pack itself into the stern of the boat, where it can eat, drink, and sing without interruption. On this trip the stern of the boat is noticeably lower than the bows.

We disembark at last, and parade on Waterhead Pier, where we are told that, for the next four hours, we can amuse ourselves as we please, drowning alone being prohibited. "Fall Out!" This is the signal for an excited rush for the boats, into which we scramble very unskilfully. We cruise around the lake in peace, over rippling, sunlit waves, and although the boat is hired only for an hour we have no qualms. So has it always been. After "catching crabs," and exploring some charming little islands, we return to the jetty where a knowing, but resigned, boatman accepts the excuse that our only watch had stopped. The ritual of drying ourselves in the sun, and counting what money we have left, follows, and the result of the latter operation being satisfactory, we adjourn to a café on the lake front where a kindly old dame satisfies our hunger for two shillings. Soon the number of khaki-clad youths sunbathing on the jetties represents the whole Corps, which is, for some obscure reason, not eating. At five o'clock we reassemble and have a hectic return trip in the boat. Nobody appears to have been drowned,

which is not at all surprising, for the Corps is amphibian on Windermere Day. All too soon we arrive at Lakeside, where we are hurriedly packed into the four charabancs waiting to bear us back to camp. Cheers are heard as the first car starts, for the Annual Windermere Derby has begun. Shouts of joy are heard as one charabanc passes another, but within a quarter of an hour the race is over. The inhabitants of the winning car strut proudly into the field, and soon the losers join them. The column marches slowly up to camp with feelings divided between pangs of regret and the pangs of an empty stomach. Up to the flag we march, tired at last. "Supper in half an hour. Parade, Dis-miss!"

But this is not the end, for when we sit down for supper at our clean little tables in the cadets' Mess the reason for the Corps' abstention from eating on the jetties is made apparent; it is done so that we may duly honour the traditional meat and potato pie! The odour alone is enough to satisfy any ordinary appetite, but not that of a hungry cadet. After the fourth plateful the orderly sergeant, accompanied by the Orderly Officer, makes an apprehensive entry; "Mess, mess—'shun! Any complaints?" "No-o-o!" He turns about, salutes, and returns to his meal.

But the end of all good things must come. Slowly the Corps crawls into bed, as twilight steals over the white tents. The impressive silence during the "Last Post" has introduced a feeling of peace to the camp. Sleep at last lays his heavy hand on us, and the moon over the bay glints on the bayonet of a watchful sentry. "Pass, friend. All's well." Ah! Well. The end of a perfect day.



## Lacrosse, 1933-34.

The team is still unbeaten, and, in spite of forced changes, has continued to win its matches fairly easily. We have been fortunate in the reserves we have called upon, and Porter, Blackburn and Parkinson have never let the team down when they have been asked to play. F. L. Davies, a wing defence, has also made successful appearances as a wing attack.

The attack is good, and has never been completely held this season. Players have been moved about without any loss of effectiveness and, in a large measure, this has been due to the long association of Pear and the two Howards. These three have combined as well as any attacks that have ever represented the School.

The defence is still unreliable, but it has improved in what is a defence man's first job—bodying. It still plays too loosely and gets mixed up, but, fortunately, most of our opponents have failed to take full advantage of an unexpected free man. Moore has been a good connecting link, and Vincent a sound goalkeeper.

In the matches played since the last publication of The Hulmeian, only the Manchester Grammar School and the Cheadle Hulme School have given us really hard games. The club "B" teams are now not strong enough to extend us fully.

We have again reached the final of the "B" Team and Schools' Challenge Shield, and meet our last year's opponents, Cheadle Hulme School, in the final. In the semi-final against Old Mancunians "B," played on our opponent's ground, we had a hard game, but eventually ran out easy winners.

R. H. Pear, J. R. Howard, C. T. Howard, H. G. Holland, W. Dickson, T. G. Moore, F. L. Davies, and N. B.

Smethurst played for the Lancashire School-boys' team that defeated the Lancashire Juniors on New Year's Day.

## FIRST XII.

### RESULTS.

v. ASHTON "B."—December 9th. Home. 2nd Round of Juniors' Challenge Shield. Won 19—2.

Our opponents could, unfortunately, only field eleven men, but our attacks had a difficult task at first to penetrate their defence. Parkinson played a hard game, but seemed unable to finish off his movements by accurate shooting. Moore proved too fast for his man, and scored some good goals. Towards the end of the game our opponents packed their defence with attack men, and consequently play was spoiled for both sides. We won 19—2.

v. SOUTH MANCHESTER AND WYTHENSHAW "B."—January 13th. Home. Won 21—3.

We were favoured with a beautiful afternoon for this game, and our attacks, playing an open game, soon established a substantial lead. The defence were not severely tried, but even in such a game did not show enough dash. Dickson and Davies were useful in forcing, but they both should remember that this must not be overdone.

v. MELLOR "B."—January 20th. Home. Won 25—4.

This match did not give us much trouble as our opponents were more enthusiastic than skilful. They worked hard, and the School defence played well. Vincent, in goal, showed great improvement. The attack, as usual, proved too quick in shooting and passing for the Mellor defence, who almost gave up hope. But, as had happened



before, our opponents withdrew players from their attack to assist the defence, and so most of our goals in the second half of the game came from hard shooting through the crowd which hampered the goalkeeper.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—January 27th. Home. Won 17—5. Third Round of the Juniors' Challenge Shield.

The first half of this game was evenly contested, but the Manchester attacks could not get through our defence, which played a sound game. Our attacks did slightly better because they relied less on individual effort. The second half was mainly played between our attacks and the Manchester defence. On our defence Porter and Blackburn, playing in place of Dickson and Davies, who had been injured, were both excellent, and Porter scored a very fine goal. Holland was magnificent in marking Coulthard, who was the best of our opponents' attacks, and Vincent, in goal, although handicapped by an injured knee, gave his best display of the season.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 14th. Away. Won 20—9.

We gained the upper hand in the first half mainly by good shooting. Our defence was not as steady as in the previous match, but in the second half they did valuable work in forcing. Towards the end of the game the Manchester defence became less steady and tried to stop our attacks by hard checking instead of bodying. They paid the penalty for this method, for we scored eleven times in the second half. J. R. Howard and Parkinson both played a hard game, and Porter was again conspicuous by his tireless work on the defence.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—February 22nd. Home. Won 16—4.

Both teams were below their usual strength for this game, for Rugger matches

on the previous day had injured many. The experiment of playing Davies at wing attack in place of J. R. Howard proved successful. The first half was hotly contested, and Davies, who scored our first two goals, was in great form. At half-time we led by 6 goals to 3. The second half was mainly interesting for the magnificent goals scored by C. T. Howard, who played extremely well. Blackburn and Porter played hard right up to the end, and were the most conspicuous of our defence, while Vincent showed great confidence in goal.

v. OLD MANCUNIAN "B."—February 24th. Away. Semi-final of the Juniors' Challenge Shield. Won 18—2.

Our attacks were hampered by a narrow ground, but this also seemed to affect our opponents' play. Davies again gave us a lead by using his speed. C. T. Howard scored most of our goals by really forceful play. In the second half we were inclined to shoot wildly, but our defence, on which Flinn took the place of Porter (ill), played confidently and with great effect.

v. HEATON MERSEY GUILD "B."—March 3rd. Away. Won 18—7.

We had a very pleasant afternoon's 'crosse, played under excellent conditions. The first half was interesting, for our opponents' defence played hard and gave us few chances. Our defence seemed at first over-confident, and were not quick enough to clear the ball to the attack. Smethurst, who was marking the best man on a very competent attack, was unsteady at first, but settled down later and played well. Combination on the School attack was almost entirely absent at first, and the Guild defence soon showed us that they knew how to deal with individualists. C. T. Howard was the best of our attacks, although Davies showed good form.



## SECOND XII.

This has so far been a term of tragedy. Never once has the team been at full strength, and though the list of defeats is short, it includes one at the hands of Manchester Grammar School. We have never had less than two reserves on the team, and the maximum to date is seven.

In the second round of the Juniors' Challenge Shield we met a very strong Old Boys' "B" team, and in spite of a brave fight by the defence, went down by 8 goals to 4.

It is difficult to decide how good the team might have become had fewer changes been necessary, but we have been able to supply the first with adequate reserves, and find satisfaction in their success.

Team from : G. R. Lamb (captain), C. G. Dennis, S. Plant, M. W. Flinn, F. Luckman, J. S. Blackburn, J. H. Porter, N. Meakin, E. B. Jackson, O. R. Dennis, W. A. Parkinson, R. H. Stanley, M. Ballinger, W. G. Aspinall, A. A. McKerrigan, I. A. McTaggart, R. W. Townend, A. L. Mosley, R. L. Strachan, N. H. Jackson, P. Saunbury, T. F. Redman, A. F. Brazier, E. H. Gabbott, J. A. Berry and R. Hawley.

### RESULTS.

1933.

Dec. 9.—v. Old Hulmeians "B" ....H Lost 4-8  
(2nd Round Shield)

1934.

Jan. 20.—v. Stockport G.S. 1st .....A Lost 10-11

Feb. 17.—v. Manchester G.S. ....A Lost 3-13

„ 21.—v. University "B" .....A Won 10-3

„ 25.—v. Old Hulmeians III. ....A Lost 3-8

## THIRD XII.

Only two matches have been played since the last issue of this magazine, both against Manchester Grammar School. The first was

a very close game, and the second was remarkable for the fact that only three of the regular team were available. The reserves provided from the House teams fully justified themselves, and give evidence of the rising standard of these games.

The following have played :—T. F. Redman (captain), A. L. Mosley, I. A. McTaggart, P. Saunbury, N. H. Jackson, J. D. W. Roberts, E. H. Gabbott, J. W. Nayler, G. S. Moss, R. Hawley, J. A. Berry, M. Ballinger, R. L. Strachan, A. Carmichael, K. Dandeker, H. M. Lawton, H. W. Johnson, A. F. Brazier, B. Race and P. B. Rowson.

### RESULTS.

Jan. 20.—v. Manchester G.S. ....A Won 8-7

Feb. 17.—v. Manchester G.S. ....H Won 6-2

## UNDER 15.

Both the Under 15 teams are now playing good 'crosse, and many of the faults pointed out in the Christmas report have been eradicated. The second team defence, in particular, is to be commended for its improved play. The chief fault now seems to lie with the attack players, who still have to be reminded that (a) they must keep on the move and so open out the game, (b) they must not run away from one of their own attacks who has the ball, (c) they must pass hard.

A gratifying feature of the play of both teams this term has been the fact that they have never given up hope of winning, even when several goals down, but have fought hard to the finish.

The teams have usually been :—

First : S. R. Blakeley, B. Daley, R. H. Edwards, A. Hesford, D. E. Hutchinson, J. Lonnen, J. H. Riley, R. C. Spooner



P. Whittaker, A. B. Whitehouse (captain),  
E. B. Williams, T. A. Yates.

Second: D. Barnes (captain), D. C. A. Bevis, H. Cartwright, J. D. Gabbott, J. A. Ingham, V. A. Inman, P. N. Knight, K. Nicholson, P. S. Preston, P. B. Rowson, W. V. Wadsworth, R. J. Young.

The following have also played on the teams: A. F. Brazier, A. L. Dennis, I. Gray, B. Race.

### RESULTS.

#### 1ST XII.

Jan. 20.—v. Manchester G.S. U. 15...H Won 9-4  
Feb. 17.—v. Cheadle H. School U. 15.A Drawn 5-5  
Mar. 7.—v. Manchester G.S. U. 15...A Won 11-7  
„ 10.—v. Cheadle H. School U. 15.H Won 11-2

#### 2ND XII.

Jan. 27.—v. Cheadle Hulme Juniors...A Won 18-1  
Feb. 3.—v. Cheadle Heath Juniors...A Lost 4-5  
Mar. 7.—v. M.G.S. U. 15 2nd .....H Won 8-2

## Rugby, 1933-34.

The team as a whole has played better this term, and finished up with a very creditable victory over the Manchester Grammar School, after a very keenly contested game.

The forwards have shown to much better advantage, and in particular the hooking of N. H. Jackson has reached a high standard. Of the others it is difficult to single out individuals when all have done well. We have never been altogether happy in the three-quarter line and have tried several rearrangements.

F. L. Davies, at left centre, has been outstanding for handling, kicking and speed.

R. H. Pear, at scrum-half, has had one or two off-days, but has always worked hard and has generally been very successful.

J. R. Howard, at full-back, is a very reliable tackler, but his catching is not very good.

D. A. Parry has shown commendable keenness both on and off the field, and has proved a reliable and successful captain.

We should like to express here our best thanks to Mr. Young, of the Sale Rugby Club, who has so willingly and so efficiently refereed our first team home matches.

v. KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, LYTHAM.  
—December 13th. Home. Won 20—6.

During the first half of the match play was somewhat scrappy, and we failed to score until just on half-time, when T. G. Moore scored a difficult drop-goal. In the second half, however, we did much better and had most of the play.

v. WAKEFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—  
December 16th. Home. Lost 8—24.

We were up against a considerably more experienced team, but the first half of the game was more even than the result would suggest. Our forwards had the better of their opponents both in the pack and in the loose, but the three-quarters failed to make full use of the chances given them. Both our tries were scored by E. S. Frazer. Our defeat was mainly due to the skill and experience of the opposing backs.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—January  
24th. Away. Won 9—3.

Although we started the second half of the season well by securing a victory at Cheadle Hulme, the game was in some ways disappointing. The forwards got possession in the scrum, but were slow in heeling, while the three-quarters far too often took their passes standing still. The



defence was very uncertain though, luckily, they had little work to do. Tries were scored by W. Dickson (2) and R. H. Pear.

v. SIR JOHN DEANE'S SCHOOL.—January 31st. Home. Won 3—0.

In this match again the team failed to do itself justice. The forwards got possession of the ball in the scrum every time except on three occasions, but play in the open was very weak. The try was scored by G. R. Lamb, who broke away in the second half.

v. SALE "B."—February 17th. Home. Won 36—11.

Our opponents were heavier than we were, but better scrumming in the pack and livelier play in the open gained us the victory. The three-quarters were very much better, though most of the tries were the result of individual work, T. F. Redman, G. R. Lamb, E. B. Jackson, C. T. Howard and F. L. Davies making spectacular dashes. However, good backing up by the forwards led to two tries, N. B. Smethurst getting over the line both times. H. G. Holland, as hooker, was very successful.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 21st. Away. Won 11—3.

We had been looking forward to this game as one which would provide us with a good fight, and we were not disappointed. Our opponents relied mainly on individual cleverness, while we owed the victory rather to the combined work of the whole team. N. Meakin crossed their line twice, receiving good passes from R. H. Pear and E. B. Jackson, while the third try was scored by F. L. Davies. N. H. Jackson hooked well and was well supported by the rest of the pack, the heeling leaving little to be desired.

The following have played:—

C. T. Howard, T. F. Redman, F. L. Davies, T. G. Moore, N. Meakin, G. R.

Lamb, E. B. Jackson, R. H. Pear, H. G. Holland, N. H. Jackson, J. H. Porter, R. Mark, W. Dickson, E. S. Frazer, J. S. Blackburn, D. A. Parry (captain), N. B. Smethurst, J. R. Howard, S. Plant.

## SECOND XV.

Again this term the frequent demands of the first have weakened the team, but good substitutes have always been forthcoming, and out of the four matches we have played we have won three and drawn the fourth. Unfortunately two matches had to be cancelled owing to unfavourable weather conditions.

Team chosen from the following:—J. S. Blackburn (captain), A. Carmichael, T. F. Redman, R. Mark, D. A. E. Chambers, A. McKerrigan, F. Dixon, M. W. Flinn, J. K. Nicholson, J. A. Berry, W. Haley, R. Hawley, W. G. Aspinall, E. B. Jackson, G. Edwards, W. A. Parkinson, P. L. Smith, D. S. B. Vincent.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—December 2nd. Home. Won 44—5.

In this game the team played well together, and their united efforts were rewarded with an easy victory. Our opponents rarely entered our twenty-five.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—January 24th. Home. Won 63—0.

As may be gathered from the score this was again a very one-sided game. The opposing forwards lacked the power and stamina of our pack and our three-quarters were more skilful.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—January 27th. Home. Won 18—0.

A strong team, though continually pressed by a determined Manchester attack, was



able to win a hard-fought game. It was a closer game than would appear from the score.

v. SIR JOHN DEANE'S SCHOOL.—January 31st. Home. Drawn 14—14.

In the first half we played good football and established a useful lead of 11—3, but after half-time both forwards and three-quarters played badly, and we were seldom out of our own twenty-five. Our last try was the result of a successful breakaway.

### COLTS XV.

Against Manchester the three-quarters played their best game of the season. They passed the heavy ball quickly and ran hard and straight. At Cheadle Hulme we won because we tackled hard and our forwards backed-up well.

### RESULTS.

Jan. 26.—v. Manchester G.S. .... Won 21-3  
 „ 31.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ... Won 11-10  
 Played 9, Won 7, Lost 2, 170 for, 55 against.

Team: T. A. Yates, A. Hesford, A. F. Brazier, W. V. Wadsworth, S. R. Blakeley, R. H. Edwards, D. H. Elbourne, R. C. Spooner, R. D. Rider, P. S. Preston, N. W. Wood, D. E. Hutchinson, D. M. Herbert, J. H. Riley, E. B. Williams.

### The Crock.

“Remote, unfriended, melancholy, slow,”  
 Along the touch-line which so well I know,  
 I drift, with arm in sling—a giant cowed!  
 Out there the battle wages thick and fast,  
 The School is losing, and half-time is  
 past,  
 —I might be with them, fighting to the  
 last. . . .  
 Were I not crock'd.

Too well I now recall th' ill-fated day,  
 When Fortune chose to look the other way,  
 And I met Waterloo 'gainst Kersal "B."  
 Seized by a forward, hefty, red-hair'd,  
 tall,  
 Forgetting even to let go the ball,  
 I bit the dust—a wrench—and that was  
 all,  
 And I was crock'd.

So now with eyes that lack their ancient fire,  
 My convalescence I spend in desire  
 To get back on that field of mud and gore.  
 Next match, or next but one, I'll scorn  
 this line!  
 Mud, honour, glory, victory be mine!  
 And if some day that forward's path meets  
 mine. . . .  
 We'll see who's crock'd!

L. R. H.

### House Games.

A great deal of interest has been taken in the House “knock-out” competitions this term. Owing to bad weather at the end of last term, the Final of the football competition was not played until the first week this year. The finalists—Byrom and Fraser—had little difficulty in their earlier matches, Byrom winning 21—0 against Dalton, who had previously beaten Gaskell 19—8, while Fraser had beaten Heywood 41—0, and Whitworth 57—0.

In the Final, Byrom were always the better side, and having obtained an early lead of 7—0 through a dropped goal by F. L. Davies and a try by K. Dandeker, they were never behind. W. Dickson kicked a penalty goal for Fraser from the half-way line, but Byrom scored another try immediately afterwards. Just before half-time I. A. McTaggart scored for Fraser, and



Dickson made it into the only converted try of the match. Byrom led 10—8 at half-time, but soon afterwards scored another try before T. G. Moore touched down for Fraser. In spite of constant attacking by Fraser the score remained 13—11 until a few minutes from time, when forward rushes resulted in two more tries for Byrom, who won by 19—11.

It was less than three weeks later that this defeat was avenged in the first round of the lacrosse competition. Fraser led 2—0 after ten minutes, but Byrom then scored three quick goals, and led 4—3 at half-time. This lead was soon increased to 5—3, and no sooner had Fraser drawn level than the Fraser goalkeeper allowed an easy shot to pass him. Byrom held this lead of 6—5 until ten minutes from the end, when the Fraser attack, reawakened through persistent forcing by Dickson, scored four goals in five minutes. The final score was 9—6 for Fraser.

In the other first round match Heywood provided much stiffer opposition than had been expected, and although Whitworth won by 13—3, the game was never one-sided. Whitworth held the lead throughout, but A. A. McKerrigan held his man well, and D. S. B. Vincent played a good game in goal. E. B. Jackson was the best of a good Heywood attack.

There was no doubt about the results of the semi-finals, Whitworth beating Gaskell by 17—3, while Fraser scored 16 goals against 4 by Dalton. The results of the two competitions are:—

Football: 1st Round, Fraser beat Heywood 41—0 and Dalton beat Gaskell 19—8.

Semi-final, Byrom beat Dalton 21—0 and Fraser beat Whitworth 57—0.

Final, Byrom beat Fraser 19—11.

Lacrosse: 1st Round, Fraser beat Byrom 9—6 and Whitworth beat Heywood 13—3.

Semi-final, Fraser beat Dalton 16—4 and Whitworth beat Gaskell 17—3.

House games have been cancelled on only three occasions this term—twice in the last week—and the improvement shown in House lacrosse last year has been maintained. There have usually been six House matches and six pick-ups, in addition to school games, every half-holiday, and on an average 331 boys have played in these games. Masters have kindly refereed every game.

It was very difficult to forecast the winners of the House competition, and even after six games had been played Whitworth led by only two points over Byrom, and by five points over Fraser. Then the latter took the lead for a fortnight, but Whitworth have obtained 20 points in the last three weeks as against four by Fraser and none by Byrom. A lead of 13 points has given Whitworth the championship won last year by Byrom.

The Whitworth 1st team, for whom A. L. Mosley and E. B. Williams have always played well, have been fairly successful, and have won 5 and drawn 1 of their 10 matches; the Whitworth Under 14 team have not been beaten, winning 9 and drawing 1 of their matches. Although there has been little to choose between the first teams of Byrom, Fraser, Heywood and Whitworth, Fraser first team have easily gained the most points for the fourth year in succession. Although the team have lost their last two matches they have only been beaten



on one other occasion, and have gained 42 points out of a possible 60. T. A. Yates, G. S. Moss and N. H. Buckley have played consistently well. Fraser Under 14 team have never been defeated by more than four goals, but they have only obtained 16 points out of 40.

Heywood at present occupy the third place, and their record is a remarkable one. After obtaining 11 points out of the first 50, they have since added 42 out of the next 50, and in a fortnight they have risen from sixth place to third. Heywood 1st lost their first five matches and won the next five, and it is notable that this revival occurred after E. B. Jackson and N. Meakin were available, when the School football matches ended. A. F. Brazier on the attack, and M. S. H. Caw and A. B. Whitehouse on the defence, have usually been most reliable. Heywood Under 14 have been a very good side when not handicapped by supplying School teams, but they have only won half their matches.

Byrom started the season very well, but in the last month have obtained only three points out of 40. Their 1st team won five of their first six matches and drew the other, but since then they have lost continuously except for a draw of 2—2 with Gaskell 1st, who have yet to win their first match. K. Dandeker has played some splendid games in goal, and A. J. Newton has always played well on the attack. Byrom Under 14 have lost eight of their ten matches. Dalton, too, have been handicapped by a weak Under 14 team, but their 1st team have beaten every side except Byrom, and have twice been successful against Heywood. R. L. Strachan, A. Hesford and R. C. Spooncer have been the

best of the regular side. Dalton Under 14 won two of their first three matches, but have been beaten in every other match.

Gaskell Under 14 have lost to Byrom and Whitworth, and have also drawn with Whitworth, but they have won all their other matches, and as far as points go, they are second only to Whitworth. Gaskell 1st team have drawn two matches—with Heywood and Byrom—and have lost the remaining eight. T. Leigh has been by far the most consistent member of the usual team, but A. Carmichael, O. J. Charnock and L. R. Halliday on the defence, and A. Lister and B. Race on the attack have played many useful games.

The final positions and points are as follows:—1, Whitworth—71; 2, Fraser—58; 3, Heywood—53; 4, Byrom—44; 5, Dalton—38; 6, Gaskell—36.

House colours for lacrosse have been awarded during the term to the following:

Byrom : K. Dandeker, J. D. Gabbott, D. E. Hutchinson.

Dalton : J. H. Riley, J. A. Ingham, R. C. Spooncer.

Fraser : T. F. Redman, I. A. McTaggart, T. A. Yates, N. H. Buckley.

Gaskell : A. Carmichael, L. R. Halliday, T. Leigh, O. R. Charnock, B. Race.

Heywood : D. Barnes, W. P. Tabbush, A. B. Whitehouse, R. W. Townend.

Whitworth : P. B. Rowson, D. C. Snow, C. Knowles, H. Cartwright, G. Edwards, R. H. Stanley.

C. G. D.



## The Hulme Grammar School Games Account.

*Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1933.*

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Audited and found correct, 3rd March, 1934,

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