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Editorial.

It is customary to preface this column with a few lines of abuse of the weather. This time, perhaps, the less said about it the better. In fact, all our available stock of wit or sarcasm has long since been expended upon this very trying subject. And yet, with five and thirty matches played during the term, we ought perhaps to be grateful that our Wednesdays and Saturdays have fared better than other days in the week. Practice and form matches have had to go, but we must admit that only three of our "halves" have been ruined by really bad weather. Had the weather been a

day late during the whole term it is very probable that this *Hulmeian* would not have appeared, as there would have been little or no sport to chronicle.

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Like the trade of Lancashire, our representative football eleven is experiencing (only temporarily, we believe) a period of depression. An embargo seems to have been placed upon home-made goals by the foreigner, though we have admitted his goals freely enough. Retaliation would seem to be the best policy, but how it is to be effected is a serious question which must be tackled and settled by the boys of the School without further delay. In this

number will be found some statistics which should afford food for reflection to our football enthusiasts.

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The cult of Lacrosse is flourishing and spreading in our midst. Its followers seem to make up in whole-hearted devotion for their lack in numbers, and show a praiseworthy zeal to make converts. Their performances strike the beholder with awe and the opponent with dismay. They have even been sent for to reinforce the sturdy ranks of the Old Hulmeians when the latter had more enemies in the field than they could tackle all at once.

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The news from the Old Boys' end is more cheering than ever. The Football Club has developed a fresh keenness from its entry into the Manchester section of the new Lancashire Amateur competition; and the Lacrosse Team stands at the top of the Second Division of the League.

School Notes and News.

The departure of Mr. C. H. Crombie marks the first change for nearly seven years in the staff of the School. His loss will be greatly regretted by masters and boys, who all join in wishing him every success in the new profession to which he is devoting himself.

Mr. Crombie received the degree of M.A. (Oxford) in November last.

E. H. Cox and R. T. Slinger have passed Part II. of the Victoria University Final in Medicine, and R. T. Slinger was awarded honours. J. S. Webster has passed Part B of the Second Examination in Medicine.

In the Victoria Preliminary D. C. Foster passed in the First Class; C. G. Brentnall and A. Jones in the Second Class.

In this year's award of scholarships and exhibi-

tions by the Education Committee of the Lancashire County Council, the following were gained by boys of this School:—

Science Scholarship of £60 per annum, tenable for three years: W. F. Oldham.

Science Exhibitions of £15: A. C. Timmis, A. Jones, A. Eastwood, and C. Lister.

Commercial Exhibitions of £15: J. Charnley, D. C. Foster, and T. L. Jones.

Junior Science Exhibitions of £15: H. E. Walker, S. R. Best, G. E. Evans, and F. Rowbotham.

Junior Commercial Exhibitions of £15: L. Clarkson, C. M. Mason, and A. Wood.

Juvenile Exhibition of £15, extended for third year to H. Dearnaley.

Charnley was first in the list of Commercial Exhibitioners, and Clarkson first in the list of Junior Commercial Exhibitioners.

The following awards were made by the Governors of the School in September: Public Elementary School Scholarships: W. C. Willott, L. Powell, and A. M. Tristram, all of the Princess Road Board School, Moss Side; Foundation Scholarships to the following boys of this School: C. Campbell, W. Greenup, S. G. Pearson, W. T. Hurst, and H. S. Needham; also to H. N. Johnson, of Princess Road Board School, and T. C. H. Berry, of Alleyne's Grammar School, Stone; and a Leaving Exhibition of £20 tenable for three years, was awarded to W. F. Oldham.

J. Arnold Jones, M.B., Ch.B. (Vict.), has been appointed house surgeon in the Manchester Royal Infirmary, and E. H. Cox, M.B., Ch.B., accident house surgeon.

Five Old Hulmeians have been elected to the Students' Representative Council in the Manchester University: C. G. Dehn, LL.B., T. T. Foster, G. W. A. Foster, B.Sc., E. T. Wihl, and C. G. Brentnall. C. G. Dehn was at the first meeting of the Council elected vice-president.

W. L. Flinn has gone to Persia for a lengthy stay.

C. M. Ford has got a post on the Elder Dempster line of steamships, trading between Liverpool and the West Coast of Africa.

The annual collection for the Procter Gymnasium and Hulme Lads' Clubs has been taken this term.

and we hope to publish the results in our next number.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following of our contemporaries: *The Bowdonian*, *The Oldham Hulmeian*, and the *Whalley Range High School Magazine*.

Our thanks are due to the following contributors of School news: W. E. G. Thomas, C. Lister, A. Cruse, F. B. Turner, J. Norbury, J. Brewis, J. H. Walker, and G. Greenup; also to Messrs. S. W. Saxelby, B. Muth, and S. R. Oddy for the reports of Old Hulmeians' meeting, football, and lacrosse.

Old Boys can subscribe to the *Hulmeian*, in which the O. H. football and lacrosse are regularly and fully reported, by sending one shilling annually to Mr. J. A. Barber, or Mr. Hewlett, at the School, who will send the three numbers, post free, as they appear in December, May, and July.

Lent Term will begin on Tuesday, January 19th, at nine o'clock, and the Entrance Examination will be held on Monday, January 18th, at nine o'clock.

BIRTH.

SAWDON.—On November 28th, at 124, College Road, Rotherham, Yorkshire, the wife of F. R. Sawdon, M.B., Ch.B., of a son.

MARRIAGE.

ASHTON—AMBRIDGE.—On July 30th, at Fallowfield, John Geoffrey Ashton, to May, daughter of A. A. Ambridge, of New Plymouth, New Zealand.

The Swimming Sports.

The Annual Swimming Races took place at the Leaf Street Baths on Friday, October 2nd. The offer of silver medals for competition in Life-saving by the Humane Society of Salford attracted an entry of 15 boys. Keen interest was taken in this event, and the diving from the surface of the water in search of the dummy was done well by nearly all the competitors. Mr. R. N. Whitehead acted as referee. The following boys were declared winners: Brewerton, F., Mason, C. M., and Courtman, P. Besides these, Turner, F., and Timmis, A. C., have been recommended, and we hope to hear that medals have been awarded to them.

The School Races resulted in wins for the following boys:—

OPEN RACE, SIX LENGTHS: Prize, silver medal, won by Timmis, A. C.

FOUR LENGTHS, HANDICAP: Prize, silver medal, won by Walker, J. H.

TWO LENGTHS, UNDER 15: Prize, silver medal, won by Bradbury, R. J.

ONE LENGTH, UNDER 14.—Prize, silver medal, won by Buck, R.

ONE LENGTH, UNDER 13: Prize, knife, won by Hiller, A. H.

PLUNGE DIVE: Prize, silver medal, won by Mason, C. M.

BEGINNERS' RACE, ONE LENGTH: Prize, writing case (presented by Mrs. Fison), won by Leak, G.

The prizes were distributed by the Head Master on the following day. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Fison for her kindness in giving the prize for the Beginners' Race.

Prize Day.

The School Prizes were distributed on July 30th by Mr. C. A. Cripps, K.C., M.P. for the Stretford Division, in which the School is situated. The Central Hall was crowded some time before the meeting began, and the interval was employed in the singing of familiar songs from "*Gaudeamus*."

The HEAD MASTER, in his annual statement, said:—

"The history of the School during the past year, the seventeenth of its existence, offers little for special comment. But one event has touched us most deeply, the retirement from the governing body of Mr. Herbert Philips, the vice-chairman of the governors since 1893, the treasurer of the School from the beginning, and ever its warmest friend. The services he has rendered the School during the most critical period of its existence are inestimable; by his counsel, his guidance, his ready assistance in every form, he has placed it and myself under the deepest obligations.

OLD BOYS' DINNER.

"We have been reminded in another and a more agreeable way that the School is adding to its years and passing out of its infancy. For a long time past the Old Hulmeians have united in maintaining flourishing football and lacrosse clubs, and

have held in connection with them many successful festive gatherings of a minor sort. In February last they tried a higher flight, and held their first Old Boys' dinner. There was for a first attempt a very satisfactory muster of some 70 or 80, considering how widely scattered the Old Boys are. It is confidently expected that this dinner will become an annual institution, will be attended by ever-increasing numbers, and will form another centre of union for Manchester Hulmeians.

HONOURS LIST.

"The distinctions gained by pupils of the school during the past year are more varied than usual. In our most important competitions, that of the Lancashire County Council, a Science Scholarship of £60 for three years has been awarded to W. F. Oldham (third on the list), and the Commercial Scholarship of D. Knoop has been renewed for a fourth year."

Fifteen Exhibitions of the value of £15 had been won, the first places in the Commercial Exhibitions and Junior Commercial Exhibition being taken by J. Charnley and L. C. Clarkson.

"During the last eight years the School has obtained in the county competition 15 Scholarships and 133 Exhibitions, of the aggregate value of £4,465. At Cambridge A. du T. Pownall has been placed in the Second Class of the First Part of Theological Tripos; F. Norquoy (bracketed first) in the Third Class of the First Part of the Mathematical Tripos; and L. A. Bradbury has won the Greek Testament prize of the first year at Emmanuel College. In the Victoria University G. W. Foster, B.Sc., has been awarded a Fellowship in Science of the value of £100; W. H. Evans has taken the degree of B.Sc. with honours in Chemistry; R. Dickinson that of LL.B.; J. A. Jones has passed the Second Part of the final M.B.; and R. A. H. Atkinson, R. T. Slinger, F. C. Hudson, and F. G. Pell-Ilderton the First Part of the same degree. R. T. Slinger has also obtained the Royal Infirmary prize for Surgery. E. Classen has passed the Intermediate Examination for the degree of LL.B.; T. T. Foster, D. Knoop, and W. F. Oldham have been placed in the First Class of the Preliminary Examination. At the Owens College C. H. Saxelby, B.Sc., has received the Certificate in Engineering with honours in Pure and Applied Mathematics, and W. F. Oldham has been elected to the John Buckley Scholarship of

the value of £30 for three years. E. Classen has gained the Samuel Robinson Prize in Modern Languages, the Gladstone Memorial Prize, and the English Essay Prize. D. Knoop has gained the Cobden Club Book Prize. Among miscellaneous successes, G. Barrett has passed the Legal Preliminary, T. Fischer that of the Institute of Chartered Accountants, and J. Lindley that of the Royal Institute of British Architects. E. C. Dutton, M.B., Ch.B., has been appointed surgeon to the Manchester Southern Hospital.

MODERN LANGUAGES; THE WORKSHOP.

"Last year I drew special attention to Mr. Latham's approval of our system of teaching modern languages. During the year that system has been greatly extended in the School, and many of the boys in the higher forms have been entirely brought up on it. It is gratifying to find the examiner's opinion is again entirely favourable. In connection with Mr. Latham's reference to the drawing school and workshop, I beg to draw the attention of visitors to the exhibitions of work shown in these departments, which increases in educational and practical value every year. Of our many crying wants none is more urgent than that of a new workshop.

THE GAMES.

"Turning to the games, a very important side of our School life, it has to be confessed that while our winter games were up to a good average, the cricket of this season has been somewhat disappointing. Our representative teams have done very fairly, but the rank and file have not shown their wonted enthusiasm. There is some excuse in the very unfavourable weather with which the season began, still the School ideal, 'Good at work, good at play,' has not been quite maintained. With the attraction of our own ground, we should do better next year. To-day we make use of the levelled portion of it for the first time, and in perpetual and grateful remembrance of the benefaction of the late William Roberts, the income from which is applied to the maintenance of the School field, the portion on which we shall hold our athletic sports to-day will be henceforth known as Roberts' Piece. A sum of about £600 is needed for the completion of the work.

EDUCATION AUTHORITIES.

"The action of the new education authorities at this moment stirs the hopes and fears of all who

are actively engaged in the work of education. The School may be congratulated on the recognition given it by the electing bodies. It is represented directly on the Withington District Council Education Committee by one of my colleagues, Mr. E. G. W. Hewlett. Another, the Rev. J. F. Tristram, is vice-chairman of the Moss Side Education Committee, and the Lancashire County Council has done me the honour to appoint me as the Secondary school representative on their Education Committee on the joint nomination of the Incorporated Associations of Headmasters and Assistant Masters. The pressing work connected with elementary education will absorb much of the energies of the new authorities for the present, and it is premature to say anything about their action in secondary education. Only the hope may be expressed that, when they come to deal with it, they will not regard their functions as those of Technical Instruction Committees 'writ large,' but will give their strong support to that literary side of education which in itself is the most fruitful of all, and without which all else is barren. It stands in need of as great encouragement in scholarships and direct subsidy as is given to the scientific and commercial sides of instruction. In conclusion, I have once more the pleasure of publicly thanking my colleagues for their unflinching support and assistance. And I am glad to be able to speak of the high standard of conduct among the boys of the Hulme School."

Mr. C. A. CRIPPS, K.C., M.P., after distributing the prizes, said some matters in the reports which the examiners had presented had struck him as being important. One of the examiners had said he had been struck with the intellectual alertness of the boys, which he had gathered from the fact that the boys had expressed themselves in such good English. He thought the School could hardly have been paid a better compliment, for it meant that the boys' brains were clear to see the main points and to bring out their ability.

NEED OF SECONDARY EDUCATION.

Speaking of education generally, he said everyone knew that at the present time the question of secondary and technical education was coming very much to the front. Technical education, it should be remembered, was only a subordinate branch of secondary education. It would be a

thousand pities if technical were ever to take the place of or supplant secondary education. In the new movement which was being made, they must preserve and encourage to the utmost schools which were doing the good work that that Grammar School was doing. It must always be recollected that education in its higher forms was necessary, although, of course, they all wanted it in its practical forms, too. It must produce a higher level of culture, and of intellectual ability—a higher atmosphere altogether, and they must never sacrifice that. He was not, of course, suggesting that technical schools were not of the highest value, but they must look for culture quite as much as utility from all education. He was delighted, he said, to hear that the Head Master of that School was acting on the Education Committee of the County Council, and that other masters engaged in the School were taking their part in the development of the educational system by being engaged with other educational authorities. He himself was for many years the chairman of a Technical Education Committee, and he knew that if the work was to be well done they must enlist the sympathy and assistance of the masters in the secondary schools, who were doing such good work for the county at the present time.

Mr. THOMAS PRICE, LL.B., Member of the Withington Education Committee, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Cripps for his interesting address.

Prize List, July, 1903.

I.—GENERAL FORM WORK.

SCIENCE FIFTH: First Prize, Oldham, W. F.; Second Prize, Lister, C.; Certificates, Evans, G. A., and Jones, A.

CLASSICAL FIFTH: First Prize, Foster, D. C.; Second Prize, Charnley, J.; Certificates, Mason, C. M., and Pedder, J. N.

MODERN FIFTH: First Prize, Clarkson, L.; Second Prize, Jones, T. L.; Certificates, Green, Sam, and Greenup, W.

THE DAVIES-COLLEY HISTORY PRIZES: First Prize, Clarkson, L.; Second Prize, Jones, T. L.

SCIENCE FOURTH: First Prize, Pearson, S. G.; Second Prize, Orford, H. S.; Certificates, Benson, C. G., and Cooper, A. M.; Writing Prize for Fourth Forms, Baldwin, W. T.

CLASSICAL FOURTH: First Prize, Hurst, W. T.; Second Prize, Sankey, W. H.; Certificates, Hillman, S. O., and Lindley, E.

UPPER MODERN FOURTH: First Prize, Dearnaley, H.; Second Prize, McNicol, R.; Certificates, Cruse, A., and Codling, G. W.

LOWER MODERN FOURTH: First Prize, Livesley, R. E.; Second Prize, Alexander, D.; Certificates, Koetter, L. A., and Stocks, T. S.; Writing Prize, Phibbs, J. A.

LATIN THIRD: First Prize, Needham, H. S.; Second Prize, Broady, O.; Certificates, Stiebel, C. A., and Cardwell, H.; Writing Prize, Needham, H. S.

MODERN THIRD: First Prize, Blackstock, H.; Second Prize, Wilkinson, J. J.; Certificates, Gresty, J., and Bowie, J. P.; Writing Prize, Wilkinson, J. J.

LATIN SECOND: First Prize, Duffy, H. C.; Second Prize, Haley, J. S.; Certificates, Wedgwood, M., and Marsland, W. L.

FRENCH SECOND: First Prize, Livesley, E. H.; Second Prize, Owles, A. B.; Certificates, Knight, H. H., and Ward, S. W.; Writing Prize, Hollis, R. A.

LATIN FIRST: First Prize, Pearson, G. W.; Second Prize, Mumford, J. H.; Certificates, van der Veen, G. M., and Collins, E. A.; Writing Prize, van der Veen, G. M.

FRENCH FIRST: First Prize, Hessey, L. E.; Second Prize, Fairley, T.; Certificates, Chapman, J. T., and Unsworth, J.; Writing Prize, Davis, A. T.

II.—MATHEMATICS.

SET A: First Prize, Oldham, W. F.; Second Prize, Clarkson, L.; Certificates, Best, S. R., and Walker, H. E.

SET B: Prize, Birdsall, F. A.; Certificates, Campbell, C., and Benson, C. G.

SET C: Prize, Orford, H. S.; Certificates, Peak, F. N., and Codling, W. G.

SET P: Prize, Sturgeon, H. R.; Certificates, Jackson, J., Stiebel, C. A., and Wood, G. E.

SET Q: Prize, Haley, J. S.; Certificates, Duffy, H. C., and Paterson, L.

SET R: Prize, Wedgwood, M.; Certificates, Wilkinson, J. J., and Buck, R.

LATIN FIRST: Prize, Pearson, G. W.; Certificates, Mumford, J., and van der Veen, G. N.

SET X: Prize, Owles, A. B.; Certificates, Knight, H. H., Davies, F., and Davis, F. W. B.

SET Y: Prize, Chapman, J.; Certificates, Fairley, T., and Moore, A. R.

III.—OPTIONAL CLASSES.

GREEK: First Prize, Foster, D. C.; Second Prize, Mason, C. M.

SPANISH: Prize, Pedder, J. N.

GERMAN: Prize, Foster, D. C.

The Athletic Sports.

The School has good reason to be proud of the annual Athletic Sports, the recurring success of which from year to year has become so much a matter of tradition that one hardly pauses to think about it. Everything which careful organisation, liberal support, and keenness in contest can do, combines to make the afternoon the most attractive in the School year. The only thing left to chance is the weather, and in that we are not often disappointed. Additional interest attached to the sports this year in the use for the first time of that portion of our extended playing field which is to be known henceforth as "Robert's Piece." The large company of spectators present were thus able to form an idea of the splendid provision for open-air sports which has been secured for the School by the recent addition. There was a large entry of competitors, the names of 230 boys appearing in the programme, and nearly £12 were taken in subscription moneys. In the work of collecting entry forms and fees valuable assistance was given by the form representatives. Liberal donations of prizes were as numerous as ever, and we have to acknowledge the kindness of the following ladies and gentlemen: Miss Hall, Mrs. F. E. Brown, Mrs. C. H. Crombie, Mrs. C. E. Kelsey, Mrs. J. F. Tristram, Mrs. J. Green, Mrs. E. G. Hiller, Mrs. A. E. Pownall, Mrs. R. Turner, the Parents' Cricket Team, and the Head Master.

A new feature on the programme was the introduction of Hurdle Races, senior and junior, which aroused great interest, both in practice and in the competitions. Our thanks are due to Mr. Dorrans and his assistants in the School Workshop for the trouble they took in making the large number of hurdles required for these events.

The preliminary stages of the Sports were worked through on Wednesday, July 29th, and this enabled the programme on the following afternoon to be carried out with ease and despatch. The weather on both days was just right for athletics, bright but not hot. The Gaskell Challenge Cup was divided between E. O. Jago and W. E. G. Thomas, who scored an equal number of points, sharing the principal open events. The China Cup was taken by F. B. Turner, who secured a place in six of the junior events.

At the close of the afternoon the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Boden to the successful competitors, whose names appear below.

President: The Head Master. *Hon. Secretary, Treasurer, and Clerk of the Course:* C. E. Kelsey, Esq. *Starter:* J. I. Franklin, Esq. *Judges:* J. A. Barber, Esq., E. K. Brice, Esq., The Rev. F. E. Brown, C. H. Crombie, Esq., J. Dorrans, Esq., K. G. Fison, Esq., J. W. Morley, Esq., Rev. J. F. Tristram, *Timekeeper:* The Rev. J. F. Tristram. *Referee:* E. G. W. Hewlett, Esq. *Signaller:* Sergeant Mitchell. *Stewards:* J. H. Walker, J. Charnley, W. F. Oldham, W. E. G. Thomas, L. C. Clarkson, F. E. Swindells, D. C. Foster, C. Lister, C. M. Ford, R. J. Bradbury, T. L. Jones.

GASKELL CHALLENGE CUP (presented by the Misses Gaskell): E. O. Jago and W. E. G. Thomas, tie.

CHINA CHALLENGE CUP (presented by Messrs. Lowe and Barrett): F. B. Turner.

80 YARDS, UNDER 11: 1, N. Rowbotham; 2, C. J. Stone; 3, L. J. Sutton; 4, J. S. Chorkton.

100 YARDS, UNDER 12: 1, W. Trees; 2, H. E. Turner; 3, G. Leak.

100 YARDS, UNDER 13: 1, W. Cartledge; 2, F. R. Cox; 3, A. H. Hiller.

100 YARDS, UNDER 14: 1, F. B. Turner; 2, A. F. Cooper; 3, G. L. Watson.

100 YARDS, UNDER 15: 1, R. T. Bradbury; 2, J. Thomson; 3, R. Buckland.

100 YARDS, OPEN: 1, E. O. Jago; 2, F. E. Swindells; 3, J. H. Walker. Time, 12 secs.

200 YARDS HANDICAP, UNDER 11: 1, F. J. Lindley; 2, J. Unsworth; 3, T. J. Dixon; 4, E. Oppenheimer.

200 YARDS HANDICAP, UNDER 13: 1, W. Trees; 2, H. Benson; 3, H. E. Turner; 4, A. Bradbury.

300 YARDS HANDICAP: 1, J. Thomson; 2, J. H. Walker; 3, G. W. Ellam; 4, C. Campbell; 5, G. F. Simpson.

THROWING CRICKET BALL, OPEN: 1, W. E. G. Thomas; 2, F. E. Swindells. Distance, 84 yards 6 inches.

THROWING CRICKET BALL, UNDER 14: 1, F. R. Cox; 2, F. B. Turner. Distance, 56½ yards.

THROWING LACROSSE BALL, OPEN: 1, R. Buckland; 2, J. H. Walker. Distance, 87½ yards.

THROWING LACROSSE BALL, UNDER 14: 1, F. B. Turner; 2, A. F. Cooper. Distance, 67 yards 2 feet.

HIGH JUMP, OPEN: 1, W. E. G. Thomas; 2, S. B. Turner. Height, 4ft. 4in.

HIGH JUMP, UNDER 14: 1, H. S. Saunders; 2, H. Greenup. Height, 3ft. 8in.

BROAD JUMP, OPEN: 1, E. O. Jago; 2, F. E. Swindells. Distance, 15ft. 6in.

BROAD JUMP, UNDER 14: 1, R. A. Hollis; 2, F. B. Turner. Distance, 12ft. 4in.

HURDLE RACE, OPEN: 1, E. O. Jago; 2, W. E. G. Thomas; 3, A. Eastwood.

HURDLE RACE, UNDER 14: 1, H. Greenup; 2, F. B. Turner.

QUARTER-MILE, UNDER 14: 1, A. F. Cooper; 2, H. G. Saunders; 3, F. B. Turner.

HALF-MILE, OPEN: 1, W. E. G. Thomas; 2, F. E. Swindells; 3, S. B. Turner. Time, 2 min. 40 sec.

SACK RACE: 1, G. W. Fox; 2, C. H. Fox.

THREE-LEGGED RACE: 1, E. Lindley and R. J. Bradbury; 2, R. Buck and W. R. Brewer; 3, W. Greenup and G. Greenup.

OLD HULMEIANS' RACE, 220 YARDS: W. J. Dearden.

CONSOLATION RACE: 1, S. O. Hillman; 2, C. G. Mosley.

Cricket, 1903.

FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES.

BATTING.

			Times Highest	Total	Average
	Innings.	not out.	score.	runs.	
Swindells, F. E....	14	5	44	213	23.6
Ford, C. M.	13	1	46	197	16.4
Lindley, E.	14	2	27	115	10.45
Mellor, C. H.	8	1	24*	73	10.42
Jones, S. W.	9	4	15*	40	8.0
Buckland, R.	12	2	20*	70	7.0
Harrison, S. D. ...	11	0	12	68	6.18
Thomas, W. E. G.	10	0	28	47	4.7
Jago, E. O.	4	0	8	13	3.2
Lister, C.	8	1	6	20	2.8
McNicol, M.	8	1	5	20	2.8

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Average.
Swindells	136.5	26	340	47	7.0
Harrison.....	70.5	15	192	22	8.7
Lindley	52.4	4	167	14	11.9
Ford	127.2	18	418	34	12.2

MATCHES.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
14	5	5	4

The following matches were played after our last number had gone to press:—

FIRST XI. v. OLD HULMEIANS.—Saturday, July 25th. Lost. Score:—

THE SCHOOL: Buckland, R., 0, Lindley 5, Swindells, F. E., 7, Ford 4, Lister 1, Harrison 4, Jones, S. W., 6, Mellor 5, Bradbury 1, McNicol, M., 2, Hillman (not out) 2, extras 9; Total 46.

OLD HULMEIANS: Gilliat, G., 7, Buckland, H. (retired), 55, Jefferis, P. J., 0, Oddy 34, Allner (not out) 25, Hobbins, W., 4, Swindells. H. C., 5, Brown, H. P. (not out), 12; Total (for 6 wickets) 142.

SECOND XI. v. STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Wednesday, July 22nd, at Stockport. Drawn. Score:—

THE SCHOOL SECOND: Bradbury 27, Turner, S., 2, Hough 1, Crighton 1, Luke 7, Hillman (not out) 29, Birdsall (not out) 30; Total (for 5 wickets) 101. STOCKPORT: 43 for seven wickets.

UNDER 14 XI. v. NICHOLLS HOSPITAL.—Wednesday, July 22nd, on our ground. Lost. The Under 14 XI., 28; Nicholls, 80.

Old Hulmeians Games Club.

The annual general meeting was held at the School on Wednesday, September 16th, when Mr. Hall again presided, and about 45 old boys were present. With reference to the Treasurer's report, it was pointed out that although a profit of £2 was made on the dance, and £3. 17s. 6d. received from subscriptions and donations over the amount received last year from the same source, the club had only just paid its way. This was due to a considerable falling off in the receipts from the Annual Concert, which showed a difference of £8. 11s. from the amount received last year.

The election of officers for the ensuing season resulted as follows:—

Hon. Treasurer: S. W. Saxelby, 56, Alexandra Road South.

FOOTBALL OFFICERS.—*Captain:* H. P. Brown. *Vice-Captain:* W. S. Thompson. *Hon. Secretaries:* B. Muth, 80, Yarburgh Street, Moss Side; and H. P. Brown, 112, Cecil Street, Greenheys. *Committee:* J. C. Tyson, F. Barrett, R. Bradshaw, E. C. Allen, T. Fischer.

LACROSSE OFFICERS.—*Captain:* J. H. Buckland. *Vice-Captain:* S. R. Oddy. *Hon. Secretaries:* S. R. Oddy, Brantwood, Burford Road, Whalley Range, and W. A. Hobbins. *Committee:* W. F. Merchant, G. Buckland, P. J. Jefferis, W. N. Caw, J. C. Clegg.

Mr. A. Payne was also elected a Vice-president.

Reference was made to the services rendered to the club by H. H. Price, retiring football secretary, and a vote of thanks was proposed and carried, thanking him for his past services.

It was also announced that the Football Club had joined the Lancashire Amateur League, and had entered both First and Second Elevens. It was hoped that this would create more interest in the club among old boys, and would lead to good results.

With a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the meeting came to an end.

Old Hulmeians Football, 1903=4.

Since last season the Football Section of the Old Hulmeians has made an important departure—not, however, a new one from their customary routine. Having been invited to offer themselves for election for one of the clubs forming the Manchester section of the new Lancashire Amateur League, the club officials found themselves face to face with a question which they could hardly take it upon themselves to decide without consulting the football playing members. The Old Boys had already some years ago joined an amateur league, the success of which was a very doubtful quantity. A meeting was therefore called last May of all members constituting the football division of the club, and the pros and cons of the matter were carefully considered with much interest by the members present. The clubs who would probably be members of the league in question were mostly those whom the Old Boys had been in the habit of playing against in past years, with the addition of a few other well-known amateur combinations, and it was at once seen that, whereas these clubs would certainly be able, consequent upon the great attractive inducement which playing in a league club offers, to easily increase their playing strength, the Old Boys would have to be content with the average talent which they have from season to season, as their choice of players is limited to Old Hulmeians only. It is seen now that this surmise has been a correct one. Still, in spite of the fact that football players amongst Old Hulmeians have been apparently more or less scarce, and also that league matches are always more or less attractive to footballers, it was decided at the meeting in question to enter as experiment first and second teams for the two divisions of the Manchester section of the league. The decision was a wise one. A considerable number of Old Boys sprang up in all directions, and offered themselves for membership—in fact, so many that some third team fixtures have been arranged and played, although the third team is, of course, rather weak. Still it has been a matter of great encouragement to the excellent committee elected that such a large number of players are at disposal, and if this increase holds arrangements will certainly be made for planning out a second football ground on the Old Boys' field next season.

With regard, however, to the league matches played up to the present the results are very disappointing. Out of six matches played, the first team has managed to capture one point and the Second Eleven none at all. What was prophesied at the special meeting held in May has turned out true. The league clubs have considerably strengthened themselves both in play and in weight, especially in the latter, and the Old Boys have always found the opposing team too heavy for them. There is, however, ground for encouragement. At times the First Eleven have played really splendid games, which made spectators wonder how it was they are not doing better in the league. A letter has been received from the secretary of Bolton Park Road, a well-known amateur club, expressing sympathy with the Old Boys' position in the league table, and also speaking in very high terms of the manner in which the team had played the previous Saturday against Bolton Park Road. It had been a great surprise to them, and they were ready to prophesy much better things if the team kept together. We may say that Bolton Park Road won this match a few minutes from time by a penalty goal, and also that the Old Hulmeians were only playing 10 men for half the time.

The first team forwards are very light, though the recent advent of Brown into the line at centre has made a little difference in this respect. They are faulty when they get near goal, but otherwise there is not much to complain about. They are decidedly smart, and have some good ideas of combination. The half-back line is perhaps the strongest division of the team, but if R. Bradshaw happens to be out of the team they are conspicuously weak. Up to the present the backs have given the most trouble and anxiety to the committee and supporters. They are not heavy enough, and the kicking is rarely clean, but there is no doubt that if S. W. Saxelby will again play regularly—as it is hoped he will—there will be a great improvement here. Thompson in goal is all that can be desired.

In the Second Eleven it is again the back division, including the half-back line, that is the weakest portion of the team. The forwards are of course not absolutely perfect, and the shooting is very poor, but they are by far a better set than the second team has ever had, and they have certainly had extremely hard luck in not winning

some of the league matches, as the opposing teams have not been anything very great.

Old readers of these reports will no doubt miss the customary wail that the teams have been turning up short on bad weather days, and that there is a scarcity of players. This season it has been a great relief to all to know that there are plenty of players to draw upon, and with a few more from the school three teams will certainly be running next season. The following are the results up to date:—

FIRST XI.

Oct. 3	Worsley Wanderers	.....Home	Won 4-0
Oct. 10	Chorlton-cum-Hardy	.....Away	Lost 2-5 League
Oct. 17	Whalley Range	.....Home	Draw 2-2 League
Oct. 24	Owens College	.....Home	Lost 1-3
Oct. 31	Bury Athenæum	.....Away	Lost 0-5 League
Nov. 7	Buxton College	.....Home	Won 3-1
Nov. 14	North Manchester Wand.	..Away	Lost 1-3 League
Nov. 21	Bowdon	.....Home	Lost 1-7 League
Nov. 28	Bolton Park Road	.....Home	Lost 1-2 League
Dec. 5	Dalton Hall	.....Away	Won 5-2

SECOND XI.

Oct. 3	Worsley Wanderers	.....Away	Won 4-1
Oct. 10	Chorlton-cum-Hardy	.....Home	Lost 0-2 League
Oct. 17	Whalley Range	.....Away	Lost 1-3 League
Oct. 24	Owens College	.....Away	Lost 0-4
Oct. 31	Bury Athenæum	.....Home	Lost 1-3 League
Nov. 7	Hulme Grammar School	....Away	Won 5-2
Nov. 14	North Manchester Wands.	..Home	Lost 1-3 League
Nov. 21	Bowdon	.....Away	Lost 0-6 League
Nov. 28	Bolton Park Road	.....Away	Lost 0-6 League
Dec. 5	Dalton Hall	.....Home	Won 3-0

THIRD XI.

Oct. 17	Chorlton-cum-Hardy	.....Away	Lost 8-0
Oct. 31	Clarendon (Sale) 1st XI.	.....Away	Lost 6-0
Nov. 21	Hulme Grammar School	.....Away	Lost 1-3

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse, 1903-4.

Never since the origin of the club can the lacrosse members point to such an auspicious opening as they have made this season. At the beginning of the season it was reported that the clubs in the Second League were much more on a level than ever before, and therefore that the fight for top place would be much keener. It was therefore expected that no club would go far in the competition without suffering defeat. The Old Boys have played so far without being vanquished, and they stand at the head of the league with a record of nine played, nine won, and 98 goals scored against 24.

It will be at once seen that a much improved game is being played. The style of play has improved considerably, but most of the success is due to a more all-round excellence. Very little is now seen of the wild defence throwing and the individual attack play, which only a few years back were indulged in by the best of teams. The teams play more as a team now, and the ball is worked up the field by passing, in many instances goals being scored after a movement which the goalkeeper has initiated, and in which the ball has passed through nearly every crosse. Hobbins and G. Buckland have been in great form on the attack, and visiting defences have found to their cost how difficult it is to hold these two 'speedy and clever crosse handlers. C. Chalmers has supplied a long-felt want at 2nd home, and together with H. Buckland at 1st home has contributed many goals, both players being adepts in the art of finishing off good combined movements by the rest of the team. Caw has played his usual hard-working game at centre, and has seldom been beaten by his vis-à-vis. Perhaps the greatest improvement, however, has been on the defence, as here a better system of play has been shown than ever before. Clegg at 3rd man has been a great success, backing up the attack splendidly, while at the same time neutralising the efforts of 3rd home. P. J. Jefferis and J. Buckland have played at the top of their form, and no greater praise could be given them than this. Shorrocks in a new position at right defence, has played a splendid game, and his weight and dash have helped him repeatedly to break up the rushes of the opponents' attacks. W. Merchant in goal has not had quite such a sinecure as the goals against would seem to denote, as in some games, notably Ashton, he had a very busy time, and came through splendidly, being coolness itself. Again the team were honoured by having men selected for Lancashire County, as Hobbins at 3rd home and J. Buckland at cover-point represented their county against Middlesex, while P. J. Jefferis was reserve for the defence wing.

What makes the prospects of the club better is the fact that it is represented by such a splendid "A" team. They are again doing very well in the Junior Cup, having defeated Heaton Mersey "A" in the first round by 11 goals to 3, and Monton "A" in the second round by 14-4. After doing so

well last year as to get into the final, it will be only their due if this year they carry off the cup. All the men are good crosse handlers and very keen. Some of them, notably A. Chalmers, J. Birtwistle, and A. Merchant, have also done good service for the first.

FIRST TEAM RESULTS.

Oct. 3	v. North Manchester (League M.)	..Away..Won	9-2
Oct. 10	v. Monton	..Home..Won	10-4
Oct. 17	v. Manchester Southern	..Away..Won	20-2
Oct. 24	v. Urmston	..Away..Won	10-2
Oct. 31	v. Blackley	..Home..Won	14-3
Nov. 14	v. Mauldeth	..Home..Won	11-4
Nov. 21	v. Ashton	..Away..Won	6-3
Nov. 28	v. Bolton	..Away..Won	14-2
Dec. 5	v. Rochdale	..Home..Won	4-2

"A" TEAM RESULTS.

Oct. 10	v. Monton	..Away..Drawn	4-4
Oct. 17	v. Manchester Southern	..Home..Won	17-2
Oct. 24	v. Urmston	..Home..Lost	2-5
Oct. 31	v. Blackley	..Away..Won	12-3
Oct. 31	v. Heaton Mer. (Jun. Cup, 1st Rd.)	..Away..Won	11-3
Nov. 7	v. Eccles	..Away..Won	7-4
Nov. 14	v. Monton (Jun. Cup, 2nd Round)	..Away..Won	14-4
Nov. 28	v. Bolton	..Home..Won	18-4
Dec. 5	v. Rochdale	..Away..Won	11-2

The Games Club.

President: The Head Master; *Hon. Treasurers:* Mr. E. K. Brice, Mr. J. A. Barber; *Hon. Secretary for Football:* Mr. C. E. Kelsey; *Hon. Secretary for Junior Elevens:* Mr. K. G. Fison; *Hon. Secretary for Lacrosse:* Mr. J. I. Franklin.

Captain of Football: W. E. G. Thomas; *Vice-Captain of Football:* C. Lister; *Captain of Second Eleven:* A. Cruse; *Captain of Lacrosse:* J. H. Walker; *Vice-Captain of Lacrosse:* R. Buckland.

Form Representatives: Science V., C. Lister, B. Macpherson; Science IV., E. S. Bury, C. H. Fox; Modern V. and Upper Modern IV., R. J. Bradbury, T. Stocks; Classical V. and IV., E. Lindley, F. B. Turner; Lower Modern IV., R. Buckland and C. H. Mellor; Latin III. and II., J. Brewis, H. Greenup; Modern III., H. Smith, J. Thomson.

Football, 1903=1904.

NOTES.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Boys' Christian Association	.....	Won...8-1
v. Stockport Grammar School	.....	Won...5-0
v. Hulme School, Oldham	.....	Won...6-2
v. Warrington Grammar School	.....	Lost...1-3
v. Bowdon College	.....	Lost...0-1
v. Old Hulmeians (2nd)	.....	Lost...2-4
v. Macclesfield Grammar School	.....	Lost...4-7
v. S. Bede's College	.....	Lost...1-2
v. Old Hulmeians (3rd)	.....	Won...3-1
v. Salford Technical School	.....	Lost...0-8
v. Boys' Christian Association	.....	Won...3-2
v. Stockport Grammar School	.....	Won...6-0

Played, 12; Won, 6; Lost, 6. Goals for, 39; against, 31.

Last season saw the break-up of the fine School Eleven, which took three years to build up and three years to disappear. These were years of prosperity for School football. We have now to set to work and build up another team to do battle, a team of young blood, which has it in its power to make or mar the football of the next two seasons at least. We have had our "fat" years; let us make the "lean" years as few as possible. At the beginning of the term, therefore, the captain found very little of last year's material left, and the task of reconstruction was not at all a simple matter. We have found it difficult to meet some of our old opponents, and the First Team programme has had to be lightened to meet the altered circumstances.

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The Eleven made light of their first three matches, winning comfortably on each occasion, but nevertheless showing many sources of weakness that augured ill for the heavier fixtures to follow. A period of failure succeeded, and November was a bad month for us, five matches being lost in succession. Warrington, Bowdon, and Macclesfield Schools defeated us after even games, any one of which we *might* conceivably have won. And this brings us to our criticism of the team. In the Warrington and Bowdon matches our opponents were actually on the defensive for most of the game; in the Macclesfield match we were leading at half-time. These facts show that

there was always a weak point somewhere. Our failures are easily summed up—lack of dash, lack of unity.

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To criticise in detail, the following points will explain our weakness this term:—

(i.) The running is poor: no sprinting. Hesitation is fatal. In the two or three seconds' hesitation a fast sprinter would make 15 yards advance.

(ii.) Kicking-out exceedingly poor. This should certainly be practised more.

(iii.) Lack of mutual understanding, *e.g.*, between backs, or a back and a half. This weakness cost us the Macclesfield match.

(iv.) Weak half-back line for purposes of attack; too much on the defence, and do not pass accurately to the forwards, but kick ahead haphazard.

(v.) Lack of judgment, *e.g.*, allowance for screw, bounce and wind. Boys should learn to anticipate the probable flight of a ball. A good team brings brain as well as muscle into play.

(vi.) Weak combination in the forward line, due largely to want of a first-rate centre forward.

(vii.) Long passing (so suitable to our ground) from centre forward or centre half to the outside forwards has apparently gone out of fashion.

(viii.) Time wasted when throwing in from touch, and no smartness in marking men when opponents throw in.

(ix.) Too much clamouring for the ball. A good team plays quietly. To call for a pass assists the opponents, who should be kept in the dark as much as possible.

(x.) Good sporting teams cheer heartily for their opponents. It is humiliating to hear our First Eleven feebly attempting the ghost of a cheer after a match.

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Our readers will think there is little left to criticise, and yet individually the Eleven has many elements of strength. Thomas is probably as good a full-back as we have ever had; Lister a most capable centre-half, and greatly improved upon his form of last season, while Harrison, Bradbury,

Lindley, and Cruse are all clever forwards, Jones, Stocks, and Turner hardworking. The material, therefore, is here, but the one thing needful is lacking—a dashing combination. The best form was undoubtedly shown in the match with our best friends and strongest opponents, St. Bede's. There is something about this fixture that always brings out the best fighting qualities in our play, and to run St. Bede's to a goal would seem to show that our eleven is really capable of great things, if only they could get together and put more life and determination into their games. Not that St. Bede's are the fine team they were last year. The difference between their present team and that of last year is considerably greater than it is in our own case, and only serves to show that that wayward and fickle jade, Fortune, coquets with other schools as well as ourselves. Our severest defeat was at the hands of Salford Technical, upon whom the aforesaid young lady has been smiling her sweetest for the past two seasons.

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With the exception of this one match, a very little luck in all our lost games would have turned defeat into victory, and the return matches with Warrington and Bowdon, which have to be played on our own ground, may be anticipated with confidence. We were pleased to see a Third Eleven of Old Hulmeians on our ground this term, but the match was quite spoilt by a blizzard, which raged throughout the game.

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This seems to us to be a suitable occasion on which to review the football of the First Eleven for the past six years. To this end we have tabulated the results of matches with the 10 schools in the neighbourhood with whom we engage in friendly rivalry.

	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.	1902.	1903.
Warrington G. S.	WW	WW	W	WD	W	WW
Bury Gram. Sch. ....	...	...	...	LW	WW	WD
St. Bede's College	L	D	LL	LD	LL	LL
Oldham School	WD	W	WW	WW	...	WW
Macclesfield G. S.	L	D	W	W	W	L
Stockport G. S. ....	...	†W	†W	...	†LW	...
Bowdon College	LL	W	L	D	WD	LW
Salford Tech. Inst. ...	...	...	W	WL	WL	LL
Lymm Gram. Sch.	WW	W	W	†WW	†W	†L
Sandbach School	LL	WW	...	...	...	...

† School Second XI.

Total played, 73; won, 42; drawn, 8; lost, 23.

Our next table gives a summary of *all* First Eleven matches played from 1897 to 1903.

	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals.	
					For.	Agst.
1897-8	18	11	1	6	88	65
1898-9	18	13	2	3	101	34
1899-0	13	8	0	5	82	45
1900-1	17	10	3	4	83	45
1901-2	16	11	2	3	101	29
1902-3	19	9	2	8	54	60
Total	101	62	10	29	509	278

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We call the attention of our readers to the results of 1898-9 and 1901-2. In each of these seasons over 100 goals were scored, with an average of three to one, and only three defeats sustained. These records would seem to recur every third year, and as this is the second season since the last record year, it follows that 1904-5 is to be the next. Whether this anticipation is to be realised or not depends entirely on our exertions during the present season.

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Finally we give a summary of *all* matches played by the School Elevens during the same period:—

	Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals.	
					For.	Agst.
1897-8	39	22	2	15	175	113
1898-9	50	31	7	12	240	115
1899-0	39	19	2	18	149	140
1900-1	63	38	7	18	294	149
1901-2	42	23	5	14	196	113
1902-3	40	16	6	18	115	141
Total	273	149	29	95	1169	771

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Every boy who has contributed ever so small a share towards the thousand goals here recorded should be proud of the fact, and it should be the aim of every boy in the School to work his way into some eleven or other if possible. In this way only can our excellent reputation be maintained.

SECOND ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. Stand Grammar School	Lost... 3-4
v. Bowdon College (2nd)	Won... 11-0
v. Lymm Grammar School	Lost... 1-4
v. Stand Grammar School	Lost... 0-9
v. S. Bede's College (2nd)	Draw... 1-1
v. Salford Technical Sch. (2nd)	Won... 10-0

Played, 6; won, 2; drawn, 1; lost, 3; goals for, 26; goals against, 18.

The Second Eleven has suffered from the fact that they have rarely had the same team twice. There are several promising players, but one or more of these have generally been required to fill vacancies in the First Eleven. Cruse, the captain, is a really first-rate forward, and should prove invaluable at right outside. His shooting and centreing are excellent. Ratcliffe and Brister are both above the average for a second team. Dearnaley, Turner, and Orford are also quite capable players. The fact that they defeated Bowdon College and Salford Technical Second Elevens by such heavy scores as 10 and 11 goals to nil, while our First Eleven was defeated by the same schools, is an encouraging feature. Stand and Lymm Grammar Schools are too strong for the Second Eleven, and should be playing the First. The bad feature about Second Eleven players is their sorry record in side games when there are no matches. If this unsatisfactory state of affairs should continue, we shall have to seriously consider the advisability of selecting the team solely from the attendance records in the Games Register. It is not only unpatriotic, but a dangerous example to set before the junior teams.

FORM MATCHES.

FIRST DIVISION.

Heavy rains fell on most of the Thursdays during the early part of the term. Some of the Forms played off their ties on other dates, but the competition could not be completed. The championship at present is in an interesting state of uncertainty as C.V. & IV. and M.V. & U.M.IV. played

a draw, after each had defeated Sc.V. The following matches have been played:—

C. V. and IV. beat Sc. V.....	4—3
C. V. and IV. beat Sc. IV.	6—2
C. V. and IV. drew with M. V. and U. M. IV.	3—3
M. V. and U. M. IV. beat Sc. V.	8—2
Sc. V. beat Sc. IV.....	8—2

FIRST TEAM REPORTS.

v. BOYS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Saturday, October 3rd, on our ground. Won, 8—1. We won the toss and played with the wind. From the first the game was all in our favour, although for some time we did not score. Bauerkeller then shot the first goal with a side shot. After this they pressed considerably, but without effect. Before half-time we had added another goal to our score, after a determined resistance. Soon after the ball had been kicked off in the second half we again scored. However, they soon followed up, rushed our defence, and scored. This was their last attempt to score, except for one or two occasional rushes. From time to time our forwards kept scoring, and after six more goals had been added time was called with the score of 8—1 in our favour. The team was as follows: Goal, Crighton; backs, Thomas and Turner, S. B.; half-backs, Jones, S. W., Lister, and Stocks; forwards, Hillman, Harrison, Lindley, Bradbury, and Bauerkeller.

v. STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Wednesday, October 7th, on their ground. Won, 5—0. They won the toss, and we kicked off up a slight slope. For a time the game was fairly equal, then our forwards took the ball up, and kept it near the Stockport goal for several minutes before they scored. Two more goals were scored for us during the first half, our opponents never getting near our goal. The same thing went on in the second half, the ball being kept in their quarters almost all the time, but we only managed to score two more goals. Stockport only had one shot at our goal during the whole game, and this failed to score. The final score was 5—0 in our favour. Our team was the same as in the previous match.

v. HULME SCHOOL, OLDHAM.

Saturday, October 10th, on our ground. Won, 6—2. Oldham won the toss, and played into the school goal. Directly the ball was kicked off it was passed to Cruse, who took it down the touch-line and centred. After some smart play in the goal mouth one of their own men kicked it through. Some midfield play then followed, until their centre and insides got the ball, passed our defence, and scored. After this they became still more dangerous, and once more penetrated our defence with the same result. We then had the game all to ourselves up to half-time, but failed to add another goal. Half-time score: 1—2 against. On resuming, we started off with two goals in quick succession, both being shot by Harrison. We did not, however, have the game all to ourselves, and many times they threatened our goal, but we successfully beat them off. Harrison put two more through, and Lindley also scored, leaving us when time was called victors by 6—2. Team: Crighton, Thomas, Turner, Stocks, Lister, Jones, Bradbury, Cruse, Lindley, Harrison, and Hillman.

v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Saturday, October 24th, at Warrington. Lost, 1—3. We won the toss, and played with the wind. For some time the play was fairly equal, each side pressing in turn. Our forwards tried many shots, none of which, however, reached the net. Warrington then came down on our left wing, and centred, but the ball, which would have rolled to touch, was checked in the mud, so making an easy shot for their inside, who beat our custodian. Soon after they put in another shot, which our goalkeeper cleverly stopped, but fouled as he was clearing. From this another goal resulted. Half-time was called with the score at 2—0 against us. After the restart our opponents put in many ineffectual shots, to which we, when we had cleared, retaliated with an equal number, only one of which, however, scored, and this was put in by Lindley. They then scored their third goal, and up till time the play was evenly distributed. The final score was 3—1 against us. Team: Crighton, Thomas, Turner, Stocks, Lister, Jones, Lindley, Bradbury, Harrison, Bauerkeller, and Hillman.

v. BOWDON COLLEGE.

Wednesday, November 4th, at Bowdon. Lost, 0—1. Bowdon won the toss, and played down the slope. From the start our forwards worked well, but when they approached the enemy's goal invariably shot wide. From a behind kick their attacking line retaliated, coming down the slope with a rush, and pressing our defence, who, however, succeeded in clearing. Some hard play followed for the next few minutes, our opponents putting in shots which our custodian cleverly manipulated, but at last one of their men, catching the ball on his chest, sent it through the corner. After this play was quieter till just before half-time. After the interval the play was mostly in Bowdon's quarters, and they were unable to improve on their score. Our halves played well, Stocks in particular, and the game ended in a defeat by 0—1. After the match we were entertained by the Head Master of Bowdon College. Team: Crighton, Thomas, Turner, Lister, Stocks, Jones, Lindley, Harrison, Bradbury, Hillman, and Bauerkeller.

v. OLD HULMEIANS SECOND.

Saturday, November 7th, on our ground. Lost, 2—4. We won the toss, and decided to play towards the school. For some time the game was fairly even, then the Old Boys came down all together and managed to get past our defence and score the first goal. For some minutes after the kick-off their defence was hard pressed. Then they took the ball down to our goal, and after a few failures Ilderton passed to McNicol, who shot their second goal. Soon after Harrison shot our first goal. Score at half-time, 1—2 against. In the second half two more goals were added to their score, one of which was caused through a regrettable mis-kick. We scored again from a shot by Hillman after a short scrimmage in goal. Final score, 2—4 against us. Team: Crighton, Thomas, Turner, Lister, Jones, Stocks, Lindley, Bauerkeller, Harrison, Bradbury, and Hillman.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Saturday, November 14th, on our ground. Lost, 4—7. We won the toss, and decided to kick with the wind. After some even play, their centre-for-

ward ran right through our defence and scored the first goal. Macclesfield kept up the pressure, and from a throw in they scored again, making their score 2—0 against us. We then attacked till half-time, and succeeded in penetrating their defence three times, through Harrison, Bauerkeller, and Bradbury. At half-time the score was 3—2 in our favour. Soon after half-time they scored through a mis-kick by one of our backs. Our forwards then had several unsuccessful attempts to break through their defence. The game towards the end became rather rough, and kicks were frequent. Their forwards were all over our defence in the latter part of the game, and beat our custodian four more times. We scored once more from a breakaway by our left wing. Final score, 4—7. After the game the teams were entertained to tea by the Head Master. Team: Crighton, Thomas, Turner, Lister, Stocks, Jones, Lindley, Harrison, Bradbury, Cruse, and Bauerkeller.

v. ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE.

Wednesday, November 18th, on our ground. Lost, 1—2. They won the toss, and decided to play towards the school goal. From the kick off the game was very fast. Each side had a spell of attacking, but they were the first to score, through an unfortunate mis-kick. After this some midfield play followed, and our forwards worked the ball near their custodian, where one of our forwards missed a great chance of scoring. From the goal kick their forwards came down in a body, and, encouraged by the cheers of their masters, would have succeeded in scoring again and again but for the play of our defence. As it was nearing half-time, each side strove strenuously to gain the lead. They succeeded in scoring again, their right inside sending in a fast and low shot which gave our goalkeeper no chance. Half-time arrived with the score 2—0 against us. Directly after the restart the game became very fast, each side attacking in turn. They forced corner after corner, but could not penetrate our defence, which was very good. Soon after, the ball was kicked to Turner, who, taking a fly kick from about half way, dropped the ball neatly over their goalkeeper's head, giving him no chance, thus scoring our only goal. After this we played an attacking game, and

our forwards sent in shot after shot, which were cleverly manipulated, Bradbury in particular having extremely bad luck in just grazing the crossbar. However, all our attempts were in vain, and when the whistle blew for time we were left defeated by 2—1. In this match Lindley played goal for us, and acquitted himself with much credit. Team: Lindley, Stocks, Thomas, Turner, Lister, Jones, Bradbury, Cruse, Hillman, Bauerkeller, and Brister.

v. OLD HULMEIANS THIRD.

Saturday, November 21st, on our ground. Won, 3—1. A strong wind was blowing from goal to goal, and on winning the toss we took advantage of it during the first half. From the kick off we pressed, and Bauerkeller scored our first goal soon after the start. We attacked vigorously, but could not get the ball past their goalkeeper until nearly half-time, when Cruse scored two more goals. At half-time we were leading by 3—0. On resuming, the Old Boys pressed, and succeeded in penetrating our defence, thus scoring their only goal. After this the game was evenly contested in mid-field, except for one or two sudden raids on our goal by their forwards. However we quite held our own against them, and when the whistle sounded we were left victors by 3—1. Team: Orford, Stocks, Thomas, Lister, Jones, Turner, Lindley, Bradbury, Cruse, Bauerkeller, and Hillman.

v. SALFORD TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

Wednesday, November 25th, on their ground. Lost, 0—8.

v. BOYS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

Saturday, December 5th, on their ground. Won, 3—2.

v. STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Wednesday, December 9th, on their ground. Won, 6—0.

SECOND TEAM REPORTS.

v. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Wednesday, October 7th, on our ground. Lost, 3—4. We won the toss, and decided to kick towards the goal nearest the school. Stand's pass was intercepted, and the result of a run down to their goal was a dead kick. Then Turner scored, the goalkeeper failing to reach the ball. Again we pressed, and the ball went through a second time. Then

Stand's forwards played up a little, and after several attempts, which Orford saved splendidly, they succeeded in shooting their first goal. Half-time score, 2—1 for us. In the second half, after some give-and-take play, Stand succeeded in drawing level. We then ran up and shot our third goal, but after this the game was in our quarters. Stand equalised, and then shot the winning goal five minutes from time. Our team was as follows: Orford, goal; Greenup, G., and Wood, A., backs; Mellor, Turner, F. B., and Jones, T. L., half-backs; Cruse, Brister, Ratcliffe, Longrigg, and Dearnaley, forwards.

v. BOWDON COLLEGE SECOND.—Wednesday, November 4th, on our ground. Won, 11—0. We won the toss, and attacked the school goal. At the kick off the ball was passed out to Cruse, who ran down and scored the first goal. After some midfield play two more were added. Shortly before half-time we scored three more, at which their goalkeeper took flying kicks but missed the ball. At half-time the score was 6—0 in our favour. On resuming Bowdon made an attempt to score, but did not succeed. Then the ball was in their half most of the time, four goals being scored in 15 minutes. Ratcliffe scored three goals by neat dribbling, and the final score was 11—0 for us. Team: Orford, Wood, Greenup, W., Mellor, Turner, F., Dearnaley, Cruse, Brister, Ratcliffe, Longrigg, and Macpherson.

v. LYMM GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Wednesday, November 11th, at Lytham. Lost, 1—4. We won the toss, but it gave us no advantage, as there was no wind or sun. Our opponents were greatly superior in size and weight, and this told against us throughout the match. The game at first was very even, and the ball was kept in the centre of the field. Although we obtained three fouls and two hands, we were not able to score. A few minutes before half-time they scored their first goal, and directly afterwards followed their success with another. Half-time score, 0—2 for them. On resuming they had more of the game, but were kept out by our defence. Then we made a determined rush, and after a scuffle in front of goal Macpherson scored for us. Before time was called they scored two more goals, which gave our goalkeeper no chance. Final score, 1—4 against.

Team: Orford, Wood, A., Greenup, W., Bauerkeller, Turner, F. B., Dearnaley, Cruse, Brister, Ratcliffe, Longrigg, and Macpherson, A.

v. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, November 14th, on their ground. Lost, 0—9. They won the toss, and kicked with the wind and sun in their favour. They had most of the game, but were repeatedly checked by our defence. They succeeded in scoring twice, and also forced four or five corners, one of which resulted in a goal. Half-time score, 0—3 against us. On resuming we livened up, but our forwards shot wide. They then added another goal, our goalkeeper failing to hold the ball. After some midfield play another was added to their score, the ball rebounding off one of our men. They succeeded in scoring four more before time. Our forwards were handicapped owing to the ball sticking in the mud. Final score, 0—9 for them. Team: Orford, Wood, Greenup, W., Mellor, Turner, F. B., Dearnaley, Brister, Macpherson, Ratcliffe, Longrigg, and Brewis, G.

v. ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE SECOND.—Wednesday, November 18th, on their ground. Drawn, 1—1. They won the toss, and attacked the College Road goal. Obtaining possession at the kick off, they ran down and kept our defence busy, but did not score. The pressure was at length relieved, and our forwards attacked their goal, but also failed to score. They then brought the ball down into our half again, and this time were more successful and scored. At the kick off we attacked, and Ratcliffe equalised, taking the ball down the field by himself. After this the game was very fast and even, and no more goals were added before half-time, when the score was one goal all. After the interval they attacked for a long time, but were well checked by our defence. They slackened off a little, and we attacked, but our forwards were knocked off the ball before they were able to shoot. When time was called no more goals had been added for either side. Final score, 1—1. Team: Pearson, Wood, A., Simpson, Mellor, Turner, F. B., McNicol, R., Wallers, T., Dearnaley, Ratcliffe, Longrigg, and Greenup, W.

v. SALFORD TECHNICAL INSTITUTE SECOND.—Wednesday, November 25th, on our ground. Won, 10—0. Salford won the toss, and decided to attack

the school goal. At the kick off the ball was taken into their half, and was kept there for the greater part of the first half. Greenup, W., scored our first goal from a centre by Wallers. Although aided by a great many corners, we only scored three more goals before half-time (4—0 in our favour). We changed straight over, and again took the ball into their half, and added six goals before time. In the second half they made several rushes, but did not trouble our goalkeeper, who had only kicked the ball twice throughout the match. Final score, 10—0 for us. Team: Pearson, Orford, Simpson, Mellor, Turner, F. B., Dearnaley, Wallers, Macpherson, Ratcliffe, Longrigg, and Greenup, W.

THIRD ELEVEN MATCHES.

Wed., Oct. 7—Stand Gram. School 2nd.....w...	7—4
Sat., Oct. 17—Hulme School, Oldham, 2nd..w...	5—4
Wed., Oct. 21—Longsight Grammar School...w...	5—0
Wed., Nov. 4—Sale Grammar School	L...1—4
Wed., Nov. 11—Victoria Park School.....	L...0—3
Sat., Nov. 14—Stand Gram. School 2nd	w...5—1
Wed., Nov. 18—St. Bede's College 3rd	L...2—7
Wed., Nov. 25—Longsight Grammar School...w...	3—2
Sat., Dec. 5—S. Bride's B.L.B.	w...2—1

Played, 9; won, 6; lost, 3; goals for, 43;
goals against, 26.

The Third have made a very good beginning, and Norbury, J., deserves credit for his captaincy. The usual team has been as follows: Goal, Minshall, H.; backs, Simpson, G. F., and Mosley, C. G.; half-backs, Sturgeon, H., Jones, T. L., and Fox, G. W.; forwards, Wallers, T., Brotherton, R., Norbury, J., Hurst, W. T., and Smith H. Thomson, J., Higginbotham, and Longrigg have also played.

UNDER 14 MATCHES.

Wed., Oct. 7—*St. Bede's College.....w...	22—0
Sat., Oct. 24—*St. Bede's College.....w...	18—0
Sat., Nov. 7—*Catholic Collegiate Institute..D	5—5
Wed., Nov. 11—St. Bede's 3rd	w...6—5
Wed., Nov. 18—*Chetham's Hospital.....w...	8—1

* Under 14 Teams.

Played, 5; won, 4; drawn, 1; goals for, 59;
goals against, 11.

The Under 14 Eleven have only to complain of one-sided matches; they have made a capital start, and have a sturdy captain in Brewis J. The team has been selected from the following: Goal,

Henderson; backs, Greenup, G., and Cox, F. R.; half-backs, McNicol, R., Hatton, H. O., and Smith, N.; forwards, Greenup, H., Wallers, S., Brewis, J., McAdam, Higginbotham, Harrison, and Buck, A.

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NOTES.

FIRST TEAM MATCHES.

v. Southern "B"	Won...15-3
v. Werneth Juniors	Won...12-1
v. An Owens College Team.....	Won...23-14
v. Crescent	Won...12-4
v. Chorlton "C"	Won...14-3
v. Werneth Juniors	Won... 7-2
v. An Owens College Team	Lost...10-14

The Lacrosse Season opened this year under most favourable circumstances, there being nine of last year's team available, together with several who had played in one or two matches last season. This being so, we are able to point to a very successful record. Our record of scoring 93 goals in seven matches is mainly due to the excellent work of our captain, Walker, J. H., Buckland, and Harrison, S. D. Walker, who always works with the greatest energy, sets a splendid example to the rest of the team, and has proved a thorn in the sides of opposing defences. He was especially noticeable in the first Owens College fixture, where, although they brought a good team, they retired beaten.

Great credit is also due to several of last year's team, for their untiring efforts to encourage the game amongst boys who previously had never given lacrosse a thought, and also their splendid example of turning out to practice. If this is kept up we are sure the School team will continue to win matches.

Eight of our team, together with four Old Boys, fulfilled the Old Boys "A" team fixture against Blackley "A" on October 31st, and won 12-3, the Old Boys "A" having been drawn to play the first round of the Junior Cup on this date.

REPORTS OF MATCHES.

v. MANCHESTER SOUTHERN "B."

Saturday, October 17th, at Withington. Won, 15-3. Owing to heavy rains during the week, the ground was in a very bad condition. When the ball was faced Manchester Southern had the wind

in their favour, but in spite of this we opened the scoring through Buckland, who shortly afterwards added a second. The game from now until the whistle was blown for the interval was all in our favour. Half-time score, 7-0 for us. On resuming, they pressed hard on our goal, and after one or two fruitless attempts scored their first goal. The game was now more even, although they could not prevent our attacks scoring eight goals to their two, our attack play being very good. Buckland, Harrison, and Walker did the bulk of the scoring for us. Final score, 15-3 for us. Team: Fox, C. H., Mellor, Brewerton, Cooper, A. F., Foster, Botham, Mason, Hasleham, Turner, F. B., Walker, J. H., Buckland, and Harrison, S. D.

v. WERNETH JUNIORS.

Saturday, October 24th, on our ground. Won, 12-1. Our opponents are familiar to us under a different name, the team consisting chiefly of Oldham Hulme Grammar School boys. Werneth won the toss, and we faced the wind in the first half. After the face the ball was passed from the centre to Luke on the attack wing, who quickly scored for us. The rest of the play up to half-time was in their half, but we only added four more goals. Half-time score, 5-0 for us. As our defence had very little of the game in the first half, we now changed the team round, and they played attack. We had brought the total up to seven when Werneth obtained the ball, and by a smart bit of passing ran through our defence, and scored their only goal. We added five more goals to our score. Final score, 12-1 for us. Team: Fox, C. H., Cooper, A. F., Cooper, A. M., Luke, F., Botham, Mason, Luke, J., Farrer, Walker, J. H., Buckland, and Davies.

v. AN OWENS COLLEGE TEAM.

Wednesday, November 11th, on our ground. Won, 23-14. Winning the toss, we decided to defend the school goal. Directly play was commenced Owens College obtained the ball and pressed hard on our goal, but the defence dropped back into goal, and managed to defeat them. The ball was quickly passed up the field to our attack, where Harrison gained possession of it and scored with a neat shot. Our opponents now equalised, and got one goal ahead. Walker, who was finding

the Owens defence plenty of work, quickly notched two more goals, and the rest of the attack ably supporting him enabled us to keep the lead, until at half-time the score was 10-8 for us. In the second half we had still more of the game, our attacks (four of last year's team) combining beautifully, and all had a hand in the scoring of 13 goals to Owens 6. Team: Fox, C. H., Mellor, Brewerton, Mr. Barber, Foster, Turner, S. B., Mason, Hasleham, Cooper, A. F., Walker, J. H., Buckland, and Harrison, S. D.

v. CRESCENT.

Saturday, November 14th, on their ground.
Won, 12-4.

v. CHORLTON "C."

Saturday, November 21st, on our ground. Won, 14-3. Our opponents had considerably the advantage in size and weight, but we had a strong wind in our favour in the first half, and quickly scored our first goal through Harrison. This was soon followed by one from Buckland. Rain now started, and driving into our opponents' faces added to their discomfiture. Our score had reached seven before Chorlton got their first point after some hard play near our goal. We added another before half-time (8-1). In the second half

we scored six goals to their one, Mellor playing very well at point. Final score, 14-3. Our team was as follows: Fox, C. H., Mellor, C. H., Greenup, Cooper, A. F., Brewerton, Oliver, Mason, Hasleham, Luke, F., Walker, J. H., Buckland, R., and Harrison, S. D.

v. WERNETH JUNIORS.

Wednesday, November 25th, on their ground.
Won, 7-2.

v. AN OWENS COLLEGE TEAM.

Wednesday, December 9th, on their ground.
Lost, 10-14.

UNDER 14 TEAM *v.* SOUTH MANCHESTER SCHOOL.—Wednesday, October 21st, at Withington. Lost, 0-20. We won the toss and decided to play down hill and against the wind. For some time play was fairly even, but they soon began to overplay us, scoring 11 goals to nil at half-time. In the second half we were again overplayed, although several of our men showed a decided improvement, the most prominent being Greenup, H., Fox, G., and Greenup, G. The team was: Fox, G. W., Greenup, G., Lindley, F., Brewis, J., Brewis, B., Sutton, Davies, F., Farrar, Stone, W. M., Greenup, H., Hiller, A., and Davies, A. T.

THE HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Dr. TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS for the Year ending December 24th, 1903. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.
To Balance—Cash.....	£20	12	2
Caps	1	19	0
		22	11 2
„ Boys' Subscriptions:—			
Lent Term	£35	2	6
Midsummer Term	33	5	0
Michaelmas Term	34	2	6
		102	10 0
„ Swimming Fees	10	2	6
„ Entrance Fees, Athletic Sports.....	11	13	6
„ Entrance Fees, Swimming Sports	0	13	6
„ Sports Programmes.....	0	16	5
„ Subscriptions for Parents' Match Tea..	1	8	0
„ Proceeds from Sports Day Tea.....	0	14	1
„ Clothes Account	0	8	9
„ Bank Interest	0	8	7
	£151	6	6

	£	s.	d.
By Cricket and Football Materials.....	17	5	0
„ Cricket Professional	34	0	0
„ Swimming Instructor	9	0	0
„ Sports Prizes	£9	9	9
„ Medals	3	8	0
		12	17 9
„ Football and Lacrosse Caps (In stock, £2. 10s. 6d.)	2	12	0
„ Railway Fares	12	17	3
„ Repairs to Materials	2	3	8
„ Repairs to Mowing Machines	6	16	6
„ Printing and Stationery	2	3	3
„ Postage and Telegrams	0	15	3
„ School Workshop, Hurdles, &c.	5	11	0
„ Rolling and Mowing	17	7	0
„ Parents' Match Tea.....	1	9	0
„ Embroidering Flags	1	10	0
„ Sundries.....	1	8	4
„ Balance, Cash	£14	0	7
Clothes	9	9	11
		23	10 6
	£151	6	6

E. K. BRICE.

OLD HULMEIANS' GAMES CLUB.

Dr. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT, August 31st, 1902, to August 31st, 1903. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Rent of Field...	20	7	6	By Donations, Vice-Presidents.....	8	2	0
„ Rent of Committee and Dressing Rooms	7	2	9	„ Subscriptions—Playing Members.....	22	15	0
„ Football Materials	1	6	0	„ „ „ Honorary	3	15	0
„ Lacrosse Materials	0	5	3	„ Net Profit on Concert	9	0	3
„ Groundman's Wages and Sundry Field Expenses	5	2	3	„ „ „ Dance	2	0	0
„ Printing and Stationery	4	2	5½	„ „ „ Socials	0	0	6
„ Postages	4	9	1	„ „ „ Hire of Ground	1	10	6
„ Subscriptions to Lacrosse Association...	2	8	0	„ Bank Interest	0	1	8
„ Sundries.....	1	1	7				
	46	4	10½				
„ Balance, being excess of Income over Expenditure.....	1	0	0½				
	£47	4	11		£47	4	11

Dr. BALANCE SHEET, August 31st, 1903. *Cr.*

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Income and Expenditure Account, as above	1	0	0½	By Donation owing	0	10	6
„ Income and Expenditure Account, August 31st, 1902	8	12	8	„ Subscription owing	0	6	6
				„ Deposit paid on Dressing Room, for season 1903-4	1	0	0
				„ Subscriptions to Football Association for season 1903-4.....	1	6	0
				„ Cash in hand	6	9	8½
	£9	12	8½		£9	12	8½

S. W. SAXELBY,
HON. TREASURER.