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Notes and News.

When the School resumes next term there will be a change in the staff, as Mr. Perraton, who has been in the School since 1921, has received an appointment as Senior Modern Languages Master in the Sir Thomas Rich School, Gloucester, and takes up his duties there after Easter. Mr. Perraton has always been an enthusiast in his work and has given of his best in his teaching, but not all his energies have been directed towards this side of school life. His interests in the school activities have been broader than that. For some years the care of the Library has devolved upon him, and by the introduction of the card system of filing and by a general reorgani-

sation he has made it easier for boys seeking knowledge from its shelves to find the books they required. Then, again, when the School was giving a play he efficiently ran the "booking office," and by a commendable exercise of tact succeeded in letting everyone have the best seats. Mr. Perraton took no active interest in the games, but when, for some reason, a master was required at the last moment to travel with a team, he was always ready on appeal to fill the gap. The school choir, too, claimed his attention. Last year, when, owing to the increased numbers at our Whitsuntide camp, an extra "civilian" was needed to cope with the work, Mr. Perraton came with us, and was invaluable in acting as banker for the boys and assisting generally in those many little jobs that seem

nobody's business. On sports day, Mr. Perraton was frequently of great use, for when, upon occasion, the megaphone was mislaid, his deep stentorian notes could be heard floating over the field announcing events and calling competitors to their marks. Mr. Perraton will be missed, but we wish him all success in the work he is taking up.

University Degrees and Examinations :—

Third M.B. and Ch.B. : D. Ll. Griffiths has passed in Pharmacology with distinction.

Second M.B. and Ch.B. : R. Judson and A. R. Kennedy.

First M.B. and Ch.B., Part II. B. (Zoology) : N. Copeland.

Diploma in Dentistry, Third Examination : J. E. Ellis.

Diploma in Dentistry, Second Examination (Dental Metallurgy) : J. C. P. Besford, S. D. Cleworth, G. J. Ellis.

First L.D.S. Examination : G. Cocker.

J. W. Yates has won a Training College Scholarship awarded by the Lancashire Education Committee.

Old Hulmeians who attended the School some twenty years ago will be interested to hear of Dr. Brown, who left in 1910 to become a headmaster in Preston. After only a few months he relinquished this post to take up an appointment in Australia as headmaster of Geelong Grammar School, one of the principal schools in that country. Now, after nineteen years of successful work as a "Head," he is retiring, and expects to be in England by the end of April, when he hopes to visit the School.

Dr. Haden Guest (O.H.), who sat as Labour M.P. for North Southwark from 1923 to 1927 and contested North Salford in the Conservative interest, was appointed early in the year to act as travelling com-

missioner of the Royal Empire Society for three months.

Our best thanks are due to G. Lindsey (O.H.) for the gift of apparatus for the Science department, which includes an optical bench and accessories for experiments in light.

The following Games awards have been made :—

Football honours cap : G. A. Clare. Colours : G. S. Walker, R. F. Peacock, J. Bertenshaw, P. Grundy. Second Eleven caps : P. H. Taylor, C. W. F. Deakin, H. Buckley, J. W. Yates, T. S. Meehan, K. B. Hilton, J. Mark (2), J. A. Shaw, J. L. F. Crompton.

Lacrosse honours caps : N. Stoddard, F. W. Derbyshire, K. B. Hilton. Lacrosse colours : J. I. Williams, R. W. Crouch, E. E. Britton, J. H. Hall, G. R. Adams, G. R. Vlies, G. A. Cooke, V. H. Hilton, G. E. Compson.

We wish to thank Mr. A. Alimundo, of Chorlton, for the gift to the Museum of specimens of raw silks, cotton and wool.

N. Stoddard has been appointed captain of the 1st XI. cricket, and L. W. Kershaw vice-captain.

At the invitation of the North of England Lacrosse Association, Mr. Barber spent a few days at Cambridge coaching the University lacrosse team for their match with Oxford.

J. P. V. Woollam, A. G. Campbell and K. Rains of the Old Boys' lacrosse team received county honours this year. Woollam had the still greater distinction of being vice-captain of the North of England team, and Rains has gone on tour to America and Canada with a team organised by Oxford University.

The golfers of the Old Hulmeians Association hold their annual meeting on the Didsbury links on Thursday, May 29th.

Mr. Powell is taking a party of boys for a trip to Paris during the Easter holidays.

Arrangements for Midsummer Term:—

The School will reopen on Tuesday, April 29th.

Ascension Day Holiday, Thursday, May 29th.

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Wednesday, June 4th, at noon, to Thursday, June 19th, at 9 o'clock.

The School Certificate Examination will commence on July 4th.

Midsummer Term will end on Wednesday, July 30th, at noon.

Old Hulmeians are reminded that the subscription to *The Hulmeian* is 1/6 per annum, payable to Mr. Barber at the School.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following school magazines:—*Ulula*, *The Willastonian*, *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*, *The Lidunian*, *The Savilian*, *The Stopfordian*, *The Frome County School Magazine*, *Esmeduna*, *The Leigh Grammar School Magazine*, *The Buxtonian*, *The Waconian*.

BIRTH.

LINFOOT.—On February 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Linfoot, 4, Bridle Road, Woodford, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LAND—RADDIN.—On March 1st, at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, by the Rev. B. B. Slater, William Walker, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Land, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, to Molly, elder daughter of Mrs. M. Raddin, of Stalybridge.

SHOLL—MELLOR.—On March 6th, at Whalley Range Church, by the Rev. Thos. May, M.A., John Simpson, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Sholl, of Whalley Range, to Mabel Winifred, youngest daughter of Mrs. M. E. Mellor, of Chesterfield.

DEATHS.

DORRANS.—On January 18th, at 206, Durers Lane, Radcliffe, James, the beloved husband of the late Mary Jane Dorrans (for 30 years manual instructor at Hulme Grammar School), in his 75th year.

MILLER.—On February 20th, at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, George Stanley Leonard, the dearly loved son of Leonard Miller, of Redcot, Ellesmere Road South, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, aged 15 years.

FELL.—On April 3rd, at 63, Edge Lane, Stretford, Gordon, dearly loved son of Conrad and Eleanor Fell, aged nine.

Mr. Dorrans.

There was general regret among Old Hulmeians when they learned of the death of Mr. Dorrans, which took place at the house of his daughter in Radcliffe. Up till a week before his death Mr. Dorrans had been in good health, but, from the time he fell ill, there was little or no hope of his recovery. Born at Radcliffe in 1860, Mr. Dorrans was in his seventy-first year. It was as far back as February, 1891, when the School was yet young, that Mr. Dorrans was appointed as instructor in woodwork, and he remained with us till he retired in July, 1920, after thirty years of devoted service to the School. He then removed to Buxton, but, on the death of his wife six years ago, he went to live with his daughter. To the end, his interest was in the School, and, when Mr. Barber called to see him the day before he died, he talked about the School and discussed the best way of levelling the additional playing fields we have just acquired. This was a subject on which he was well qualified to express an

opinion, for he had helped greatly in the levelling of our present field, and knew more about the school grounds than anyone. When sports day came round, he undertook each year the laying out of the field for the different events, a work which was always done according to a carefully drawn plan. In this, as indeed in everything he took up, Mr. Dorrans had a pride in precision and thoroughness. When the Whitsuntide camp came due, Mr. Dorrans was there to give his help, and used to accompany Mr. Barber when he went with his advance party to lay out the site and erect the tents. During the fortnight in camp his woodcraft and practical experience rendered his services invaluable. Mr. Dorrans was always interested in social work, and on coming to Manchester he became actively associated with St. Mary's Church and the Hulme Lads' Club. Mr. Dorrans was a life member of the Old Hulmeians Association.

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

Although the total amount raised this year was less than last year's total, it was, in a way, actually better, as we were without the £40 raised by one boy in 1928.

Lower I. have this year lost the place of honour to 1 B., who, for the first time, head the list both in gross amount and average per head.

It is pleasing to note the high average at the upper end of the School.

A letter of thanks from Sir Christopher Needham, the President of the Club, appears below.

Form.	Amount.			Average per head.
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
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1 A	11	15	6	0 9 1
1 B	25	14	9	0 18 5
1 C	13	2	7	0 10 1
2 A	13	13	1	0 9 1
2 B	16	2	10½	0 10 8
2 C	9	14	9	0 7 6
3 A	17	5	6	0 11 2
3 B	14	7	9	0 9 11
3 C	13	13	1½	0 9 1
4 A	9	4	0	0 6 7
4 B	13	15	0	0 9 2
4 C	12	2	3	0 8 8
5 A	23	6	8½	0 15 1
5 B	10	13	7	0 7 8
5 C	19	0	2½	0 12 8
6 S.U.	7	5	0	0 11 2
6 S.L.	9	2	0	0 13 0
6 C.M.U.	9	8	1	0 12 6
6 C.M.L.	5	10	7	0 7 11
Prep.	12	7	6	
Staff	4	7	6	
Total	£300	0	5	

15, CROSS STREET,
MANCHESTER,

28th January, 1930.

DEAR MR. TREVOR DENNIS,

PROCTER GYMNASIUM AND HULME
LADS' CLUB.

It is my very pleasurable duty to write to thank you once more on behalf of the Hulme Lads' Club for the collection you have recently sent. Bearing in mind the poor trade conditions and the multiplicity of charitable appeals, I feel that this year's total of £297 1s. 7d. is a really wonderful one, and would ask you to thank all concerned for the great efforts they must have made to obtain this result.

I am sorry that I was unable to be present at the Annual Display at the Club when members of the School were there in such large numbers. The Club is doing a very necessary work, and I am pleased to say that the membership is much higher this season, and all departments are very busy and active.

The Club is now very largely dependent on the School, both financially and for service; I trust that this connection will grow closer, so that the boys of the Hulme Lads' Club may with confidence look to the boys of the Hulme Grammar School for help in their athletic and leisure occupations.

Yours sincerely,

C. T. NEEDHAM,
President.

The Library.

One is glad to note that promptness and regularity in returning books is considerably improved, even if not yet perfect. A little more care in handling books and in leaving shelves tidy and well arranged is still to be desired. Unavoidable activities elsewhere have prevented the completion of the library notice board promised us, but we hope the kind offer will be put into effect next term.

New additions recently include a lengthy list of Science books (on order) and the following:—

Norwood: "English Tradition of Education."

Bury: "History of Greece."

Pollard: "Factors in Modern History."

Cole: "Politics and Literature."

McCarthy: "Short History of our own Times." L. H. P.

Lost Property.

(SOMETHING OF A MEDLEY.)

At the time of confusion and worry

At the end of the Michaelmas term,
I was given, by one in a hurry,

A request, that was gentle but firm:
"The lost property must be disposed of;
Will you make out a list of the whole?

Come, your air of content and repose doff!
Hard work will be good for your soul."

The duty was one that a wise man would
shun;

'Twould have brought to submission Attila
the Hun,

Or the he-man who first reached the Pole.

It was really a motley collection;

There were very few things, I should say,
That I didn't, on closer inspection,

Perceive in that wondrous array.

Just to take an example—

The pencils—a sample

Of every kind under the sun;

There were some that revolved, there were
others that wouldn't;

Quite a number could write; but, then,
not a few couldn't;

There were some made of metal, and others
of wood,

And a number of marvellous hue;
But I had to count them, the bad and the
good,

So, you see, I had plenty to do.

I turned my gaze upon the caps,
And this reduced me to collapse:

Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their crests in sprightly dance;
And plainly and more plainly,

Now in the room appears,
Far to left and far to right,
The long array of helmets bright;

By now I was in tears.

Great hats, small hats, clean hats, faded
hats,

New hats, old hats, mean hats, jaded hats—
In fact, they quite beggar my powers of
narration,

So I borrow from others of loftier station.

For the rest, there were jumbled together

Pairs of compasses, rulers and pens,

A mysterious thing made of leather,

A watch-chain, a paint-box, a lens.

For these losses one *could* find a basis

Of reason; but how could one lose

One's tie, or one's socks, or one's braces,

One's waistcoat, one's shirt or one's
shoes?

Yet all these were there, in a wondrous
variety,

Filling both boxes and shelves to satiety.

To conclude, friends; I wish to exhort you

To remember my sad little tale:

In all places, whatever you've brought, you

Must take it away without fail.

On whoever forgets this injunction

I pronounce my most terrible curse:

May his reason and taste cease to function,

And (like me) may he try to write verse.

J. M.

The Entertainments.

With the fall of the curtain on Tuesday, March 25th, another series of entertainments came to an end. An examination of the programme will reveal that plays have predominated; altogether some seventeen, including the Christmas performance, have been staged since the season opened in the first week in October. In estimating the value of this important side of the school life, it will be helpful to notice that these entertainments are not provided by any one section of the School; the performers range from boys in the Preparatory School up to members of the upper sixth forms. The principal event of the season has, of course, been the production of the opera, "The Magic Flute," an undertaking that called for the greatest efforts from all concerned.

The boys working on the stage have had a very busy year, and, with the acquisition of some new apparatus, great improvements have been effected. A new switchboard, two new dimmers, two extra flood lights and a new curtain track have been purchased this year. The curtain track is the gift of Mr. Holding, and to him we offer our best thanks. At the moment Mr. Bentley and his assistants are busy constructing a large locker in which to hang the many robes and dresses used in these entertainments. N. B. Jones has relieved Mr. Brierley of some of the work of providing posters and has given us some clever drawings.

Programme :—

PLAY.—December 3rd. The entertainment was given on this date by Form IV. B. with a clever performance of "The Coiners" (Ernest Hendrie), the scene of which is laid in a moorland inn in the time of George III. In the long part of the

Hon. Charles Carteret, T. S. Meehan proved very capable. The others of the cast were: Little Tom (R. R. Jones), Nat Crabtree (E. S. Frazer), Roger Stall (A. S. F. Keir), Geordie Clem (N. Harrold), Jake Hallows (T. G. Moore), John Deighton (F. Chadwick), Captain Arthur Hammond (R. A. Prideaux), Mark Cuthbertson (H. Royle), Dame Elizabeth Ganditch (A. R. White), Soldiers (R. F. Peacock and F. Pegge). Producers, Mr. Gatley and Mr. Williams.

PLAY.—December 10th. Performances given by the Preparatory Department always prove very popular, and, as usual, a full house attended to see them in "The Little Man," a musical play adapted from the poem "Up the Airy Mountains," by Allingham, with carols and some prettily executed dances thrown in to augment the programme.

PLAY.—December 14th, 16th, 17th. The School gave a performance of "The Would-be Gentleman" (Anstey). See page 254.

PLAY.—January 14th. "The Will" (Barrie), a little play in three scenes, was performed by Form VI. C.M.L. The play was well cast, and a good entertainment was provided by the following players:—Mr. Devizes, a lawyer (J. W. Yates), Robert, his son (C. W. F. Deakin), Mr. Ross, a business man (W. Bowden), Mrs. Ross (L. Roberts), Surtees, Senet, Creed, clerks (J. Mark (2), N. B. Jones, P. Rogers). Producer, Mr. Parren.

PLAY.—January 21st. An original play, "Gareth and Lynette," by Mr. Burn, was presented by Form III. C. Though no blood was shed, the players presented the chain of knightly combats with considerable force. Cast: King Arthur (J. Haley), Sir Launcelot (J. R. Fobister), Sir Kay (J. H. Boardman), Gareth (J. B. Baird), Gareth's companions (J. M. Bowers, W. Jenkins), the Cook (H. D. Vernon), a Scurvy Knave (G. Richmond), Knights of the Round Table (P. W. Pott, R. D. Sunderland, K.

G. Whittle), Lynette (J. W. Bunting), the Morning Star (N. R. Williams), his Page (C. E. Smith), the Sun (K. Johnson), his Page (G. Sharp), the Evening Star (J. H. Little), his Page (J. M. Woolfenden), Death (J. Worrall). Some of the best properties were made by J. G. Roberts, K. Johnson and P. W. Pott. Play produced by Mr. Burn.

GYMNASTIC DISPLAY.—January 28th. This was a new and interesting feature of this term's entertainments. For the occasion the seating accommodation was rearranged, leaving a large area in the centre of the hall for the performers. The programme included free movements and marching, country dances, relay races, blindfold boxing, pin ball, Swedish box and buck, high buck and pyramids. The entertainment was arranged and carried through by Mr. Johnson.

LECTURE-RECITAL.—February 4th. The Headmaster gave an interesting talk on "The Magic Flute" (Mozart), and parts of the opera were sung by some of those who were to take part in the performance.

PLAY.—February 11th. "Victory or Valhalla," a little play in three scenes written by Mr. Davies, was performed with success on this date by Form IV. A. with the following cast: Earl Orry (Mr. Davies), Gyda, his daughter (S. C. M. Salter), Olaf (F. Luckman), Hakon (J. Hartley (1)), Sweyn (J. Mitchell (1)), Ivar (J. S. Dodd), Thorgils (J. H. Sweeney), Clucas (L. R. Morgan), King Crovan (R. Innes), a Soldier (W. Dickson), Belle (T. Davies), Mad Caley (E. Neesom), Grim (E. J. Flower), Oscar (T. F. Swindells), Eric (H. R. Hall). Producer, Mr. Davies.

PLAY.—February 18th. The Cadet Corps gave a successful presentation of an original play in two scenes, "The Renegade," by J. Mark (2). The action takes place on the North-West Frontier, and an interesting plot centres round the doings of Captain

Grant, the renegade. Cast: Captain Loring (L. W. Kershaw), Lieut. Nicholls (P. N. Cantrill), Lieut. Everett (G. E. Wild), Private Crosby (E. C. P. Butler), Private Hall (J. B. Holt), Sergeant Heath (C. W. F. Deakin), Captain Grant (R. Millner), Yusuf (P. H. Taylor), Baram Khan (A. M. Hadfield), Natives and English prisoners. Producers, Mr. Anderson and R. Millner.

OPERA.—February 22nd, 24th and 25th. The School gave a performance of "The Magic Flute" (Mozart). See page 255.

PLAY.—March 4th. "On the Frontier" (Pollock) is a one-act play giving a little picture of military life in Russia. H. Sambrook was the producer, and an interesting performance was given by the following cast drawn from Form VI. C.M.U.: Captain Feodor Alexeivitch (R. Millner), Lieut. Jakovley (R. C. Jennings), Stepan (J. Midgley), Irtenev (J. I. Williams), First Soldier (W. G. Jackson), Second Soldier (J. Mark (1)).

PLAYS.—March 11th. Two excellent performances were witnessed by a crowded hall. Form Lower I. gave us a play written by themselves with the thrilling title "The Light of Terror." Cast: Professor Drummond (G. F. Davies), Harry Campbell and James Dalroy, his assistants (W. T. Curtis and A. L. Dennis), Andy O'Brien (P. B. Rowson), Marco Apani (A. Thorp), Joe (R. D. Rider), Fish (J. F. S. Walton), Sam (H. G. Gosling), Taylor (G. G. W. Fielding), Major J. A. Lee, D.S.O. (K. N. McIlwrick), Inspector Brown (H. Bland), an Unseen Power (K. A. Hilton), a crowd of ruffians (D. N. Alimundo, G. E. Barritt, L. J. Brown, B. Daley, J. H. Davies, R. H. Edwards, M. J. Malcolm, J. Mitchell (2), J. H. Riley, D. R. Seddon, A. Wade). Producer, Mr. Williams. Form III. B. presented "Brother Wolf" (Houseman), and the following cast made a very creditable show: Francis (T. F. Redman), Juniper (H. H. Davies), Lupo (E. Green), Guiseppi (D. W. Pursglove), Bastiano (T. A. Hewitt),

Cecco (O. J. Charnock), Bartol (R. Mark). Producer, Mr. Thompson.

PLAY.—March 18th. "The Autocrat of the Coffee Stall" (Chapin) is without plot and is really a character study. The difficult part of the Autocrat was taken by A. M. Hadfield, and the others of the cast were: The Coffee-stall Keeper (E. C. P. Butler), Bert (G. S. Walker), Sam (S. Humphreys), a Cockney Humorist (S. M. Cusick), a Reservist (E. E. Britton). The play was performed by Form V. C. and produced by Mr. Anderson.

PLAY.—March 25th. The Prefects gave a clever presentation of "St. Simeon Stylites" (Sladen-Smith) with the Headmaster in the long and difficult title rôle, supported by the following cast: Sedulius, a Pilgrim (P. H. Taylor), a King (L. W. Kershaw), his Jester (A. G. Sidebotham), a Lady (J. Mark (1), her Maid (N. Stoddard), the Devil (R. Millner), his Friend (J. Midgley). Producer, The Headmaster.

"The Would-be Gentleman."

With the first announcement that "The Would-be Gentleman" was to be the School Christmas entertainment, an alarming rumour got abroad that the play was to be presented in French; but, fortunately, the jade lied again and we were spared. Yet it may be doubted if French, or even Pushtu, would not have served, for the play, with its broad humour and its occasional lapses into slap-stick farce, depended at times but little on language for effect. Based on "Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme," this adaptation makes so free with the original that Molière's ghost must groan its disapproval each time it is played; though, had it been present at this excellent school production, its wrath must have been fully appeased.

The theme has served many playwrights; it is the lordolatry of a self-made man ready

to make any ridiculous sacrifice to enable him to crawl into the society of the nobility. The "hero" of the play, one, M. Jourdain, with money and an itch to be among "the quality," gave Mr. Brierley scope for some clever acting, and we laughed at the many awkward situations into which his clumsy subterfuges and his pitiful gullibility led him. His wife, Mme. Jourdain, a practical woman with little but contempt for her obsequious husband, was played by D. A. Parry and, though he did occasionally trip over his words and stop to correct himself, he carried off this difficult part really well. The "dandy" of the play and the chief object of M. Jourdain's worship, Dorante, Comte de Château-Saillard, looked resplendent in his 17th century trappings, and his unscrupulous treatment of his victim was quite in character with a man of the world so habited and so plausible. P. N. Cantrell's performance as the Comte showed a careful study and an understanding of his part. L. R. Halliday was perky enough to make an efficient Nicole, while Lucile Jourdain (S. C. M. Salter) and Dorimène, Marquise de Montignac (R. G. Porter) made charming ladies who moved with an ease and a grace little practised by the modern woman. G. E. Wild as Cléonte and C. W. F. Deakin as Covielle deserve credit for the effective interpretation of their parts. A pleasing part of the performance was the work of the singer (Mr. Williams) and the musicians (F. B. Mayo, J. Mark (1), J. Mark (2) and E. L. Pollock). Others in the cast were: Music Master (G. S. Walker), Dancing Master (R. A. Prideaux), Baptiste (E. C. P. Butler), Second Lackey (A. M. Hadfield), Fencing Master (G. R. Adams), Professor of Philosophy (J. W. Yates), a Tailor (P. M. Evans), the Mufti (W. H. Evans). The carefully arranged settings and the colourful period dresses were great aids in creating that 17th century atmosphere so necessary for the successful production of the play.

Producer—Mr. Brierley.

"The Magic Flute."

In matters musical and dramatic the School has always shown enterprise, and, if only the thing has been considered worth doing, courage has never been lacking to make the attempt; but surely the production of the opera, "The Magic Flute" (Mozart), is the greatest adventure upon which the School has yet embarked. It required a supreme confidence in the dramatic and musical resources of the School to conceive and carry out the project, but the results justified that confidence and amply rewarded the courage of the promoters. Here, in the quality of the production, the obvious enjoyment of the performers, the work of the orchestra and, not least, the appreciation of the audience, was an answer to those who speak in awed whispers of grand opera as something to be touched only by the few.

For such an opera a school cast has its limitations, and it would be idle to pretend that the performance was perfect; but only a carping critic or a disgruntled highbrow could leave the hall without a word of praise and a feeling that the evening had been well spent. The libretto, which has been the butt of many wits and has been called a tissue of absurdities, has no claims to literary merit, but about the music there can be no two opinions, and its richness and quality more than compensate for a somewhat weak plot.

In a work written for performers specially gifted in voice, a great responsibility devolved upon the principals, but all revelled in the burden placed upon them. R. Mark gave a performance sustained in

its excellence in the long and difficult part of Pamina, and Mr. Parren proved equal to the heavy demands made by the trying rôle of Tamino, an Egyptian prince. G. A. Clare made a good Sarastro, High Priest of the Temple, though in his lower notes his voice lost some of its resonance. Papageno, the bird-catcher, is rather a preposterous creation, yet his every note and movement give delight, and Mr. Williams did full justice to the part. Mr. Powell's Monostatos was a vigorous and successful performance. A. White as Queen of the Night had some difficult numbers to sing but got through them successfully, and D. N. Buttrey made an excellent Papagena. Others of the cast were: First Genius (A. L. Dennis), Second Genius (O. R. Dennis), Third Genius (H. Andrew), Orator of the Temple (J. I. Williams), First Lady (H. M. Lawton), Second Lady (I. S. Blackburn), Third Lady (L. Roberts), First Priest (B. C. Scammell), Second Priest (E. L. Pixton), Third Priest (W. H. Evans), Men in Armour (A. S. Nesbitt, P. E. Whitehead), The Executioner (J. Midgley), Negro Slaves (A. A. McKerrigan, D. H. Ricketts). The work of the chorus deserves some notice. Their singing was fluent and easy, and they exercised a wise restraint that never allowed them to sacrifice quality of note for volume of sound: throughout they were quick to respond to the musical qualities of what they sang.

The playing of the orchestra must have been a revelation to those unacquainted with the musical activities of the School. In their general work and precision of movement they were a great factor in the success of the production.

Musical Director—The Headmaster.

Producer—Mr. Rayfield.

The Scientific Society.

President: The Headmaster; *Vice-President:* Mr. Adams; *Hon. Secretary:* P. H. Taylor; *Hon. Treasurer:* L. W. Kershaw; *Committee:* A. G. Sidebotham, N. Stoddard, G. A. Norris.

The Society has now reached the end of a very successful session. A wide selection of subjects has been dealt with, and, as a result, great interest has been maintained.

A tea was held on December 18th, at which over fifty members were present. The finances of the Society are in a flourishing condition, and there is a balance in hand of £2 4s. 0½d.

The sixth lecture of the session was given on December 5th, when A. G. Sidebotham spoke on "The Chemistry of Colour." The lecturer first dealt with the three main types of dyes—soluble, mordant, and direct. He then proceeded to describe various pigments as classified by colour. The classification by chemical composition was then discussed, and, finally, the constitution of the finished oil paint was described.

The meeting on December 12th was devoted to a series of miscellaneous items. Short papers were read by the Vice-President, P. H. Taylor, J. B. Holt, G. E. Bishop, and G. A. Norris. Each item was followed by questions and discussion.

On December 18th, a lecture on "Liquid Air" was given jointly by E. L. Pixton and N. Stoddard. The lecture commenced with a full description of the theory of the liquefaction of gases. The work of Andrews in this respect was described and illustrated by diagrams. The various processes involved

were fully explained with the aid of charts. Many practical demonstrations of the effect of liquid air were then given, ammonia gas, among other things, being solidified.

On January 16th, Mr. Harris lectured on "Photographs of Sound and Air Waves." After describing how sound is propagated, the lecturer explained in detail how the waves could be photographed. There were many slides, showing the reflection and refraction of sound-waves. After Huyghen's Principle had been explained, slides showing air-waves were thrown on the screen.

On January 23rd, G. E. Bishop spoke on "The Manufacture of Glass." He first described the history of glass, from its discovery by the Phœnicians 4,500 years ago. The modern method of manufacture was then dealt with, each successive stage being shown, and illustrated by slides. Some wonderful specimens of cut glass were also shown on the screen.

On January 30th, we were favoured with a lecture by H. Lowther (O.H.) on "Crystal Trees." Translations of the original papers written on the subject were read, and then the modern theory, due to Copisarow, was expounded. The formation of Liesegang rings was explained and shown practically. Many fine crystal trees, grown in the laboratory, were exhibited.

The lecture by R. Jones on February 6th was entitled "Marine Life." After describing the amœba, the lecturer proceeded to discuss various other types of life, including sea-anemones, star-fish, sea-urchins and sea-worms. The lecture was well illustrated by lantern slides.

On February 13th, L. W. Kershaw lectured on "The History and Manufacture of Paper." He first showed how the

Egyptians, in 400 B.C., made paper from the papyrus plant, from which the word "paper" is derived. The modern method of manufacture was then explained, from the cutting of the trees to the finished sheet of paper, each stage being illustrated.

A lecture was given on "Aeroplanes" on February 27th by G. E. Wild. He first dealt with the mechanics of flight, and the effect of curved wings. The methods of control were then explained. Finally, the action of various types of engines and adaptations of them were fully described, and shown by slides.

P. H. T.

Camping.

We arrived at the little country station about noon. As we had made all the arrangements with the farmer about the camping-site a week previous, nothing remained but to walk as far as the farm—a mere five miles—and erect our little dwelling. Unfortunately, we had never been by this route before, and we had therefore no idea where to go; the temperature was about 110° in the shade, and we all wore overcoats. Undaunted, however, by these trifles, we set off along a wide, dusty road. We had not gone very far when a rustic hove in sight. He seemed to be a combination of a postman, grocer's boy and oldest inhabitant; and, though he had a distinctly bovine look, he proved remarkably intelligent. The only drawback was that he was stone deaf, and, when questioned as to the route, he indicated vaguely an expanse of about fifty square miles of hilly country and passed on.

We were rather at a loss, but sooner than place our fate in the hands of another bucolic who was bearing down on us, we struck off to the left. We toiled on in silence until we had reached a height of about eight hundred feet, and then, as if by common consent, we sat down at the beginning of a one-in-three gradient. At this point it seemed to occur to somebody that the distribution of the luggage was distinctly unscientific. There were four of us; the one who made the suggestion was wilting visibly under the weight of two army packs, full of clothes and pans respectively, his blankets and ground-sheet and the tent, whilst I, more fortunate, was carrying a billy-can and a walking-stick. Having rectified this little mistake, we clawed our way up the one-in-three bit, and proceeded to descend the eight hundred feet to which we had just climbed.

By the end of the descent we had walked about four miles, and though we were still to all intents and purposes happy and care-free, we presented a somewhat bedraggled appearance. However, we stuck it for another three miles, and then came to the conclusion that something was radically wrong, as we had been informed that the farm was about five miles from the station. It was decided that I should go and have a look round and see if I could make out where we were. I proceeded along the bank of a canal to a point about a mile from our stopping place, and then returned to report that I could not observe the farm with the naked eye. Under the circumstances it was hardly likely that I should have seen it, because we afterwards discovered that I had been running in the wrong direction.

When I returned, the other three set off in the opposite direction and left me brooding over our follies. I opened my pack, and the first thing that caught my eye was

a jar of jam. We had not eaten since breakfast, so I started on the rather tedious task of eating jam with no implement but my fingers, and at the same time keeping away the swarms of blow-flies, wasps, hornets and other winged intruders. About an hour and a half later the three wanderers returned and reported that they had found the farm, and that we had only about four miles to walk. I will not weary you with the details of the remainder of our journey. Suffice it that we arrived, weary and steaming, but whole.

We partook of a hasty meal and started upon the hazardous task of erecting the tent. We had never had it up before; according to the directions it was perfect, and could be erected in ten minutes. It took us two hours. At eleven o'clock we wearily rolled ourselves up in our blankets, but Fate again intervened, this time in the shape of a little tap which someone gave to the tent-pole, upon which slight provocation the tent collapsed. Under the circumstances our self-control was highly creditable, and we re-erected it in silence. Then came the crowning glory of our expedition. To say that it rained would be to put it mildly. To say that it poured would be erroneous and misleading. It literally tipped down for one solid hour, and then settled down to a drizzle which seemed incapable of stopping. We gave it three days' grace and then left it. Possibly it is still raining. It is hard to say.

MORAL.

- (a) Do not go camping; or alternatively,
- (b) Take six negro slaves, a feather bed, and sufficient timber to erect a homestead.

J. M. C.

The Old Hulmeians Association.

The Annual Dinner was held at the St. George's Restaurant on Saturday, February 15th. There were 45 present. In spite of the sparse attendance, a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The toast of "The School" was proposed by C. D. Campbell, who mentioned the fact that he was the first Old Hulmeian who had been under Mr. Dennis to propose this toast.

The Headmaster, in replying for the tenth time at these dinners, spoke of the dependence of the School on the Old Boys; and told of the developments at the School and the acquisition of the old allotment site. He also referred to the possibility of starting Rugby football at School in consequence of the fairly general adoption of the game in other schools. He pointed out, however, that the matter was under consideration, and that no change would be made without great thought being given to the question.

In proposing "The Association," Mr. F. Bond mentioned the various activities of the Association—the Lacrosse Section with four teams, the Football Section with four teams, the Musical and Dramatic Section, producing plays and organising socials and rambles, the Golf Section, and the new Motor Section.

The President, Mr. T. Fisher, responded, and expressed the hope that with all its activities and common interests the Association would continue to grow and become increasingly important.

The musical programme was provided by Mr. Bridge Peters, Mr. O. A. Rayfield and Mr. Wrigley, to all of whom the best thanks of the Association are due.

Old Hulmeians Football.

The season promises to finish on a much better note than has been the case for some time, and we have every reason to hope that we have now got together a keen body of young players who will cause a considerable improvement in our future records.

Although the first team will occupy the same humble position they did at the corresponding time last season, the last few games played warrant the optimistic feelings held by the Committee about the future.

The 'Crosse Section's loss in R. E. Howard has been our gain, and when he has been in goal the confidence shown in him has been evident by the improved displays of the remainder of the team. W. G. Thom, D. W. Dickson and J. A. W. Jones have all played steadily as full backs, the first-named carrying out the duties of captain in an efficient and unobtrusive manner. In the halves, I. Thom, Sylvester and H. Kelly have improved considerably after a rather shaky start, and are full of promise for the future. The forwards had to be changed about to a great extent early in the season, but after many experiments J. C. Millhouse, C. A. Burnside, G. Woodhouse, G. T. Mountain and W. Williamson formed the attack for some time, and with the exception of the first-named, who was disappointing in front of goal, caused a great deal of trouble to opposing defences. As they are all young, they should develop into a first-class line.

The second team results are very similar to those of the first eleven and also show an improvement on last season; and, as most of the players have only recently left School, this improvement should continue.

On most Saturdays since Christmas, we have been able to field four teams regularly for the first time since the war, and considering that most of the fixtures were arranged at very short notice, some very enjoyable games have resulted. Next season we hope that much better arrangements will be made, chiefly with a view to avoiding too many away games for the junior team.

One of the most pleasing features of the season from the secretarial point of view has been the very small number of last-minute "cry-offs," and this is reflected in the great increase in the general keenness of all members of the Section.

F. A.

The results up to date of the four teams are as follows :—

		GOALS							
		P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	PTS.	
1st	.....	23	5	17	1	44	108	11	
2nd	.....	22	3	14	5	48	89	11	
3rd	.....	23	10	12	1	71	86	21	
4th	.....	13	6	7	0	36	42	12	
								1st	2nd
								XI.	XI.
Dec.	7.—Old Mancunians	.....					2-8	C'celled	
„	14.—Whalley Range	.....					3-5	5-1	
„	24.—Old Margaretians	.....					2-5	4-5	
„	28.—Y.M.C.A.	.....					1-0	0-4	
Jan.	4.—Heaton Chapel	.....					1-3	3-0	
„	11.—Bolton Wyresdale	.....					1-6	1-7	
„	18.—Fulwood	.....					2-3	1-2	
„	25.—Old Boltonians	.....					1-9	4-4	
Feb.	1.—Crumpsall	.....					3-1	2-2	
„	8.—Bury Amateurs.....	.....					2-6	1-7	
„	15.—Blackburn Technical College	.....					4-2	0-3	
„	22.—Chorlton-cum-Hardy	.....					2-4	1-5	
Mar.	8.—Old Mancunians	.....					3-1	2-2	
„	15.—Whalley Range	.....					0-7	2-2	
„	22.—Old Margaretians	.....					4-4	1-6	

THIRD ELEVEN.

Dec.	7.—Y.M.C.A.	4-2
"	14.—Oldham Hulmeians	0-4
"	28.—Y.M.C.A.	1-3
Jan.	4.—Old Boltonians	1-7
"	11.—Old Mancunians	1-4
"	18.—Chorlton Old Boys	2-1
"	25.—Talbot House	2-3
Feb.	1.—Y.M.C.A.	2-3
"	8.—Bury Amateurs	1-8
"	15.—Old Mancunians	4-1
"	22.—Crumpsall	C'celled
Mar.	1.—Whalley Range	2-5
"	8.—Y.M.C.A.	11-3
"	15.—Oldham Hulmeians	4-4
"	22.—Barclays Bank	3-4

FOURTH ELEVEN.

Jan.	4.—Old Mancunians	1-4
"	11.—Old Hydonians	2-11
"	18.—Whalley Range	1-2
"	25.—Whalley Range	3-1
Feb.	1.—Old Collegians	1-9
"	8.—Stockport S.S.O.B.	4-1
"	15.—Stockport S.S.O.B.	C'celled
"	22.—Old Collegians	6-0
Mar.	1.—Stockport S.S.O.B.	3-4
"	8.—Old Bedians	2-1
"	22.—H.G.S.	C'celled

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The question of the reduction of the number of clubs in each division of the league competition has been the subject of much controversy in lacrosse circles for some years. It was definitely decided, however, at an extraordinary meeting of the N.E.L.A. that there shall be no such reduction. The Old Boys have always

been strongly against any change being made in this direction, and their view would appear to be justified by the fact that, in spite of many postponed fixtures, they will have finished their season comfortably before Easter.

Great inconvenience has been caused this year to all the teams owing to the poor draining of the first team ground, one end of which was completely under water for several successive weeks; it is hoped, however, that some means will be found to prevent the recurrence of this state of affairs in the future.

It cannot be said that the results of this season's matches have come up to expectations, but it must be borne in mind, on looking through them, that the club has been very unlucky in having many players incapacitated through illness and injuries. We must not, however, disguise the fact that the club does not appear to make the most of its material, and that there is a lack of method and understanding amongst the teams and a tendency to too much individualism.

In the Senior Flags the Old Boys successfully passed into the semi-final, where they met the Old Mancunians; they were only once, however, able to penetrate the excellent defence of their opponents, who have this year won the trophy for the first time in their history.

The "A" team started very well in the Lancashire Junior Cup competition, but were only able to draw with Oldham and Werneth in the third round at Whalley Range. The replay the following week at Oldham proved to be very unfortunate for the Old Boys, as Higginbottom in goal was forced to retire from the game after a few minutes' play, and was unable to return owing to injury. This completely demoralised the side, and it was not until too late in the game that they managed to hold their own.

The "B" team were even less fortunate in the Junior Challenge Shield and went out in the first round to Manchester Grammar School, whilst the "C," after passing through the qualifying round and the first round, came to grief against Old Mancunians "B."

It is expected that the senior team will start next season at full strength and will again include D. Cardwell, R. E. Howard and T. R. Lea, all of whom have played only once or twice this year. This should make a considerable difference to the side, and it remains to be seen whether they can again come to the front as in the season 1927-28.

L. S.

FIRST TEAM RESULTS.

Nov. 30.—Heaton Mersey	A	4-8
Dec. 14.—Eccles (First Round Flags)		
	Cale Green	16-2
„ 21.—Cheadle Heath	H	10-2
„ 28.—Chorlton	A	15-3
Jan. 4.—Old Mancunians	H	6-13
„ 11.—Heaton Mersey Guild (Second Round Flags)	Heaton Mersey	9-6
„ 18.—Cheetham	A	5-4
„ 25.—Heaton Mersey Guild	H	8-4
Feb. 1.—Stockport	A	4-11
„ 15.—South Manchester	A	9-4
„ 22.—Old Mancunians (Semi-final Flags)	Fallowfield	1-7
Mar. 1.—Eccles	H	15-6
„ 15.—Heaton Mersey	H	8-8

"A" TEAM RESULTS.

Nov. 30.—Heaton Mersey	H	5-8
Dec. 14.—Rochdale (1st Round Jun. Cup)...	H	10-0
„ 21.—Albert Park	A	7-3
„ 28.—Chorlton	H	7-4
Jan. 4.—Old Mancunians	A	7-8
„ 11.—Boardman	H	5-5
„ 25.—South Manchester (2nd Round Junior Cup)	H	15-3

Feb. 1.—Stockport	H	10-5
„ 8.—Chorlton (friendly)	A	5-9
„ 15.—Oldham and Werneth (3rd Round Junior Cup)	H	3-3
„ 22.—Oldham and Werneth (3rd Round Junior Cup, replay)	A	5-12
Mar. 1.—South Manchester	A	10-2
„ 8.—Heaton Mersey Guild	A	12-3
„ 15.—Heaton Mersey	A	4-8

"B" TEAM RESULTS.

Nov. 30.—Heaton Mersey	H	2-4
Dec. 14.—Manchester Grammar School	A	1-8
„ 21.—M.G.S. (Jun. Challenge Shield)...	H	6-12
„ 28.—Albert Park	A	1-0
Jan. 4.—Old Mancunians	A	3-15
Feb. 1.—Stockport	A	6-7
„ 8.—Warehousemen and Clerks' School	H	1-14
„ 15.—Ashton	H	8-4
„ 22.—Heaton Mersey	A	11-10
Mar. 1.—Heaton Mersey Guild	H	8-5
„ 8.—Chorlton	A	5-9
„ 15.—Old Waconians "B"	H	7-3

The Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

The second part of the season has been busy, and all the usual activities of the Society have flourished. The last productions, "Where the Cross is Made" and "Bird in Hand," will not be reported till the next number of the Magazine, but we believe they were well up to the general standard of our efforts.

We should like to suggest to our audiences that as many as possible should come to the Friday performances. There has always been room for many more on

the Fridays, but Saturdays are apt to be very congested. So many people are unable to come except on a Saturday that those who can attend on a Friday would help considerably by doing so.

The last social of the season was held on February 7th, and was a great success. Rambles have been held monthly, and have maintained their popularity.

The Annual General Meeting of the Section will be held as soon after Easter as possible. Notices will be sent out in due course, and every member is urged to attend.

The First Watch.

Plunging and rolling, the ship battered her way through the ragged Baltic swell, surrounded on all sides by a white-topped sea that leaped and danced in the light from our deck lamps. Spray, whipped up by the wind, pattered down upon the steel deck-plates, swished to and fro, and then ran out through the scuppers. Above, the mast-head light circled about like some mad pendulum, now stationary against the moonlit clouds, now moving swiftly as the ship plunged into a trough, only to double back on its crazy path as the bows reared up over the next roller. At no great distance to starboard a green light appeared intermittently, the starboard light of some storm-tossed vessel going in the opposite direction. The sailor's rhyme came into my head and I felt thankful that the officer of the watch seemed to have remembered it too—

“Green to green or red to red,
Perfect safety, go ahead.”

Faintly through the whistle of the wind in the rigging and the sucking and slapping

of the waves against the sides of the ship I heard four strokes on the bell—ten o'clock, and half-way through the first watch. A steel door clanged, and “Kok-kapois,” the cook's boy, appeared with a steaming jug in his hand. He smiled as he tacked warily past me to the ladder, paused at its foot while he adjusted his grip, and then ran quickly up to the upper deck. The third officer, whose watch it was, would enjoy his cocoa on a night like this, I thought.

The wind was too piercing and the spray too stinging for one to be comfortable on deck, so I opened the door behind me and found myself almost dazzled by the light, which was intensified by the white-painted bulkheads. On my right were the engineers' cabins, and through an open door on my left came a draught of warm air in which were blended the odours of oil, steam, and tube railway—a blend peculiar to ships' engine-rooms.

After the turbulence of the open deck, with its slippery footing and scanty handhold, the engine-room presented a picture of security and peace. Above all, there was no water. In the brilliance of the copper and steel were reflected the lights, the images being of every shape and size, from long, thin streaks on the stanchions to plump distortions on the steel bands round the cylinders. Twenty-five feet below where I was standing I could see a greaser deftly placing his hand on a plunging piston-rod. Satisfied as to its temperature, he moved on to repeat his action at the next. An eddying cloud of blue tobacco-smoke reminded me of the presence of the chief engineer. Slipping down the almost vertical ladder, I found him standing by the ship's tiny “power station,” attentively watching a dial. At that moment a bell rang, a raucous and vulgar bell, which seemed to disturb the calmness of the engine-room, noisy at it was. The chief moved a switch and turned round.

"That was Sparks," he explained. "Just finished sending off a message."

We walked along to his desk, where he made an entry in a log-book. Leaving him for a moment, I entered a narrow opening, nothing more than a slit, and, after negotiating the ten feet of distance with the ship's side on my right and a boiler on my left, found myself in the stokehole. Very different it was from the popular conception. The floor was swept clean of dust and ash, and the metal shone almost as brightly as in the engine-room. From a bunker on each side emerged a neat stream of coal, on one of which two firemen were sitting. They accepted my cigarettes with a "Kidos," but as they spoke no English and Estonian had been neglected in my education, the conversation went no further.

On rejoining the Chief, I found him with a box of matches in his hand.

"Come and try the tunnel for yourself," he said, handing me the matches.

We had left Finland the night before with a cargo of birchwood in the form of logs, unstripped of their bark. From the hold a strange-smelling gas had filtered into the propeller tunnel, and before sailing a match would not even produce a spark when struck, nor could one stay longer than a few seconds breathing the gas. The movement of the ship, however, had done much to dispel the atmosphere, and on entering the tunnel the smell was only just noticeable. A match burned steadily to the end. Sixty short paces, for one cannot stride normally in the confined space of a propeller shaft tunnel, brought us to the end of the dimly-lit length.

Here, at the sternmost extremity of the ship, there was none of the steadiness of the engine-room. The motion was erratic,

and every time the stern lifted the propeller raced in air, until we heard the smack and felt a slight shudder when it again entered the water.

"Still smells here," said the Chief, in my ear, as I struck another match. It flared—flickered—went out. He nodded.

"Anyhow, it's better than it was," and he pulled himself away from the steeply inclined plates against which he had been leaning for steadiness. We walked back along the tunnel and regained the more stable engine-room. There we found the cook's boy, who spoke to the Chief as we stepped into sight, and then ran quickly up the ladder to the deck above.

"He says the Captain's waiting for you to have supper."

I climbed up the ladder and put on the oilskins, which I had left at the top to dry.

On deck the spray still whipped over the side and swished about the scuppers. The masthead light still pursued its frenzied way against a background of swiftly moving clouds. Our lamps still shed their faint light on the white-topped sea that danced at the will of the wind. Only that faint green light had disappeared. Everything else was the same.

Six bells—eleven o'clock. Only an hour had passed since I left the deck. We were ten miles further on; Green light was twenty miles astern.

R. M. H. G. (O.H.)

Cadet Notes.

Our numbers are exactly the same as they were at this time last year, but we are hoping to enrol a number of Cadets in view of the near approach of camp. We still want fifteen to raise our strength to 150.

The Lucas Tooth medals arrived on March 11th, and were presented by the O.C. on the 14th to the forty N.C.O.'s and Cadets in "A" Company who won the competition last November.

We have again had excellent weather for parades this term, and the work of the unit is well advanced. Immediately after camp it is hoped to enter three companies for this year's Lucas Tooth competition.

The shooting range has been well attended, and when the annual musketry test comes along we should have double the number of qualified shots.

Arrangements are being made for a shooting match against Macclesfield Grammar School Cadet Corps on or about the 12th May, and the proposal, at present, is to have two teams of eight. Each Cadet will fire five rounds grouping and five rounds deliberate on Bisley 1924 300/25 targets. Practice on these targets has already begun.

Cadets are reminded of our Whitsuntide camp at Grange-over-Sands, and in view of the tour that is being arranged by the Warwickshire Territorial Association at the end of July, it may be very difficult to allow Cadets to participate unless they have been to camp. We want to beat last year's figures.

The following promotions have been made, to date from March 31st:—

Corporal N. Stoddard to be Sergeant.

Lance-Corporals J. B. Holt and P. H. Taylor to be Corporals.

Cadets G. E. Wild and J. Mark (1) to be Lance-Corporals.

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

Football, 1929-30.

While the general level of the football has been good, this year's side has been as inconsistent as last year's. The best exhibition was against the Bolton School at home, when we lost 5—6 after a wonderful rally by our opponents. The worst game was against Liverpool Institute at home, when, even allowing for the absence of Kershaw and Derbyshire, our feeble efforts were pathetic.

W. G. Jackson in goal has been the most consistent player in the side and has covered his defence on many occasions. J. H. Hall and R. F. Peacock at full-back have been most disappointing. Earlier in the season they gave every promise of being the best pair of backs we have had for years, but this term they have fallen off considerably, and their hesitations in front of goal have lost us more than one match. Latterly Peacock has scarcely ever tackled an opponent without falling and thus leaving an open road to the goal. L. W. Kershaw at centre-half has captained the side well, has always set an excellent example, and has been a very effective centre-half.

Bertenshaw is a hard worker and is always ready to go after his man again when beaten once. Clare at left-half is at his best on a wet surface. His football often looks rather clumsy, but he is rarely beaten, and has a strong kick.

Walker and Jennings on the wings have both put in useful centres, which have not always been seized by our inside forwards.

N. Stoddard at inside-right has improved considerably and has worked hard. Derbyshire at centre-forward has been very erratic; at times he has been brilliant, and at other times he has done nothing. Grundy, inside-left, is quick at seizing opportunities, but he, too, has had "off" days.

1ST XI. REPORTS.

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL.—November 27th. Away. Lost 3—7. Considering the very heavy state of the ground, the play was of a high standard. During the first quarter of the game our opponents did all the attacking, but we gradually improved, the half-time score being 1—4. In the second half the game was more even, but the Bolton goalkeeper gave a brilliant display and we never got within two goals of our opponents' score.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—November 30th. Home. Won 3—1. It rained throughout the game, and miskicks were, naturally, frequent. We opened the scoring, but before half-time our opponents equalised. In the second half we again took the lead after their forwards had missed some easy chances. The game became exciting, but near time we spoiled their chances of equalising by again scoring. Of the forwards, the right wing and Derbyshire played well, while the defence worked hard throughout.

v. STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—December 4th. Away. Won 8—2. We were a much heavier and quicker side than our opponents. For the first time this season the ground was slow, and consequently we took some time to settle down; but we were leading 3—1 at half-time. In the second half we had almost all the game.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—December 14th. Home. Won 8—0. For the most part of the game we outplayed our opponents, our half-backs and forwards combining well together. We scored four goals in each half, Grundy, who took the place of G. R. Adams, scoring three times.

v. LANCASHIRE CANTABS.—January 6th, 1930. Home. Lost 0—3. The conditions were ideal for football, and we had a thoroughly enjoyable game. In the first

half our opponents had most of the play, but we were down only 0—1 at half-time. In the second half we improved, but towards the end they scored two more goals, while we did not reply. They gave us a lesson in combination, their forwards and half-backs moving with a speed and understanding that suggested a goal at every attack. On the other hand, our half-backs had to concentrate mainly on defence, and our forwards were seldom dangerous.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—January 8th. Away. Won 4—2. In the opening stages we outplayed our opponents and quickly scored two goals. Unfortunately we assumed the game to be won and our players became slack. In consequence, midway through the second half they were on level terms—2—2, and it looked as if we were going to lose. Suddenly our forwards seemed to waken up, and they atoned for some previous missed chances by scoring two more goals. In the first half our forwards should have made victory certain.

v. LANCASHIRE COLLEGE.—January 22nd. Home. Won 4—1. In the first half, with the advantage of the wind, we gained a lead of 2—0. In the second half we slackened off and let them score, and, as in the last match, it looked as if we might throw the game away, but we scored two more goals near the end and made victory certain. Our forwards worked well together, but their finishing was poor. The backs neither clear the ball quickly enough nor far enough up the field.

v. HULME HALL.—January 29th. Home. Lost 1—3. We gave our worst exhibition so far this season, and we thoroughly deserved to lose. In the first part of the game they outplayed us, but we were down only 0—1 at half-time. At the beginning of the second half they continued to outplay us and scored two more goals. Towards the end we improved, and near the finish we

scored our only goal. The defence was very uncertain in all ways, while the forwards made some very feeble efforts at scoring.

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL.—February 5th. Home. Lost 5—6. We fielded a weak side owing to injuries, H. Buckley taking the place of W. G. Jackson (injured) in goal, and G. R. Adams being introduced at right half-back in place of J. H. Hall (ill), Bertenshaw playing at full-back. Despite this necessary rearrangement we gave an excellent exhibition against a much heavier side, the game being fast and exciting. With a strong wind against us in the first half we concentrated mainly on defence, and as we scored in one of our breakaways we were down only 1—2 at half-time. In the second half we had the advantage and we began to get a grip on the game. We quickly took the lead at 3—2, but our opponents equalised. When we took the lead at 5—4 we supposed the game to be won, but when only five minutes were left for play, slackness on the part of the backs enabled them to score two goals and win a very exciting game.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 8th. Away. Draw 1—1. We opened in a promising fashion and quickly scored. Unfortunately we began to lose our grip on the game, and before half-time they equalised. Throughout the second half they had the advantage, and the match resolved itself into a battle between their attack and our defence. Fortunately, the finishing of their forwards was very weak, and as our defence was sound, they failed to score. As our forwards also failed to score in any of their breakaways, the game ended in an exciting draw 1—1. W. G. Jackson and J. H. Hall were again back in the team, but R. F. Peacock was absent, this necessitating Adams again being at half-back.

v. HARTLEY COLLEGE.—February 12th. Home. Won 3—0. We had an enjoyable

game, and against a very good team we gave a creditable exhibition. In the first half the game was evenly contested, but at half-time we were leading 1—0. In the second half the game became exciting, but towards the finish we scored two more goals without reply from our opponents. The score rather flattered our superiority, but our forwards took their chances, while the finishing of their forwards was not so good. We were again at full strength.

v. KING'S SCHOOL, CHESTER.—February 19th. Home. Won 6—0. We gave one of our best displays of the season, and for the most part of the game we outplayed our opponents. In the first half we had most of the play, but were leading only 1—0 at half-time. In the second half we settled down and scored five good goals.

v. FARNWORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 26th. Home. Lost 1—4. In this game there was some reaction from our recent improved displays. We lacked both grit and determination. The forwards were weak throughout, and the defence, after giving a good display in the first half, also fell away badly. The score was 1—1 at half-time, but we were finally badly defeated 1—4.

v. LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE.—March 8th. Home. Lost 0—3. We fielded a weak team, G. R. Adams and K. B. Hilton deputising for L. W. Kershaw and F. W. Derbyshire. In addition we had to rearrange both the half-back and the forward lines. These changes were soon felt, and for the most part of the first half play was confined to our half. Nevertheless, we defended stubbornly, and at half-time we were down only 0—1. With the wind in our favour we seemed to have a fair chance of success, but this idea was soon dispelled as we were again well held. The final score was 0—3, but we might easily have lost by double the score. The defence played hard,

but could do little behind a demoralised half-back line and a forward line which never put in a single shot during the whole game.

v. BAINES'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—March 29th. Home. Lost 1—3.

SECOND XI.

An analysis of the results tabulated below will show that in matches with the second elevens of other schools we have done very well, our only loss in these games being against the Bolton School. Perhaps our most interesting match was that with Manchester Grammar School, when we ran out winners of a close game by the odd goal in five. The record of results against first elevens is not, however, such bright reading, but in most, if not all, of these games we were overweighted—a considerable handicap when one considers the lightness of our forwards. Still, this does not explain everything. The team, with the notable exceptions of Deakin and J. Mark (2), never quite overcame that fatal hesitancy when going for the ball, with the result that the other player usually got there first. More speed and determination would have made this year's second eleven a really good team.

Jan. 22.—Cheadle Hulme 1st	A	Lost	0-8
„ 29.—Heaton Moor College 1st	A	Lost	0-4
Feb. 5.—The Bolton School	A	Lost	0-4
„ 8.—M.G.S.	H	Won	3-2
„ 12.—Stretford G.S. 2nd XI.	H	Won	3-1
„ 19.—King's School, Chester	A	Won	5-0
„ 26.—Farnworth Grammar School...H	Won	4-2	
Mar. 8.—Altrincham County H.S. 1st...A	Lost	0-8	
„ 12.—Stockport G.S. 1st XI.	H	Won	4-1
„ 29.—Baines's Grammar School ...H	Won	4-0	

The usual team has been : P. H. Taylor (captain), C. W. F. Deakin, G. R. Adams, H. Buckley, T. S. Meehan, J. Mark (2), K. B. Hilton, J. W. Yates, E. L. Pollock, J. A. Shaw, J. L. F. Crompton.

THIRD XI. RESULTS.

Feb. 8.—M.G.S. 3rd XI.	H	Lost	2-3
„ 12.—Stretford G. S. 2nd XI.	H	Won	3-1
„ 15.—North Manchester School	A	Lost	1-2
„ 22.—M.G.S. Fallowfield XI.	A	Lost	0-3
Mar. 8.—Altrincham County School 2nd XI.	H	Won	5-2
„ 12.—Stockport G.S. 2nd XI.	A	Lost	1-4

Usual Team : E. T. Davies, C. S. Brown, J. P. Lewis, J. Mark (1), J. Hartley (1), H. B. Johnson, J. N. Whitehouse, J. Mitchell (1), J. L. Perez, D. A. Miller, L. R. Morgan.

Also played : R. Hinde, E. C. P. Butler, C. W. Golding, F. Acton, A. B. Maddocks, A. M. Hadfield.

UNDER 14 XI.

No less than five of last term's team (including four of the defence) went over age during the Christmas holidays. Hence the defence was rather weak in the first two matches, but reorganisation showed immediate effect, and we had a succession of victories until the last match of the season, when we suffered our first home defeat—rather an unfortunate conclusion to a more satisfactory year than we have been accustomed to recently.

Team : W. Dickson (captain), G. R. Lamb, D. S. B. Vincent, J. S. Dodd, T. A. Hewitt, E. Hilton, M. R. Crawford, W. Torkington, D. W. Pursglove, R. Hawley, J. Neale.

Also played : G. H. Nicholls, K. A. Menzies, E. T. Banks, F. Dixon, D. Scott.

Jan. 18.—Stretford G.S.....	A	Lost	5-2
„ 22.—Warrington	A	Draw	2-2
Feb. 5.—Bolton	H	Won	4-2
„ 8.—M.G.S.	A	Won	2-1
Mar. 1.—North Manchester	A	Won	5-4
„ 5.—Heaton Moor	H	Won	5-3
„ 8.—Altrincham	H	Lost	3-2

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First team results to March 22nd :
Played 19, won 14, lost 4, drawn 1. Goals
for, 213; goals against, 106.

Only two matches have been lost since the last number of *The Hulmeian* was published, but one of the losses was against Chorlton "B" in the semi-final of the Junior Challenge Shield, which prevented us from appearing in the final, as we ought to have done. The team was, unfortunately, not able to turn out at full strength against Chorlton; Kershaw and Stoddard were ill, and Cooke, who has been on the team almost all through the season, was also indisposed. Nevertheless, the team played poorly; the attacks particularly could not finish, and Chorlton, after being three goals down, finished very strongly and deserved their victory.

The other loss was against the Cheadle Hulme School, and produced our best performance this term.

We are still lamenting a scarcity of attack players, and this year's attacks are, if anything, worse than last year's. Butler, who gave promise of being an "honours" attack, is most erratic. Crouch has played one good game this term, and Williams works hard but finishes weakly. Adams and Britton never spare themselves, but neither is ever really dangerous. The real trouble is that not one of them is ever certain of giving an accurate pass to a man on the move. The shooting is also lamentable, consisting mostly of sling shots and full tosses. The defence has been splendid, and Hilton has more than justified the promise he showed on the under 15 team. Stoddard has improved in every match and is getting an adept in knocking shots back. Vlies has never let the team down, and is undoubtedly the most efficient 'crosse-handler on the

defence. Kershaw's 'crosse-handling has improved greatly and he is now a sound third man. Derbyshire and Hall are both well above the average of school wing defences, and both can force the game.

Jackson has captained the team well and been a great success at centre. Without him our "goals for" record would have been almost negligible.

W. G. Jackson, N. Stoddard, L. W. Kershaw, J. I. Williams, K. B. Hilton, and E. C. P. Butler were chosen to play for the Lancashire Schoolboys against Yorkshire Schoolboys on March 29th on the School ground, and W. G. Jackson was appointed captain. All except Kershaw, who was ill, and for whom Derbyshire deputised, played against Cheshire Schoolboys on April 5th.

FIRST TEAM RESULTS.

v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY.—Thursday, December 12th. Home. Won 7-4. The ground was in fine condition, despite the very wet weather of the past fortnight. We lost the toss and had to face a stiff breeze. Nevertheless, we soon showed ourselves to be the better team, and led 2-0 after twenty minutes. Our attacks then fell away and allowed our opponents to recover. At half-time the score was 3-3. In the second half we set up a hot attack, but, because of the poorness of our play, allowed them to score first. Then our attacks woke up and we dominated the rest of the game, winning finally 7-4. Our success was due to the soundness of our defence, in which G. R. Vlies, who superseded G. A. Cooke, played well.

v. MANCHESTER G.S.—Wednesday, December 18th. Home. Won 15-7. With the same team we started well, and although

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they scored first we were always the better team. Scoring was fairly even until just before half-time, when we scored three quick goals, and thus led 6—3. Despite a brief rally by our opponents, we again took command of the game and had no difficulty in winning 15—7. Our defence was again sound, and the attack was much more dangerous than in the last match.

1ST ROUND JUNIOR CHALLENGE SHIELD, v. OLD VERONIANS.—Saturday, December 21st. Away. Won 22—6. The ground was very treacherous and heavy, and we could not settle down. The speed and unorthodox methods of our opponents further confused us. Our handling was superior, but we were never allowed to pass to the best advantage. At half-time we led 7—4. After the interval we played much better, and, scoring quickly, led 20—4, and eventually finished easy winners by 22—6.

v. SOUTH MANCHESTER "B."—Saturday, January 11th. Away. Won 6—4. They included nine "A" team men, with our permission. Losing the toss, we had to face a strong wind. The game was very even, but owing to the slackness of our attack we were down 2—4 at half-time. Afterwards our attacks played much harder, and we won 6—4. The defence was excellent, Kershaw and Hall being outstanding.

v. WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOL. Wednesday, January 15th. Away. Lost 3—5. We turned out our strongest side, and by winning the toss gained the advantage of playing down a slight slope with the sun in our favour. Nevertheless, for the first few minutes we were overrun, and were down 0—2. Then we fought back and obtained the upperhand. The inability of our attacks to accept one of at least five good scoring chances, however, meant that we had a deficit of 0—3 at half-time. They scored again, but we replied with three good goals, mainly owing to the fine play of Adams, and for a time it seemed as if we must equalise.

They held out, however, and finally scored another, to win deservedly 5—3. Our defence was wonderful, but the shooting and passing of our attacks were very bad.

2ND ROUND JUNIOR CHALLENGE SHIELD, v. MANCHESTER G.S.—Saturday, January 25th. Away. Won 11—7. The weather was ideal, but the ground consisted mostly of patches of mud, which churned up very quickly. We attacked at the worse end and faced a strong sun. Thus our opponents settled down more quickly and established a lead of 1—3. We fought back and equalised, but they led again 3—5. At half-time, however, we led 6—5. In the second half we were the better team, and our defence played very well; as the attacks, for once, shot straight, we scored quickly and won 11—7.

v. ASHTON "B."—Saturday, February 1st. Home. Won 18—5. We had G. A. Cooke for Jackson at centre. Our opponents were one short throughout, but put up a plucky fight. Nevertheless, after establishing a half-time lead of 11—1, we had no difficulty in winning 18—5. Our attacks showed much improvement.

SEMI-FINAL JUNIOR CHALLENGE SHIELD, v. CHORLTON "B."—Saturday, February 15th. Away. Lost 4—7. Unfortunately, for this important game, we had to make two changes, R. F. Peacock and V. H. Hilton playing instead of Stoddard and Crouch, whilst the team as a whole was rearranged. This had its effect during the game, for, whereas we started well and led 3—0, our combination gradually disappeared, and our opponents proved to be the more workman-like team. At half-time the score was 3—2 in our favour, and in the second half we could only score once to our opponents' five, and thus lost 4—7. Our defence was very sound, but unlucky, and the attacks again showed weakness in shooting.

v. OLD MANCUNIAN "B."—Saturday, March 1st. Home. Draw 8—8. Our

opponents were one short, and for a time it seemed as if we must win; but we made little use of our advantage, and the game as a whole was poor and uninteresting. Despite the closeness of the score, there was little excitement, and a draw 8—8 was the fairest result.

v. MANCHESTER G.S.—Wednesday, March 5th. Away. Won 12—4. G. A. Cooke played in place of Derbyshire (ill). For a time play was very even, and after twenty minutes the score was 4—3 in our favour. Then a rearrangement of our defence steadied the team, and at the interval we led 9—3. Finally we finished easy winners by 12—4. Crouch was outstanding on the attack, which, on the whole, worked very hard, whilst the defence, also, was good.

v. SOUTH MANCHESTER "B."—Saturday, March 15th. Home. Won 22—1. Cooke and Peacock played in place of Derbyshire and Kershaw. The game was always in our favour, and at half-time we led 15—1. Although we slacked off in the second half, we continued to add to our lead and won by 22—1.

The following has been the usual team: K. B. Hilton, N. Stoddard, G. R. Vlies, L. W. Kershaw, J. H. Hall, F. W. Derbyshire, W. G. Jackson, E. C. P. Butler, G. R. Adams, E. E. Britton, J. I. Williams, R. W. Crouch.

SECOND TEAM.

Played, 16; won, 13; lost, 2; drawn, 1. Goals for, 178; against, 44.

The second part of the season has been more successful than the first as far as match winning is concerned, but the standard of the 'crosse played has not been quite so good. This is due to the illnesses

apparently inevitable at this time of the year. Owing to the calls of the first team, as well as our own absentees, we have at times been sadly depleted, but though the team has been disorganised we have been able to try a number of boys who should be useful next year. The defence has been very steady. There is no outstanding player, though Compson's intelligent anticipation has often saved, and Peacock's slowness in picking up has often made, much work. On the attack, Hilton has greatly improved. He works very hard, his handling is sound, and he goes straight for goal when he sees an opening. On the other wing, Hadfield can now catch the ball, but does not always get rid of it to advantage. The three homes are good, though Little is rather apt to miss passes by snatching at them.

Team: H. Sambrook (captain), E. L. Pollock, G. A. Cooke, G. E. Compson, V. H. Hilton, J. N. Whitehouse, J. A. West, M. Alexander, R. F. Peacock, G. C. Hadfield, R. H. Pear, J. H. Little.

Also played: J. H. P. Slade, F. Acton, R. Jones, B. C. K. Ballinger, J. K. Sheppey.

RESULTS.

Dec. 11.—M.G.S.	.....A	Won 9-4
Jan. 11.—South Manchester "C"	.....H	Won 18-1
„ 23.—Old Waconians "B"	.....A	Won 6-4
Feb. 1.—Monton "B"	.....A	Won 17-0
„ 19.—Stockport G.S.	.....A	Draw 5-5
Mar. 5.—M.G.S.	.....H	Won 5-2
„ 22.—Oldham & Werneth "B"	...A	Won 11-6
„ 26.—M.G.S.	.....A	Won 5-4

THIRD TEAM.

The third team has not had many fixtures this term, but the development of House lacrosse has increased the number of older

boys available. Unfortunately, this has led to a tendency to rely on weight and speed, which, combined with clumsy and careless checking, makes good lacrosse impossible. Practice in picking up the ball cleanly the first time would be invaluable to many candidates for the third team.

The team has usually been: J. H. P. Slade (captain), B. C. K. Ballinger, D. R. Kendall, A. B. Maddocks, D. R. Hodgkinson, R. Jones, F. Acton, H. V. Wilkes, E. T. Davies, J. Holroyd, E. Neesom, J. K. Sheppey.

J. Turton, B. D. Norris, C. T. Howard, J. R. Howard have also played.

RESULTS.

Dec. 11.—M.G.S. 3rd	H	Won 12-1
„ 14.—Stockport Secondary School 1st	A	Won 6-1
Feb. 1.—Stockport Secondary School 1st	H	Lost 3-8
Mar. 5.—M.G.S. 3rd	A	Won 18-4

UNDER 15.

The difficulty in junior lacrosse matches is to adjust our strength to our opponents, and as a result we are rarely able to play an unchanged team for two matches together. Against Warehousemen and Clerks we put our full strength in the field. A disappointing display on their ground led to a defeat, but at home the team played very well and were easily successful.

There are still signs that the elements of the game have not been mastered. Picking the ball up, passing, catching, and shooting are all valueless unless practised on the move. B. C. K. Ballinger has been a sound captain. J. R. Howard and C. T. Howard have proved dangerous and confusing to our opponents. T. G. Moore is developing into a good wing attack.

The team has usually been: B. C. K. Ballinger (captain), T. H. Graham, D. W. Pursglove, F. Acton, G. H. Nicholls, R. D. Sunderland, W. Dickson, C. T. Howard, J. R. Howard, G. R. Lamb, T. G. Moore, E. Neesom.

The following have also played: R. H. Pear, J. H. Little, J. B. Baird, T. S. Meehan, H. F. Hill, G. M. Hine, D. R. Kendall, I. A. McTaggart, B. D. Morris.

The under 15 second has been chosen from J. M. Bowers, I. D. Burke, J. B. Baird, H. F. Hill, G. M. Hine, K. A. Menzies, G. R. Higgins, G. H. Gabbott, R. S. Wildman, J. S. Blackburn, H. G. Holland, M. R. Crawford, W. R. F. Branagh, I. A. McTaggart.

JUNIOR.

RESULTS.

Jan. 29.—Warehousemen and Clerks' Under 15	A	Lost 4-7
Feb. 15.—Stockport Secondary School 2nd	H	Won 13-0
„ 19.—Stockport G.S. 2nd	H	Won 17-1
„ 26.—Warehousemen and Clerks' Under 15	H	Won 10-4
Mar. 12.—M.G.S. Under 15	A	Won 12-3

SECOND.

Jan. 29.—M.G.S. Under 15 2nd	H	Lost 5-8
Feb. 26.—M.G.S. Under 15 2nd	A	Won 7-5

We have not had to organise special games for juniors, as they have been catered for by the House games. Usually a "pick-up" game for boys not selected for Houses has been arranged, but this game has usually been spoiled by having players taken to fill vacancies on the House teams.

There is still a very great tendency for the smaller players to lose their places on the field and to wander about after the ball, but the regular House games have done something to check this bad habit.

