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SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Timm on the birth of their daughter; also Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams on the birth of their daughter, whose arrival we apologise for not having noted before.

We congratulate the following: D. Lord on being awarded an Open Exhibition in History at Christ's College, Cambridge; A. P. Hamnett on being awarded an Open Scholarship in Medicine at University College, Oxford; D. A. Vaughan on being awarded an Open Scholarship in Classics at Brasenose College, Oxford; W. M. Wolstenholme on being awarded a Hulme Exhibition in Geography at Brasenose College, Oxford; Z. J. Qureshi on being awarded an Open Scholarship in English at St. Edmund Hall, Oxford.

We also congratulate R. C. Back and P. Durn on being awarded scholarships to the RAF College, Cranwell.

The Building Appeal closed on December 31st. Final figures and a final list of donations will be published in the next edition of *The Hulmeian*.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *Gryphon*, *The Wallaseyan* and *The Stopfordian*.

The Swimming Bath is still not quite ready, despite much feverish work that has been watched with growing interest. The expanse of blue has diminished and it is now only the roof that enlivens the sombre hues of Springbridge Road. The bath itself is already full of water and the final touches cannot now be long delayed.

This term has seen the arrival of another younger contemporary, *Vision*, which emanates from the lower sixth and which entered the world, like all good babies, in a lively fashion. We wish its editors and contributors every success.

Another innovation this term, which is more fully noticed elsewhere, has been the introduction of horse-riding as an activity for middle and upper sixth-formers. This happy news conjures up all sorts of visions: various masters habited like Jorrocks; a row of stalls as an extension to the cycle-racks; and perhaps a point-to-point round the first eleven square?

"THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD"

Gilbert and Sullivan sustain a kind of popularity because Sullivan was tuneful and Gilbert, though rarely witty, was sometimes mildly satirical and, more importantly, could spin well-made plots that were efficient in stimulating Sullivan into producing his easy melodies and lively, if unsubtle, rhythms. In the early part of this century, the theatre, in some circles, was considered subversive or at least dangerous, and serious acting considered a contradiction in terms. So Gilbert and Sullivan operas were considered particularly suitable for school production, since they require little or no acting (and if they get it, provide little reward): all that was required was a lot of singers to swell the choruses and a few natural voices who would, as the principals, not suffer because of their lack of musical sophistication.

For two reasons, Gilbert and Sullivan become less and less suitable: firstly because acting is now possible and appreciated and it therefore seems a waste not to train and use the very real acting talent that can be found in order to explore the intelligent, witty, moving or profound plays that enliven the theatre; and secondly because it is clearly impossible nowadays to find a chorus of unbroken boys' voices without recourse to eleven- and twelve-year-olds, who visibly cannot stand the strain.

These would seem reasons to examine the tradition with some heart-searching, but when the particular opera is *The Yeomen of the Guard*, the inquest becomes urgent. It is said that Sullivan had ambitions towards grand opera—and this libretto is what Gilbert offered him. Whether this is true or not, the result is a disaster. Without a pre-text for his kind of satire, all Gilbert can manage is creating melodrama, fustian heroics, comic word-spinning which is out-of-place, and the most embarrassing examples of his compulsive taste for jokes about spinsters, the frustrated, and the unloved. Whether because Sullivan wasn't cut out for grand opera, or whether because Gilbert so hopelessly failed to provide him a workable libretto, Sullivan's score is inordinately depressing (and this, only one year before *The Gondoliers*).

Added to these general handicaps, the fact that three of the principals threatened, only a fortnight before the performance, to be unavoidably unable to take part, the likelihood of an evening of unalloyed pleasure seemed small.

One's main reaction, however, was how much enjoyment was available to anyone sympathetic to the difficulties involved. The producer, Mr. Hoskinson, built upon his strengths: the acting of Curry, the singing of McKay and Bullough, the men's chorus, and the orchestra, which excelled itself and, indeed, had no weak departments. He had to decide whether to have a manageable or an audible chorus: and sensibly decided upon the latter, since, though the set was far too small to accommodate comfortably a chorus of sixty-four, the slow, sloppy and incredible plot did at least mean that there was absolutely no dramatic tension to be lost by having a slight pause while the not very ladylike citizens and the obviously part-time yeomanry shuffled on and off. (Indeed, the first joke of the evening was a visual one, with a halberd being put to novel use.)

The permanent set was a very effective one and lent itself easily to pleasant groupings. The opera opened very slowly: R. N. Curry managed manfully with a soprano voice that is fast leaving him; it wasn't until he was emancipated from the spinning-wheel and engaged in a duet with J. McKay, as the Jailer, that he could show how to act and sing at the same time. McKay's voice was a very real pleasure to listen to, and with his shuffling gait and a nice sense of timing, he endowed Shadbolt with more interest than was dramatically good for him, as the opera doesn't know what to do with him at the end, and so (presumably) marries him off to Phoebe—though we have not been prepared to believe *that* is a solution. It is characteristic of the work, also, that Dame Carruthers should have some of the pleasantest music and absolutely no dramatic function at all: this unrewarding part was admirably taken by C. J. Bullough, whose voice in its upper range was very assured. On the first two nights the part was creditably taken by S. Pope who should be congratulated for stepping into the breach at very short notice.

The plot was painstakingly explained by A. G. Broome in the character of Sergeant Meryll: he endowed a wooden part with sympathy and had an infectious relaxed stage-presence. His son (D. B. Cunningham) arrived breathlessly—indeed, with a skid—and despite being burdened with an intolerable load of tushery (thees and thous abounding), he looked well. M. Sykes, as Col. Fairfax, similarly weighed down with witless trivia masquerading as elegant verbal style, did his very best with verve and gesture, and a skilfully used tenor voice, to breathe life into the part. Sir Richard Cholmondeley, his guardian, was a massive wineskin of a man. C. E. Hayward made no attempt at the aristocratic, but instead made a striking impression as a Holbein-inspired, professional prison governor. His reactions to Jack Point, in the scene where Point applies for the post of jester, were particularly good. Both he and, later, D. Worthing as the executioner, gave admirable lessons in the effectiveness on the stage of merely standing still.

The musical high-point of the opera comes with the arrival of Jack Point (D. J. Fletcher) and Elsie Maynard (C. F. Colton) and their duet, "I have a song to sing, oh". Since the sub-title of the opera is *The Merryman and his Maid*, one must suppose that somewhere in the planning stage, Jack Point was conceived as the dramatically central figure. But the conception got lost, and the part is a hopeless one. Fletcher's voice was breaking and thus scarcely up to the taxing role, and it was a tribute, therefore, to his confidence and technique that so much of his patter was audible, although it must have been very difficult for him to sing. He was not a mercurial jester, even before he was lovelorn—but what fool could make these jokes sound funny?

C. F. Colton, as Elsie, took this part on only a fortnight before the production. He did very well. He had the most difficult part to sing—for so young a voice—and though he was sometimes uncertain whether to look at the conductor or his partner in a duet, he usually managed a sensible compromise. I. M. K. Lowe, as the First Citizen, looked a little embarrassed in a part that must embarrass any actor, let alone the audience.

The male chorus welcomed Sykes as the new Yeoman and made a fine sound (though can't hurrahs, even when sung, sound more hurrahish?). The full chorus was rather less effective dramatically when assembled for the beheading, only to be disappointed at the news brought by Sykes and B. J. Edwards, who, though elsewhere he led the yeomen sensibly, here looked unduly complacent with folded arms (shades of 'Miss Otis regrets . . .').

The final chorus to Act One was a good, rousing noise.

In Act Two, Sykes carried the burden of exegesis and did it well. M. D. Briggs, as Kate, joined Sykes, Broome and Bullough in a pleasant quartet, "A Pretty Maid of Seventeen", and later Sykes, Colton, Fletcher and Curry sang very nicely a quartet at the most uncomfortable part of the plot, which from this point disintegrates. There was a good duet by Broome and Bullough who sang with a genuine musically witty ambiguity: though there was nothing ambiguous about Gilbert's joke at the hilarious thought of an old man being pursued by an old maid.

With the return of Jack Point, strikingly pallid, the tragedy is accomplished with the reprise of "I have a song to sing, oh".

GAMES

RUGBY: FIRST FIFTEEN

This year's side has shown, perhaps more than most, a keenness and will to win which has been evident throughout the season. Tackling and falling has been of a very high standard, particularly among the backs, though poor passing has cost the side dearly.

The forwards have almost always been at a disadvantage as far as height and weight are concerned, but they made up for this by becoming extremely mobile. The back row were outstanding in this respect.

The half-back partnership of McGlue and Hanson was most effective, especially Hanson's kicking.

The backs were a little slow developing but became quite an effective force as the season went on, especially in defence where they conceded very little. Not quite the

same ability was shown in attack, however, and several positional changes did not produce a really effective attacking force.

Blake at full back occasionally brought heart to mouth by his running instead of kicking, but on the whole he was very competent.

The side was very ably led by Worthing and has produced some very attractive and enjoyable rugby.

Colours have been awarded to: D. L. Worthing (capt.), J. Blake (vice-capt.), P. S. Whiteoak, A. D. R. Dickson, K. L. McMurtrie, J. A. L. Clark, P. D. Hanson, A. J. McGlue, K. Herbert, M. F. Slater, D. G. Cowan, D. A. Reeves, S. G. Ogden, D. S. Buckley, K. W. Nightingale.

RESULTS

v. Cowley School. Away. Lost. 3—8.

Against a mobile and much heavier pack, the forwards did well to hold them as well as they did. The tackling and the falling of the backs was excellent, on this, their first outing, and the cover of the back row was most heartening, when towards the end we came under constant pressure.

v. Stockport G.S. Away. Won. 3—0.

On a drab, damp day both sides started slowly and only after a lethargic first half did our forwards show any life. They secured a fair share of the ball from the tight and loose, but lack of effective possession from the lines limited the scope of the backs who, for the most part, handled the wet ball very well. Buckley scored our points after a break from a line-out.

v. Major Watkins' XV. Home. Won. 10—5.

Against a side which had considerable all round talent, the school turned in its best display to date. Five points down in as many minutes, the forwards began to liven up and gained a fair share of the ball. Just before half time Nightingale scored an excellent try from a short penalty and Hanson added the points to put us level. The opposition lasted better than expected and the only clear-cut move by our backs resulted in a try by McMurtrie.

v. University Freshmen. Home. Lost. 3—14.

Not for the first time did we start slowly. Against a very capable freshers' side neither forwards nor backs seemed to liven to the game. After a disastrous first half, we began to attack continually in the later stages. Despite this we failed to score, and, though not disgraced, we were well beaten by a much better side.

v. King Edward's, Lytham. Home. Won. 22—13.

The score might suggest an open enterprising game, and at one stage it seemed as though it might develop as such. We dominated the first half but the second half was shocking; too much niggling resulted in frayed tempers and we lost our initiative. Play became scrappy, and although pressing, the backs lacked penetration and the forwards lost their spark.

v. Cheadle Hulme School. Away. Won. 15—8.

Another scrappy game which ended in victory simply because the forwards decided to hunt for the ball in the last quarter. Hanson's try was the best of the match, but even after a reshuffle the backs seemed unsettled and rarely achieved great heights.

v. Birkenhead School. Away. Lost. 5—19.

For the first time this season the forwards were beaten by a heavier, better drilled pack. Coupled with this the backs looked unsteady and the side allowed themselves to be overwhelmed in the first half. Turning round 16 points down, the forwards began to exert themselves and although unable to maintain possession, troubled the opposition considerably, but, unfortunately, too late to change the situation.

v. Old Hulmeians. Home. Lost. 9—19.

The backs were once again reshuffled and went on to give a good account of themselves. We opened the scoring but turned round 3—5 down. In the second half, the O.B.'s superior weight and line-out work brought them constant possession from which they made ground by kicking. Thus they hammered through our forwards and established a considerable lead, which, despite two late scores we were unable to counter.

v. Wallasey G.S. Home. Draw. 12—12.

At last, confident in their backs, the forwards did not let up their tremendous pace from beginning to end. Against a fast moving opposition they covered, tackled, fell, with a sense of purpose lacking in recent games. We went into a quick lead with a try in the corner, but turned round 9—6 down. Hanson was injured and became a passenger on the wing. Undeterred, we fought back hard and Herbert scored a clever try from a line-out. We took the lead with a good try from McMurtrie but could do little to prevent their equaliser after a fine break. The kick, between the posts, was missed and a draw seemed a fair result as neither side deserved to lose.

v. Manchester G.S. Home. Won. 9—3.

It seemed inconceivable that the side which played so well against Wallasey should play so indifferently for this fixture. The forwards rarely worked as a pack and the backs only moved the ball once as they should have done, for Whiteoak to score in the corner. Nevertheless we always seemed to do sufficient to keep the initiative.

v. Merchant Taylors' School. Away. Lost. 13—18.

Against formidable opposition the school produced its best display of the season. The backs particularly gave a fine exhibition of low hard tackling which checked the strong Crosby backs in their stride. The forwards were always lively and did well to contain a heavier pack. Crosby scored first, but a goal scored by Cowan put us level and Hanson dropped a goal to put us ahead. However, 8—10 down at half time, we gave away a penalty in front of the posts. A penalty try put us level but Crosby scored the best try of the match to win.

v. Woolton Hall. Home. Won. 17—6.

We took some time to warm up against a hefty side but some good running by the backs soon put

us eleven points up. The forwards held their opposition well but too often gave inadequate support to McGlue at the lines. We were fortunate in that their backs failed to profit from their possession in the later stages; had they handled better, the score might well have been closer.

v. Hulme Hall. Won. 8—3.

On a cold and wet day the school played with little life against another big side. The forwards were lethargic throughout and despite some excellent hooking by Slater, gained little of the ball for the backs and failed to back them up in either attack or defence for the first time this season. The fact that we won was of little consolation after a disappointing display.

v. H.M.S. Conway. Home. Draw. 0—0.

In very bad conditions neither side could get moving behind the scrum and consequently the game developed into a forward battle. The opposition gained most possession from the smart line-out work, but their backs were very orthodox and seldom looked like scoring against sound defence. The same applied to our backs and the result was stalemate.

SECOND FIFTEEN

The enthusiasm of a fairly young yet reasonably experienced 2nd XV was soon quelled by two unnecessary losses early in the season. A month's "rest" seemed beneficial for the team, for, away against Lytham, we produced some of the finest, open, attacking rugby ever seen in a 2nd XV. The same tactics of "To the wing! Out! Out!" proved less successful yet no less enjoyable against a powerful Birkenhead team, which was well superior up front; Skinner scored the two virtually consolation tries. Wallasey fell to us in the same way as Lytham, while we were too often foiled by M.G.S.'s harrying efforts. Although the essence of the team was fast, but at times bad—due to inaccurate passing—back play, yet the coherent forwards, under the gently cogent leadership of Fidler, gave the necessary possession, which was used by the penetration of Hartley, Whiteoak and Dickson to feed the useful wingers; included in the latter position there invariably appeared wing-forward Ford, who scored three tries in the Wallasey match. Wilkinson proved repeatedly his abilities as a full-back, both in attack as well as in defence. The defence of the team as a whole, however, often appeared weak—indeed atrocious in the final miserable performance—yet it was purely through defence that we survived renowned Crosby's continual onslaught.

RESULTS

v. Cowley School. Home. Lost. 3—15.
v. Stockport G.S. Home. Lost. 3—11.
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham. Away. Won. 18—0.
v. Cheadle Hulme School. Home. Won. 11—3.
v. Birkenhead School. Home. Lost. 10—36.
v. Old Hulmeians. Home. Lost. 0—11.

v. Wallasey G.S. Away. Won. 23—10.
v. Manchester G.S. Away. Won. 17—0.
v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield. Cancelled.
v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. Home. Won. 6—0.
v. H.M.S. Conway. Away. Draw. 9—9.
v. Wilmslow County G.S. Away. Lost. 0—30.

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The following played: A. G. Skinner (Capt.), A. J. Wilkinson, G. Stansfield, P. S. Whiteoak, I. Hartley, A. D. R. Dickson, G. V. Brister, M. P. Rack, C. J. Sherlock, J. P. Bailey, J. McKay, F.

Barclay, I. G. Cundey, M. L. Ford, P. M. Fidler (Scrum-Leader), P. J. Allman, R. W. Harkinson, J. K. Irving, M. E. Brooke, C. Knott, M. Lord, J. W. Elliott, R. Entwistle, M. P. Reddin.

UNDER SIXTEEN FIFTEEN

Two hard practice games against House teams provided a useful start to the season, especially with regard to getting the team match-fit. Great promise was shown in the early matches, although their considerable potential and all-round ability have not altogether been reflected in the results. We were unfortunate in losing G. Peart through injury for most of the season.

The all-round play of the pack, well led by B. J. Edwards, was consistently reliable and it should mature into a very good one. P. Dennis-Jones at wing forward played particularly well in the loose.

Outside the pack, the scrum half, E. E. Broadhurst, played his position coolly and sensibly, while C. J. Oxford, A. C. George, G. F. Jones and D. W. Gammon were reliable, C. J. Oxford particularly in defence. M. Benson has shown that he can be a very useful full back, and G. S. Simpson played well in the centre, setting a captain's example in every aspect of the game.

The following have represented the School: G. S. Simpson, A. C. George, K. M. Dodd, C. J. Oxford, D. W. Gammon, M. Benson, E. E. Broadhurst, J. P. Ketley, R. J. Fitzgerald, D. Hallworth, P. A. Houston, G. F. Jones, B. J. Edwards, P. Dennis-Jones, J. S. Rhodes, G. Peart and I. J. Shaw.

RESULTS

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| v. Denstone College. Won. 8—3. | v. Wallasey G.S. Lost. 3—8. |
| v. King Edward VII School, Lytham. Won. 27—0. | v. Chetham's Hospital School. Lost. 6—18. |
| v. Cheadle Hulme School. Won. 42—3. | v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. Lost. 8—11. |
| v. Birkenhead School. Lost. 3—18. | v. H.M.S. Conway. Draw. 11—11. |
| v. Leeds G.S. Lost. 5—11. | v. Wilmslow County G.S. Lost. 9—11. |

UNDER FIFTEEN FIFTEEN

The Under 15 XV had a rather unfortunate season, and failed to win a single match. The scores were generally an improvement upon those of last year, but a marked reluctance in the tackle, and a sluggishness on to the loose ball were the causes of defeat.

UNDER FOURTEEN FIFTEEN

This year's side is potentially a very good one. After an initial heavy defeat by Cowley, the tackling and falling on the ball improved considerably. The forwards have worked hard and have been fast in breaking from scrums and backing up the three-quarters. One of the outstanding features of their work has been the hooking of K. Foster, another has been the work of W. Boustead in line-outs.

G. Jones has proved a reliable captain and a very competent fly-half. His work has been backed up by some elusive running by E. Fraser. The strongest tackler has undoubtedly been D. V. Roberts.

At this age, results are affected by inexperience and silly mistakes, but perhaps the most pleasing feature of the side has been the spirit which they have shown in most matches.

The following have played: G. Jones (capt.), D. V. Roberts, D. G. Royle, E. D. Fraser, D. J. Clarke, G. H. Hunt, C. R. A. Cheetham, V. Bennett, M. Saleh, W. P. Boustead, D. L. Swain, P. A. Cary, R. W. Standley, A. Dean, K. Foster, J. H. Handley, A. P. Taylor, S. E. Tebbett.

RESULTS

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| v. Cowley School. Home. Lost. 5—48.
v. Stockport G.S. Away. Lost. 6—9.
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham. Away.
Won. 19—3.
v. Cheadle Hulme School. Away. Won. 27—0. | v. Leeds G.S. Home. Lost. 0—6.
v. Manchester G.S. Home. Won. 5—3.
v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby. Home.
Won. 15—3.
v. Wilmslow County G.S. Away. Lost. 0—18. |
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UNDER THIRTEEN FIFTEEN

The season has contained many extremes of abilities and efforts. The team have inflicted, and received, quite 'heavy' defeats. The match against Stockport G.S. promised good rugby and both the forwards and backs were superior to the opposition. Unfortunately this tenacity was not present at Lytham and although there were good moves in the backs they did not receive the ball enough to do any damage to the Lytham defence. The game at Leeds was very similar but at home against Cheadle Hulme School, some of the earlier promise was realised. The team was unfortunate to lose the Manchester G.S. match as they deserved at least a draw. It was a very exciting game with M.G.S. forcing strongly from centre; determined tackling and very keen play in the loose provided the School with a good share of the play. The score was 8—8 when, in the final seconds, the M.G.S. scrum-half scored an excellent try from a five yard scrum. At Crosby the forwards played their best match of the season, but unfortunately the backs did not take the advantage and the match was lost. The game against Wilmslow G.S. was cancelled.

The team was selected from: Harrison (Capt.), Hallett (Leader), Norfolk, Duncombe, Denson, S. G. Williams, Jameson, Grundy, Akers, Donnelly, Fass, Spicer, Touchin, Capon, M. A. Williams, Pimblett, Wong, Broadhurst, Hampshire Tossell, Taylor.

RESULTS

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| v. Stockport G.S. Won. 29—0.
v. Lytham K. E. VII G.S. Lost. 0—16.
v. Cheadle Hulme School. Won. 17—9.
v. Leeds G.S. Lost. 3—26. | v. Manchester G.S. Lost. 8—11.
v. Merchant Taylors' School. Lost. 3—25.
v. Wilmslow G.S. Cancelled. |
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HOUSE RUGBY

This year has seen some of the best House rugby for several years, especially at first team level, though a great deal of attention needs to be paid to handling.

The season opened with very little to choose between Byrom and Heywood at the top, and the rest bunched together some twenty points behind. Heywood soon forged ahead, however, and established a clear lead, remaining unbeaten at all levels until half term. The second half of the term saw a real fight by Dalton in an effort to catch the leaders. They overhauled Byrom but were unable to catch Heywood who emerged eventual winners with 158 points to Dalton's 111. Byrom were third with 102, followed by Fraser, Whitworth and Gaskell with 94, 90 and 80 points respectively.

The sevens were played, as usual, on a cold damp day, each House fielding six teams. Not a great deal of sevens skill was seen but most players seemed to enjoy the afternoon. Byrom won the day, with 48 points to Fraser's 44. Dalton, Whitworth, Gaskell and Heywood followed with 34, 14, 0, 0 points respectively.

The Knock-outs produced an unusual occurrence, in that both finals were between Byrom and Whitworth, Byrom winning both to complete a very worthy hat-trick. The finals were played in very bad conditions and although a fair amount of handling was seen, it was up front where the battle was won.

RESULTS

SENIOR 1ST ROUND	Byrom beat Dalton	...	...	16—3
	Whitworth beat Fraser	...	...	8—5
SENIOR 2ND ROUND	Byrom beat Gaskell	...	...	22—5
	Whitworth beat Heywood	...	...	14—0
FINAL	Byrom beat Whitworth	...	...	9—0
JUNIOR 1ST ROUND	Whitworth beat Heywood	...	...	6—3
	Byrom beat Fraser	...	...	18—8
JUNIOR 2ND ROUND	Whitworth beat Dalton	...	...	6—3
	Byrom beat Gaskell	...	...	27—0
FINAL	Byrom beat Whitworth	...	...	12—5

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING

Owing to the small number of runners, only a first team was fielded. The results, however, have been very encouraging, with seven wins and only three losses.

We had decisive victories against Derby School, Bury, Chorlton G.S. (twice), Sale G.S., Ellesmere Port G.S., and *H.M.S. Conway*. We received a narrow defeat at the hands of Birkenhead School, and heavy defeats from Stand G.S. and Denstone College.

Individual victories were gained by D. J. Whaite against Marple Hall, C. F. Cusick and Whaite jointly against four schools, and these two with W. M. Wolstenholme against Sale. Whaite and Cusick were in the first three in all the matches except at Stand, and were well backed up by the team. The only races where the packing was poor were on the muddy, hilly courses at Stand and Denstone which emphasised our lack of hill training.

W. M. Wolstenholme, P. S. Gage, K. G. Walker, R. B. Kapadia, P. L. R. Wood and A. D. Koffman all ran well, and made a very strong team in depth which could gain even more success next term. A. Renshaw in his appearances showed great promise for an under-15.

The record for the Chester-Manchester Relay was again beaten this term, and with a full-strength more confident team should be lowered even further.

We are very grateful to Mr. Ogden for his help and understanding.

HORSE-RIDING

Last term, the sporting scene was enlivened by the introduction of Horse Riding as an alternative, for upper and middle sixth-form boys, to Rugby and Cross-Country. Since half-term, a small but hardy number of enthusiasts has been receiving instruction in this most excellent of sports.

The broad idea is an initial course of a term's lessons on Wednesday afternoons. At the end of this time, pupils should have acquired sufficient confidence and ability to obtain ample benefit from hacking, for which arrangements are in hand.

Correct tuition in the basics of horsemanship is essential and we are fortunate in having obtained the use of first-class instruction and facilities. This ensures a sound return for the initial outlay.

Although many will probably be satisfied simply by learning how to ride, the more ambitious will be able to go on to learn the more exciting arts of jumping and dressage. In due course, it is hoped to align riding at school with the Horsemaster and Expedition phases of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

All enquiries by or on behalf of upper and middle sixth-formers will be welcomed by Mr. Johnson.

G.W.J.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

C.C.F. NOTES

Training this term has varied from a contest with a local farmer to a frozen weekend near Leek and from sitting an army exam to sitting on a tilted double decker bus. If variety is the spice of life, then the C.C.F. provides a well-seasoned training programme for all ranks.

One of the first weekends this term was passed by a few volunteers tramping through the night into the dawn in Derbyshire; this would have been an uneventful exercise had the Signals Platoon not decided to join in to rehearse for the Old Hulmeians Motor Club Rally. Their establishing a pirate radio station on Mam Tor was not appreciated by a local farmer who illustrated that such gentlemen have a limited, yet Gaelic, vocabulary; a rapid tactical withdrawal was effected to a new site where we were accused of being cattle thieves. Eventually a tired group arrived back at school to count blisters and lost telephone sets.

To complete the pre-exam training requirements for the Army Proficiency Certificate, some cadets attempted an expedition over very rough country in the Crowden-High Peak area. In spite of map reading errors, night marching down Crowden Great Brook, temperamental primus stoves and minor injuries, all satisfactorily completed the tasks set. The Board for the A.P.C. was convened on Fridays, 12 and 26 November. The Contingent's 59 candidates were amongst the first to sit the exam in its new form and although the results were not as good as in previous (old syllabus) exams, they were satisfactory when all the adverse factors were taken into account. The members of the Board were impressed by the standards shown by the cadets. During the same period, a Signals Classification exam was held; only one N.C.O. failed the exam completely. Both Sgts. Maskell and Bailey passed their Cadet Assistant Instructors exam.

Field Day was held at Holcombe Brook Range and training included map-reading exercises and general infantry work. The highlight of the day occurred on the return journey when one of the buses went off the edge of the range road and successfully blocked in a band, a party about to visit a brewery and an army demonstration team, until fences were removed to allow a by-pass to function.

The recruits have had opportunity to accept a wider variety of training than usual. Some enthusiastic N.C.O.s use the gymnasium on Friday lunch times for group initiative tests and these exercises are very popular. The field weekend at Upperhulme was also open to all ranks and some recruits learnt how cold a night can be in the open under a few inches of snow. The principal exercise was a night fighting patrol which was very successfully completed without any contact with the enemy. The Sunday morning training was curtailed because of severe weather, and the group returned to school for lunch and some spent the afternoon rehearsing casualty handling on improvised stretchers.

At the start of the half term holiday a merry party set off with the intention of having fish and chips in Chorley and continuing a smooth, comfortable journey to Keswick. The first aim was achieved; the second was impeded by a blocked petrol pump which caused extended polite conversations about "tigers in tanks" and a late arrival at Isthmus Cottage. It was much too early the next morning when the eleven candidates set out on their Silver standard expedition; they stayed out for two nights, covered about thirty miles and slept in the most peculiar hidden places. The assessors never decided whether certain groups were not found because of deliberate evasion or because of their own inabilities. Nevertheless the external examiner, Alex Shand, decided that all had successfully completed the expedition. Ten boys are now awaiting exams in First Aid and Fire Fighting to complete the Public Service Section of the Award.

During the Lent term there will be the normal field day, a field weekend and a .303 Rifle shooting day. Recruit training will be directed towards the A.P.C. and advanced training for "A" Coy will include RA, Cadre, Advanced Infantry and Signals.

PROMOTIONS

November 1965.—To Sergeant: Cpls. Bailey, Daubney, Harkinson and Maskell.

To Corporal: L/Cpls. Butterworth, Cunningham, Kenyon, Penny, Willis and Walker.

THE SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

Of the meetings last term, some were entertaining, some enlightening and some boring. By common acclaim the most entertaining was "Guy Folk Night", an evening of humorous ditties and folk songs. The amazing quantity of talent and skill in this field, I think, to some extent explains its absence in formal debating. There was also a joint debate and a joint play-reading.

We were very pleased to welcome Mr. Howard Baker, who gave a very interesting talk on "Coronation Street".

The last meeting of the term was in many ways the most enlightening. It was advertised as a Teach-In on the Sixth Former. Mr. Dudman opened the meeting by accusing the Sixth Former of apathy, which was, it seemed, accepted by all with respect to debating at least, but it was claimed that this was due to a lack of guidance by the staff and not the gross incompetence of the Sixth Former as Mr. Smith suggested. My hope is that the outcome of this meeting will be a greater flow of ideas between Sixth Former and Staff, whom we welcome to all meetings of the Society. P.L.R.W.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIETY

The term started with a debate *This House Would Have a General Election Now*. The second meeting was a debate on comprehensive education. This was followed by a balloon debate in which Hereward the Wake was voted the sole survivor. The fourth meeting was taken up by an excellent film on gliding shown by Mr. R. Frodsham and Mr. Gordon. The next meeting was again a film, *The Building of the Forth Road Bridge*, shown by Mr. Thompson from the building contractors. The sixth meeting was a joint debate with Manchester Grammar School in which it was narrowly decided that the twentieth century is not the most evil in the history of mankind. At the seventh meeting the House overwhelmingly demonstrated that it was opposed to censorship. To quote one of the speakers, "Censorship is its own damnation". The next meeting was an emergency debate on the pros and cons of sending troops to Rhodesia. The House took the opposite vein to Mr. Wilson and voted to send in troops. The ninth meeting was a talk given by Mr. Kearl from the Air Traffic Control Department of the Ministry of Aviation. He gave a very interesting talk on the nature of his work and was asked many questions by the audience. The following week two films were shown by Señor Cavalcante who himself lives in Brasilia. The first was about Brazil and the second about the building of the new capital, Brasilia. Unfortunately the last meeting of the term, a talk to be given by Mr. Brian Blake from the B.B.C. had to be postponed because of fog and will take place next term.

This was one of the most successful terms of the society. Arrangements for next term's meetings are already well in hand and we can promise another very interesting programme of events. In conclusion, we would like to thank the members of the committee for all their valuable assistance, most particularly R. A. Chester and N. S. Lerner, for the time and effort they have devoted to the society.

STAGE NOTES

At the time of writing we are in the middle of play week. So far there have been no hitches, but there was much discourse as to the correct way of painting the set. In fact at one point we had three different styles of stone, each type vigorously supported by its creator.

The switchboard has been operating without fault for some time apart from one memorable afternoon when one circuit in cyclorama apparently gave up. After much tracing and dismantling it was found that a fuse was missing.

At the last minute it was found that the lead weights for the orchestra pit had disappeared from the tunnel. Mr. Foulds came up with the brilliant suggestion of using the scaffolding tower for this purpose.

There is now a new barrier on the switchboard but at the moment it is showing signs of coming loose.

Our thanks go as usual to Messrs. Bonnick, Foulds and Furniss. R.D.A.M.

THE SWITCHBOARD

Michaelmas Term's activities produced a remarkable example of the loyalty to the stage shown by those Old Hulmeians who are ex-members of the Stage Staff. Several generations of former Stage Managers and former Chief Electricians are constant visitors to the stage.

It became necessary to replace the old switchboard by an entirely new system in which the fire-risk was eliminated and maintenance simplified. Weeks of intensive planning started at Whitsuntide followed by a period in which the required materials were obtained.

Construction started in September and many hours of careful and tedious work were put into the wiring-up of the board. Throughout the planning and construction stages the main burden of the work was shouldered very efficiently by Mr. J. H. Furniss and Peter Sidebotham (O.H.) assisted by the Chief Electrician, P. J. Jandera, and his staff.

The preparatory and auxiliary work on the stage itself was put in hand by Mike Smith (O.H.) during many evening and Saturday afternoon sessions. We are deeply sorry that serious illness has necessitated his subsequently undergoing lengthy treatment at Manchester Royal Infirmary and we send him our sincerest wishes for a rapid and complete recovery.

A postscript—Congratulations to the Stage Manager, R. D. A. Mitchell, on being awarded his School Colours for services to Drama and Music. W.L.B.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

The first lecture to be delivered to the society since the last report suffered from the rather dull title of *Woodworm*. However, Mr. P. D. North of Rentokil removed any misapprehension on our part with a most lively talk. He seemed amazed at the intelligence displayed in some of the questions asked at the close, remarking that we made a change from the "felt-hatted" audience to which he was accustomed.

On October 14th, Mr. J. Whittaker, of the Dunlop Rubber Company enlightened us on the subject of *Motor Car Tyres*. He had brought with him some striking examples of tyre damage, showing how a small nail, hardly protruding on the outside, can move around inside the tyre and rip it to shreds. The accompanying film demonstrated the spectacular effects of "aquaplaning" in a car, and seemed to assume throughout that "car" is synonymous with "Jaguar".

Mr. J. H. Young, from the Manchester College of Science and Technology, gave a most comprehensive lecture, entitled *Random Fibres*, on November 4th. This was well illustrated by slides, samples and a practical demonstration of papermaking by hand.

When the members were allowed to try their hand at this, there occurred much competition to produce the first sheet, of a weird orange paper, that did not disintegrate when removed from the frame.

On November 18th Dr. D. B. G. Edwards, from Manchester University's new Department of Computer Science, delivered a competent exposition on *Memory Systems*. He showed us how miniaturisation of components will result in computers which once occupied a room, fitting into a briefcase.

Scholarship revision and play rehearsal managed to crush any plans for further meetings during the term, although ardent interest was aroused in those for a trip to Hyde's Brewery during the holidays.

MODERN LANGUAGES SOCIETY

This term we have had two talks, two film programmes, a Sixth Form Day, and a theatre visit. The first meeting of the term was a talk in German by Herr H. Wellenreuther of Heidelberg, who spoke on the position of the student in present day Germany, and the second talk, also in German, was a delightful introduction to Swabia and the Swabian way of life by Mrs. G. Ridge, who was herself born there.

Our films included *La Maison de Molière*, and *Le Voyageur*, the poem by Apollinaire with a surrealist visual component, and a film on the work of Albert Schweitzer. The German films shown were *Nord-Ostsee Kanal* on the Kiel Canal, and *Gebirge Selbstgebaut* which showed how the Berliners dealt with the problems of vast quantities of rubble at the end of the war.

A large group of Sixth Formers found the Troupe Française production of Molière's *Les Femmes Savantes* lively and well worth seeing despite deviations from the original version.

Forty-one Sixth Formers attended a French Day at North Manchester Grammar School for Girls, which included lectures by the French Consul and Mme. Marks of Manchester University.

Amongst forthcoming events in Modern Languages are the Easter Paris Trip and a visit to Germany in the Summer. I.G.

THE MUSIC SOCIETY

During the Michaelmas term the Society held no less than eleven meetings. The attendance has almost always run into double figures which is surely a true indication that the Society is flourishing.

At our first two meetings we heard Bach's two extant violin concerti in A Minor and E major and also numbers three and six of the Brandenburg series. The following week we celebrated the Sibelius centenary by listening to two legends from the national epic *Kalevala*, namely *Lemminkäinen* and the hauntingly beautiful *Swan of Tuonela*.

Next we heard a rapturous performance of Tchaikovsky's violin concerto and the following week we listened to Mozart's last quartet in C (Dissonant). After this, we played Beethoven's last piano concerto, the so-called Emperor concerto.

Towards the end of term the 'liberal' element in the Society won us over to hearing the Swingle Singers singing Handel, Bach and Vivaldi. This same trend to modernism continued when we heard Shostakovich's tenth symphony and the following week Bartok's *Two Portraits* and *Rumanian Dances*. Our last two meetings were occupied in hearing the whole of Gustav Mahler's lengthy 8th symphony.

On perusing the variety of records that were played, no-one could justly charge the Society with being narrow-minded or compartmentalising us as 'classical' or 'romantic'. Finally I must congratulate the Middle Sixth for its enterprise and zest and continue to look forward to an even greater interest in the Society in the future.

D.A.V.

THE CHESS CLUB

This year the Chess Club entered a Senior and two Junior teams in the Manchester and District Schools Chess Competition. The Senior team have only lost one match.

H v. Stretford G.S.	...	...	W 5 — 2
H v. Eccles G.S.	...	...	W $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$
H v. Worsley Wardley G.S.	...	...	W $6\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$
A v. Chorlton G.S.	...	...	W $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$
H v. St. Gregory's Tech.	...	...	W 7 — 0
H v. Manchester G.S.	...	...	L $2\frac{1}{2}$ — $4\frac{1}{2}$
A v. Burnage G.S.	...	...	W $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$

The inexperienced Junior teams have played quite well this term. Junior II results:

H v. Stretford G.S.	...	...	W $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$
A v. Chorlton G.S.	...	...	W 4 — 3
H v. Manchester G.S.	...	...	L 3 — 4
A v. Burnage G.S.	...	...	L 1 — 6
H v. St. Gregory's Tech.	...	...	W 5 — 2

The other Junior team has not done so well, because of the lack of support from third formers.

H v. Eccles G.S.	...	...	L $\frac{1}{2}$ — $6\frac{1}{2}$
H v. Manchester G.S.	...	...	L 3 — 4

A combined Junior team was entered for the Sinclair Cup, under the captaincy of E. A. Penney. It met Tyldesley Sec., who were high in the League last year, and we beat them $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$. In the next round we meet Rochdale G.S.

A team was also entered in the *Sunday Times* National Schools Chess competition. In the first round we played Croxteth Sec., Liverpool, and beat them 4 — 2. We passed into the next round, meeting Cheadle Hulme School, and beating them 4 — 2.

All the teams have been relatively successful, but there is a growing need for more members. Members from the Middle School would be particularly welcome, in Room 34, at dinnertimes. We also have to thank Mr. Warden, Mr. Haynes, Mr. Bonnick and Mr. Cowin for their help. We must thank Mrs. Taylor especially for her help with the refreshments for home matches, which have been complicated by the extra Junior teams.

T.M.G.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

At the beginning of the autumn term, a Committee Meeting was held and the following appointments were made: Captain, P. D. Gould; Hon. Secretary, D. H. Bottomley; Hon. Treasurer, H. Daubney. The other Committee members elected were: I. B. Williamson, J. C. Pegg and M. J. Slater. It was then decided to enter a team in the Manchester Table Tennis League for Schools. With half of the matches completed, the results are as follows:

v. Moseley Hall G.S.	...	H L 0 — 10
v. Central G.S.	...	H L 2 — 8
v. Plant Hill Comprehensive	H W 7 — 3	
v. Chorlton G.S.	...	A W 6 — 4
v. Plant Hill Comprehensive	A D 5 — 5	

The members of the team are: P. D. Gould, J. K. Irving, D. H. Bottomley, M. J. Slater and H. C. Potter. A. Horwich and D. P. Feeney have also played.

Towards the end of the term a Tournament was held among the Lower Sixth in which C. Wood beat A. Crewe in a hard-fought Final, 21 — 13; 21 — 18; 12 — 21; 21 — 16.

We were very fortunate to have Mr. Thomas, an ex-national player, to give us some expert help and advice after school on Saturdays. We are very grateful to him.

Finally, we must thank Mr. Renny for his support and encouragement in the matches and Mrs. Taylor for providing teas. D.H.B.

THE MOTOR CLUB

Last term saw the start of the School's first Motor Club. It was decided in the beginning to confine membership to Middle and Upper Sixth formers, but later the club was opened to the rest of the School.

The first step in forming the club was to obtain the permission of the Headmaster. This he gave readily on the condition that the club was run in association with the Old Hulmeians Motor Club. This association enables us to take part in the Old Boys' rallies which are R.A.C. approved. The Old Hulmeians were pleased to have us as a subsection of their club because they believed that many of our members will join their Motor Club on leaving School.

There were only three meetings last term and since there was not enough time to obtain speakers, it was decided to have film shows. These were enjoyed by those that turned up and it is hoped that the attendance will be better this term when we have guest speakers.

Our thanks go to the Headmaster, without whose permission the club would not exist, Mr. J. L. Williams (O.H.) and Mr. S. Foulds (O.H.) for their help in organising the club; to Mr. McManus, chairman and projectionist, who made the film shows possible, and to all the boys who supported the club. M.P.R. (Sec.)

THE RADIO CLUB

Under the guidance of Mr. J. R. McManus, the newly-formed Radio Club has been meeting, for the past term, on Monday evenings.

A radio enthusiast, leaving for Australia, kindly left the school a considerable quantity of his "Ham" equipment and this provided the subject for our first few meetings: salvaging material from it. This attracted a fair number of boys and membership steadily increased.

Thus attendance at our first two films was quite high and we planned a programme for the coming term. It was decided that the Club should hold classes in Morse Code for those wishing to obtain transmitting licences. These were held throughout the term but, unfortunately, attendance has fallen considerably.

The meetings this term consisted of the three talks by members, and, during the latter few weeks of the term, several meetings concerned with tracing faults in an ex-army receiver (R.107).

On the whole, however, the meetings have not been well-attended and we would welcome new members this term.

MODEL RAILWAY SOCIETY

Most of the work done this Term has been in the form of track-laying, mainly on the two newest boards, the brickworks and the Junction Station. Another baseboard frame has been constructed, and the track-work will be continued on to this board in the New Year, when it is also hoped that running will be possible between the Junction Station and the Hidden Sidings, and along the single line into the Branch Station.

The shelves which house the layout were also rebuilt this term to provide better accommodation for the new boards. The first of the new control panels has been constructed, and will be put into service as soon as the wiring to the track itself is complete.

Apologies are due to P. R. Shepard, whose election as Assistant Head of Scenic Work was unfortunately omitted from the last report in this magazine.

HOUSE LETTERS

BYROM

The Michaelmas term proved to be a most successful one for Byrom on the rugby field. The climax came on the day of the Knock-out Finals when both the Senior and Junior teams were playing against Whitworth. The Seniors, captained by J. K. Irving, reached the final after defeating a strong Dalton side 16—3 with only 14 players for most of the game; and then, after scoring two quick tries, comfortably won through against Gaskell 22—5. The feature of these games was fast, open and entertaining football. In the final, after a keen and well fought encounter, we eventually ran out victors over a very spirited side 9—0; had the conditions not been so atrocious, the amount of possession our team had would, we hope, have produced more tries.

Perhaps more pleasing was the success of the Junior K.O. team. Captained by T. J. Beasant, they did well to overcome Fraser in the first round; Gaskell provided less opposition in the second round, and then in the Final, against Whitworth, by far the strongest team on paper, we played with great cohesion and determination, winning 12—5.

Although 'the double' was a great achievement, the most satisfying aspect of the term was the third position the House occupied in the House League; this was after having School team calls for 24 players leaving only 58 from which to choose the four teams. The first and third teams provided most of the points, and the first even beat the otherwise all-conquering Heywood first team. Much of this success is due to R. Entwistle who put much time and effort into choosing these House teams; and one can also feel a definite spirit and will to win, a feature which has been lacking in the past. It is hoped that this high standard will be continued throughout the lacrosse season.

This all-round strength of the House was once more illustrated in the Seven-a-Side Competition which we won although handicapped by many absences.

This term we must hope for success on the lacrosse field where our senior side should be strong, with over half of last year's team still available, including J. Blake as Captain. If Mr. Manning's smile is as broad at Easter as it was at Christmas, then we can be well satisfied with our performances.

The House Play is being produced by I. M. K. Lowe, and we wish him every success in his efforts. Also, we must congratulate J. Blake on his appointment as Captain of School Lacrosse for the 1966 season.

At the start of last term a new system for the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Formers of the House was inaugurated; they now have their own 'Junior Common Room', and the following is the Chairman's Report on the first term.

"Under the guidance of Mr. Manning, a new form of common room was instigated. A committee was elected by a vote. Under the chairmanship of J. S. Rhodes were D. K. Anderson, I. D. T. Little and G. S. Simpson. The Committee met and it was decided to order daily papers, the cost of which was met by a small subscription from each member of the Junior House. A radio was kindly donated by Mr. Manning and a paper-back library was started with books contributed by the whole House. It remains to be seen whether this venture will continue to be successful".

The Michaelmas term was rounded off in fine style by the School production of *The Yeomen of the Guard*. The following played no little part in making the opera a success: I. M. K. Lowe, S. L. Black, R. Entwistle, S. J. Ingham, J. R. A. Rushton, G. Stansfield, and R. M. Wilson. T. J. Beasant and J. T. Briscoe contributed to the scenery and lighting, and T. J. Beasant played the flute in the orchestra.

We congratulate J. R. A. Rushton on his appointment as House Prefect at the end of last term.

Those members of the House who represented the School at Rugby are as follows: 1st XV: J. Blake (vice-capt.), J. K. Irving, A. D. R. Dickson, D. S. Buckley, K. W. Nightingale, D. A. Reeves, D. G. Cowan. 2nd XV: M. L. Ford, G. Stansfield, M. P. Rack, R. Entwistle, C. Knott, M. P. Reddin. 3rd XV: R. Entwistle (capt.), J. R. A. Rush-ton, S. T. Ingham. U.16 XV: G. S. Simpson (capt.), J. S. Rhodes, P. Dennis-Jones. U.15 XV: T. J. Beasant, J. A. Wheatley, I. W. K. Dyson, R. M. Wilson. U.14 XV: G. Jones (capt.), S. E. Tebbett.

DALTON

K. S. Clare, J. W. Elliott, R. Flanagan, N. C. Jordan and J. J. McMullen are to be congratulated on becoming House Prefects.

In the House Rugby League, Dalton came second, which was no mean feat considering that no Dalton team won until the fourth games day. (A situation which portrayed itself somewhat embarrassingly on the scoreboard during the first few weeks of term.)

In the Knock-Outs the Seniors were beaten by the favourites, Byrom, in the first round. However, the team, encouraged by an early and extremely skilfully executed penalty goal by P. D. Hanson, showed giant-killing resistance—until the last fifteen minutes when Byrom broke through and won 16—3. The Juniors received a bye for the first round but were beaten in the semi-finals by Whitworth. They must be praised however for keeping up the pressure on Whitworth even though they were losing, and eventually scoring a try in the last moments of the game.

Dalton came third in the rugby seven-a-sides, with the first team winning and the third team being the losing finalists. All the first team played superbly, playing three five-star games. The second team won their way into the semi-final in which they were beaten by a single try towards the end of the game. The third team reached the final in which they were beaten by a stronger Fraser team. The fourth and fifth teams both lost their first games although the fifth was badly handicapped by only having six men for the first half of the game.

FRASER

Last term was not a very successful one for the House on the rugby field. The Senior Knock-Out team captained by K. L. McMurtrie was beaten 8—5 in the first round, after a very close game against Whitworth, which was decided by a penalty. Under the captaincy of B. Norman, the Junior Knock-Out side suffered a similar fate in the first round at the hands of a strong Byrom team who eventually won the competition. The House League teams never recovered from a very poor start to the season, and despite some better performances towards the term's end, we finished in fourth place. Let us hope that this term all teams will give of their best from the beginning of the season. In the Seven-a-Side Competition, thanks to convincing Final victories by the third and fourth teams, and the appearance in the Final of the fifth team, we were able to take second place.

The following played for School teams: 1st XV: K. L. McMurtrie, I. Hartley. 2nd XV: F. I. Barclay. 3rd XV: D. C. Davies, D. P. Feeney, A. Horwich and D. J. Thelwall. U.16 XV: M. Benson, D. W. Gammon. U.15 XV: B. Norman, J. R. Turner. U.14 XV: P. A. Cary, D. J. Clarke, E. D. Fraser and M. Saleh.

D. J. Whaite and D. Fox ran for the School Cross-Country team.

A. Horwich has undertaken to produce the House play, and we wish him success in this difficult task.

Senior House Colours have been awarded to: A. Horwich, W. P. Cavanah, D. C. Davies, D. P. Feeney and D. J. Thelwall, and Junior House Colours to: P. W. de la Perrelle and A. D. Toft.

GASKELL

We congratulate D. L. Worthing on his excellent leadership of the 1st XV. The House was also represented on the 1st XV by P. S. Whiteoak; 2nd XV by G. B. Brister, D. P. Gaskell, I. G. Cundey, D. Lord; U.16 by P. A. Houston, R. J. Fitzgerald; U.15 by R. G. Walker.

The standard of House rugby this term has been low. We were sixth in the League and both teams were defeated by Byrom in the Knock-Outs.

The House has been represented by: W. M. Wolstenholme, P. L. R. Wood and A. D. Koffman on the 1st Cross-Country team.

T. M. Grimshaw is the secretary of the 1st Chess Team and E. A. Penney, D. H. Bottomley and D. Grimshaw have also played for the School.

We congratulate M. B. Gillett on leading the orchestra in a successful production of *Yeomen of the Guard*, C. S. Bullough on his performance as Dame Carruthers and all House members in the chorus.

We wish C. J. Bullough and the cast every success in the House Play Competition.

HEYWOOD

A trophy at last! All members of the House are to be congratulated on their great effort which has resulted in Heywood's being decisive winners of the House League. One factor largely responsible for this victory has been the great boost in House spirit during the Michaelmas term; it is always very satisfying to win the House League, because, unlike the Knock-Outs, all members of the House take part and are responsible for the House's victory. However, individual congratulations must go to R. W. Harkinson and J. McKay who have done more than anyone else for House rugby this year; both in actually playing, in supervising practices, and in giving advice to all the House teams, they have shown great enthusiasm at all times. Our thanks to them both, along with M. H. Shires for his work with the Junior teams.

The Knock-Outs were a slightly sadder event of the term. Heywood fielded a strong junior team, captained by G. Reading, but were unlucky to meet an equally strong Whitworth team in the first round. The game was very close and very well played; Whitworth had the superior pack and Heywood the superior three-quarters, but unfortunately the Heywood backs were not given enough room to move until late into the second half, when the forwards eventually began to hold their own, and then it was too late. The final score was 6—3 to Whitworth.

It was a different story with the Seniors who, after a bye in the first round, also met a strong Whitworth side in the second round. But, on paper at least, the Heywood team seemed much inferior, and neutral observers expected a heavy defeat such as we had sustained the previous year against Fraser. But this was not to be, for the Senior team, captained by J. McKay, held Whitworth well, and the final score was a mere 14—0. A vastly different story from the previous year's 56—0!

Heywood House was not particularly well represented on School teams; there were not many regular players, that is, but most teams seemed always to come to Heywood for their reserves. J. McKay, R. W. Harkinson, Z. J. Qureshi and H. C. Potter played for the 2nd XV; H. C. Potter, J. F. Wilde, R. C. Back and S. C. Harrold for the 3rd XV; G. Peart, J. P. Ketley and G. F. Jones for the U.16 XV; G. Reading, A. W. Renshaw, I. G. Pearson, L. P. Kynaston and P. F. Atkinson for the U.15 XV; and J. H. Handley, W. P. Boustead, V. W. Bennett and D. V. Roberts for the U.14 XV.

G. N. Henderson (capt.) and S. P. Pope played for the Senior Chess Team; P. D. Gould (capt.) and H. C. Potter played for the Senior Table-Tennis team; and K. G. Walker and A. W. Renshaw ran for the Senior Cross-Country team.

Preparations are well under way now for Heywood's entry for the House Play Competition, *The Caretaker*, by Harold Pinter. It is a play in the old Shuttleworth, Holmes and company tradition, and we are hoping to enjoy the same great success as that illustrious team. The play is produced by J. McKay.

In conclusion it can be said that this year Heywood House hopes to show the rest of the school that a spirited House with an empty trophy shelf can only do one thing—collect. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

WHITWORTH

The Michaelmas term has proved to be a frustration and partial suppression of the “furor Whitworthius”, for in almost every sphere of the term's activities the House has found itself restricted by the final hurdle.

Thus, optimism in the rugby was too easily quelled by early losses. The 1st XV, despite the instigation of the captain, D. Jones, lacked flair and general *élan*, while the 2nd team was quite apathetic. The Junior XVs, however, are to be congratulated on their undaunted zeal and determination; the 3rd team, under the captaincy of I. Kettle, revealed through its fine record much of the latent potential inherent in the Juniors, while the 4th team under J. H. Flanagan, unveiled its depth. This augurs well for the future.

In the House Knock-Outs, as last year, both teams reached the finals. The Juniors, in the first round, won narrowly despite a late rally by Heywood; it was due to two well-taken tries by M. H. Sanig that the favourites were dismissed. A strong Dalton side was defeated due to coherence by the whole of the team, as a result of which R. D. M. Lind (capt.) and T. B. Hollingworth scored. The absence of four key players, little match-practice due to bad weather, and a disregard for the use of the fast backs during the match resulted in defeat at the hands of Byrom by 5—12.

That grim December day must go down as a bleak one in the House's history, for the Senior XV also sank to defeat under Byrom, the favourites. Although the team, under A. G. Skinner, never settled down to coherent, constructive play in the opening rounds—due to the tactical kicking of Fraser, whom we beat 8—5, and the harrying tactics of Heywood, whom we dispatched 14—0—yet it was felt the team would perform better in adversity. However, because two of our key players were injured and due to the shocking condition of the pitch—hardly conducive to constructive play—the team fell through unnecessary mistakes: all credit to Byrom for accepting these unfortunate opportunities. Score 9—0.

In the Seven-a-Side Competition, all teams played with tremendous spirit and determination, particularly the 2nd team, under D. Jones, which was narrowly defeated; however, the House only finished fourth in the competition.

The Whitworth Strolling Players, anxious to retain the cup for the Play Competition, are busy rehearsing *The Form* by N. F. Simpson, under the direction of M. Sykes; they are wished every success.

The House was well represented on School teams.

1st XV: S. G. Ogden, J. A. L. Clarke, A. J. McGlue. 2nd XV: A. G. Skinner (capt.), P. M. Fidler (scrum-leader), C. J. Sherlock. 3rd XV: S. Clarke. D. Jones. U.16 XV: K. M. Dodd (vice-capt.), E. E. Broadhurst, A. C. George, D. Hallworth, B. J. Edwards. U.15 XV: R. D. M. Lind (capt.), D. A. Hockaday (scrum-leader), G. S. MacDonald, T. B. Hollingworth, D. L. Swain. U.14 XV: A. Dean, A. P. Taylor.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

TWO WELCOMES TO WINTER

I

Christmas is coming

Fat geese that
bury bellies full of
wormy pleasures in
dead empires of dry leaves,
call, cock-a-hoop, with the wet winds.
As the chickens cluck
with communal content and
every icy head is under
every lily wing,
boreal winds blow white into the depths.

Please put a penny.

Under dead news—
papers, the old man has a hat
for the rain and winds that
blow the burning, eye-ball brine—
the sweaty discharge of his fevered mind—
from his cheeks. But,
when all his individual coins
are long past computation,
he will clasp a
stump, a turkey's
leg dissected with ceremonial lust.

S. L. CLAUGHTON (5y).

II

WINTER?

A different season from summer.

A battered, mud-splattered road shoe hitting the wet pavement and soaring off behind one with a whine; kicking up a mild spray behind into oblivion.

As opposed to the dry crunch of four, five or six spikes biting into the rough black track and throwing a shower of murk into the positional runners' faces:

A hurrying homewards at night in the dark, the pin-points of light from the lamp-posts shining on the main road far ahead; we shudder because of our ignorance at the deep shadows which are caused by the light.

So different from the same time in the fair summer, merely the beginning of the end of the full summer day; no hurrying—calm in the heat?

Onomatopoeia of spiralling, freezing winds, whistling in distant trees like a mirage of the ear;

Deserted, grey cold-rice-pudding streets; when only necessity drags people out of their high-speed-gas-warmth living rooms into the ravenous refrigerator of Winter.

The delicious heat of passion, of expressing the instincts, is frozen by physical cold; no more obvious reason for approaching the animal: the world sane, cool and clean—yet we hate winter so much.

We eagerly await the wheel to rotate once more—for another reason for perversion . . .
G. P. PHYTHIAN (5y).

THE LAST MARCH OF THE NINTH

Eburacum, the mighty town
With walls so thick and strong,
It was the castra of the ninth
The restless tribes among.

The fearless splendour of the ninth,
What a mighty legion!
How many brave men they had lost
In Boadicea's region.

Again the call came for the ninth
Rebellious tribes to quell;
This time the cry came from the north
The Picts they must repel.

They marched out of Eburacum
The eagle at their head,
They crossed the Wall at Corbridge
And scanned the hills ahead.

The hills that hid the enemy,
Oh what a mighty line,
A blockade to the iron men,
A blockade they must climb.

They climbed it in their glory,
The glory theirs by might.

They marched down to the valley,
The sea on left and right.

The way for them lay there ahead
The mountains oh so high.
In these they would do battle
A vanquished foe would lie.

What happened to the mighty ninth,
They vanished without trace.
Five thousand men were slain that day
By one barbaric race.

The Eagle once so proudly borne
Was never seen again.
It vanished mid'st the hills of fire,
With devils, not with men.

The people of Eburacum
Stand idle now and then,
A thousand hear the marching feet
But none will see the men.

The sentry on the gate still sees
A shadow on the moor.
The shadow moves, it looks like them,
The sentry sees no more.

B. JOHNSON (3B).

THE LOVER

"Alas my love
You are too late,
For another has come
To make true my fate."

"Seven years are passed
Seven years and more,
You left me alone
But you'll leave me no more."

"Forsooth my sweet
Your heart is wrong.

Oh come with me
For you I long."

"I'll ne'er go with you
For your tongue doth lie,
Your heart is not true
And for that you'll die."

"A dagger I have
For your heart it is aimed,
And for your welcome death
I'll ne'er be blamed."

C. P. TAYLOR (3B).

O.H. NEWS

NOTES AND NEWS

D. C. Barnes, deputy secretary at the Ministry of Labour, was appointed chairman of the working party set up to examine the machinery for dealing with unofficial disputes in the car industry.

Sir Herbert Seddon received the degree of Hon. Doctor of Law at the Lister Centenary Celebration in Glasgow.

E. Gordon Hall has been appointed Assistant Secretary of the Decca Group.

Arthur R. Rodgers, marketing manager of Dancer and Hearne Ltd., has joined the board of the company as marketing director.

Dr. W. R. Lee has been appointed to a Lectureship in Pathology at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow.

J. Douglas Hague has been promoted to Principal Administrative Assistant at Guy's Hospital where he is working on the planning of a large redevelopment. Among his outside interests, he is now Hon. Assistant Secretary of the South of England Men's Lacrosse Association. The Hon. Sec. is another Old Hulmeian, Norman Galloway.

R. Tony Charlton is editing *Polynews*, the weekly magazine of Woolwich Polytechnic College.

Martin J. Field is now living in Ipswich.

R. E. M. Lee gained passes in three subjects in the Law Society Part I qualifying examination.

Kenneth R. Bullock has left the Anaconda Wire and Cable Co. in Sycamore, Illinois, U.S.A., to join Canada Wire and Cable Co. in Toronto as Senior Project Engineer. His new address is 40 Deerford Rd., Willowdale, Ontario, Canada.

Peter Wilde recently revisited the School. After taking his B.Sc. in Biochemistry at Leeds University, he studied for his Ph.D. in the Leeds Cancer Research Department. Then followed a Post-Graduate course at Cambridge before his present appointment as Chief Radio Chemist in the Unilever Research Laboratory at Isleworth. He is now living in Twickenham.

Malcolm Leggott is now living in Ninaimo, British Columbia, Canada.

Second Lieutenant Christopher Templar captained the team from 42 Divisional Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport (T.A.) which recently won the Territorial Army Driving Championships. This competition, in which nearly sixty teams from all parts of the country took part, covered 250 miles through Wales, and was a rigorous test of driving skill, vehicle reliability, map-reading and personal initiative. Templar's team not only gained the principal award, the President's Trophy, but also won four other prizes. His Commanding Officer paid tribute to his inspiring leadership not only during the actual Championships, but also during the all-important planning and training stages. Templar has now been promoted to full Lieutenant, and we congratulate him on his success.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

RICHARDS—On August 15, to April and Alan, a son.

SMITH—On September 17, to Barbara and Nigel, a son.

FRIEND—On October 10, to Jane and Martin, a daughter.

BUSH—On October 16, to Hedy and Tim, a son.

ESSON—On October 21, to Elizabeth and Walter, a daughter.

LUCAS—On November 3, to Diana and Victor, a son.

TEMPERLEY—On November 19, to Greta and John, a daughter.

WEYL—On November 19, to Helen and David, a daughter.

JACKSON (ex-staff)—On November 24, to Claire and Tom, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

WINTRINGHAM—GOULD—On August 14, Anthony Wintringham to Sheila Gould.

ROYLE—NEWBURY—On November 6, Michael Arthur Royle to Joan Linda Newbury.

KILLAN—LEES—On November 10, Peter John Killan to Judith Lees.

DEATHS

WIHL—On November 13, at the West Cornwall Hospital, Henry Solomon Wihl, aged 79 years.

WRIGHT—On December 5, at 1 White Moss Avenue, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, James Norman Wright, aged 55 years.

OBITUARIES

Henry S. Wihl, who died in Penzance on 13 November, 1965, entered the school in 1894, leaving in 1902.

He soon became interested in the Procter Gymnasium and Hulme Lads' Club, joining the Officers' Council when it was formed in 1909. He joined the Committee in 1911, becoming Chairman in January, 1941, a post which he held until October, 1958. His quiet, utterly sincere and kindly personality left its mark on countless members of the Club and his chairmanship covered what was undoubtedly the most difficult period of its long history. The sudden death of his old friend, Harry Hough, the Secretary/Leader, resulted in a divided and troubled adult membership and Mr. Wihl's conciliatory but nevertheless firm leadership was invaluable. The present development of the Club in its new building is a tribute to him. Unfortunately, he was never to see the new Procter Youth Centre completed. Generations of "Procter's"

members, to whom he will be no more than a name, will be the beneficiaries of his farsightedness.

Throughout his life Mr. Wihl maintained a close interest in the School, of which he was very proud. He was a loyal supporter of the Old Hulmeians' Association, being President in the year 1950/51. Though he retired to live in Penzance in 1958 he nevertheless regularly made the journey to attend the annual dinners.

He was an accomplished linguist and in the course of his business interests travelled widely through Europe, continuing the trading traditions which had made Manchester merchants famous throughout the world.

Henry Wihl will be remembered by those who knew him, particularly for his courage and high sense of moral values and for his generosity, not only in the material sense but also, and perhaps more importantly, through his willingness to make his time and talents readily available to all who stood in need of them.

Norman Wright, who died on 5th December, 1965, at the age of 55 will be missed more than most men. If anyone enjoyed life to the full, it was he; and he shared his enjoyment with everyone that he met, enveloping them with his own expansive good humour. Nor were his friendships selfish—many will remember with gratitude the help and advice that he gave them.

He was at School from 1921 to 1928 and has been a member of the Old Hulmeians Association ever since, latterly as a Vice-Chairman. He was a constant supporter of the Association's activities and although he never held executive office, he served the Association well in other ways. Tennis was one of his passions and as a member for many years of the Committee of the Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club he made a valuable contribution to the good relations between that Club and the Association.

His business life, too, has been an active and useful one. After leaving school he joined the staff of the Manchester and Salford Savings Bank and was Manager of the Pendleton Branch of the Bank at the time of his death. Whilst he was still in his twenties, the death of his father placed the responsibility for a family corn business on his shoulders, and he has also found time to continue to run this business. He never cut himself off from his family's roots in Cheshire and one can visualise him as having been, in other times, a successful country banker. He was buried, as he wished, at Rostherne, the parish in which his father was born.

There were many facets to his character. Although essentially an extrovert, he thought deeply on the problems of public and private life and had a real love of music and the arts.

He leaves a widow, Barbara (she was an active member of Old Hulmeians Dramatic Section in pre-war days), a daughter, Susan, and a son Christopher (also an Old Hulmeian and, until a recent

move from Manchester, a playing member of the Lacrosse Section). To all of them we offer our deepest sympathy.

OLD HULMEIANS ASSOCIATION

At the time when these notes were written, less than two months had elapsed since the publication of the October edition of the School Magazine and during that period little had happened within the Association.

H. S. Wihl, our President of some fifteen years ago, has died. He was a staunch supporter of the Association and made the long journey from Penzance on more than one occasion to attend the Annual Dinner.

The untimely death of J. N. Wright, a vice-president, is also reported. He, too, attended all Association functions and lent an air of geniality to them. The Association is the poorer for the passing of these two Old Boys.

With test matches in Australia being broadcast, one is prompted to remind Old Boys that the Annual Cricket Match against the School will be played on 2nd July, 1966. Anyone wishing to be considered for inclusion in the Old Boys side should contact A. M. Blight, Esq., at the School. Nor is it inopportune to remind readers that the Annual Dinner Dance will be held at Abney Hall, Cheadle, on Friday, 4th February, 1966, and the Annual Dinner at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, 12th March, 1966.

The never-ending increases in the cost of running the Association make it more difficult to make ends meet. Our income needs to be enlarged, and short of increased subscriptions only two other avenues are open to us. One is a larger membership, and your help in this direction is sought, and the other is greater use of our Clubhouse. Any suggestions on this subject would be most welcome.

E. BARNES.

THE OLD HULMEIANS LACROSSE CLUB

The slow influx of young new faces into the life-stream of a Club is never dramatic in itself, but gradually transfuses vigour into all aspects of a Club's activities. This is just so with us. At present we are balancing our export/import figures quite nicely. The loss to pastures new of J. Bell, M. L. Lockey, D. Manning, R. I. G. Morgan, F. N. Skelton, D. A. Wolfendale and J. C. Wright, is more than offset by the welcome gain of C. S. S. Dunne, J. Heaton, J. Kershaw, C. P. Langford, H. R. MacCallum, D. G. Murray, D. Roberts, J. Street, P. Veitch and D. Wilde. Already three of these additions are playing or have played for the first team, and others are pressing hard for admission.

The premature "retirement" of F. M. McClinton to the 'A' team has deprived the first of invaluable

assets of skill, experience and character, but has created opportunity and guidance for younger members. A new code of intent has been created within the club and is best summed up by the words on the lips of our committee members, "If you've passed 30, you've had it!"

Results, half-way through the season are not unflattering considering we are rebuilding the sides to make way for youth. The first have lost only to Mellor and Heaton Mersey, but have twice beaten arch-rivals South Manchester and Wythenshawe convincingly.

The lower teams are handicapped by a general scarcity of attack players which places extra burdens on the defence. In fact a number of defence players have been 'promoted' to the attack positions, a dubious honour indeed, some might claim.

The 'A' team have had many good close games and many fine outings. They are irrepressible on or off the field as Birmingham University will attest.

The 'Extra A' and 'B' teams are always the first to reflect shortages or deficiencies in the playing strength. This year is no exception. The 'B' team have lost narrowly on occasion whilst playing a man short, in fact they drew 6—6 with Leeds University 'A' when a player failed to arrive.

The School are most helpful on such occasions but we need a nucleus of older players prepared to travel with kit, willing to act as referee, coach, team-manager or plain supporter but to play when necessary.

Socially it is another heady year. The incomparable M. W. Barber has once again organised a splendid Annual Buffet Dance which was an enormous success. And of course, bar takings are rising steadily together with members' temperatures.

Of personalities we are pleased to report that J. Buckland is well-recovered from his unfortunate car accident as are the other occupants. He is now actively engaged in organising anyone or anything that needs organising, including the Easter Festival games and the proposed Easter Tour. He is also busy coaching and playing wherever the Club's needs are greatest.

Results to date:—

FIRST TEAM

1965

Sept. 25 v. Old Stopfordians	A	W	11—10
Oct. 2 v. Cheadle	H	W	10—4
Oct. 9 v. Boardman & Eccles ...	H	W	16—2
Oct. 16 v. Old Waconians	A	W	9—5
Oct. 23 v. Rochdale	H	W	8—0
Oct. 30 v. Leeds University	A	W	8—2
Nov. 6 v. Stockport	H	W	12—4
Nov. 13 v. South Manchester and Wythenshawe	H	W	6—4

Nov. 20 v. South Manchester and Wythenshawe	A	W	11—7
Nov. 27 v. Urmston	H	W	13—5
Dec. 4 v. Mellor	A	L	2—9
Dec. 11 v. Heaton Mersey	H	L	6—8
Dec. 18 v. Old Stopfordians	H	Postponed	

'A' TEAM

1965

Sept. 25 v. Cheadle 'A'	H	L	5—8
Oct. 2 v. Mellor 'A'	A	L	3—9
Oct. 9 v. Old Grovians	A	D	7—7
Oct. 16 v. Offerton	H	W	6—4
Oct. 23 v. Rochdale 'A'	A	D	7—7
Oct. 30 v. Birmingham University (Prelim. Round Junior Flags).	A	W	9—3
Nov. 6 v. Ashton	A	L	3—4
Nov. 20 v. South Manchester and Wythenshawe 'A'	H	W	8—2
Nov. 27 v. Sheffield University ...	A	Postponed	
Dec. 4 v. Heaton Mersey 'A' ...	H	W	6—3
Dec. 11 v. Old Mancunians	A	L	8—9

EXTRA 'A' TEAM

1965

Sept. 25 v. Heaton Mersey Guild	A	W	11—6
Oct. 2 v. Stockport 'A'	H	L	3—4
Oct. 9 v. Disley	H	L	4—12
Oct. 16 v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	12—8
Oct. 23 v. Cheadle Hulme	H	W	8—4
Oct. 30 v. Stockport G.S.	A	L	6—10
Nov. 6 v. Ashton 'A'	H	L	5—11
Nov. 13 v. South Manchester and Wythenshawe 'B'	H	L	7—14
(Lancs. Junior Cup).			
Nov. 20 v. South Manchester and Wythenshawe 'B'	A	L	9—10
Nov. 27 v. Old Waconians 'A' ...	H	W	15—6
Dec. 4 v. Oldham and Werneth	A	L	4—9
Dec. 11 v. Manchester G.S.	H	W	12—5
Dec. 18 v. Heaton Mersey Guild	H	Postponed	

'B' TEAM

1965

Sept. 25 v. Old Aldwinians	H	L	4—22
Oct. 2 v. Oldham and Werneth	A	L	2—6
Oct. 9 v. Sheffield University 'A'	A	L	0—1
Oct. 16 v. Mellor 'B'	H	L	4—8
Oct. 23 v. Nottingham University	A	Postponed	
Oct. 30 v. Stockport G.S. 2nd. ...	H	W	17—3
Nov. 6 v. Ashton 'B'	A	W	12—1
Nov. 13 v. Cheadle Hulme G.S. ...	A	W	7—2
Nov. 20 v. South Manchester and Wythenshawe 'C'	H	L	6—9
Nov. 27 v. Urmston 'C'	A	L	9—12
Dec. 4 v. Manchester G.S. 2nd...	H	Cancelled	
Dec. 11 v. Leeds University 'A'...	A	D	6—6
Dec. 18 v. Old Aldwinians	A	Postponed	

W.H.G.S. AND LACROSSE

Time has eroded much we should like to know about those early days of Lacrosse at the School when Springbridge Road, so we are told, was little more than a dirt lane. Hawthorn and elderberry trees spread their capricious foliage above the new brick walls and ancient hedges. And beyond, from Old Trafford to Didsbury, and Chorlton to Fallowfield, lay fields of potatoes and parsnips, corn and carrots; fields already being mutilated and parcelled with tedious privet.

There are many conflicting legends of those days, but one, mainly because it has recurred in so many stories of that time, must surely have some substance of truth.

A solitary lamp post stood in Springbridge Road outside the School main gate, the sole token of the modern amenities just then creeping into the outer suburbs of Manchester: through Alexandra Park and haughty Whalley Range, Demesne Road and along Alexandra Road. Had Wilbraham Road only just been macadamed and, perhaps, did not Princess Road still finish at the back of the park? It was this lamp post, which in the lunch hours and spring evenings after school, became one of the main instruments in making the Lacrosse attacks from the Hulme Grammar School, which was then its title, feared for the accuracy, and the power, of their shooting for goal. It was incessantly peppered from all angles by rubber Lacrosse balls, some yellow, some black, some red, and what is the betting that some were not even rubber!

There was the tall rumour, for awhile, that the Corporation Gas people had found it impossible to paint it because of the rubber covering which had been battered into the surface of its first six feet from the ground. More likely, fearing for life and limb, the painter had hastily put off the job until the Easter holidays!

Another, though of much more conflicting recollections, concerned a tree!

The often dark and overgrown gardens of those of the big houses which still stand near the School were then light and airy, shaded by young saplings, fresh with unhardened life, supple and, with ingenuity, easily put to use.

It was one such sapling which had its tip forcibly bent to the ground. No one seems certain of its name; in fact, some stories which have been handed down do not have it as a tree at all but cite the then School Porter instead! Be that as it may, it appears that a Lacrosse ball was placed in the uppermost reaches of the tree's natural state with the intention of seeing whether the ball could be hurled over a reasonably adjacent clock tower. If that experiment was anything like successful, that ball must still hold the record for the furthest thrown of all Lacrosse balls.

In those times most of the boys had some way to walk to school. Often, the quickest route was along the hedgerows or, more likely, directly

across fields. Apart from obtaining doubtful specimens for Nature Study lessons, and the inevitable meanderings around a certain Girls' High School, then on Withington Road near College Drive, time, somehow, had to be spent pleasantly on the way to and from school.

You could not control a soccer ball well enough without causing pandemonium amongst the cabs, and horses and carts, or losing the ball somewhere in the crops: nor were all the paths or fields level enough to pitch a cricket ball and keep moving in the direction the time of day demanded.

Even in Summer, therefore, in the warm, sunny stillness a frequent sight from the other side of the hedges, or garden walls, near the School was the hushed flight of a Lacrosse ball, and the lazy arcs of two or three Lacrosse sticks: slowly one and then the other, on the way home through the smell of honeysuckle and manure.

To throw straight and true, and to catch the ball first time, no matter how low or high, how wide or fast, or how breath-takingly straight it was thrown, was not only possible with Lacrosse but also imperative. The ball, otherwise, could be lost forever in amongst the rhubarb or down in the rabbit holes! And if that happened? Well, until enough pennies and halfpennies had been saved, a good round stone of suitable size or the screwed up croppings of a horse's tail had to suffice.

From these small and simple beginnings, necessities of schoolboy life, has grown, perhaps, the largest single and, certainly, one of the greatest, Lacrosse nurseries in the world. And it is only now, as the game is showing signs of catching on once again, not only in England and in other Lacrosse playing countries but in new places as well, that this fact about William Hulme's Grammar School is beginning to be recognised.

There can be few places left in the world where there is not domiciled an Old Hulmeian of the Lacrosse variety. Most are not only able to give a knowledge of the game but are also readily to hand to impart its infinite delights of judgement of speeds and precision.

Within our immediate ken we can vouch for Lagos, Vancouver, Hong Kong, Zambia, Australia, Singapore, Paris, Malaysia, Durban and Washington D.C. to name but a few. Any other places? We should like to know if there are.

The experience and skill, learnt on the School fields in the late nineteenth century, has been passed on year after year, through generation after generation, ever since. In later years, in fact, for the most of what we have had of the twentieth century, the essence of it all was fostered and moulded by the late Mr. J. A. Barber.

Each new-found skill, each new-sought theory, each little bit of knowledge has been accumulated, nurtured, experimented with, talked about, torn apart, adapted, then swallowed and lost within the whole. A mode of play, and of expression, has



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evolved: passed on from the Sixth to the Third Forms and then, next year, from the Fourth to the First Forms.

Who could doubt this had they seen the School Under Thirteen XII winning the Northern Centurion Trophy last season?

Yet, in spite of all this, it is surprising to learn that the first Oxford Half-Blue for Lacrosse won by an Old Hulmeian was by the late Frederick Clarke in 1939—literally decades after the Australian Prime Minister, Mr. Menzies, had won his, and even years after the current Secretary of State for the U.S.A., Mr. Dean Rusk, had gained his when a Rhodes Scholar.

Unfortunately, we cannot be sure when first a Cambridge Half Blue was won by an Old Hulmeian.

Since the last war, of course, there has been an avalanche of blue, both light and dark, which can, quite firmly, be attributed to the fact that more Old Hulmeians are now going to Cambridge and Oxford than ever before.

It is not only at Cambridge and Oxford however, that the Lacrosse culture of William Hulme's Grammar School is felt. In growing numbers each year, fresh Old Hulmeians are invading the lecture rooms of the 'red-brick' Universities. Ultimately, a few will continue their further studies at Universities overseas, and it is becoming, each year, more likely that they will find Lacrosse, a thing they know, a part of the University life—particularly in the Americas or Australia.

It is our wish to complete the William Hulme's Grammar School Lacrosse story; from those small beginnings in that leisurely era of tilled fields and horse trams to the hectic present.

We earnestly beseech, therefore, any Old Hulmeian—or relative—or friend—or acquaintance of one—who has any anecdote, or record to quote, about Lacrosse and the School kindly to write to us. It does not matter how flimsy, or incredulous, it may seem. Neither will we be averse to receiving some anti-Lacrosse tit-bit from fervent Soccer or Rugby followers. The bran must have salt.

OLD HULMEIANS RUGBY

"Here where men sit and hear each other groan
Where palsy shakes a few sad last grey hairs
Where youth grows pale . . .
Where but to think is to be full of sorrow
And leaden-eyed despairs." (Keats)

The string of losses reported earlier continued for a while until our record began to look pretty miserable—the Press neglected to credit us with our opening win so it eventually reached W—0; D—0; L—6. Now it stands at W—7; D—0; L—7 and although hopeful for the future, I make no predictions, for looking back over the recent events it is infuriating to recall how close we became to a good team winning—and finished up nice chaps, losing.

Against Ashton-on-Mersey, a fairly powerful club nowadays, the 1st XV game was thrown away in the last ten minutes. Twice in the lead—a drop goal by Jones putting us ahead for the second time—slack tackling and poor cover in the closing moments squandered all the earlier efforts. After the hammering they received at the hands of Old Salians, our 'A' XV was expected to be easy meat for Ashton 'A'—by Ashton. Their anticipatory remarks overheard by our players perhaps provided the stimulus. Our pack played its best game to date. The result was 9—9. Lack of a kicker cost us victory, some ten points slipping away on this occasion.

This week it was the Extra 'A' team's turn for a hammering, and down they went 8—46, and it looked like a repeat performance the following week against Lymm when our opponents were eleven points up in five minutes. However the situation steadied. We gave away a penalty goal before half time and scored a goal in the second half—finishing 5—14 down.

The 'A' XV lost to Lymm for no other reason than they were a damn' sight better than we were—and fitter.

This was not true however in the case of the 1st team game which was another game thrown away. The pack did not distinguish itself as a unit but individual forwards did enough to raise touch-line hopes.

Into the last quarter we led 6—3. Then a succession of weak tackles let in one try. This was followed by a very determined effort by the Lymm winger who burst through three well-intended tackles before putting a supporting forward over for a try despite a frantic last ditch tackle by B. Hayes.

Against Toc. H all three sides went down. The 1st XV 8—11, a last minute interception giving away the vital goal. Owing to complete lack of possession from scrums and lines out, the 'A' XV spent all afternoon chasing. However, the tackling was more than workmanlike. Two careless mistakes at full-back gave away eight points and we squandered a penalty in front of the sticks, so the 3—14 result looks worse than the game really was.

The Extra 'A' team was "robbed" and the memory still stirs heaps of invective among the players who claim the referee played until Toc. H had scored a winning try.

Down the following week to West Park. One of their supporters described our tackling as "tissue paper thin". No further comment is necessary on a 0—29 defeat.

The 'A' XV played the YMCA 'A' and were worthy winners. Goals were scored this week—G. Slater being home from Carlisle.

The Extra 'A' played Ashton-on-Mersey 'B' and to the astonishment of a pair of ageing critics on the point of despair, scored twice within four minutes of the start.

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Lest one think they were playing below their level, I would add that Ashton run six or seven teams and their 'B' team is no pushover. This game proved to be a fair battle with the lead changing several times, and the bucket and sponge in constant use. Happily we managed to keep going forward—a rare phenomenon—and won 20—16.

First XV success followed against Calder Vale, 9—6—a fairly close game, with our forwards having the edge. The backs failed to capitalise on much of the effort.

The 'A' team was hammered, partly owing to the full back being in Lancaster and the game in Burnley.

The Extra 'A' just lost a fiercely contested and vociferous game.

Notable wins were gained away from home and in fierce gales against Eccles by the 1st and Extra 'A'. The 'A' XV without the regular halves cracked in the second half. However we never looked like scoring.

All three teams were successful against the School. There was a sloppy start by the 1st—a mistake at full back allowing the School to score first. Steady if gentle pressure forward and the thrust of scrum half B. Hayes, built up a fair lead. Then inexplicably we let the School off the hook—with a general relaxation forward and some indifferent handling and running in the backs, we squandered tries.

Despite running fast and furiously about the pitch, the 'A' XV took a long time to open their account. C. Beswick finally breached the defence after a long and very determined—if somewhat selfish—effort. Thus encouraged, two further tries were scored and the game won 11—0. The Extra 'A' also made hard work of things in the first half but finally won 25—6.

For older hands—Lofty Hewitt stood briefly on the touchline during the School game before the chilly winds drove him for cover. A little plumper in the face than yesteryear but otherwise apparently no change.

To return: The 1st XV avenged their earlier defeat by Sedgely Park. The 'A' XV was beaten by Sedgely Park being unable to match them forward. There is lack of weight in the engine room at the moment. The Extra 'A' drew 3—3 in a closely contested game.

We had a sound win over Old Rochdaliens on a bitterly cold day. Warm hands among the backs might have given us two more tries. The 'A' team, upset by late team changes, managed to win the game territorially, only to lose it by letting an opponent sneak through to score a try. The Extra 'A' did not have a happy time. Short of referees this week, an injured Extra 'A' player did this duty—and kept them at it until after dark, too.

For once the 1st team had first use of the bath.

The season's best Rugby to date came against Ashton-under-Lyne whom we beat 12—3. In arctic conditions, the 'A' went down 0—16 and the Extra 'A' 0—17.

Manchester was a tale of three "If only's". A good enjoyable winnable game which we lost. The 'A' again dominated the game territorially. Manchester played the better rugby. We "suited our tactics to the day" would be the correct euphemism. Our tackling was extremely resolute. Only twice in the second half did Manchester succeed in crossing the half way line. They scored goals on each occasion though.

And so we went down 0—19. Incredible that so much effort should be unrewarded!

I don't think the Extra 'A' has come home yet, the Editor wants his "copy".

For those whose memory stretches back a bit: Reggie Milom sends his best wishes to all—from Montreal. Geoff Knowles is also active in the same city. Peter Woollam was leading the Manchester 'B' team last week.

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OLD HULMEIANS RIFLE CLUB

We are glad to announce that the section is now actively firing. To date we have had three meetings. Mr. Belshaw, Hon. Sec. of the Lancashire Small Bore Rifle Association, has been coaching us, and tells me we have the makings of a good team—we hit the target, if not always the bull.

Meetings are held each Thursday at 8-0 p.m. at the School Range and new members are always welcome.

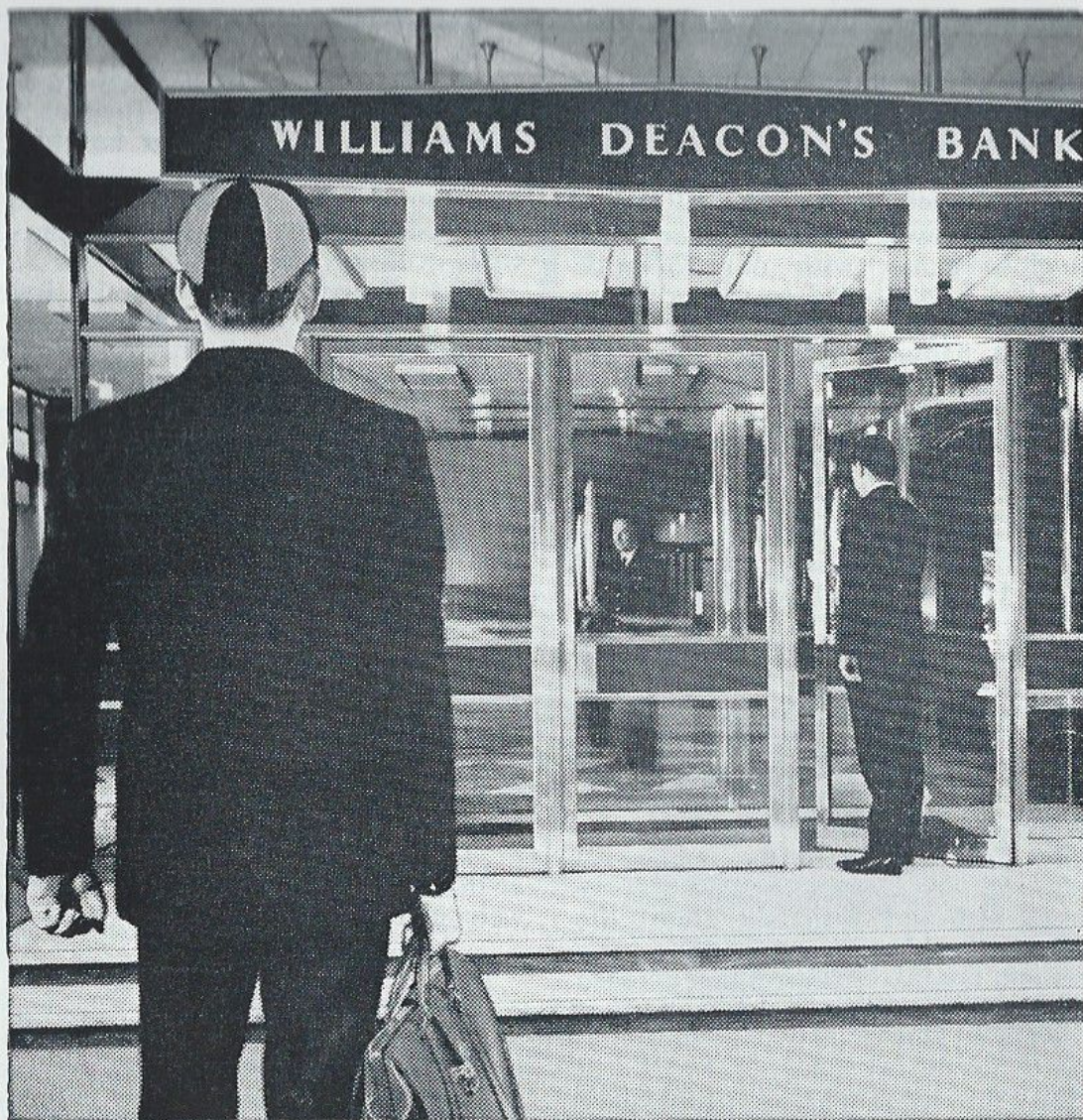
OLD HULMEIANS MOTOR CLUB

Our last report mentioned the preparations for our first big Rally since becoming recognised by the R.A.C. The hard work involved reached fruition on October 22nd, when the organisers were blessed with the first foggy night of the Winter—a factor known full well to those boys of the School C.C.F. who acted as marshals, and whose efforts justify the highest praise. For a detailed report of the evening's activities read on:—

THE SPRINGBRIDGE TROPHY RALLY, 1965.

The morning of October 22nd dawned with the London Weather Centre forecasting fog in Derbyshire for that evening. The route chosen for the event was intended to sort out the men from the boys, but the prospect of fog as an additional difficulty seemed to hold some promise of making things distinctly unpleasant for the "boys". As it turned out only three of the eleven "boys" in the novice class qualified as finishers, and the route not only sorted out the men, but also the girls from the boys, Shirley Alcock and Julia Davenport taking the award for first place in the Expert Class, with their new Cortina G.T.

During the afternoon the Clerks of the Course, Stanley Foulds and John Williams, sallied forth into Derbyshire to make a last check on one or two of the more "hairy" parts of the route to make sure that they were still passable. Fortunately the



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weather earlier in the week had been fairly dry so no difficulties were encountered with mud, the only last-minute hitch being a pair of splendid horses found grazing on part of the route along a gated road. These were duly rounded up and returned to their proper pasture, not by the traditional Western methods involving Colt .45 and lasso, but by equally efficient methods using a rally equipped Triumph Vitesse. On the way back to Macclesfield for a hurried tea, the Clerks of the Course noted the first signs of the expected fog, and guessed that not many of the Experts were going to complete the route of 75 miles with less than 15 minutes lateness.

An excellent entry of 33 cars had been received, with 13 in the Expert Class, nine Semi-Experts and 11 Novices. Scrutineering and signing-in formalities were carried out at the Mere Garage and Filling Station, at Marton, on A.34 south of Alderley Edge. Gordon Davies attended to the scrutineering, while Tommy Broomhead and Eric Appleton looked after the signing-in and watch sealing, inside the garage office. After completing these formalities the competitors proceeded at their leisure to the actual Start Control situated at the side of Redesmere. Billy Curtis was to be found here, aided by Brian Plaskett, Jim Chapman and Tony Taylor. Bill's motor Caravan served as an admirable Control Office, from which the Competitors collected their Route Cards.

In view of the obvious likelihood of encountering fog, the Clerks of the Course decided to set off along the route ahead of the Competitors a little earlier than originally intended, and they departed from Redesmere at 7-15 p.m., the first competitor being due to leave at 8-01 p.m. The decision proved to be a wise one as the fog was encountered as soon as they began to climb into the hills. With 34 manned time controls to visit, plenty of time was needed in case any difficulties were encountered such as navigational errors by Marshals. Of the 34 time controls some 13 were manned by boys from the School C.C.F. and it is a great pleasure to be able to record that despite the fog every one of these controls was correctly located and very efficiently staffed.

Precisely at 8 p.m. the Route Card was issued from the Start Control caravan to John Dignam and John Birchwood, of Knutsford Motor Club, who had been "seeded" by the organisers to run as number one in their Triumph 2000. Exactly 60 seconds later they were released from the Start Control by Billy Curtis and departed northeasterly at what your scribe is told was a very high rate of knots . . . The time was 8-01 p.m. At 8-02 p.m. A. E. Taylor and J. F. Squires, of Brookfield Motor Club, left the Start, to be followed a minute later by Keith Barlow and Brian Harrison, of Lancashire and Cheshire Car Club, in a Renault R.8. After a further minute "the girls", Shirley Alcock and Julia Davenport, departed into the night in their Cortina G.T. to be followed by all the other competitors at minute intervals. The

first Section was a neutral one with a time allowance of 20 minutes, taking in Controls one and two as Route Checks only, with Control three being the first time Control. At this Control most of the Experts were early, and at one time Derek Boothman had the interesting sight of about six cars waiting outside his Control area to report at the correct time. From here onwards time really mattered, and it was a case of foot hard down all the way. The fog made matters all the more difficult for navigators, and it is therefore interesting to note that ten out of the Expert Class covered the first 10 Controls without any time penalties. Car number one actually incurred their first penalty at Control 14 where they dropped two minutes. Controls 19, 20 and 21 provided a pair of one minute Sections of half a mile each over a "grass" road with some unpleasant ruts and "yumpy" bits. Car number one was the only one to cover this Section without penalty and must have given the Marshals a sight to remember. Number three dropped one minute here, as did the girls in number four. From Control 23 to 24 a stretched half mile of stony road resembling the Cresta run deteriorated into grass and provided a one minute Section which not even the most expert of the Experts could achieve. The Experts all managed it in two minutes, or occasionally three, and the longest time was six minutes by a Novice. Controls 31, 32, 33 and 34, provided a series of four Sections of one minute each, which succeeded in catching nearly everyone for at least two minutes. (This was the scene of the horse round-up in the afternoon!) From here onwards the route presented little difficulty up to Control 41 situated about half a mile from Shining Ford. The Ford itself had to be negotiated on the way to the final Control, number 42, and cost nearly everyone at least one minute on the final section.

The first car to report to the Final Control was the Renault R.8, running number three, with the intrepid Keith Barlow lighting a cigarette and saying that it was an "excellent route". Some seconds later car number one arrived with John Dignam at the wheel, followed shortly by the Cortina G.T. of Shirley Alcock and Julia Davenport. The Clerks of the Course having set out 45 minutes ahead of the first car had themselves arrived at the final Control only 15 minutes ahead, and will say that their time had been lost talking to the Marshals en route. It would be as well to wonder, however, whether they had themselves made any navigational errors in the fog . . . !

From the Final Control competitors retired to the Moorland Restaurant, on the Buxton to Leek road at the aptly named place of Upper Hulme, to consume a well-earned bacon and egg supper and to await the results.

When the Results were announced shortly after midnight it was found that the "seeding" of the first few entries on the list had proved surprisingly accurate, with cars one and three both having 14

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minutes' lateness. On the basis of "furthest cleanest", John Dignam and John Birchwood were declared the overall winners having been clear of penalties for the first 13 Controls. Keith Barlow and Brian Harrison also with 14 minutes' lateness, had been clear for the first 11 Controls and were therefore second overall. The Award winners were:—

SPRINGBRIDGE TROPHY AND REPLICAS:

J. M. Dignam and J. A. Birchwood, of Knutsford Motor Club, in a Triumph 2000. 14 *minutes*.

SECOND OVERALL:

J. K. K. Barlow and B. Harrison, of Lancashire and Cheshire Car Club, Renault R.8. 14 *minutes*.

EXPERT CLASS AWARD:

Miss S. J. Alcock and Miss J. B. Davenport, Cortina G.T. 18 *Minutes*.

SEMI-EXPERT CLASS AWARD:

G. Hulme and E. Lyon, Mini. 25 *Minutes*.

NOVICE CLASS AWARDS:

1ST.—P. M. Mellor and J. R. W. Smith. 26 *Minutes*.

2ND.—J. Brown and D. A. Ashworth. 13 *Fails*. 50 *Minutes*.

3RD.—P. Scoltock and Miss A. Martin. 15 *Fails*. 90 *Minutes*.

This report can not be concluded without recording appreciation of the sterling services of the Marshals for their efforts in the unpleasant weather. A particular word of praise is also due to the boys of the School C.C.F., whose efforts attracted many unsolicited compliments, particularly from competitors in the Expert Class. Finally grateful thanks are due to Frank Pickup who undertook the duty of Public Relations Officer and personally visited every occupied dwelling along the entire route.

So our first big Rally is over, and seems to have created a good impression with the co-promoting Clubs, one competitor in the Expert class even going so far as to describe the event as "Superb".

And so to next time. On the evening of October 23rd last, a discussion took place concerning a certain rally to be held on Friday, October 21st of next year, and to be known as "The Springbridge Trophy Rally, 1966" . . .

Our Annual Dinner Dance took place on Saturday, December 4th, at the Woodlands Hotel, Timperley, and was the customary success. Events planned for the New Year include, on the social side, a hot pot supper in each of the months of January, February and March, combined with film shows or other activities. The January event is a film show on January 20th and we look forward to seeing some excellent films. The March event will be again a film show, but on this occasion will be held jointly with the Old Hulmeian Rifle

Club, and will include films on Small Bore Rifle Shooting in addition to Motor Sport.

Any enquiries about our activities, or about Motor Sport in general will be welcomed by the Hon. Secretary of the Club, John L. Williams, 7 Kings Avenue, Gatley, Cheshire. Tel. GAT 4666.

ASSOCIATION OF OLD HULMEIANS IN LONDON

Friday, 15th October saw us again at the Copper Kitchen in Fleet Street for another steak and kidney pie supper. Members turned up in satisfactory numbers and we welcomed for the first time with us P. W. Booth, Harold Whatley, Patrick Carr and J. D. King, the last after a hazardous return journey from Camberley which brought him dashing in just before the food was finished. We were particularly glad to see Mike Smith who had travelled from the north for the occasion.

Many of those present remembered with pleasure Mr. Adams as a master and it was good to hear of him celebrating his eightieth birthday and to see a photograph of him on that occasion.

The Annual General Meeting followed the Supper and by that time, Tony Charlton was able to add his support to the attendance. Cyril Eastwood presided until handing over to the 1965/66 Chairman, J. B. Reid. Untroubled by contentious topics, the business of the meeting proceeded at a comfortable pace and was completed with sufficient time to spare for more general chat before the evening closed.

For the Annual Dinner on Friday, 12th November, we very gladly returned to the House of Commons with Sir Cyril Black again as our sponsoring M.P. As always, this was the outstanding function of the year. Attendance was up to the limit. In addition to Alan Jones, President of the Old Hulmeians Association, newcomers on this occasion included S. J. Bertenshaw, G. L. Cooke, R. W. Crouchley, E. Trevor Davies, D. W. Parker, B. J. Walker and Nigel Walmesley. Bill Yates, who has been our genial host for the cricket matches at Farnham Royal, was a welcome visitor.

Plans for 1966 are not yet completed but the next Supper at the Copper Kitchen will be on Friday, 25th February. On Sunday, 19th June, we shall be hoping for another fine day at Farnham Royal for our annual cricket match against the Association of Lancastrians in London. Please note these dates in your diary now.

Another car rally is on the programme and, looking well ahead, we hope we can visit the House of Commons again for the Annual Dinner in October.

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Our first activity this term was the Motor Treasure Hunt which took us up, down, out and around the byways of Cheshire. I saw a number of competitors going the opposite way to our car but which of us was lost I never found out. The organisers were rather too ingenious for most of the competitors, who could be seen conferring or arguing, about the clues, at odd intervals along the route. Those of us who are Mancunians born and bred are more knowledgeable about chimneys than about some of the more abstruse rural clues (Three tall dark strangers). We ended up for a welcome and enjoyable tea at Tatton Park where the winners (congratulations) were given their prizes. Our thanks are due to Mr. Faulkner and Mrs. Leigh for their good work and excellent organisation. We all enjoyed ourselves and we hope the Treasure Hunt will become an annual event.

The Ninth Annual Dinner Dance, held at the Locarno, Sale, in November, was better supported than ever this year and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by parents and guests. We were pleased to see so many "new" parents and we hope they will make a note of our other functions and give us their support.

Early in December Mr. Haynes and Mr. Bryans gave us a talk on *William Hulme's on Holiday*. The talk, which was illustrated with photographic slides, was by popular request and was very well attended. We saw pictures of the boys, and masters, in Norfolk, Yorkshire, Scotland, France, Italy and Switzerland. They certainly get about and there is no doubt that the opportunities for the boys to travel and broaden their minds are wide indeed. A number of parents could be overheard wist-

fully wondering whether the trips could be organised for parents, instead of the boys, for a change.

The Christmas Party and Barn Dance rounded off the term in the proper spirit. Once again we had the Square Dance teams and once again we had some bewildered faces. Father Christmas was a popular visitor especially when he distributed gifts to all present. Mrs. Taylor and her ladies provided an excellent supper and our thanks are due to them and to Masters and Staff who gave so much help. Thanks also to those parents who so generously donated raffle prizes and to all parents who so cheerfully buy tickets and never win. Patience is one virtue of which they are surely well possessed.

We hope to have Norman Yardley, former captain of Yorkshire and England, to give us a talk in March. There is no admission fee so surely we shall have a good attendance of dads. Also in March, on the 10th, will be our Supper Dance at the Locarno, Sale. This is an informal function to which we invite the Staff and their ladies as guests. More information about these two events will be given later but, in the meantime, please make a note in your diary.

If any parents have not yet joined the Association, the Treasurer or Secretary will be pleased to hear from them. The Committee look forward to meeting all members again at forthcoming functions and if there is anything you wish to know about the Association and its activities please do not hesitate to ask any Committee Member who will be only too pleased to help.

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