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## School Notes and News.

On our return to School in September we were pleased to discover that the additional rooms on the first floor of the Science block were ready for use. They include the new library, which has been named after Sir Edward Donner. The design, furnishing and colouring of this room are particularly pleasing. At the other end is the spacious new biology laboratory and lecture room. A short staircase leads to a meteorological station on the roof, equipped with a Stevenson screen, made at School, and a rain gauge. There are also two new mathematics classrooms, as well as several useful store-rooms. A particularly striking feature of the new rooms is the vivid and exciting colours in which they have been decorated. Whatever other comments may be made, those who work therein cannot complain of the dull atmosphere in which they labour.

During the second week in November the Ministry of Education held a full inspection of the School.

We welcome to the School Mr. S. A. Kirkham, B.Sc. (Manchester University), Mr. E. Foyster, B.A. (Magdalen College, Oxford), Mr. K. Thomas, B.Sc. (Imperial College of Science, London University), and Mr. J. A. Slater, B.A. (St. John's College, Cambridge). Miss G. E. M. Jones, N.F.F., has joined the staff of the Preparatory Department.

At the end of this term we shall say good-bye to Mr. Keeton, who is taking up a new appointment. We wish him every success and happiness in his future career.

It was with great regret and considerable shock that we learnt of the death of Mr. William Bradshaw, the assistant School porter. He had been with us for four years. The cheerful willingness with which he performed his manifold duties was an outstanding feature of his character. We shall miss him much. To his wife and family we offer our sincere sympathy in their sudden loss.

The Annual Founder's Day Service will be held on Monday, January 26th, 1953, at 11 a.m., and will again take place at St. Mary's Church, Hulme.



This year's winter sports party to Switzerland for boys of the middle and upper School will take place during the Easter holidays. The centre will be Zermatt, at the foot of the Matterhorn, and Monte Rosa, amid some of the finest Alpine scenery. Its high altitude and this winter's vigorous onset should hold the promise of plenty of snow and of a fortnight's enjoyable sport in glorious Spring sunshine. Mr. Jecny and Mr. Morgan will again be in charge.

The Prefects this term are: D. R. Hankey (Head Prefect); G. Heap, J. N. Hopwood, D. G. Robertson, D. E. Birch, R. G. Bowden, J. N. Clarke, R. K. Davies, G. T. Denton, A. O. Dyson, J. E. Leeder, T. Oliver, A. Shields.

State Scholarships were won by D. R. Hankey, B. R. Heap, R. E. Jones, M. J. Lanigan, R. Swindells; Reserve: J. C. Parsonage.

Manchester City Scholarships were awarded to D. R. Hankey, B. R. Heap, M. J. Lanigan, D. W. S. Latham, J. C. Parsonage; Exhibitions to R. C. Shaw and M. L. Sutcliffe; Bursaries to J. S. Faichney, K. Harrop, T. Oliver.

A Lancashire Major Scholarship was awarded to R. Swindells; a Cheshire Major Scholarship to J. W. Ginger; a Stockport Major Scholarship to I. Ainsworth. Leaving Exhibitions were awarded by the School Governors to R. D. Bishop, G. Macdonald, R. B. Pilling.

The Lent Term will begin on Tuesday, January 6th, at nine o'clock.

Mid-term Holiday will be on February 13th, 14th and 16th.

The Lent Term will end on Friday, March 27th, at four o'clock.

The Easter Holiday will extend from Friday, March 27th, at four o'clock, to Tuesday, April 14th, at nine o'clock.

The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term and for Scholarships and Free Places, etc., for Primary School Boys, will be held on February 4th and March 4th, beginning at nine a.m. each day.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the *Aldwinian*, *Denstonian*, *Salian*, *Ulula*, *Wallaseyan*, and the Magazine of the King's School, Macclesfield.

### Speech Day, 1952.

The School Speech Day was held in the New Hall on Thursday, July 17th, the last afternoon of the Midsummer Term. Mr. A. W. Boyd, who was in the chair, welcomed the visitors and the guest of

honour, Mr. H. J. Seddon (O.H.), C.M.G., M.A., D.M. (Oxon.), F.R.C.S. He regretted that Canon Woolnough, the Chairman of the Governors, was unable to be present owing to an accident, and that Mr. J. A. Barber, the School Secretary was also absent, as he had just undergone an operation, from which all would be glad to know he was recovering satisfactorily.

Before presenting his report the Headmaster said that he was gratified to see such a large number of visitors, despite the rival claims of Old Trafford and Manchester High School. He also expressed his regret at the absence of Canon Woolnough and Mr. Barber. Mr. Barber had entered upon the duties of Secretary to the School on July 3rd, 1902. It was, therefore, particularly regrettable that he was unable to be present on the fiftieth anniversary of that date.

In his report the Headmaster said that the School year had been a good one. The size of the Sixth Form had expanded from one hundred to between one hundred and forty and one hundred and fifty boys. Wide culture and activity had been stressed during the year. The most notable example of this was that A. C. Day, when successfully sitting for an Open Science Scholarship, had answered unseen questions in French, German, Latin and Greek. The School had won eight State Scholarships, as well as numerous County and City awards.

News of the Old Boys was just as encouraging. S. R. Best had been elected Chairman of Convocation of the University of Manchester. C. S. Smith had played cricket regularly for the Army and occasionally for the Combined Services. Eric Barnes had been made President of the Lancashire Lacrosse Association.

The Corps had been inspected by Major-General Costin, C.B.E., who had presented the unit with a cup on behalf of the officers of the Manchester Regiment.

After the report, Mr. Boyd vacated the chair to Mr. D. Ll. Griffiths who introduced Mr. Seddon, as both his contemporary at School and a fellow Orthopaedic Surgeon.

After presenting the prizes Mr. Seddon delivered a particularly happy address. Having thanked the Headmaster for conferring upon him the greatest honour he could bestow on an Old Boy, that of asking him to distribute the prizes, Mr. Seddon asked his audience to consider what it was that made a school. Buildings, he said, were sometimes of great inspiration, but they were not fundamental. Great schools had removed to new buildings and yet retained their reputation; great work had been done in the most primitive of hospitals. Tradition also was an important factor; but it needed to be strenuously maintained as it could be easily lost. The third factor, to his mind the most important,



was esprit de corps. Who was responsible for this? Firstly, the Governors; secondly, the Headmaster; thirdly, the Masters, and finally the boys. Declining to discuss the first two astral bodies, the Speaker then referred to some of the masters who had taught him at School. He then pointed out to the boys that it was upon them that the reputation of the School rested most. He stressed the importance of good manners. In conclusion he urged all the boys to make the utmost possible use of their school-days.

### PRIZE LIST.

**SPECIAL PRIZES**—Forrest Writing: R. D. Williamson; Aspinall Religious Knowledge: D. E. Birch; Powell Scripture Reading: D. R. Hankey; Rupert Hawley Memorial: J. A. Austin; Stone English Essay: J. W. Ginger; Watkins: W. R. Benson.

**THIRD YEAR SIXTH**—Knoop English: J. W. Ginger; Dehn History: E. Willcock; Hewlett Geography: K. R. McKenzie; Vlies Modern Languages: R. E. Jones; Dorrington Latin: D. R. Hankey; Lymer Mathematics: M. Green; Williamson Science: A. C. Day; Sir Samuel Turner Imperial History: R. C. Shaw.

**SECOND YEAR SIXTH**—English: D. W. Latham; History: R. C. Shaw; Modern Languages: J. Clough; Science: R. Swindells; Maths.: B. R. Heap.

**LOWER SIXTHS**—English: A. Shields; Geography: J. E. Leeder; Latin: G. N. Leah; French: A. O. Dyson; German: G. N. Leah; Science: I. J. G. Bryce; Maths.: P. Marilton.

**FIFTH FORMS**—English: E. G. L. Collins; History: E. A. Rose; Geography: D. J. Roberts; French: J. A. Austin; German: D. J. Roberts; Latin: P. T. Welch; Maths.: G. T. Fielding; Science: A. M. Sinclair; Art: D. E. McKiddie; Handicraft: D. J. Beadel.

**FOURTH FORMS**—English: M. Williams; History: J. A. Swindell; Geography: J. A. Swindell; French: A. E. Backhouse; German: R. N. Paxton; Latin: D. J. Ward; Maths.: T. R. Bateson; Science: P. F. Wilde; Art: D. G. Woodcock; Handicraft: N. Elston.

**THIRD FORMS**—English: J. O. Tatham; History: D. H. C. Hilton; Geography: J. B. Wigglesworth; French: K. J. Hinson; Latin: D. H. C. Hilton; Maths.: T. J. Bush; Science: G. W. C. Hayes; Art: G. W. C. Hayes; Handicraft: A. W. Day.

**SECOND FORMS**—English: G. G. Mitchell; History: J. E. O. Screen; Geography: A. F. Pitty; French: E. R. Birch; Latin: I. A. B. Low; Maths.: D. B. Taylor; Science: G. G. Mitchell; Art: P. J. Allport; Handicraft: L. T. Keymer.

**FIRST FORMS**—English: D. Brierley; History: D. M. Brierley; Geography: P. Golborn; French: D. M. Brierley; Maths.: G. B. Brundritt; Art: A. Rutherford; Handicraft: D. M. Brierley.

**PREPARATORY DEPT.**—1st, C. R. L. Mark; 2nd, J. J. Reich; **PROGRESS**: D. Wallace.

### C.C.F. Notes.

Innovations have been the keynote of this term for the C.C.F. The beginning of term saw the inauguration of the competition for the Manchester Regiment Cup, which was presented to the contingent at last year's inspection by Major-General E. B. Costin, C.B.E. Details of the competition, designed to encourage recruitment and efficiency, were worked out by Major Watkins and published to all the Houses.

The post-certificate "A" cadets have been breaking new ground. The R.E.M.E. platoon has acquired a Model Bridging Equipment Set, which is said to form a scale-model of a Bailey Bridge when completed. The platoon's interest in this new equipment, however, has not been so great as to prevent it paying a visit to the Stuart Street Power Station, in order to see some of the electrical branch of the activities its name suggests. Meanwhile, though confining themselves to the parade-ground, the Cadre of N.C.Os. and advanced cadets has ventured upon the uncertain ground of a new form of "about turn" and has given some very smart displays of the new movement. The Signals section has continued in its attempts to come up on the inter-command wireless set, an activity begun last term, but still retaining something of the freshness and thrill of the unknown.

A move on the part of the "Q" staff to complete the equipping of the Cadet Force with battledress of a recent and smarter pattern has been marked by the appearance of large quantities of denim on Friday parades.

Amid all these new ventures, the main work of the Cadet Force has continued in the normal way. The recruits' platoon is not yet up to last year's strength, but it is hoped that more boys will join the Force during the remainder of the year and help to surpass last year's recruiting figure. Training for certificate "A" has been carried on at Friday and Wednesday parades, and one platoon is to take the Part II examination soon.

On October 15th, a successful Field Day was held at Lyme Park. After an effective demonstration of tactics by Cadre, the other platoons had time for valuable practice in applying what they had learned in theory at Friday parades. The Signal and R.E.M.E. platoons held special exercises in their own branches of training.



The following passed the examination for certificate "A," Part II, on September 11th, 1952:—

Cadets W. R. F. Brindle, C. E. Bryans, M. Credland, J. A. V. Deakin, D. K. P. Greenwood, H. K. Hamer, G. N. Leah, I. H. Munro, H. V. Penketh, D. J. Pilkington, P. J. Richards, A. J. Royle, J. D. Sanders, W. G. Scarlett, J. V. Sheppard, A. Sutton, J. A. Swindell, J. E. Thackray, P. G. Thompson.

The following passed the examination for certificate "A," Part I, on September 16th, 1952:—

Cadets G. E. Ashbrook, A. E. Backhouse, A. R. Bailey, D. J. Bamber, T. J. Bush, D. R. Crome, A. W. Day, P. Gribble, R. E. Hargreave, R. F. Jackson, C. H. Jarman, F. Leach, R. J. Palmer, G. E. Ramsdale.

J. R. Baxendale, M. J. Booth, R. J. Bradshaw, J. R. I. Broomhead, F. Duckworth, R. P. Horrocks, J. W. Howat, A. Mathias, A. Medcalfe, L. G. Mills, N. Pattinson, N. C. Petener, J. D. E. Rayman, G. H. Stockdale, G. F. Turnbull, R. E. Williams, H. D. Woodward, G. W. Hardman, H. V. Penketh, J. D. Sanders.

The following promotions took effect from September 9th, 1952:—

Sgts. J. R. L. Hall, D. R. Hankey to be Cadet Under-Officers.

Cpls. J. N. Hopwood, J. E. Leeder, A. Shields, L/Cpls. R. H. Dale, R. K. Davies, A. O. Dyson, D. G. Robertson to be Sgts.

L/Cpls. J. N. Clarke, B. S. Gribble, K. Harding, E. P. Campbell, J. Lord and Cadet B. D. Linley to be Cpls.

Cadets D. E. Birch, B. A. Craven, M. Credland, G. T. Denton, P. R. Higginson, J. R. Lilley, P. Marlton, W. Newey, T. Oliver, J. K. Robertson, J. M. Selman, P. Webster, W. R. Esson to be L/Cpls.

### C.C.F. Camp.

A change was made with regard to the Annual Camp this year. It was held at Kinmel Park, near Rhyl, instead of at the traditional Poulton Airfield. Also, there was a certain incident involving the "loss" of a rifle, which threatened several officers, both of the contingent and the camp staff, with premature old age.

The advanced party, under the orders of Mr. Kyte, who gave his valuable assistance in pitching and striking camp, moved off on July 17th. The main body, travelling by rail instead of the traditional

buses, arrived in camp the following day. Since the week-end occurred at the beginning of camp instead of in the middle, as in former years, an easy start was made, and the cadets had an opportunity to familiarise themselves with the surroundings of the new camp.

The new site had both its advantages and disadvantages in comparison with Poulton. The chief disadvantage was the uneven sloping nature of the ground, which meant that some cadets spent their first night at camp in a position in which one might expect to find a Yogi! But, since the camp was attached to a permanent Royal Artillery site, there were considerable advantages in the provision of shower-baths, more adequate medical facilities, and better cooking—which compensates for a lot at camp!

Sunday morning, following tradition, was given up to a service, held in the camp cinema, and conducted by the Rev. A. H. Ginever, who again acted as Padre to the contingent. This was not followed by a march past, as had been customary in other years. Several cadets had parents and other visitors to see them during the afternoon, and Mr. Lowe, on holiday with his family in Rhyl, came in to have a look at us.

On Monday the serious business of training began. It was again directed by Officer Cadets from Eaton Hall, and useful lessons and practice were gained. The highlight of the week's training was again the night exercise, from which lorry loads of tired, nigger-minstrel-faced cadets returned in the small hours of the morning. Towards the end of the week, the Officer Cadets arranged for a Cert. "A", Pt. I, examination to be held, which resulted in success for several cadets.

A new and interesting experience for the contingent was firing on the open range with live .303 ammunition. While some cadets did possibly more damage to themselves than to their targets, some good results were attained.

A special course of instruction, reported to be both interesting and useful, was arranged for the Signals platoon. The outstanding event of the week for them was the day when they went out in special wireless vehicles on an exercise. Much valuable practice was also gained by the cadets of this section who in their spare time rigged up a telephone communication system to cover the whole of the contingent's section of the camp.

The weather during the week of camp was glorious, and Rhyl proved to be a strong attraction in the evenings to both bathers and non-bathers. The number of cadets on sick-parade seemed to suggest that the weather was even too hot for complete comfort. The whole contingent returned from camp with healthily bronzed arms and faces.



Mention should be made of the fact that Mr. Edwards, the School groundsman, accompanied the contingent to camp, resuming his old rank of Sgt. His cheerful presence added to the enjoyment of camp, and, for certain cadets, made the hardship of early rising not a little easier.

### The Entertainments.

Up to the time of going to press three plays have been presented at four o'clock on Tuesdays. Both in production and in performance they have all three been well up to the standard of previous years. The players have been fortunate in receiving the invaluable encouragement of adequately numerous and appreciative audiences. It is to be hoped that this support will be maintained next term, for it is disheartening, after weeks of steady rehearsal and thoughtful production, to play to a small and casual audience. From the most unhappy of productions one can, at least, learn what faults should be avoided; from the more successful one can derive the double satisfaction of receiving pleasure oneself and of realising that one is supporting and so stimulating the efforts of others.

On Tuesday, November 4th, the season opened with 5y's presentation of "Tragical Mirth," a selection of scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream." T. L. Venables gave a lively interpretation of his part as Bottom, and while he and M. M. Kelsall (Quince) were on the stage the action moved at a rousing pace. Bottom's speech on waking from his "dream" was very well delivered, but Quince's prologue to the play lost much of its amusing "pointlessness" because of the actor's delight in "business." Although the other rude mechanicals, J. E. Backhouse (Snug), J. Davis (Flute), A. Medcalfe (Snout) and D. J. Ward (Starveling), were quite properly overshadowed by their two leaders, they gave them whole-hearted support, especially in the excellent fooling in the play-scene, where Davis made good use of his chances as Thisbe.

The interruptions of the court inevitably slowed down the comedy and there were occasional lapses into inaudibility, but M. Williams, T. R. Bateson, I. M. Stewart, R. E. Williams, G. P. Turnbull, P. Bee, C. B. Lowe, I. E. McShane, N. V. Barber and R. Smallwood played their parts well as the courtly audience. The play concluded with an amusing bergomask, energetically danced by Davis and Venables.

Before the performance W. D. West played part of Mendelssohn's "Overture" extremely effectively.

The play was produced by Mr. Bonnick.

On November 11th, 2y presented "Robin Hood and the Pedlar" by John Drinkwater. K. Davis played the part of the outlaw with confidence, but tended to speak too quickly at times. He was well supported in his schemes to outwit the sheriff by J. M. Charleson (Little John), R. Bee (Friar Tuck), D. W. L. Burnham (Allan A Dale) and their trusty band of henchmen. The pedlar, whom they help in his hour of distress, was played by G. B. Brundrit, who moved well and spoke with dignity. J. R. Bradshaw took the part of the sheriff, and although his movements were clumsy at times, he effectively portrayed the blustering brutality of the villain. R. G. Monk spoke well as the Sheriff's Officer, G. M. Scarlett played the Ballad Singer whose rescue is effected by Friar Tuck and his men, and Maid Marian (H. Bibby) clearly suggested that she was more dexterous with the quarter staff than with the distaff.

The setting and lighting provided by the stage staff added considerably to the effectiveness of the performance.

Mr. Lowe produced.

On Tuesday, November 18th, 6 l.m.s. presented "The Safe Murder" by Hurford Janes, a "thriller" set in a solicitor's office. R. A. Cheek took the part of the chief clerk who is murdered by his two juniors (played by D. Andrew and D. A. Rees) after he has discovered their falsification of the firm's books. T. L. Maunder played the part of the young office-boy, while M. C. McCreath filled the rôle of the solicitor.

The play is ingeniously contrived, and the audience's interest was maintained until the dramatic line with which the play ends. It was, therefore, a pity that the cast failed in its prime obligation of audibility, especially in the opening speeches. Rees at times succeeded in portraying the more masterful character of Bates, and generally he showed more confidence in gesture and movement than the others. Telephone conversations are always difficult to put across effectively on the stage, but the silences which realism demands can be made "dramatic" by the use of facial expression and gesture.

The play was produced by P. B. Owen.

### The Library Report.

#### THE DONNER LIBRARY.

At the very end of last term the new Library was completed, and the books were hurriedly carried across and placed on the shelves. They have now been reduced to something like order, but new catalogues and a filing system will have to be introduced. It is



probable that this large task will have to wait until the summer, when some of the senior boys will have finished their examinations and will have a little time to spare. Meantime, the Library continues to be used, both for the borrowing of books and for private study. It is a pleasant, light room, and a welcome addition to the amenities of the School. The cost of the furnishing has been made a charge on the Donner Bequest, and the income from the remainder of that Bequest has made possible for the first time the provision of a daily newspaper *The Times*, and of several periodicals in the Library. A small room adjoining the Library is intended for the use of the Librarians, but is not yet fully furnished. We are indebted to Mr. Shields for another gift of books, and to a former President of the Old Hulmeians' Association, Mr. H. S. Wihl, for an invaluable gift, the new Chambers' Encyclopaedia.

### THE JUNIOR LIBRARY.

The Sixth Form Library having vacated Room 12, accommodation was available for a new venture, a Junior Library, some of the existing shelving having been retained. The First Forms, to whom the new library has been so far confined, have shown highly commendable enthusiasm both by presenting books to the library and by assiduous borrowing. At the moment of writing the library is in progress of extension to the Second Forms. It is hoped, in due course and by progressive stages, to develop it so that it serves all forms up to the Sixths. The main requirement at present is suitable books. Gifts from Old Hulmeians and older boys of books they have outgrown—but not outworn—will be very much appreciated. Small donations of books will collectively be very helpful. To ask for a large grant from School funds would only entail diversion of funds from other objectives.

### Science Society.

We have enjoyed a reasonably full programme this term and have attempted to make up for lost time by choosing Biological subjects for three of the meetings.

Mention should first be made, however, of last term's meetings, most of which took place after *The Hulmeian* had gone to press.

On Wednesday, April 23rd, an evening visit was made to the Physics Department of the Holt Radium Institute. This formed an enlightening supplement to the talk "Radium in Medicine" given during the previous term by a representative of the Institute.

During the period of semi-relaxation, which followed the main body of the General Certificate Examinations, interesting visits were paid during School hours to the Works of the English Steel Corporation at Openshaw, the Dyehouse and Works of the Clayton Aniline Co., and to the Meteorological Station at Ringway. A small party made an evening visit to the works of Photographic Services (M/c.) Limited.

The present session was opened on Thursday, October 16th, with a General Meeting, at which J. Lord was elected Leader of the Photographic Section in succession to A. Hodgson, who left School last July. M. D. Brown was chosen to fill the place on the Section's Committee which had formerly been occupied by the new Leader.

It was also decided that the half-yearly subscription for membership of the Society should be increased from 1s. to 1s. 6d.

On Tuesday, September 23rd, at 7-15 p.m., Dr. A. S. Lodge spoke to us about the 1952 meeting, which he had attended, of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, after describing the Irish setting of the congress, and indicating the tremendous scope of individual "sections." This included reports on the fibrous nature of clothing, the logic of experiment, and the recent testing of the education of backward children by "co-operative" methods.

Two days later, a selected party visited the Pathology Laboratory of Withington Hospital. Here, with the able assistance of four members of the Laboratory Staff, who acted as our guides, we acquired some insight into the day and night routine of analysis by which lives are being saved and diseases cured.

A scientific instrument which has aroused great expectations in the world of medicine is the Electron Microscope. On Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 7 p.m. Mr. M. Venner of Metropolitan Vickers delivered a non-technical, but nevertheless highly informative address on this subject. With the aid of his colleague, Mr. Street, he illustrated his talk with slides and a film, and explained the significance of some strange looking pieces of apparatus which they had brought with them. The meeting was very well attended.

On Tuesday, November 11th, at 7-30 p.m., a member of the third year Sixth Form at the School, W. R. Esson, spoke ably to us on "Some Aspects of Fresh-Water Biology," with particular reference to the research being carried out at Windermere by the Fresh-Water Biology Association. His talk was illustrated by slides and photographs, with the aid of an epidiascope which was kindly loaned by Whalley Range High School.



A talk entitled "Modern Drugs—their Origin and their Uses," by Mr. B. C. Bryant, of the I.C.I. Pharmaceuticals Division, has been arranged for Tuesday, November 20th, at 7-30 p.m.

We are indebted to Mrs. Faulkner for serving the refreshments after the talks, and we extend to her our sincere thanks.

The Meteorological Section is flourishing well this term. It has been provided with an alcove in the main building, in which a barograph and a notice board have been installed. Weather readings are being taken regularly with the aid of the new Stevenson screen, constructed by members, which has been placed on the roof of the Science Block. A rain gauge and a wet-and-dry bulb hygrometer are now in use. The Photographic Section has had a much less active term, but a revival is imminent.

We hope next term to continue our exploitation of biological subjects, and to commence upon a series of lectures on photography.

J.M.S.

### Music Society.

The Society has been quite active this term, and, with the record-player working again, we have been able to have a meeting almost every Saturday dinner-time. The Hallé Concerts Society have been very kind, and have allowed us to have balcony seats at all Free Trade Hall Concerts at 1s. 6d. each, a reduction of 1s. The meetings this term have been as follows:—

On October 4th, a general meeting was held, and the following were elected officers for the year 1952-53:—

Chairman, A. O. Dyson; Secretary, B. H. Blakeley; Treasurer, R. G. Bowden; General Committee, J. R. Hopwood, G. T. Denton, A. H. Wilcock, W. D. West and M. M. Kelsall.

R. G. Bowden opened the season on October 11th, with "Famous Voices Past and Present." This recital included recordings made by Chaliapin, Enrico Caruso, Joan Hammond, and Elizabeth Schuman.

On October 18th, W. A. Baker presented a record recital ranging from Berlioz's *Carnival Romain* to the *Prelude to Act 3—Lohengrin*, with Wagner's *Ride of the Valkyries* as a grand finale.

D. E. Birch presented a programme of solo and orchestral works on October 25th, the highlight undoubtedly being a performance of the Piano Concerto No. 2 in G Minor by Saint Saëns played by Arthur de Greef.

The next recital was given by B. H. Blakeley on November 8th. This "popular programme" included many old favourites such as: *Morning Papers* by Strauss, Tchaichowsky's Piano Concerto, and a selection from H.M.S. Pinafore.

A programme of rather different nature was presented by P. J. Richards and P. T. Myers on November 15th; "Top Twenty" consisted of the twenty most popular songs of the day.

Future attractions include a programme on Viennese Folk Songs, and a performance of the London "musical," "South Pacific."

B.H.B.

### The Debating and Literary Society.

Although our programme of Monday Meetings has been curtailed, by arrangement, to avoid clashing with those of the Athletic Society, we have still managed to run a very busy term with many new members to swell the audiences. A new departure has been the play-readings held in the evenings. Though the attendance has been small and select and the Library very far from warm, these have been much enjoyed.

Ibsen's "Wild Duck" was the first play read, on October 11th. The standard of reading was high, despite the difficulties created by using various translations. High commendation must be given to A. M. Vessey's reading of Hedvig, and J. N. Hopwood's of Gregers Werle.

The second play, Eugene O'Neill's "Anna Christie" was read on November 10th. The exacting accents were well rendered by the cast; notably by J. M. Sutcliffe in the part of Anna, and by J. N. Hopwood (who produced a very realistic brogue) as the Irishman. The hardest task fell to J. D. S. Harrop who was faced with the Swedish American of Christophersan.

Another event of the term was the debate on September 29th, "That this House regrets that it is civilized." The main fault was that the speakers took the subject too seriously. Proposing the motion were A. O. Dyson and E. G. L. Collins, opposing D. R. Hankey and G. N. Leah. The motion was rejected by 16 votes to 5.



The next meeting, on October 13th, drew the largest attendance of any meeting in the history of the Society, if "elections" be excepted. The attraction was a discussion on "Communism," led by Mr. Simpson.

At the next meeting, also well attended, the House decided to "Elect the American President." After drawing lots the Democrats took the floor first. Their manager B. Segal introduced first J. A. G. Rimmer as Senator Sparkman and then E. G. L. Collins as Senator Stevenson. After he had put forward his policy, and had explained away his association with Alger Hiss, he turned to attack his opponent, Mr. Eisenhower. The floor was then taken by the Republican candidates, introduced by J. E. Leeder, their manager; D. R. Hankey as Senator Nixon and J. N. Hopwood as Senator MacCarthy. The Republicans had the better accents, but the best speeches came from the opposite camp, in particular from Collins. The Democrats polled 35 votes, the Republicans 19—a result quickly reversed by the American nation.

The officers elected this term are Deputy-Chairman, A. Shields; Hon. Sec., R. G. Bowden; Asst. Sec., E. G. L. Collins; Members of the Committee, B. R. Heap, W. R. Esson, G. N. Leah, J. P. Clarke and J. A. G. Rimmer.

R. G. BOWDEN, *Hon. Sec.*

### Athletic Society.

A well attended General Meeting was held on September 24th, at which the following committee was elected:—

Vice-Chairmen, J. E. Leeder and A. Shields; Hon. Sec., R. H. Dale; Hon. Treas., D. Wilde; also D. S. Norbury, J. M. Selman, F. M. Leach, R. K. Davies, R. K. Gibson, P. T. Welch, F. Martin, G. Shaw.

An Open Meeting was held on Monday, October 20th, which took the form of an "Athletics—Any Questions?" There was a large and enthusiastic audience with J. E. Leeder in the chair.

The meeting provided an opportunity for many interesting points of view to be expressed and a lively discussion took place between the members of the Panel (Mr. Morgan, Mr. Wolfenden, Mr. Kirkham, A. O. Dyson and C. F. Bryans).

The Society looks forward to the 1953 Season and will welcome any new members, from the Third Forms upwards, who are interested.

### The Hulme Lads' Club.

The "Open Night" when the School and Parents are invited to the Club, was held on November 20th, and in spite of the very bad weather which seems to have become traditional for this occasion, a good number enjoyed an interesting evening. The members of the Club gave displays of boxing, physical training, and net-ball, and showed all their usual skill.

The annual collection for the Club is now in progress, and we should welcome the help of any Old Boy who would like to send a subscription to Mr. Williams at School.

### Cricket.

#### FIRST XI.

The final record for the season is as follows:—

All matches—

Played 14 Won 6 Lost 6 Drawn 2

School matches—

Played 8 Won 4 Lost 2 Drawn 2

This is a good deal better than our poor start might have indicated, but increased experience brought confidence, and the enthusiasm, hard work, and excellent leadership of our Captain, R. J. Winfield, was bound to have its effect. We cannot claim that all our faults were eradicated, but there was certainly improvement. One of our weaknesses has been inability to score quickly, and this has cost us more than one game. Too few of the team can play a hard drive, and this has allowed slow spin bowlers to tie us down by pitching the ball well up. Half-volleys should be driven hard, and if a batsman uses his feet to get to the pitch of the ball, he can kill the spin—and get runs.

The main strength of our bowling has been the fast attack of Glover and Jones, and they have been well supported by Tebbutt, Preston and Hilton. On slow, wet wickets, when the fast bowlers and Preston were not effective, we have been less dangerous. The fielding has generally been very good, but there have been lapses and, of course, the missed catches have been vital ones.



## AVERAGES.

	Inn.	Not out.	H'gst Score.	Total Runs.	Aver.
J. N. Clarke .....	9	104	23	3	17.3
R. J. Winfield .....	15	238	62	1	17
I. Jameson .....	15	191	50	1	13.6
D. A. Hilton .....	15	175	27*	1	12.5
R. C. Shaw .....	14	154	33	0	11
B. M. Oakes .....	14	117	39*	2	10.6
B. MacNab .....	9	74	31*	2	10.6
B. L. Tebbutt .....	15	147	35	0	9.8
J. K. Glover .....	12	52	17	2	5.2
G. S. Preston .....	10	28	12*	3	4
R. E. Jones .....	9	6	3*	7	3

\*—not out.

## ALSO BATTED—

D. J. Leeder .....	3	16	10	0
C. E. Bryans .....	3	2	2	0
J. H. Delaney .....	2	0	0	0

## BOWLING—

	O.	M.	R.	W.	AV'GE.
J. K. Glover .....	153.8	45	281	40	7.2
B. L. Tebbutt .....	62.1	16	175	16	10.9
R. E. Jones .....	111.1	27	280	24	11.7
G. S. Preston .....	55.5	8	234	15	15.6
D. A. Hilton .....	55.5	9	190	12	15.8

Also bowled.—J. N. Clarke 5-0-18-0; R. J. Winfield 3-2-5-1; C. E. Bryans 2-0-9-0; B. MacNab 1-0-7-0.

The following matches were played after the July number of the Magazine went to press.

June 21st, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S., WAKEFIELD. Home. Match drawn.

Very heavy rain had made the pitch and outfield very slow, and we could not score quickly enough, though we threw away several wickets in trying to do so. We declared at a very low total, but the rain returned soon after their innings started and washed out the game.

## SCHOOL.

B. L. Tebbutt b. Coatsworth ...	2
R. C. Shaw b. Robertson ...	7
B. M. Oakes b. Coatsworth ...	2
R. J. Winfield c. Dyson b. Robertson ...	14
D. A. Hilton c. Riley b. Coatsworth ...	11
I. Jameson c. Littlewood b. Dyson ...	25
J. E. Leeder c. Browne b. Coatsworth ...	3
J. N. Clarke not out ...	4
J. K. Glover c. Wood b. Coatsworth ...	0
G. S. Preston not out ...	7
Extras ...	4

Total (for 8 wickets declared) 79

R. E. Jones did not bat.

Bowling: A. Coatsworth 5 for 21, J. A. Robertson 2 for 15, E. M. Dyson 1 for 7.

## QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S.

E. M. Dyson b. Glover ...	5
I. A. Robertson c. Shaw b. Jones ...	8
J. P. Riley not out ...	6
E. R. Wood not out ...	1

Total (for 2 wickets) 20

Bowling: Glover 1 for 9, Jones 1 for 11.

June 25th, v. THE PARENTS. Home. Won by 12 runs.

This was an evening game, and we tried to score quickly. Tebbutt, Jameson and Hilton played well, and we were able to declare at 115 for 4, made in 110 minutes. The Parents had about the same time, and made a determined attempt to get the runs, but we got them out with only a few minutes to spare. B. MacNab came into the side instead of Leeder.

## SCHOOL.

R. C. Shaw b. Yerbury ...	1
B. L. Tebbutt c. Shelmerdine b. Attack ...	35
R. J. Winfield lbw. b. Robinson ...	3
I. Jameson not out ...	38
D. A. Hilton b. Widdows ...	20
B. MacNab not out ...	1
Extras ...	17

Total (for 4 wickets declared) 115

B. M. Oakes, J. W. Clarke, J. K. Glover, G. S. Preston and R. E. Jones did not bat.

Bowling. E. G. Widdows 1 for 15, B. J. Yerbury 1 for 2, G. Robinson 1 for 9, N. Attack 1 for 16.

## THE PARENTS.

N. Shelmerdine c. Tebbutt b. Glover ...	3
E. Barnes c. MacNab b. Glover ...	17
N. Attack b. Glover ...	0
G. Robinson b. Jones ...	1
O. Woodhead c. Shaw b. Preston ...	1
B. J. Yerbury c. Tebbutt b. Jones ...	40
L. L. Birch b. Glover ...	6
R. Winfield c. Clarke b. Hilton ...	3
E. G. Widdows c. Shaw b. Tebbutt ...	24
A. N. Haslam c. Clarke b. Hilton ...	2
F. Wilde not out ...	0
Extras ...	6

Total ... 103

Bowling: Glover 4 for 8, Jones 2 for 24, Preston 1 for 15, Tebbutt 1 for 20, Hilton 2 for 23.



June 30th, v. WHALLEY RANGE C.C. Away. Lost by 3 wickets.

Jones was away ill, and his place was taken by C. E. Bryans. This was another evening game and we found it difficult to score quickly against accurate bowling. Winfield's well-judged declaration gave them just time to get the runs, and they won in the last over. Our fielding at first was excellent, but towards the end two or three chances in the deep were misjudged.

## SCHOOL.

B. L. Tebbutt st. Buckland, J. b. Young	11
R. C. Shaw b. Buckland, D.	23
I. Jameson st. Buckland, J. b. Young	0
R. J. Winfield c. Price b. Young	6
D. A. Hilton b. Godson	10
B. M. Oakes c. Land, M. b. Godson	0
B. MacNab c. Buckland, J. b. Godson	10
J. N. Clarke not out	16
C. E. Bryans st. Buckland, J. b. Land, W. W.	2
J. K. Glover not out	0
Extras	9

Total (for 8 wickets declared) 87

G. S. Preston did not bat.

Bowling: A. Godson 3 for 26, W. W. Land 1 for 9, E. Young 3 for 10, D. Buckland 1 for 4.

## WHALLEY RANGE C.C.

J. Buckland c. MacNab b. Hilton	20
E. Withington not out	50
D. J. Price run out	0
D. Buckland b. Glover	5
A. Godson st. Shaw b. Preston	2
M. Land st. Shaw b. Preston	0
W. B. Stansby c. Winfield b. Preston	3
C. Brookes c. Shaw b. Preston	8
E. G. Widdows not out	5
Extras	1

Total (for 7 wickets) 94

E. Young and W. W. Land did not bat.

Bowling: Glover 1 for 48, Hilton 1 for 20, Preston 4 for 25.

July 2nd, OLD HULMEIANS. Home. Lost by 9 wickets.

The Old Boys brought a very strong side, and after making a reasonable start, we were always struggling against a good slow bowler. When the Old Boys batted we got an early wicket, but our fielding failed, and they quickly hit off the runs.

## SCHOOL.

R. J. Winfield b. Pursglove	15
B. L. Tebbutt lbw. b. Land	11
B. M. Oakes b. Land	0
I. Jameson b. Land	2
D. A. Hilton c. Dennis b. Pursglove	16
R. C. Shaw b. Pursglove	3
B. MacNab b. Pursglove	1
J. N. Clarke b. Pursglove	6
J. K. Glover c. Price b. Pursglove	17
G. S. Preston run out	0
R. E. Jones not out	1
Extras	20
Total	92

Bowling: W. W. Land 3 for 17, D. W. Pursglove 6 for 26.

## OLD HULMEIANS.

R. P. M. Bond b. Jones	1
O. R. Dennis not out	51
D. J. Price not out	41
Extras	1
Total (for 1 wicket)	94

J. Buckland, D. M. Archer, E. B. Price, E. B. Jackson, D. W. Pursglove, N. Wood, W. W. Land and E. Barnes did not bat.

Bowling: Jones 1 for 24.

July 4th, v. MANCHESTER C.C. at Old Trafford. Lost by 122 runs.

Manchester turned out a very strong side, including several with County First Team experience, but though we were heavily defeated, we put up a fight. Though they were hitting hard—they made their runs in less than two hours—our fielding did not falter, and Hilton made an excellent catch on the boundary to get rid of Parr.

Their bowling was very accurate, but though we found it difficult to score, we batted stubbornly and while Hilton and Oakes were together, it looked as though we might save the game. But Hilton was run out by a brilliant pick up and return from extra cover, which hit the stumps, and the tail collapsed against P. Greenwood.

Clarke was absent and was replaced by Bryans.



## MANCHESTER C.C.

F. D. Parr c. Hilton b. Preston	50
J. Dyson st. Shaw b. Preston	14
P. Greenwood b. Hilton	74
A. Hepwood not out	36
C. P. Davies b. Glover	6
B. Booth run out	3
W. K. Hamer b. Glover	0
Extras	1

Total (for 6 wickets declared) 184

A. Booth, E. Highton, S. Smith and G. Ranft did not bat.

Bowling: Glover 2 for 59, Hilton 1 for 22, Preston 2 for 43.

## SCHOOL.

R. C. Shaw c. Hepwood b. Booth, A.	0
B. L. Tebbutt c. Parr b. Booth, B.	6
R. J. Winfield c. Hepwood b. Highton	9
I. Jameson b. Booth, B.	6
D. A. Hilton run out	11
B. M. Oakes b. Booth, B.	17
B. MacNab b. Greenwood	1
C. E. Bryans b. Greenwood	0
J. K. Glover c. Dyson b. Booth, B.	5
G. S. Preston st. Parr b. Greenwood	0
R. E. Jones not out	0
Extras	7

Total 62

Bowling: Highton 1 for 12, Booth, A. 1 for 7, Booth, B. 4 for 12, Greenwood 3 for 6.

July 5th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Home. Won by 6 wickets.

They made a bad start, and were always struggling for runs. Our bowling was reasonably accurate, and our fielding good. We also started badly, but we had plenty of time, and had no difficulty in getting the runs.

## MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

D. A. Crisall c. and b. Jones	6
M. Kelly b. Hilton	5
S. Melrose b. Glover	1
J. Boothby b. Glover	24
F. H. Porrit b. Jones	7
S. MacArthur c. Tebbutt b. Jones	0
G. MacDougall c. Oakes b. Hilton	1

I. Hollowood not out	13
E. Thomas b. Glover	0
H. Dean c. Shaw b. Jones	5
B. Norman c. Preston b. Hilton	9
Extras	6
Total	77

Bowling: Glover 3 for 30, Jones 4 for 20, Hilton 3 for 12.

## SCHOOL.

R. C. Shaw c. and b. Dean	17
B. L. Tebbutt b. Dean	1
R. J. Winfield b. Porrit	5
I. Jameson c. Thomas b. Hollowood	8
D. A. Hilton not out	27
B. M. Oakes not out	7
Extras	15

Total (for 4 wickets) 80

J. N. Clarke, B. MacNab, J. K. Glover, G. S. Preston and R. E. Jones did not bat.

Bowling: Dean 2 for 20, Hollowood 1 for 17, Porrit 1 for 9.

July 9th, v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Home. Won by 105 runs.

We started badly on a fast wicket, but Winfield played a very good innings, and we were able to declare at 140 for 9. Lytham were unable to cope with our fast bowlers, and only one of their side reached double figures.

## SCHOOL.

B. L. Tebbutt b. Pilkington	2
R. C. Shaw lbw. b. Couchie	3
R. J. Winfield c. Pons b. Norris	62
I. Jameson c. Jeffay b. Cavendish	16
D. A. Hilton b. Couchie	2
B. M. Oakes b. Pilkington	11
J. N. Clarke b. Norris	14
B. MacNab st. Jeffrey b. Norris	11
J. K. Glover b. Norris	2
G. S. Preston not out	0
R. E. Jones not out	1
Extras	16

Total (for 9 wickets declared) 140

Bowling: Couchie 2 for 32, Pilkington 2 for 25, Norris 4 for 27, Cavendish 1 for 1.



## KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL.

D. J. Peak c. Shaw b. Glover ... ..	14
C. G. Wiggans b. Glover ... ..	0
G. E. Jeffrey c. Jameson b. Jones ... ..	0
G. W. MacNae c. Tebbutt b. Jones ... ..	8
P. J. Pons b. Glover ... ..	0
N. Scott b. Glover ... ..	0
R. T. Norris b. Glover ... ..	4
R. Pilkington b. Jones ... ..	1
M. H. Cavendish not out ... ..	6
C. B. Jeffay b. Glover ... ..	1
J. Couchie lbw. b. Preston ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	1
Total	35

Bowling: Glover 6 for 17, Jones 3 for 16, Preston 1 for 1.

July 12th, v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Away. Match drawn.

We were glad to revive this pre-war fixture, and had an exciting and enjoyable game. We started very badly on a very green wicket which was surprisingly slow, and in a strong and bitterly cold wind lost 5 wickets for only 25 runs. Our later batsmen improved the position, and we slowly raised the total to 89. Bolton also started badly, losing 3 wickets for 8 runs, but their number 4 hit hard and put them in sight of victory. When he was out, wickets fell quickly and at the end they were still 10 short of our total with only 2 wickets left.

## SCHOOL.

B. L. Tebbutt b. Lomax ... ..	1
R. C. Shaw lbw. b. Chapman ... ..	4
R. J. Winfield b. Lomax ... ..	0
I. Jameson b. Hindley ... ..	11
D. A. Hilton b. Chapman ... ..	0
B. M. Oakes run out ... ..	13
J. N. Clarke lbw. b. Hindley ... ..	23
B. MacNab c. Rushton b. Chapman ... ..	14
J. K. Glover c. Coope b. Lomax ... ..	9
G. S. Preston b. Lomax ... ..	1
R. E. Jones not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	13
Total	89

Bowling: Lomax 4 for 15, Chapman 3 for 16, Hindley 2 for 19.

## BOLTON SCHOOL.

F. A. Rushton c. Oakes b. Glover ... ..	3
C. S. Hindley c. Tebbutt b. Jones ... ..	2
F. Kenyon b. Jones ... ..	2
G. K. Lucas b. Tebbutt ... ..	44

R. F. Pollitt not out ... ..	13
D. M. Bullough b. Tebbutt ... ..	2
D. Chapman run out ... ..	6
J. N. Coope c. Preston b. Glover ... ..	0
R. F. Seddon run out ... ..	0
G. J. Hardy not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	7
Total (for 8 wickets)	79

R. Lomax did not bat.

Bowling: Glover 2 for 22, Jones 2 for 13, Tebbutt 2 for 14.

July 14th, v. THE STAFF. Home. Won by 6 wickets.

The Staff recovered from a disastrous start, and though they scored slowly against a large variety of bowlers, reached a total of 81. School also started badly, but Oakes was batting well, and we hit off the runs in 75 minutes.

## THE STAFF.

C. Morley b. Glover ... ..	0
J. S. Simpson b. Glover ... ..	8
J. G. Bird b. Hilton ... ..	9
R. Pentelow b. Tebbutt ... ..	19
D. G. R. Martin c. and b. Winfield ... ..	16
G. M. Thornton b. Tebbutt ... ..	0
G. E. Foxcroft b. Tebbutt ... ..	12
E. Winter b. Hilton ... ..	2
W. H. Jones b. Jones ... ..	1
A. Woolfenden b. Jones ... ..	1
W. Robinson not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	13
Total	81

Bowling: Glover 2 for 11, Jones 2 for 10, Hilton 2 for 18, Tebbutt 3 for 5, Winfield 1 for 5.

## SCHOOL.

R. J. Winfield c. Simpson b. Morley ... ..	0
D. A. Hilton b. Bird ... ..	6
B. M. Oakes not out ... ..	39
I. Jameson c. Robinson b. Bird ... ..	8
B. L. Tebbutt b. Bird ... ..	14
J. N. Clarke not out ... ..	10
Extras ... ..	9
Total (for 4 wickets)	86



R. C. Shaw, B. MacNab, J. K. Glover, G. S. Preston and R. E. Jones did not bat.

Bowling: J. G. Bird 3 for 28, C. Morley 1 for 35.

July 16th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Away. Won by 87 runs.

We batted first on a very fast wicket, and after losing one wicket quickly, scored at a good pace. We reached 176 in 160 minutes, and got them out for 89. Our fast bowlers were very effective, and Tebbutt was able to turn the ball quickly on the lively pitch.

## SCHOOL.

B. L. Tebbutt b. Robinson ... ..	4
R. C. Shaw b. Williams ... ..	28
D. A. Hilton c. Heppard b. Rimmer ... ..	22
B. M. Oakes b. Williams ... ..	13
R. J. Winfield b. Williams ... ..	39
I. Jameson run out ... ..	10
J. N. Clarke lbw. b. Boggie ... ..	19
B. MacNab not out ... ..	31
J. K. Glover run out ... ..	2
G. S. Preston st. Brown b. Rimmer ... ..	0
R. E. Jones b. Heppard ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	8
Total ...	176

Bowling: Robinson 1 for 49, Boggie 1 for 23, Rimmer 2 for 34, Williams 3 for 33, Heppard 1 for 29.

## BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

B. N. Williams c. Preston b. Tebbutt ... ..	12
K. N. Pyke b. Glover ... ..	1
C. F. Caroe not out ... ..	28
L. I. Rimmer lbw. b. Jones ... ..	8
H. J. Stubbs b. Jones ... ..	0
B. B. Clancy b. Glover ... ..	6
I. C. Andsley b. Tebbutt ... ..	8
C. A. Robinson st. Shaw b. Preston ... ..	2
C. T. Heppard b. Glover ... ..	8
G. F. Boggie b. Tebbutt ... ..	0
G. R. Brown b. Glover ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	16
Total ...	89

Bowling: Glover 4 for 22, Jones 2 for 28, Preston 1 for 13, Tebbutt 3 for 10.

July 17th, v. MR. ERIC BARNES' XI. Home. Lost by 5 wickets.

Mr. Barnes again brought down a strong side for the Speech Day game, and it was most unfortunate that the weather was even worse than last year's. We batted first, and quickly lost two wickets to balls which got up from a length. Shaw and Winfield improved the position, but we could not score quickly enough and the total was only 127 for 7 when we declared. This would have been a formidable score to reach quickly had the wicket remained tricky, but further rain had deadened it and made the bowlers' foothold precarious. Our fast bowlers, on whom we have mainly relied, were quite innocuous, and though Tebbutt and Hilton bowled steadily, we could not prevent them getting the runs with time to spare. To make matters worse, several chances were missed by fieldsmen who are normally most reliable.

## SCHOOL.

R. C. Shaw lbw. b. Shaw ... ..	33
D. A. Hilton c. Archer b. Kennedy ... ..	0
B. M. Oakes c. Archer b. Kennedy ... ..	9
I. Jameson c. Dodd b. Whittaker ... ..	12
R. J. Winfield not out ... ..	53
B. L. Tebbutt b. Shaw ... ..	3
B. MacNab c. Lawson b. Shaw ... ..	5
C. E. Bryans c. Dodd b. Barnes ... ..	0
J. K. Glover not out ... ..	3
Extras ... ..	9

Total (for 7 wickets declared) 127

G. S. Preston and R. E. Jones did not bat.

Bowling: Kennedy 2 for 14, Shaw 3 for 26, Whittaker 1 for 24, Barnes 1 for 24.

## MR. BARNES' XI.

R. Dodd lbw. b. Glover ... ..	2
G. B. Lawson c. Glover b. Tebbutt ... ..	27
W. R. Davies b. Tebbutt ... ..	32
M. D. R. Land c. Preston b. Tebbutt ... ..	0
D. M. Archer run out ... ..	7
I. A. Kennedy not out ... ..	47
A. Godson not out ... ..	4
Extras ... ..	10

Total (for 5 wickets) 129

R. Whittaker, H. Shaw, J. G. Caw and E. Barnes did not bat.

Bowling: Glover 1 for 27, Tebbutt 3 for 33.



July 21st, *v.* WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away.  
Won by 17 runs.

This match was played in the holidays, and Mr. Watkins kindly brought over the members of the team who were in camp with the C.C.F. in North Wales. We began well on an excellent wicket, and the third wicket fell at 99. But the rest of the side could only add 20 runs, mainly because they did not attack a slow off-spin bowler, who was allowed to pitch the ball right up to them.

Wallasey started badly against Glover's bowling, and lost 8 wickets for 65, but an eighth wicket stand took the score to 102. A good bowling change brought back Glover and Jones, who finished the game.

## SCHOOL.

R. C. Shaw b. Woods	...	...	...	...	...	18
J. N. Clarke c. Costain b. Woods	...	...	...	...	...	7
I. Jameson c. Woods b. Wood, J.	...	...	...	...	...	50
D. A. Hilton b. Wood, W.	...	...	...	...	...	21
R. J. Winfield c. Williams b. Wood, J.	...	...	...	...	...	4
B. L. Tebbutt b. Wood, W.	...	...	...	...	...	2
B. M. Oakes b. Wood, J.	...	...	...	...	...	0
B. MacNab c. Macklin b. Wood, W.	...	...	...	...	...	0
J. K. Glover b. Wood, W.	...	...	...	...	...	1
G. S. Preston st. Walker b. Wood, J.	...	...	...	...	...	7
R. E. Jones not out	...	...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	...	...	8
Total						119

Bowling: Wood, W. 4 for 33, Wood, J. 4 for 30, Woods, N. H. 2 for 34.

## WALLASEY G.S.

W. K. Ridge c. Hilton b. Tebbutt	...	...	...	...	...	5
D. C. Williams b. Glover	...	...	...	...	...	2
J. Waller c. Jones b. Glover	...	...	...	...	...	12
N. H. Woods c. MacNab b. Glover	...	...	...	...	...	3
R. J. Butler b. Jones	...	...	...	...	...	38
B. G. Macklin b. Glover	...	...	...	...	...	0
J. Westlake c. Jones b. Tebbutt	...	...	...	...	...	1
T. E. Darlow b. Hilton	...	...	...	...	...	2
J. Wood b. Glover	...	...	...	...	...	2
W. Wood b. Glover	...	...	...	...	...	19
J. Costain not out	...	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	...	16
Total						102

Bowling: Glover 6 for 41, Jones 1 for 9, Tebbutt 2 for 24, Hilton 1 for 12.

## SECOND XI.

Although the general standard of play improved in the latter part of the season, we were only able to win two of the five remaining matches. The remarkable improvement in the fielding helped the bowlers considerably. Colling, one of the opening attack, was the most consistent bowler, while Beswick and Delaney gave excellent performances in the matches against Bolton School and Birkenhead School respectively.

The batsmen, with the exception of McLoughlin, were rather disappointing. They never settled down and did not look confident, especially when facing fast bowling. They seemed afraid to attack the bowling and consequently the scoring was slow. The season ended, however, in festive manner with a convincing win over Birkenhead, when J. K. Robertson celebrated by hitting a six to win the match; an omen, we hope, of brighter cricket next year.

Colours were re-awarded to: J. N. Hopwood, R. A. McLoughlin, D. G. Robertson.

New Colours were awarded to: C. A. Beswick, C. E. Bryans, R. N. Colling, J. H. Delaney, J. E. Leeder, J. K. Robertson, G. Shaw, M. R. Walker.

June 21st, *v.* Q.E.G.S., WAKEFIELD. Home. Drawn. School 111 for 8 dec. (MacNab 27). Q.E.G.S. 82 for 3 (MacNab 3 for 18).

July 5th, *v.* MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL, CROSBY. Away. Lost by 106 runs. M.T.S. 136 (Beswick 3 for 24, Bryans 3 for 27, Walker 3 for 45). School 30.

July 9th, *v.* KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Away. Won by 37 runs. School 141 for 5 dec. (Walker 43, Bryans 30). K.E.S. 104. (Colling 3 for 31, Bryans 3 for 31).

July 12th, *v.* BOLTON SCHOOL. Home. Drawn. School 111 for 8 dec. (McLoughlin 64). Bolton 80 for 9 (Beswick 9 for 29).

July 16th, *v.* BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Away. Won by 7 wickets. Birkenhead 64 (Delaney 8 for 30). School 67 for 3 (Bryans 29).

## UNDER 15 XI.

Two matches were lost, the first and the last, and of the others four were won, two drawn, and one was cancelled because of rain. On the whole it was a successful season, and several players showed promise. C. Gee and T. W. Warnes carried the weight both of batting and bowling, but E. A. Royle and J. D. E. Rayman batted well at times, and N. D. Sedgley and D. F. Borland may become useful medium pace bowlers. The fielding generally was



good. Caps were awarded to C. Gee, T. W. Warnes, D. F. Borland and H. M. Greenhalgh (old colours) and to M. Lord, J. D. E. Rayman, R. E. Williams, E. A. Royle and N. D. Sedgley. In addition to those mentioned in last term's note E. W. Dickinson also played. An Under 14 XI played one drawn game against Chetham's Hospital.

#### RESULTS.

Monday, June 30th, *v.* HULME LADS' CLUB, at home. Won by 6 wickets. H.L.C. 91 for 7 (T. W. Warnes 4 for 28), School 95 for 4 (E. A. Royle 30, T. W. Warnes 30 not out).

Wednesday, July 2nd, *v.* MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, at Crosby. School 71 (E. A. Royle 16, M. Lord 15), M.T.S. 29 for 6 (T. W. Warnes 4 for 6).

Saturday, July 5th, *v.* MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, at home. Won by 13 runs. School 62 (E. A. Royle 23), M.T.S. 49 (T. W. Warnes 5 for 7).

Wednesday, July 9th, *v.* KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. At home. Won by 58 runs. School 156 for 7 dec. (C. Gee 66, T. W. Warnes 34), Lytham 98 (T. W. Warnes 6 for 23, D. F. Borland 3 for 17).

Saturday, July 12th, *v.* BOLTON SCHOOL, at home. Match drawn. School 141 for 3 dec. (C. Gee 43, E. A. Royle 30 not out, T. W. Warnes 28 not out), Bolton 89 for 6.

Monday, July 21st, *v.* WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, at Wallasey. Lost by 6 wickets. School 85 (E. A. Royle 37), Wallasey 86 for 4 (T. W. Warnes 4 for 29).

### Football, 1952.

#### 1st XV.

Too often this season the team has shown an indecision fatal to good Rugby, and throughout the backs there has been a general lack of strong tackling. Injuries have disturbed the three-quarter play, both Davies and Newey having missed three matches. Recently, however, Marlton has been a valuable asset on the wing. Too obvious tactics has accounted for more than one poor showing by the backs but lately, despite one bad lapse, there have been signs of enterprise. The forwards, led by Dyson, have played with good spirit throughout the season, although the covering and marking has not always been up to standard. It is a young side and the resultant lack of experience has been evident, but the willingness to learn has been apparent. Craven at full-back has played intelligently and reliably throughout the season, behind three-quarters whose handling has been very erratic.

The regular team has been: A. O. Dyson (Captain), R. K. Davies (Vice-Captain), B. A. Craven, W. Newey, J. K. Robertson, P. Marlton, C. E. Bryans, D. S. Norbury, B. D. Linley, J. R. L. Hall, A. Shields, J. N. Clarke, G. E. Rushworth, D. Borland, D. G. Robertson.

The following have also played: D. Wilde, J. Disley, D. R. Hankey, G. Skelding, J. N. Hopwood, F. Martin.

1st XV Colours have been awarded to: A. O. Dyson, R. K. Davies, J. R. L. Hall, G. E. Rushworth, C. E. Bryans, J. K. Robertson, D. G. Robertson, B. A. Craven.

Wednesday, October 1st, *v.* L. H. WATKINS' XV, at home. Won 5-3. The opposing team had not played together before, and the School backs were able to profit from their mistakes. The forwards were evenly matched throughout. Rushworth scored after a breakaway.

Saturday, October 4th, *v.* OLD HULMEIANS, at home. Lost 0-21. Although the forwards were evenly matched, the opposing backs were too fast and too strong for the School. The marking, however, was bad, and the margin of the Old Boy's victory was increased by poor tackling.

Wednesday, October 8th, *v.* KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Away. Lost 3-14. The School had only themselves to blame for this defeat, for both forwards and backs played well enough in the first twenty minutes to win by a decisive margin. Then, however, the standard of straight running and strong tackling deteriorated, and the opposing backs scored frequently in the second-half. There was a weakness in the marking in the forwards' line-out play.

Saturday, October 11th, *v.* SALE R.U.F.C. SCHOOLS XV, at home. Lost 0-10. Against a strong Sale side the School played well. The tackling, especially that of Craven, was very commendable. The forwards played well and fought energetically throughout a hard, well-fought match. Shields played instead of Selman who was injured.

Saturday, October 25th, *v.* KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Away. Lost 3-19. The forwards were evenly matched in both the tight and loose, and a fine struggle resulted. The School backs, however, did not combine well, making little headway against resolute tackling. Davies was injured early in the first-half. J. K. Robertson and D. G. Robertson played well. The wing three-quarters tended to snatch at their passes and consequently they were not very successful.

Wednesday, Nov. 5th, *v.* WILMSLOW R.U.F.C. SCHOOLS XV, at home. Match cancelled.



Saturday, November 8th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL, at home. Won 3-0. This was a close-fought game which should have been a comfortable win for the School. The forwards had a major share of the ball and the backs were far superior to their hesitant opposite numbers. Countless chances were lost by the backs, however, by play that was too orthodox. The wings tended to tackle too high and consequently they were often unsuccessful. The match was won by a good dropped-goal by Bryans, scored in the closing stages of the game.

Wednesday, November 12th, v. WALLASEY G.S. Away. Lost 5-29. Against an older and more experienced side, the School made little headway in the first-half, and Wallasey were able to score over twenty points. The loss of Davies, through injury, made the School's task even more difficult. In the second-half the seven forwards pushed and heeled extremely well and the backs accomplished some good movements. Newey scored an opportunist try and generally had a good game. Hall played well in the loose. Rushworth was twice unlucky with difficult penalty kicks.

Saturday, November 15th, v. MERCHANT TAYLOR'S, CROSBY, at home. Lost 3-9. The School played well against a fast-moving side, especially the forwards who fought successfully against a heavier pack. The School were in their opponents' half for most of the match, but lacked the finish necessary for scoring tries. Again, the tackling among the backs was too high to be successful, but Borland, moved from the back row to full-back, played a sound game, tackling well.

Thursday, November 20th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD. Away. Lost 0-52. The School, robbed by injuries of three players, had no answer to the fast, decisive back-play of their opponents. The forwards had a fair share of the ball, but their covering was at fault. The marking and tackling of the backs was of a very poor standard. A newcomer, Marlton, ran and kicked well.

Saturday, November 22nd, v. OLD HULMEIANS. Away. Lost 6-8. The first visit since the war of the School to the Old Boys' ground resulted in a hard, closely-contested game. Many changes were made for this match and the enterprise sorely needed among the backs was provided by Rushworth and Borland. J. K. Robertson played well at stand-off half in place of Bryans. The forwards, against a pack twice as heavy, had a good share of the ball. A fault in covering resulted in victory for the Old Boys, after the School had been leading throughout the match. Hall played well at wing-forward and a newcomer, Disley, made a promising start. Marlton again played well.

## 2ND XV. 1952-3.

At the time of writing, nine matches have been played, leaving three more to be played before the close of the season. At the commencement of the season we had only three players with experience of School Rugby, and the team's efforts were marred by a lack of co-ordination. However, as the term has progressed, more skill has become apparent, as experience was gained. We have been handicapped by having to provide men for the 1st XV, who snapped up anyone who began to show promise—this being emphasised by the fact that no less than three changes have had to be made in the scrum leader, as one player after another moved up. The main fault of the team has been a dislike for defensive play, with a particular aversion for tackling low and for falling on the ball in the loose. These faults often had the disastrous results they deserved. The results to date are two wins, six losses and one draw.

## RESULTS.

Oct. 4.—v. Old Hulmeians R.U.F.C.	H	L	3-13
„ 8.—v. King Edward VII Sch., Lytham .....	H	W	11-6
„ 11.—v. Stockport G.S. 1st XV ...	A	L	3-39
„ 18.—v. Y.M.C.A. Colts .....	H	D	0-0
„ 25.—v. King's Sch., Macclesf'd	H	L	0-19
Nov. 8.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...	A	W	23-3
Nov. 12.—v. Wallasey G.S. ....	A	L	3-9
„ 15.—v. Merchant Taylor's Sch., Crosby .....	A	L	0-39
„ 20.—v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Wakefield .....	A	L	0-62

The team has been chosen from J. E. Leeder (Capt.), J. N. Hopwood, A. Shields, J. A. Austin, J. Disley, P. Marlton, P. H. N. Webster, I. J. G. Bryce, M. Credland, R. K. Gibson, H. M. Greenhalgh, C. B. Hamnett, D. R. Hankey, K. Harding, F. Martin, B. MacNab, A. J. Royle, G. Shaw, G. T. Skelding, A. D. Thompson.

The following have also played: A. R. Bailey, M. Insole, D. Wilde, P. F. Wilde.

J.E.L.

## UNDER 15.

The practice games revealed a group of about thirty boys all so near the same standard that team selection has been difficult, and the results have been disappointing. Three games were won, but then faults began to develop, and the last three games have been lost. The forwards have played vigorously, but their heeling has been slow, while the backs have failed to combine, and there has not been enough speed and thrust on the wings. Above all, the marking and tackling have failed at times. Colours have been awarded to J. D. E. Rayman (Captain), M. Lord, D. W. Archer, N. V. Barber,



J. Collinson, R. A. Dearden, J. D. Hague, K. C. Pettener, T. L. Venables, R. E. Williams, H. S. Bickerton and N. R. Watson. The following have also played: R. Carroll, B. Cartwright, D. N. Cox, R. B. Edge, B. Gaul, K. J. Hinson, J. W. Howat, G. H. Stockdale, T. W. Warnes, E. G. Wilcock, J. B. Wigglesworth.

#### RESULTS.

Wednesday, October 8th, v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Away, Won 17-3.

Saturday, October 11th, v. STOCKPORT G.S. Away. Won 40-0.

Wednesday, October 22nd, v. DENSTONE COLLEGE, at home. Won 18-9.

Saturday, October 25th, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Away. Lost 6-16.

Saturday, November 8th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL, at home. Lost 0-5.

Saturday, November 15th, v. MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL, at home. Lost 0-9.

#### House Games.

At the time of writing Gaskell has a large lead in the House League, with Heywood and Dalton second and third respectively. After a shorter gap comes Fraser, closely followed by Whitworth, with Byrom at the bottom.

Gaskell's success is well earned by their quick and keen teams. Their kicking, especially in windy weather, is extremely good. However, it must be noted that they have not felt the demands of School teams so keenly as other houses. Heywood and Dalton both have good senior teams, which would have done better had their three-quarters been as quick as their forwards. Their juniors are keen, though their performances are sometimes marred by a tendency to individualistic rather than team play.

Fraser seniors are good, but they are severely weakened by the lack of adequate reserves to replace their School players. The weak handling of the three-quarters has lost many a game for them. The juniors took a long time to settle down as a team and still occasionally revert to playing as individuals. Whitworth's senior team is handicapped by being slow behind the scrum, but when they work together they have achieved some remarkable victories.

The junior team would have done better had they shown more enthusiasm. Although Byrom senior have some good players they have had a bad season owing to lack of strong support from the rest of the team. The juniors, on the other hand, are very keen and have won most of Byrom's points.

The first round of the knock-outs was played on November 29th. The results were as follows:—

#### Seniors—

Gaskell 6, Whitworth 11.  
Heywood 3, Dalton 11.

#### Juniors—

Gaskell 53, Fraser 0.  
Byrom 19, Dalton 10.

Byrom and Fraser drew byes in the Seniors, Heywood and Whitworth in the juniors.

The First Forms have had special games again and recently inter-form matches have been played. The 1A first team showed promise.

Finally, we would like to thank those masters who have acted as referees on games afternoons and those boys who assisted in coaching.

T.O.

#### The Preparatory School Sports.

The Preparatory School Sports were held on June 26th, 1952, too late for this report to be included in last term's magazine. A feature of the Sports was the originality of many of the events and the extreme efficiency with which they were organised and conducted. The prizes were presented by Mrs. D. Ll. Griffiths.

Chariot Race.—11 years: 1, C. F. Beattie, and B. Weinholt; 2, M. W. R. Dodge and F. P. Davies. 10 years: 1, C. S. Cooper and D. W. Robinson; 2, M. A. Kerr and D. S. Bowl. 9 years: 1, D. W. Ogden and D. G. Moore; 2, C. M. Roberts and J. G. Boaler. 8 years: 1, R. Widdows and I. A. Pitt; 2, A. J. Gribble and C. L. Lomas.

Kangaroo Race.—1, T. A. Manning; 2, E. R. Roberts.

Obstacle Race.—11 years: 1, C. P. Beattie; 2, B. Weinholt. 10 years: 1, D. W. Robinson; 2, I. M. Lawless. 9 years: 1, D. W. Ogden; 2, C. W. Wright. 8 years: 1, I. A. Pitt; 2, J. C. Cocker.

Brick Race.—1, E. R. Roberts; 2, P. A. Merriman.

Flat Race.—11 years: 1, B. Weinholt; 2, D. Wallace. 10 years: 1, D. W. Robinson; 2, I. M. Lawless. 9 years: 1, D. W. Ogden; 2, D. G. Moore. 8 years: 1, I. A. Pitt; 2, R. Widdows. 1, P. H. Miller; 2, E. R. Roberts.

Catching the Train.—11 years: 1, M. W. R. Dodge; 2, B. Weinholt. 10 years: 1, G. Maddocks; 2, D. J. Devons. 9 years: C. M. Roberts; 2, D. W. Ogden. 8 years: 1, R. Wetton; 2, B. Kershaw.

Washing Day Race.—7 years: 1, L. M. Hall; 2, E. R. Roberts.



Visitors' Race.—5 and 6 years: 1, Jane Bird. 4 years: 1, Jean Wetton. 2 and 3 years: Margaret Venner.

House Team Race.—Mixed ages: 1, Kipling; 2, Stevenson.

High Jump.—11 years: 1, M. W. R. Dodge, 4ft 3in.; 2, B. Weinhold. 10 years: 1, M. A. Kerr, 4ft. 0in.; 2, J. Parkinson, 3ft. 11in. 9 years: 1, D. W. Ogden, 3ft. 8in.; 2, J. G. Boaler, 3ft. 7in. 8 years: C. D. Cooke, 3ft. 6in.; 2, C. Lomas and S. Martin, 3ft. 5in.

Cups.—10 years and over: B. Weinhold, 12 points. Under 10 years: D. W. Ogden, 14 points.

House Shield.—1, Kipling, 59 points; 2, Stevenson, 51 points.

## A Visit to the Fresh Water Biological Station.

On September 2nd, it was with mixed feelings that the members of the party made their way to the Lower Mosley Street 'bus station from which they were to travel to the Freshwater Biological Station on Windermere.

"Mixed feelings" because the members of the party were not confident that their surrender of one week of their summer holidays would be duly rewarded. After crossing the lake by ferry from Bowness, the party was greeted by the Ferry House Warden, who proved to be an excellent organiser and a competent cook.

The Ferry House, which had up to recently been an hotel, was as comfortable a hostel as could be wished for. The large Lounge had been converted into a library, containing books on a wide range of technical subjects.

As a research centre, the Ferry House has to be run on as economical lines as possible, so everyone lent a hand to the various chores which had to be done, ensuring that comfort was maintained for everyone.

The first and second days' activities were confined to collecting specimens of insects from two different localities on the lake shore, and later identifying the species, working out the relationship between each type and its environment.

The identification was executed with the aid of microscopes, in an extremely well-equipped laboratory.

On the third day, after collecting from another locality, the party was given an illustrated talk by one of the Research Biologists, on the age and control of the fish population of the lake, which stimulated even greater interest on our part, in the work carried out by the Association.

During the following four days a lecture on plankton (microscopic plants and animals which form the main food of the fish in the lake) was given by another Research Biologist. After this lecture a trip was arranged on the "Mysis"—a converted harbour launch belonging to the Association—which enabled the party to collect planktonic specimens in specially designed nets. On the trip, the party made a visit to Wray Castle, which is pseudo-Norman, but is nevertheless an impressive sight as it stands in spacious grounds. Although the Association has laboratories there, it belongs to the National Trust.

Much to everyone's regret the week passed too speedily, and when the party returned to Manchester, each member must have said to himself that it was a week not sacrificed but well spent.

R. H. Dale, 6su.

## The Sonapore "Mela."

A few miles North-west of Sonapore in Bihar, lies the small village of Siwan; a group of mud huts on either side of a road, with one or two larger houses for wealthier Indians near the native shops.

At dawn towards the end of the rainy season a family of Rajputs from Siwan was preparing to travel to the Sonapore "Mela" or pilgrimage to join the crowds who were going to celebrate the Pujah by bathing in the River Gandak on the night of the full moon. Deo Nath Singh and his wife, Sita Devi, and their daughter, Parbatia, had packed their bedding-rolls, together with food and drinking vessels, and, having locked their house, slipped their feet into their sandals and set out along the rough road.

Deo Nath led the way. They travelled during the few hours of the morning and before long were joined by many other men, women and children bound in the same direction. Throughout the heat of the day they rested in a shady mango grove. Then continuing on their way they arrived at Sonapore in the early evening.

Hundreds of thousands of Indians, who had come from far and near, were already gathered on the "maidan" or common, just on the outskirts of the town near the river Gandak which flows into the sacred river Ganges. The noise on this "maidan" was deafening as people squabbled over pieces of ground on which to put their "bistras" or bedding rolls, pedlars and merchants cried their wares, dogs fought and howled over scraps of food, horses neighed, chickens squawked and fluttered, people yelled at the top of their voices to one another; Indians never understand how to talk in low, quiet



voices. On top of all this, "fufu" bands blared, drums beat, and cymbals clashed. Deo Nath, however, found a corner of the "maidan" for his wife and daughter's bedding, and then started to kindle a fire to warm their evening meal of curry, rice, and "chapatties."

It was now almost dark and they settled down to eat their meal by the firelight. Still the hideous din continued. They were pestered by hungry "pie-dogs" and scores of even more scraggy hens which wandered at liberty, though in danger of their lives, everywhere, seeking scraps of food.

After this meal Deo Nath and his family watched the pale yellow, gleaming, full circle of the moon climb steadily on into the ink-blue dome of the sky. Then they rose with the other people to go down to the river to celebrate the "Mela."

They all wore their best clothing to bathe in, including their jewellery, and gold and silver ornaments. So Deo Nath wore his best and most carefully folded "puggeri" on his head, and a spotlessly white, long shirt over his "dhoti." His wife and daughter wore besides their brightly coloured "saris" and blouses, bright gold bangles and exquisite pearl necklaces and earrings with occasional rubies in them.

The small family made their way thus to the Gandak. The huge expanse of water, glistening in the bright moonlight, was dotted by thousands of heads. The noise of music was overpowering, but nobody seemed to take much notice of it, all being intent on getting their bathe. Deo Nath and his wife and daughter waded out into the cold, choppy water, almost up to their necks. Then mumbling a few prayers to Shiva, the god of protection and war, they ducked once completely under, still in the attitude of prayer.

Having done his, Deo Nath waded back with his wife and daughter to the shore where they changed their wet clothes for dry, and started up towards the huge domed temple of Shiva which stood majestically, silhouetted against the sky, on an elevated piece of ground. Lining the broad, winding stairway to the door of the temple were crowds of beggars and Sadhus, or holy men, holding out their wooden begging-bowls for the few pice thrown to them by the passers-by. Many of the Sadhus wore long plaited hair round their heads in turban fashion, and were covered from head to foot with white ash. Most of the beggars were piteously deformed and there were many lepers among them.

Deo Nath passed through the large, arched doorway into the dark interior of the temple, lit only by Diwali lights, small earthen saucers each with a

little oil and a small wick giving a pale-yellow flame. The temple was like a large hall with a domed roof. Set to one side was a slab of stone, the altar of Shiva, and behind it the statue of the god. As the people passed the altar they stopped and in turn bowed towards it touching their foreheads with their hands folded in prayer. Before leaving the temple, Deo Nath and his family gave a few silver rupees to an old Brahmin priest as an offering. Others also gave offerings, some gold nuggets and others rupees, and one or two, seeking special blessing, a sovereign of the British Raj.

Deo Nath and his family spent the following day going round the fair which was the greatest attraction of Sonapore after the Pujah. It was the biggest annual fair in India. Goods for sale ranged from earthenware to elephants. The long rows of horses, elephants and camels stretched for hundreds of yards under the trees. These animals were decked in richly embroidered cloths, and the elephants' trunks were painted in many hues and their tusks had shiny brass tips to them. The best of these animals had brilliantly coloured canopies erected over them. Most of the sales of the horses and camel were conducted through an intermediary who did the bargaining, without exchange of words, indicating the demands of the seller and the offers of the buyer by holding the fingers of their hands according to a recognised code. The elephant dealers often made huge sums of money; but Deo Nath did not envy them as they are often the victims of gangs of poisoners.

Deo Nath and his family enjoyed seeing the elephants, horses and camels, but enjoyed seeing the much decorated cattle even more. Deo Nath did not buy any animals this time but went on to look at the innumerable side-shows. There were performing monkeys, dressed like human beings, amusing, slow, dancing-bears, snake-charmers, conjurers, jugglers, companies of dancing girls, clowns, people who walked on sharp, glass-covered floors, and many other wandering tricksters. That evening Deo Nath and his wife and daughter joined some of their friends from villages around Siwan, in a sing-song, the usual ending to such a day. The thin flutey sound of bamboo pipes and the slow rhythmic beat and clash of drums and cymbals lasted long into the night. They sang the old Hindu legends and folk-songs which even the very small children knew. Deo Nath and his tired family at length snatched a few hours sleep before setting out on their way back to Siwan early next morning.

They had many great tales to tell their friends about this "Mela," when they arrived back at Siwan.

R. E. HARGREAVE, 4A.



## A Man of Parts.

My friend Fisher had won his popularity at a price. He was a very pleasant man; it was in his nature to be pleasant to everybody. But he suffered for it. As long as we obey our natures we all suffer in one way or another. It is no good saying that a good man can never be hurt in his own devoted and inviolate soul; that is the only place where a good man ever is hurt.

Fisher suffered suddenly. A slow disease will develop silently and strike when it is past curing. The price of popularity is loss of independence. When everybody wants you to do something, you have no time left to do what you want yourself. A man can be driven mad by the pain of his scarred soul; but he will still hope. He will still have his divine spark—the cause of all the trouble, as wise men know. He will still be proud of his soul, his self. It is the pivot on which his pitiful life turns.

The first time I saw Fisher he was standing up in a bus, offering his seat to a lady. She rejected the offer. He looked down the crowded bus, his eyes passing along the line. I admired his courage. The third in the line beamed her gratitude and caused much disturbance with two empty baskets and an umbrella. "Thank you very much," she said. He smiled pleasantly. He had been true to himself.

After that I saw him quite often on the morning bus. He was always the same, his tall figure drooping slightly, his smile frequent. He always seemed to be talking to somebody. Soon the inevitable happened. It was my turn.

I can remember the occasion perfectly. It was as if I sensed that while we talked, I was sinking into a train of events that would go deeper than we like our lives to take us. In the course of time, men have learnt that thinking is suffering. The bus was swinging slowly along, in a hopeful stream of traffic. The other seats around us were all occupied. We were in close contact with other men and women. Yet I felt suddenly as though we were shut apart from them by some strange barrier. We were, I suppose. Fisher was sinking into the tragedy which I was to share. I liked him. In ten minutes I learnt that he was a solicitor's clerk, had been in the Navy during the war, knew a first cousin of my wife's . . . .

The next day he apologised for talking about himself and said this time we must talk about me instead. We did.

Then I met him at the pictures, escorting his wife with the utmost courtesy. She had a permanent smile and a very resolute yellow beret. They both

looked very happy. I don't think she knew then what was happening. She tried to prevent it later; but it was too late. She called him Jim; soon I was calling him Jim.

It was not a hesitant friendship. He met everybody much more than halfway.

And then, very slowly, I began to realise the price he was paying for his wide and whole-hearted delight in his friends. At first I was unjust. I thought he was a time-server. He agreed to everything. I heard him tell one man that the railways should never have been nationalised; I heard him tell another that it was a wise piece of legislation. At one time he would be a cinema-addict; at another, a bitter critic. I thought he must be playing false. But he was not—unfortunately. He just could not bear unpleasantness. He had too much respect for other people's feelings. He adapted himself to suit the company of the occasion. Not only did he always see the other man's point of view; he always accepted the other man's point of view. It took me some time to realise that he had no point of view himself. His life spread out like a haze in all directions, but at the centre, instead of the natural pivot, there was a vacuum. "Do you know what Mary said last night?" he asked me one day. "She said my life's not my own."

He was joking. But his wife was not.

Even with so many friends, sometimes he was on his own. Then you would find him sitting, just sitting quite still, staring motionless in front of him. His independence of thought and action was dying within him. He would be waiting for some proposal to accept, some suggestion to agree with, some outside stimulus to galvanize him into action. His own divine spark was no longer sufficient.

He must have known. But he was powerless. He could not save himself. Beyond the routine of eating, sleeping, working, he could do nothing for himself now. For years he had ignored himself to concentrate on other people. Now, through accepting the wishes, thoughts, opinions and ideas of other people, he had lost his own.

That is the story of James Fisher, the story of a man who lost his individuality.

But not quite the whole story. For one night I was with him (someone always had to be with him now), and I had asked for the nine o'clock news.

"Identity cards will be needed no longer . . ." the voice had announced.

He produced his identity card. I think the news stirred him to a dull sense of his loss. Sadly, reluctantly, as if he realised the significance of his words, he said, "I won't want this any more then, will I?"



I was afraid. The symbol was so deep, so strangely vivid. But I had to say something.

"Well," I said, "there's really no point in your keeping it any longer, is there?"

And he agreed.

E. G. L. COLLINS, 6 cl.

### "Lend a Hand on the Land."

"My heart aches, and a drowsy numbness pains my sense, as though of hemlock I had drunk.

Or emptied some dull opiate to the drains

One minute past, and Lethewords had sunk."

When Keats wrote those words, I feel sure that he must have just completed seven or eight hours in a cold muddy field, picking potatoes, as I have done. For not even the strongest hemlock could produce the same dejection, the same utter weariness, and the same crushed spirit.

When we, two friends and myself, learned that a certain farmer in the district wished for extra helpers to aid him in the picking of his potato crop, and was willing to pay twelve shillings and sixpence per day for the services of the said helpers, we were naturally elated at the prospect of earning such a magnificent sum, for doing so little, as we thought in our folly. Accordingly, we went to see the gentleman concerned, and he, a taciturn being, grudgingly volunteered the information that he would be starting the next day, so we had better be at the field at nine-thirty sharp, if we expected to be paid.

The field was shrouded in a misty drizzle when we arrived the next morning, so we took shelter under the lee of an old barn. Presently, we heard the rumble and clattering of a horse and cart. Looking over the hedge, we saw our employer and his henchmen swaying majestically up the lane. Cleverly avoiding the barn, they drew up before us, and descended. The farmer seemed rather upset to see us, probably thinking of all the money we would cost him, and he merely grunted.

Meanwhile, a farm hand had arrived with another horse, which, with its comrade, was harnessed to a queer-looking contraption resembling a propeller with wheels. The farmer, after inspecting his team, turned to us and told us to "get pulling some tops." We soon found out what he meant by this. The "tops" were the visible stalks and leaves of the potatoes, and it was our first job to clear the furrows of this obstruction. Our fellow-workers were travelling along their respective furrows at a great rate, and we attempted to follow suit. Briefly the method of picking tops is this: you each take a furrow, straddle it with your legs, and with one

hand tear up the offending stalks, and place them under the free arm. When you have as many as you can hold, you place them in heaps found at intervals along the field. It sounds easy enough, but when your hands do not have a horny, corrugated texture, as had our companions' when the stalks are cold, wet and greasy, and when multitudinous weeds make the going even more difficult than it would otherwise have been, you begin to change your mind, and wonder if it is really worth it.

After laboriously completing several furrows in this fashion, we were supplied with large wire baskets, called by the farm-labourers, "wiskets." The farmer, taking up the reins of his waiting team, walked solemnly to the end of the first furrow. Having fiddled with and adjusted several levers on his "spinner," as I believe the affair was called, he took up the reins once more, muttered confidentially in the ear of the outside horse, and sped off at an incredible pace up the field.

Meanwhile, having been spaced at regular intervals along the furrow, we held ourselves in readiness to pick potatoes for all we were worth. We watched him approach, earth and potatoes flying in all directions, and then he was upon us. As he hurtled past, making a most unfortunate growling, rumbling sort of noise, which appeared to come from the uttermost depths of his stomach, we were covered in a deluge of potatoes, grass, and sticky soil. Frantically we began to fill our "wisket." We had barely finished our allotted stretch, when back he came again, with less audible mutterings.

So it went on. At twelve-thirty, this apparently inexhaustible farmer announced reluctantly that we were "knocking off." Thankfully we straightened our aching backs, and stretched our frozen limbs. "Make sure you're back for half-past one," said our task master, and disappeared down the lane. We three staggered off home, hastily swallowed our lunch, and returned to that now-hated field.

For four hours we toiled in the afternoon, alternately pulling and picking, as the occasion demanded until at length we were brought to a halt by the rapidly-gathering darkness. Even then we had not finished. However, we were past caring. It is said that the human body can stand so much, and no more. After a certain point the nerves become deadened. We had reached a state where that point had been left far behind, in an ocean of potatoes.

After the horses had been unharnessed, one of them was hitched to a cart and led up to the stacked bags of potatoes. Not without difficulty, for the bags were extremely heavy, we loaded up the cart, then wearily plodded after it to an out-house, some two hundred yards from the field. This was where they were to be stored. We were obliged to stand at the back of the cart whilst one of the labourers, with a merry laugh, cheerfully



deposited two hundred-weights of potatoes on to our miserable shoulders, gave us a hearty push in the direction of the door, and then hurriedly sorted out the heaviest bags for our next trip.

All things come to an end, however, and after four trips from the field to the storeroom, and from the storeroom to the field, we were beckoned by the farmer. Pulling from his pocket a filthy old bag, he peered suspiciously at its contents, thrust in his hand, and drew out a fistful of notes and silver, amounting to one pound seventeen and sixpence. This he put into our listless, mud-caked palms. Then, trying in vain to suppress his unhappy stomach, he strode off into the darkness.

We too, with twelve and sixpence in our pockets, but a wealth of experience in our minds, hobbled home on leaden feet, resolved never again to "lend a hand on the land."

P. WELCH, 6cl.

### Round Half the World.

This story begins twelve thousand miles away, or, to be precise, in Australia. You may wonder how I got there. That is easily answered, for my mother and I had been evacuated five years previously from Hong Kong, when Japan entered the War. And now since the war was nearly over, we decided to return home to England.

It was the middle of April 1945, when we boarded the s.s. "Stirling Castle" (the ship which took the English Cricket Team on their South African Tour, a few years ago). She was a troopship which had been converted from a liner of the Union-Castle Line. She was armed, for no unarmed ship dared to cross the Pacific and run the risk of meeting a Japanese submarine.

We left Sydney with very happy memories and made our way to our first port of call, Wellington, New Zealand. We stayed there for a fortnight seeing all the beautiful countryside round about. One day all the ship's passengers, about 750, were invited to a picnic at a little place called Upperhut, where we all had a lovely tea. While we were there, we found out that the Mayor of Upperhut had emigrated to New Zealand from Manchester 34 years previously.

Next came the most dangerous part of our voyage, across the Pacific. For seventeen days we saw no land, and all the time the ship was zig-zagging, and at night blacked out. Twice a week gunnery practice was held. Balloons were sent up and the ack-ack and pom-poms would open up, sending tracer bullets curling up into the sky.

Then came the day when we crossed "the line." Father Neptune paid us a visit escorted by his attendants and barbers. All the men who had not

crossed the line before were "shaved" with huge cardboard razors, while everybody else was drenched with hoses and fire buckets. Nobody caught cold for the daily temperature never dropped below 75 degrees.

Then came a very interesting experience, going through the Panama Canal. The canal, though about fifty miles long, is nearly all channels and lakes; and off the mud banks alligators watch the ships go by with half-closed eyes. The ships are drawn into the different locks by electric "mules," tremendously powerful little locomotives, which climb the very steep slopes rising to the higher levels with such ease that it amazes you.

Leaving the canal behind us, we then cut straight through the West Indies and on to Bermuda. We stayed there for three days exploring this very beautiful and clean island. The waters round the island are crystal clear and every day the men used to swim in them. On the second day a thing happened which shocked many. As the men were swimming and frolicking in the water a cry was heard. It was "Shark"!

I have never seen so any men climb one rope ladder in such a small space of time. They managed to scramble up safely and the shark came. It was a huge brute fully twelve feet long, a dirty grey in colour with a white belly. Many of the passengers shuddered and one fainted. Shots were fired at it but it dived and sank.

A few minutes later one man challenged another to swim round the ship for £5. He did and he got his £5.

It is an old tale at sea that if a shark hovers round a ship, a death will occur on that ship within three days.

It did. An old lady died and she was buried at sea in the middle of the Atlantic.

Three days out from Bermuda the "Stirling Castle" joined a convoy of forty other ships. It was a marvellous sight with the smaller ships in the middle and the sleek destroyers sweeping the seas on the outside.

Germany had surrendered by then, and one day a German U-boat surrendered to the convoy.

And so after six weeks we finally reached Liverpool. Having crossed 13,000 miles of ocean we cannot say that we had had an uneventful voyage.

N. R. WATSON, 5y.

### An Appointment with Fear.

"Do you believe in ghosts?" A trite, yet tantalising question, to which, sitting comfortably before a cheerful fire you may easily answer, "No." But when you are in a deserted ruin at dead of night with the wind howling over the weathered



stones, shrieking through crannies, and generally cheering you up your answer may be different. Especially if you have gone to the ruin at this nocturnal hour with the express purpose of looking for ghosts.

Well, to be exact, I myself was not spectre-hunting but Jones was. Jones was a bespectacled little clerk I had met on my holidays, a typical suburban nonentity, had it not been for the fact that he was president of "The Society for the Study of Psychical and Supernatural Phenomena." In other words, as other men hunt butterflies, Jones hunted ghosts.

Now, personally, I did not believe in these creatures which wander around in bed-sheets and things. I had only come to the ruin, which according to local legend, was inhabited by at least a dozen of the "Psychical and Supernatural Phenomena" to humour Jones. Now I was regretting it.

The ruin was on the moors near Taviton, but was completely cut off from the outside world, as it stood bleakly alone, stretching out its giant black arms to the winds of heaven. It had a few shattered rooms remaining and in one of these, Jones and I were encamped waiting for the witching hour, encouraged by Gaston.

Gaston reminded me of Frankenstein's monster attempting to play Boris Karloff! He was pleasant, in a kind of damp and clammy way, and, as at any moment we were expecting a ghost to pop through the wall, his presence did little to encourage us.

No more did the eerie room we were in frighten us, although it was certainly a wonderful place for a nice little murder, or something equally pleasant. The plaster had long since peeled off the walls and now lay scattered like snow on the floor, revealing where once it had been, the giant skeleton of the house. The floor itself was mildewed, cold and damp while the windows were glassless and continually rattled in the shrieking wind. It was nearly pitch black, and every now and again came a suggestive crash or bang from the nether regions of the house. To say the least we needed cheering up as we silently watched the darkened doorway, and I suppose that is why Gaston, whom we had met in the village, asked "Do you believe in ghosts?"

Now let it be known. I wasn't frightened of the ruins, only terrified! and with my moral courage so high I was prepared to believe in anything. In fact my heart seemed to be doing a war dance inside my chest.

When I did not reply to his question Gaston let out a chuckle which sounded like a rusty creaking door opening and continued morbidly in his sibilant voice; "So you don't, eh? well, while we wait, I'll tell you a story to pass the time." He settled back on a splintered packing case and after smiling sweetly began, "It concerns, should we say, an acquaintance

of mine, and by coincidence what happened to him took place in this very house. My friend was a member of 'The Society for Higher Thought,' and like us he had come to investigate this place. As it is to-night it was blowing, and he was seated before a packing case drinking his tea from a thermos flask, while at the same time reading by the light of a flickering candle. From time to time he would make notes for the society's next annual meeting, and in fact was settling down for a nice chilly night; for I must admit in three years' ghost laying he had never met a supernatural body. I hope I make myself quite clear?"

As it was pitch black and the moon was not out he made himself as clear as could be expected.

"Well," Gaston continued, "although he was used to such eerie surroundings as the one he was now in, this house did certainly have a certain sinister quality of its own. He found that his heart was thumping wildly, and every now and then he found himself glancing at the dark shadows which lurked in the corners of the room. All the time he had a grim foreboding that something hellish would come sliding out of the gloom.

"It was midnight, the candle was burning low, the shadows were slowly creeping up on him, and the door seemed to be imperceptibly opening. He was beginning to panic, when he heard it. A dry throaty chuckle all around him, yet nowhere, which grew till it was a maniacal screaming laugh, rebounding from the rafters, echoing from the walls, and always coming nearer. And then, above his head there was a thump, and a slithering sound, as if something heavy was being dragged over the floor. Sweat stood out in great silvery drops on his brow and he leapt to his feet.

"The noise was coming down stairs, yet he knew that the stairs had long since fallen in, the same dull thudding, the footsteps slowly coming towards him, and now again the demoniacal chuckling was swelling from behind him, the shadows were full of the forces of evil, taunting him.

"And a great gust of wind screamed through the window and whipped his candle out of his hands. The darkness leapt like a black hound upon him. He felt wildly for a match, but he hadn't one. He couldn't see, icy fingers were plucking at his body. The footsteps were at the door, and then slowly the door opened. . . .

"It's a pity you don't believe in ghosts."

Gaston chuckled, and the chuckle grew to a maniacal laugh, and with a blinding flash he disappeared.

Above our heads was a thump, and a slithering sound, as if something heavy was being dragged over the floor.

M. M. KELSALL, 5v.



## Old Hulmeians Notes and News.

It will be noted with regret that the list of Obituary notices which follows these notes is an exceptionally heavy one. Many of those who have recently passed away were in their time distinguished members of the Old Hulmeians Lacrosse Association. The Hulmeian of April, 1893, includes a letter signed by Gerald Youatt inviting Old Boys who would be willing to assist in the formation of a club to communicate with him. He was also a sound scholar and a fair cricketer. When he removed to Middlesex he continued his work for the Association in gratitude for which he was made an Honorary Member.

W. A. Hobbins made a great name for himself when playing for the Old Hulmeians at a time when they had an almost unbeatable record. He was elected captain of the All-England team, on which he played first in the attack and on a later occasion in the defence. In the First World War he was a Lieutenant-Colonel in command of a Territorial Battalion of the Lancashire Fusiliers. In the Second he obtained an administrative position in the Royal Air Force carrying the rank of Squadron Leader.

G. W. Fox, one of four brothers, all of whom attended the School, was at one time Secretary of the Old Hulmeians Lacrosse Club.

W. F. Merchant, both of whose sons have also been distinguished lacrosse players at School, was at one time a member of the Old Hulmeians first Lacrosse team, till he met with a serious accident. He was also President of the Old Hulmeians Association.

A. Eastwood was still remembered affectionately by Old Boys though latterly his career had taken him abroad.

We congratulate the following on their highly varied, but distinguished appointments:—

S. R. Best has been elected Chairman of Convocation of Manchester University.

Dr. P. D. Griffiths has been appointed Specialist Physician in Malaya.

James Mark is Economics Counsellor to the British Embassy at Washington.

A. L. Dennis has recently been appointed Senior Assistant Solicitor to the Hertfordshire County Council.

J. Pritchard, who is Assistant Production Manager to Messrs. Bengers Limited, has been appointed a Cheshire County Magistrate.

C. S. Smith played cricket regularly for the Army and occasionally for the Combined Services.

Examination successes this year have been as follows:—

Oxford University.—Modern Languages, Class II: J. N. McManus (St. Edmunds). Modern History, Class II: D. Read (University). Natural Science (Zoology), Class II: F. S. Sutcliffe (St. Catherine's).

Cambridge University.—Natural Science Tripos, Part I, Class I: D. Schlapp (Pembroke). English Tripos, Part I, Class II: M. E. Coops (St. John's).

Manchester University.—M.Sc.: M. J. Delany, J. P. I. Tyas. LL.B. (Class II, Division 2): J. L. Burton. Honours School of Economics and Politics (Class II, Division 2): R. P. M. Bond. B.A. (Admin.): T. G. Bell. M.B., B.S.: J. F. Patrick. B.A. (Ordinary): J. G. Chivers. B.Sc. (Ordinary): M. H. Orr. B.Sc. (Technical Engineering): J. J. Nesbitt.

Bangor University.—B.Sc. (Botany and Agricultural Botany) Class II, Division 1: E. W. B. Ward, also awarded Scholarship to the University of Alberta.

A.R.I.B.A.: P. Harrison.

## BIRTHS.

MOUNTAIN.—On July 17th, to Margaret (née Smith) and William Mountain, a daughter.

CLARKE.—On July 18th, to Marjorie (née Whitehead) and John Norton Clarke, a daughter.

FLINN.—On July 21, to Barbara (née Parr) and David Flinn, a daughter.

ANDREW.—On August 4th, to Margot (née Grainger) and Harold Andrew, a daughter.

WARD.—On August 10th, to Dorothy (née Watson) and W. Douglas Ward, a daughter.

WHITTINGHAM.—On August 25th, to Marjorie (née Garnett) and Sidney Whittingham, a son.

NESBITT.—On September 3rd, to Nellie (née Slater) and Peter Sims Nesbitt, a daughter.

BUCKLAND.—On September 27th, to Jean (née Smith) and David Buckland, a daughter.

FRAZER.—On October 25th, to Mollie (née Oliver) and Ted Frazer, a daughter.

WATKINS.—On November 12th, to Rosemary (née McClure) and L. H. Watkins (School Staff), a son.

ARMITSTEAD.—On November 15th, to Margaret (née Gerrard) and Lewis Armitstead, a son.

KNIGHT.—On November 25th, to Joan and Peter Knight, a son.



GLOVER.—On November 28th, to June (née Gatenby) and Nigel Glover, a daughter.

DENNIS.—On November 30th, to Patricia (née Down), and Anthony Dennis, a daughter.

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### MARRIAGES.

MORLEY—WHITTAKER.—On August 23rd, Frank Trevor Morley to Jean Whittaker.

PATRICK—HEYWOOD.—On September 13th, John Francis Patrick, M.B., Ch.B., to Joan Brenda Heywood, B.Sc.

WARBURTON—COAN.—On September 17th, Geoffrey Barratt Warburton, M.A., Ph.D., to Margaret Coan, B.Sc.

SPALDING—HULL.—On September 20th, John Oliver Spalding, B.A. to Mary Whitworth Hull.

FLETT—BARROWS.—On October 25th, Arthur Marwick Flett, L.D.S. to Winifred Irene Barrows.

AUSTEN (ONIONS)—ROBINSON.—On November 19th, Robert Austen (Onions) to Patricia Robinson.

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### DEATHS.

YOUATT.—On May 11th, after a short illness, Gerald Youatt, F.C.A., of Sussex Cottage, Bartholamew Street, Hythe, Kent.

EASTWOOD.—On July 31st, at West Bank, Bagdad, Austin, aged 67 years, only son of the late T. E. and E. E. Eastwood.

HOBBS.—On August 20th, Wilfred Alston, very dear husband of Susan Florence Hobbs and son of the late Charles Hobbs.

MERCHANT.—On September 6th, William Ferris, beloved husband of Agnes Merchant.

FOX.—On November 14th, Gilbert Wheaton Fox, M.C., aged 63 years, dearly loved husband of Violet May Fox and youngest son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox.

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## Old Hulmeians Association.

More than 120 Old Boys attended the 33rd Annual General Meeting held at the School on 17th September, 1952. Apart from the main business of the evening a presentation was made to Mr. J. A. Barber in grateful recognition of his fifty years of service at the School. Mrs. Barber attended when a Silver Cigarette Case, suitably inscribed, together with a Cheque, was presented to her husband.

The new President is Mr. J. M. Walker who will be known to a great many of the Members, as he has always maintained a keen interest in the affairs of the Association and has been a regular attender at their functions.

Alderman W. P. Jackson and the Reverend T. H. Ethell have become Vice-Presidents and we welcome them most sincerely to our ranks.

Unfortunately, through ill-health, Kenneth Rains has been obliged to resign from office and his place has been taken by W. T. Curtis. Kenneth Rains has been one of the Joint Honorary General Secretaries since January, 1946, and has had a great deal to do with setting the Association in motion again after its enforced period of comparative idleness during the war years. For many years previously he had served as a Member of the Committee.

D. Ll. Griffiths, through pressure of work, has also been forced to resign from Committee and the thanks of the Association are surely due to him.

Early in July the Old Boys' Cricket Team beat the School for the first time since the war. The School took rather a long time to make their runs but a well timed declaration by the School Captain kept the game alive to the end.

The Annual Dance will be held at Longford Hall on January 16th, 1953, and the Annual Dinner at the Midland Hotel on March 7th, 1953. It is hoped that the numbers attending these two functions will at least be as great as they were last year.

Members will be pleased to learn that the Association has contributed to the King George VI National Memorial Fund, making a request that their donation should be contributed to the Manchester Sportsmen's Section of this fund.

The building of the Toilet Block on the Rugby Section's Ground has now been completed and the changing accommodation is now worthy of the Club, who are to be congratulated on maintaining their improved form of last season. E.B.

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## Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

Eight fixtures of the 1952/3 season have now been completed and a satisfactory beginning to the season can be reported.



The First Team unfortunately lost the second match of the season to one of the contenders for the League Championship, Heaton Mersey who deservedly beat us by 8 goals to 7. The lesson of the defeat has, however, been learnt, and the team has since improved considerably both in fitness and morale. All members of the team have contributed to its success. In goal, B. C. K. Ballinger has on occasions played brilliantly and for the two matches that he has been absent his place has been ably filled by the "A" Team goalkeeper, J. T. Emery. The defence, with McClinton and C. A. Smith outstanding, is probably the best combination we have produced for several years, and at centre Flunder is right back in form. The attack is improving in effectiveness each week and double figures against the powerful Old Waconians' defence are a measure of its success. Marsland, playing for us for the first time since he left school, Gill and Buckland are a formidable trio and they are ably assisted by Barber and Watkins.

The "A" Team have had mixed fortune so far. The team is a strong one capable of beating last year's First Division side, Ashton, 9-2 but then of disappointing against the strong Old Stopfordians side in the First Round of the Junior Flags. All the defence are up to First Division standard with veteran Norman Coe playing with renewed brilliance, and Eric Barnes has proved to be a stalwart reserve goalkeeper. At centre M. W. Barber has been thrustful on attack but weak on defence whilst M. Hazell has not yet found his old form. On attack Curtis, Winfield (now in the Forces) and Bullivant have had good games, but generally the attack lacks a feeder to make the most of the talent that is available.

As Lancashire Junior Cup holders the Extra "A" team have won the First Round of this year's competition, thanks to some timely help from H. Milgate. At full strength, the side is capable of beating most sides in the Third Division but has suffered through the calls made on it by the two senior teams. E. S. Thelwall, the captain, has been a resolute goalkeeper, and Ratcliff, Glover and Heywood have been sound defenders. W. A. Jackson and G. C. Martin have been the most successful attacks and D. A. Hilton, a newcomer from School, shows great promise. J. Fleming, now back from the Forces, is gradually recovering his form and should soon be seeking promotion to the "A" team.

We have been grateful for the help we have received from D. M. Archer, when on vacation, and from several boys from School, notably Robertson and Axson, who have played for us. Old Boys on leave from the Forces or on vacation from University are invited to get in touch with our Teams Secretary, Norman Barber, who will be pleased to arrange games for them. H.A.W.

## RESULTS.

## FIRST TEAM.

1952.				
Sept. 27.—v.	Cheadle Hulme	A	W	13-2
Oct. 4.—v.	Heaton Mersey	H	L	7-8
" 11.—v.	Manchester University	A	W	11-2
" 18.—v.	Offerton	H	W	18-4
" 25.—v.	Old Mancunians	A	W	7-4
Nov. 1.—v.	Stockport	H	W	9-2
" 8.—v.	Boardman & Eccles	A	W	15-5
" 15.—v.	Old Waconians	A	W	10-4

## "A" TEAM.

Sept. 27.—v.	Mellor "A"	H	W	1-0
Oct. 4.—v.	Leeds University	A	W	21-4
" 11.—v.	Chorlton	H	L	3-7
" 18.—v.	Urmston	A	W	11-1
" 25.—v.	Ashton	H	W	9-2
Nov. 1.—v.	South Manchester and Wythenshawe	A	L	3-8
" 8.—v.	Oldham	H	W	13-6
" 15.—v.	Old Stopfordians	A	L	4-7
(First Round N.E.L.A. Junior Flags)				

## EXTRA "A" TEAM.

Sept. 27.—v.	Ashton "A"	H	W	14-1
Oct. 4.—v.	South Manchester and Wythenshawe "A"	A	W	17-14
" 11.—v.	Heaton Mersey "A"	H	L	3-16
" 18.—v.	Manchester University "A"	A	L	7-9
" 25.—v.	Offerton "A"	H	W	21-6
Nov. 1.—v.	Old Mancunians "A"	A	L	3-18
" 8.—v.	Rochdale	H	W	9-2
" 15.—v.	Manchester Grammar School (First Round Lancashire Junior Cup)	H	W	10-4

## Old Hulmeians Football.

For the first time since the war we have had a representative in a Lancashire County Trial and we congratulate G. R. Milon, on breaking the ice in this respect. We also had three more players on the selectors' list and we hope that some of them may be given a trial before long. The start of the season saw the welcome influx of ten new members, six of them from School. Valuable as this is we cannot over-emphasise that the demands of three teams, week after week, call for even more new members. No boy from School, with a liking for Rugger, need feel that he would be crowded out, if he joined the Rugby Section. Although our total membership now stands at over one hundred, our actual playing membership is 55, and though this is sometimes, augmented by the occasional availability of 17



Country members, and the odd members of the Forces on leave, even more players are needed to ensure that our Extra "A" regularly turns out a full side.

The playing record remains a somewhat inexplicable mixture of wins and losses. Potentially the 1st XV is a capable side, able to play fast open Rugger. But for the first half-dozen matches the pack failed to get low, bind tight, and shove hard. It was only when Broughton Park "A" exposed this weakness by taking a forward out of their pack to give them a man over outside, and yet managing to outshove and outhook us with their remaining seven forwards that we really took our untidy scrummaging seriously. On the other hand competition for places in the pack and among the three-quarters is now very keen and several members challenge each other for places week by week. As Stanley Holloway so aptly puts it "This up and down kind of existence made everyone laugh except Joe." Thus the "A" team which defeated the School 42-3 contained a number of players who had turned out several times for the 1st XV. We offer our sympathy to the very game School 1st side which fought like tigers for the first hour of their return match on our ground, only to be beaten when a magnificent goal kick by N. Fletcher converted a very late try due to a mistake in the School's defensive positioning. In view of the ease with which the 1st XV defeated School earlier in the season it relevant, indeed apposite, to point out that the Rugby Section held an excellent Hot Pot Supper the night before the second game against School. In future it would appear that it is unwise to take such a liberty!

A. G. Firth has played some good games at full-back for the 1st XV and I. Carter and N. Fletcher have been our most dangerous backs. In the forwards B. L. Tebbutt has been a valuable acquisition from School and G. Todd and R. Redfearn have done a lot of hard work.

The "A" XV players continue to give a good account of themselves when promoted to the 1st. Owing to the keen competition for places it is difficult to name individuals as "A" team members when they may have played an equal number of games for the 1st, but A. Morley, W. R. Lee, R. K. Sutton, and I. F. Smith have all produced a lot of very useful Rugby.

The Extra "A" have had a number of disappointments owing to our own or opponents sides turning out below strength. The Committee has given this matter very serious consideration. It is hoped that the fact that we turned out sixteen men against School on November 23rd, is an augury of better times.

Our Captains are all doing a good job of work. J. C. Edwards is giving the 1st XV a good-humoured firmness that is a big factor in helping 15 players to settle down into a side. R. Austin is bringing all his old enthusiasm into Captaining the "A" and has been a good talent-spotter for the 1st XV. The last few weeks have seen E. Worthington beginning to reap the fruits of his patience with an Extra "A" that has had its ups and downs. Ably abetted by R. J. Treadwell, G. Lea, N. A. Warhurst and R. K. Pawson, a handy half-back straight from School, Worthington is now well on the way to building a team that will get increasing enjoyment out of its Rugger.

## RESULTS.

## 1st XV.

1952.			
Sept. 20.	—v. Toc. H.	.....H	W 14-3
" 27.	—v. De La Salle, T.C.	.....A	L 0-8
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" 11.	—v. Broughton Pk. "A"	.....H	L 3-22
" 18.	—v. Oldham Boro.	.....A	W 6-3
" 25.	—v. Crewe & Nantw.	.....H	Can.
Nov. 1.	—v. Ashton-on-Mersey	.....H	W 35-3
" 8.	—v. Dukinfield	.....H	W 8-3
" 15.	—v. O. Newtonians	.....A	L 3-8
" 22.	—v. W.H.G.S.	.....H	W 8-6

## "A" XV.

Sept. 6.	—v. Eccles Ex. "A"	.....H	L 9-18
" 20.	—v. Toc H. "A"	.....A	L 3-9
Oct. 4.	—v. W.H.G.S. "A"	.....A	W 11-5
" 11.	—v. Broughton Pk. Ex. "A"	.....A	L 3-52
" 18.	—v. Oldham Ex. "A"	.....H	L 3-9
" 25.	—v. Crewe & Nantw. "A"	.....A	W 16-14
Nov. 1.	—v. Ashton-on-Mersey "A"	.....A	L 3-8
" 8.	—v. Dukinfield "A"	.....A	W 15-3
" 15.	—v. O. Newtonians "A"	.....H	D 3-3
" 22.	—v. W.H.G.S. "A"	.....A	W 42-3

## EXTRA "A."

Sept. 6.	—v. Fylde "B"	.....A	L 11-23
" 13.	—v. Oldham "B"	.....H	W 17-8
" 20.	—v. Toc. H. Ex. "A"	.....A	L 0-26
" 27.	—v. Burnage "B"	.....H	L 5-15
Oct. 4.	—v. W.H.G.S. Ex. "A"	.....A	W 17-3
" 11.	—v. Broughton Pk. "B"	.....H	L 3-45
" 18.	—v. Oldham "B"	.....A	L 0-40
" 25.	—v. Y.M.C.A. Ex. "A"	.....H	L 0-17
Nov. 1.	—v. Ashton-on-Mersey Extra "A"	.....A	L 0-30
" 8.	—v. Eccles "B"	.....A	L 0-25
" 22.	—v. W.H.G.S. Ex. "A"	.....H	W 8-0



### Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

The autumnal colours which graced the trees at the beginning of term have fallen now, and Addison's Walk, Christ Church Meadows and the University Parks are but austere shadows of their former selves, as the cold winds sweep through the timeless lanes here in Oxford. Any beauty that is lost from the trees is compensated by the mellow sun bathing the college buildings. This is not a term for work—indeed, is any?—for the year has just begun, examinations seem pleasantly remote and to ignore the call of the innumerable societies needs more strength of mind than most possess.

Of the older Old Hulmeians F. S. Sutcliffe (St. Catherine's) is we learn, living in Manchester College. Whilst this is apposite the reason remains obscure. A reference to the list of "Resident Members" was necessary in order to trace J. Wilks (B.N.C.) as even the lodge-keeper was doubtful as to his presence. The hirsute face of the other senior member, S. S. Wilson (B.N.C.) is frequently to be seen in and about the Engineering School, but rarely at the High Table, and, strange to say, almost never on the river with the Yacht Club. A. Wilkinson (B.N.C.) seems to do his work *in absentia* whilst playing games. Two others in their Finals Year are D. Read (Univ.) and B. T. Gibson at St. Edmund's Hall, who is now an essential wing in the college team. This energetic activity seems to have inclined him to laziness in other directions, for he has ceased to shave his upper lip. H. Davidson (B.N.C.) is now in his second year and shakes off his inhibitions on Saturday nights at the University Jazz Club. A. W. Sedgwick (B.N.C.), despite his residence in the incensed corridors of Pusey House leads a remarkably full social life, and his sherry and hospitality are excellent. With the guile worthy of a member of the Middle Temple he has secured himself free tickets for the University Film Society. He is, so far as we know, the only living Old Hulmeian to be hung by his ankles from a college window overlooking the High. K. Carter (B.N.C.) has, we understand, ceased to row and now runs across the country instead.

Four freshmen are now up. M. Green at Merton, makes a dignified figure in the flowing gown of a scholar, as, indeed, does A. C. Day (B.N.C.), whose acquisition of a bow tie has inspired others in the same direction. He seems to spend most of his time filtering liquids or performing some such obscure process in the laboratories. J. W. Ginger (B.N.C.), also straight from school, has assiduously avoided the mistake of doing too much work in the first term. Since leaving the Army, H. Baker (B.N.C.) has spent most of his time letting his hair grow again.

Besides reading for the Poetry Society he has started his attack into that most sordid field of Oxford life, the theatre, and was in the Experimental Theatre Club's outrageous production of "Julius Caesar." When he can spare time from his dramatic activities he reads English.

In conclusion may we proffer our sincere wishes for many successes in the forthcoming entrance examinations, and extend a warm invitation to all Hulmeians, past and present—especially if there are any at another university rumoured to exist somewhere in the bogs and fens—that they will visit our rooms whenever they are fortunate enough to be in this most beautiful of cities. H.B.

### Old Hulmeians at Cambridge.

At the time of writing, two weeks of Full Term have still to be completed: these normally the weeks most crowded with incident. So the record of Old Hulmeians which we have to present is one of progress without achievement; of staid good-conduct (shall we say), rather than of the fruits of virtue—rewarded. But there is much promise of better (or other) things to follow. The weather has been merciless—or so it seemed at 7.30 a.m. in draughty rooms with cracked bedroom crockery; hence perhaps the preponderance of two extremes in life—violent exercise or cramped indoor existence. And at this grim period, the gas-fire is considered (almost) as an unmixed blessing: the fumes being disregarded.

Of the very Old Hulmeians, Dr. Parry remains in residence at King's and Dr. Evans at St. John's. The present correspondent is persuading himself that these eminent men might like to be contacted in the near future, on behalf of this column. Perhaps they will have interesting news to give us; and encouragement for those who would seek to live the life of a "don" at Cambridge. Of the not-so-old Hulmeians, J. P. Chilton (Clare) and G. R. MacLeod (Christ's) continue their researches.

V. Edkins (Pembroke) has a way of life at present unknown to us. D. M. Schlapp (Pembroke) continues to "work hard" a policy which has paid him good dividends, already. He finds his relaxation—if one may call it that—playing regularly in a string quartet. Music of course, hath charms: but this quartet apparently plays work by Hindemith—so the relaxation may be a doubtful quantity. At any rate, we agree in thinking his programme impressive. M. E. Coops (St. John's) has temporarily retired to the northern suburbs of Cambridge—a very cold spot indeed! He hopes to emerge before the end



of term, to be heard chanting verse in the College Chapel—in a performance of "Samson Agonistes." (Meanwhile, he sings madrigals).

Of second-year students in residence, H. R. Gooddie (Emmanuel) deigns not to reply to enquiries. D. Hood (Peterhouse) has been awarded a choral exhibition: and in spite of the oppressive nature of the History Tripos, has found time and ability to reach a place in his college second boat. A. B. Wilkinson (St. Catharine's) has not entirely deserted the Lacrosse field—as so many Old Hulmeians have done, up here. But he must view his most important activities as those connected with the several religious, political, and politico-religious groups he supports. He is generally more than a supporter in fact: and has been on the committee of more than one society. J. F. Wyatt (St. John's) continues to play lacrosse and squash; to read Geography; and to avoid very definite allegiance to any particular society. But he finds, apparently, that there are enough "open meetings" to occupy his time.

The only freshman we have traced so far is B. E. Reeve (St. John's). He has played lacrosse for the University; hopes to advance in the world of Rugby football; and has found interest in the 'varsity Mountaineering and Ski Clubs. He "lets off steam" by singing from time to time: but he has not informed us what he sings—nor where. Apparently he approves of the Liberal Club's attempts to increase its membership: since he too, has attended meetings in that well-known Cambridge rendezvous, the "Dorothy."

We continue to await a larger complement of freshmen from School: and hope that if any prospective candidates visit Cambridge, they will call upon us and allow themselves to be suitably encouraged to prolong their residence.

M.E.C.

## Old Hulmeians at Manchester University.

The University Union is becoming more and more a "finishing" school for Old Boys as each academic year takes its toll and a new one begins. Welcoming over twenty new members to our ranks of Old Hulmeians at Manchester was a pleasant experience. Attempting to discover their course and Union interests has proved to be almost impossible task.

It was, however, pleasing to see that among the Freshers who quickly made a mark in his new sphere was I. Ainsworth who took Tetlow's part in "The Browning Version"—an early Drama Group Production. It may have been more than a coincidence that this admirably chosen play was so

characteristically produced by no other than our own G. J. Oldham. Having written this letter so often, and so modestly refrained from unduly complimenting himself he must be given the credit for his successful venture. In addition to his Drama Group activities he is engaged—no, not yet to anyone—but in chairing the English Society.

With D. Shearman, B. J. Stone, G. L. Davies, B. B. Taylor and R. Calderwood also occupying executive positions on Union societies, Hulmeians are well to the fore in this field.

J. S. Nesbitt has specially asked not to be mentioned so I refrain from doing so. C. F. P. Curtis has joined Labour Club and can be seen at many Club meetings. G. Beaumont, on the other hand, has been a more active supporter of the Conservative Association than has been the case hitherto. His medical seniors E. A. G. Hamilton, A. J. Ralston, S. B. Foulds and D. D. Hilton face examinations in February before being turned loose as Medical Students in the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Academically we appear active and on the Sports field we are active. G. B. Lawson—from Tech. admittedly—is Vice-Captain of the 'Cross Team and R. M. Bale, G. E. Cusick, G. J. Oldham, G. A. Royle and R. I. Hattick can often be seen at the Firs. Your humble scribe can make no claims to representing the University on a team but is occasionally to be seen exercising on a squash court.

Of the freshmen little is as yet known, but B. Nutt is trying to form his own Dance Band, D. Smethurst has joined the Labour Club; R. B. Pilling has joined F. A. Pilling in the Pharmacy Department and F. R. Bishop and R. C. Shaw claim to be reading law and history respectively.

Of those at Tech. even less is known, but whether Tech. or Owens, we were pleased to receive visits from Oxbridgians.—It's so difficult to remember which!—J. F. Wyatt and A. W. Sedgwick and from A. M. Blight who is now in residence at Leicester; and the welcome they received will be no less warmly accorded to all Hulmeians whenever they care to give us the opportunity of showering our hospitality upon them. R.B.C.

## Parents' Association Notes.

Once again we welcome this opportunity to give you news of the varied activities of the Parents' Association.

We feel we must record a grumble about the lack of interest and support for the cricket matches, the small number of spectators was a great disappointment to the organisers. Much time and work is



entailed in the gathering together of the teams, arranging practices and making the actual fixtures. The team members were very keen, and with the co-operation of the School staff the practices were quite enjoyable occasions. Our thanks are due to all who joined in to make the two matches such a success. On both evenings the play was keen and interesting, and whilst we rather overwhelmed the School staff the boys evened things up—beating the parents' team by six runs. Mr. Bird wishes it to be known that parents are more than welcome on any games afternoon and that he would be delighted to see more turning up.

The annual award of the Parents' Association Prize for the best Fifth Form English Paper was presented to E. G. L. Collins on Speech Day. We congratulate him and extend our best wishes for his future.

As a start to our winter programme, the usual October meeting was held in the School Hall. About 400 parents came along to hear an interesting and informative talk given by the Head. Mr. Bird chose as his subject "The Opportunities of School Life," and gave us an insight into the progressive planning of the boys' education, leading to the time when he must choose which line of study to follow. Mr. Bird stressed that he would like the parents to consult him as boys reached this stage, when the question of a future career and the appropriate line of study could be decided upon. Questions were asked and answered at the close of the talk, and afterwards various points were mentioned relating to more domestic matters.

Having got through the serious business, a general move was made to the dining hall where refreshment and chatter rounded off the evening.

The October dance, an annual event, was held as usual at the Fallowfield Hotel on Friday, October 28th, and a very enjoyable evening it was. We had the best attendance yet, and were glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Barber, and

members of the staff. The entertainment Committee are to be congratulated on the smooth way everything ran, and thanks are due to all who came along and joined in so sportingly, giving a jolly, informal atmosphere to the evening.

Arrangements are in hand for the February meeting and the committee are considering either a Debate, a Film Show, or a Lecture. A general preference is shown for the first mentioned, but more about this later.

As you may know, it is usual to hold a Parents/Staff Social Evening in March. This time we have again booked the Fallowfield Hotel, for March—Friday the 13th—that should lend itself to something! This we suggest is a note for your new diary.

We wish it to be generally known that Parents of "old boys" who wish to keep in touch (we sincerely hope they will), can retain their membership. We invite them to apply to the Hon. Secretary to be enrolled as Associate Members. When applying, please give your full postal address for circulars and news to reach you safely.

Finally—we know that the distribution of leaflets is not all that could be desired. We are trying to tighten things up, but will you please "prod" your boy when you think some news is due—they do tend to get absent minded where parents are concerned.

You will see that the Parents' Association continues to be very active, and the committee anticipate your continued interest and support.

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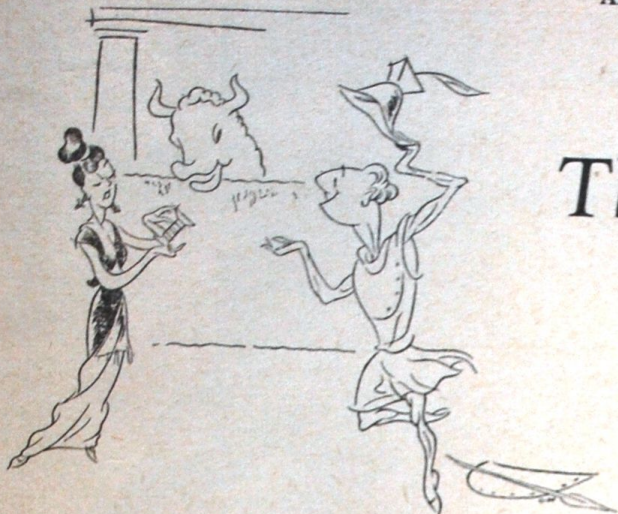
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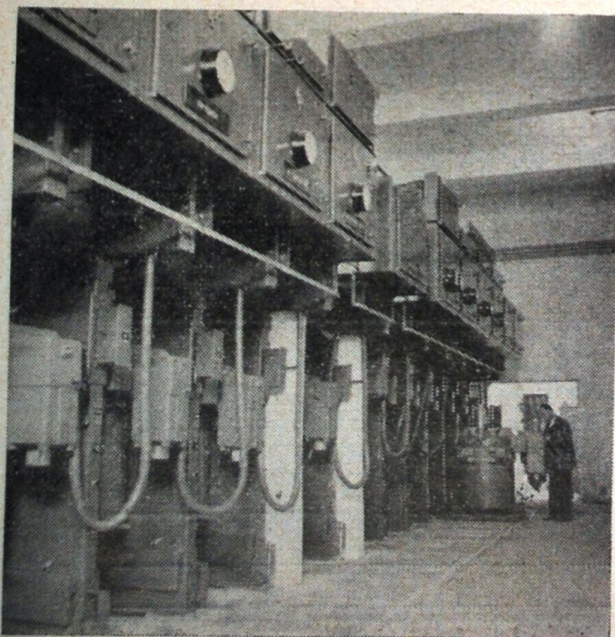
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