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School Notes and News

Efforts are being continuously made to brighten the appearance of the School. The garden at the front of the buildings has been planted with flowering shrubs and annuals. A new garden has been made in front of the kitchen. The railings along the whole frontage have been painted green.

It will also have been noticed that the School clock face has been repainted, the background in a deep shade of blue and figures and hands of gleaming gold: an admonition to the sluggard to hasten his steps and, to the more studiously inclined, a reminder to improve the shining hour.

The lectures to the Third Year Sixth on "Current Affairs" given this term have included one by Mr. Du Vivier on "The British Council" and one by Mr. H. K. Goodger (O.H.) on his tour of Western Europe as a scholar of the Institute of Civil Engineers; in which he gave an interesting account of land reclamation in Holland.

We congratulate N. R. Watson on being awarded a Kitchener Scholarship.

A party of boys visited Norway during the Easter holidays for the Winter Sports. Another party visited Paris. Accounts of these tours appear elsewhere in this magazine.

A dozen boys were invited to the B.B.C. Television Studios in Manchester on Sunday, June 17th, to take part in the Children's Hour Television Programme, in which Peter Butterworth, the comedian, was the central figure. He described himself as an Old Boy of the School, a statement our records confirm. One of the party contributes a report of the visit to be found on a later page.

The Michaelmas Term will begin on Tuesday, September 11th, at 9-15 a.m.

Mid-term Holiday will be on October 26th, 27th and 29th.

The Christmas Holidays will begin on Monday, December 17th, at 4 p.m.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt this term of *The Denstonian*, *The Savilian*, *The Wallaseyan*, *The Chedleian*.

The Donner Library

Since September, 1955, 169 books have been added to the existing stock, bringing certain sections up to a standard hitherto unattained and reinforcing others where up-to-date works were most needed.

Twenty-eight volumes were given by the following donors to whom we express our gratitude:—Mrs. Brooke-Mumford; T. Fielding, Esq.; T. Stoker, Esq.; M. A. Catlow; P. J. Richards; M. Segal; The Dunlop Rubber Co.; Messrs. Hamish-Hamilton; and an unknown donor who sent a book entitled "A Doctor in Many Countries." We also wish to thank F. Green, Esq. for a generous donation, Professor H. W. Baker for the autographed copy of his latest book on "Technology of Heat," and T. D. Culbert, J. F. Grainger and J. G. Taylor for having contributed one book each as a "School leaving" gift. We gratefully acknowledge the receipts, at regular intervals, of magazines and publications from H. H. Vlies, Esq.; The Imperial Chemical Industry; The Shell Aviation Co.; Guest, Keen & Nettlefold Ltd.; The De Havilland Aircraft Co.; Unilever Ltd.; The Royal National Life Boat Institution; The Transvaal and Orange Chamber of Mines; The Church Missionary Society.

The Donner Library was in full use throughout the year and the Borrowing List shows 2,112 entries of books perused at home. (We sincerely hope, of course, that all books still in readers' hands will be returned before the end of the term). Apart from the annual stock-taking, carried out during June and July, the new card index is nearing completion. This considerable work was carried out by N. Elston and J. E. O. Screen, assisted by C. A. Monks

and I. M. Stewart. G. A. M. Wood also helped in this and other ways. C. W. Maclean, with the help of R. B. Edge, is also making good progress with the oak table for the filing cabinet. N. Elston, who has acted so ably and untiringly as Head Librarian for more than two years, is leaving us this term and J. E. O. Screen has been appointed in his place for next term. We wish Elston every success in his future career and take this opportunity to express our appreciation of the good work he has done.

We are glad to report that for the second year in succession very few books are in need of repair. This may be taken as an indication that the general attitude of the users of the Donner Library continues to improve as the tradition of its academic purpose and usefulness gains strength.

The Debating and Literary Society

(THE DONNER UNION).

Democracy has been the keynote of the latter meetings of the term. On 27th February, A. Bennett told us that it was Britain's aim to sell democracy on the football field, a week later Manchester Grammar School informed us that there was no such thing as democracy, the following week M. Friedjung warned us that the H-bomb threatened democracy, and finally we concluded with a highly democratic election.

The election, held on 19th March, again proved that the Society refuses to be influenced by the world outside—G. A. M. Wood, our second Liberal M.P. in two years, was elected. Poetical opposition was provided by J. H. Delany (Conservative), who bewailed the blindness of A. Bennett (Socialist) in Miltonic terms. Unabashed Bennett called to his aid T. S. Eliot who informed us that:—

"What Britons need to make them thrive,
To save their country's bacon,
Are Socialists with guts and drive.
Arouse yourselves! Awaken!"

D. D. A. Lamb (Nationalist) deluged the House with a storm of rhetoric from behind a large yellow flower. Britain, he admitted, was not a superior power, only the best in the world.

A. Bennett, speaking earlier in the term, had maintained that if the happy fact of Britain's

superiority was to be known, it must be spread on the sports-field, for "Sport is Britain's Best Ambassador." He was supported by John Disley in quotation, and W. G. Scarlett in the flesh. Opposition was provided by M. Friedjung who apparently considered that sportsmen were degraded fools. M. M. Kelsall stood in as fourth speaker at no minutes' notice. When put to the vote Friedjung's heartfelt complexities defeated Bennett's nervous sincerity by 24 votes to 7. There were 7 abstentions.

Having decided that sportsmen were not our best ambassadors, we sent the Society to Manchester Grammar School instead on 5th March, to debate "That Democracy has Failed." J. Davis and D. D. A. Lamb were our leading speakers and managed to talk some sense. Manchester Grammar School enjoyed themselves floating in clouds of Platonic abstractions with occasional clashes over the Acts of the Apostles. We must thank them for their tea and biscuits.

The motion was defeated by 7 votes to 4. There were an unaccountable number of somnolent abstentions.

Far more lively was a harangue from M. Friedjung on 12th March, concerning "Good Science." Science, as he later defined it, was "the investigation of the phenomena of the universe in a logical fashion." Friedjung's own logic was, however, frequently assailed, but, occasionally prompted by B. W. Wilson, he defended himself in a lively fashion, contributing to a most enjoyable discussion.

Two joint play-readings have also been held. On 28th February we read "Tobias and the Angel," by James Bridie, with Whalley Range High School. M. Johnson, as Tobias, conveyed a benign inanity to his part. As Tobias, B. W. Wilson, maintained a cheerful and naive simplicity under the exhortations of F. Cosgrove, a most noble Angel. W. G. Scarlett read Raguel, and M. Kelsall Sundry Bandits and other fishy characters.

We must thank the girls for their hospitality.

A new, and most pleasant, departure from custom was made when we were kindly invited over to Manchester High School for Girls to read "Ring Round the Moon," by Anouilh. M. M. Kelsall thoroughly enjoyed himself as the cynical young-man-about-town Hugo, a part in which he had no need to act. B. W. Wilson Tobiased Frederick. Other parts were read by R. V. Chadwick, a lugubrious Messerschmann, I. Sargen, a hysterical Patrice, and F. Cosgrove as Romainville and I. Green as Joshua.

Finally we must thank R. Thomson for painting our posters throughout the season.

The Science Society

There was one meeting of the Society at the end of last term held after the *Hulmeian* had gone to press. This was on Thursday, March 22nd, when Mr. G. Place of Thomas Hedley & Co. Ltd., gave an illustrated talk on *The Application of Chemistry to Detergents*.

As well as showing a short film, Mr. Place demonstrated some extremely interesting experiments.

So far this term there have been four evening meetings and one afternoon visit.

The first was on Thursday, April 19th, when Mr. T. Thornley of Simon-Carves Ltd., presented a series of films on *Coal*. This was extremely interesting; first we had a detailed explanation of how the coal-fields came to be formed, then we saw a most remarkable film in which were several of the newer machines for getting coal from the coal-face. All who were present at this meeting will long carry with them a memory of those giant machines swallowing tons of coal at one gulp. Indeed, so interesting were these films, that those members present hurried through their refreshments so that the meeting could continue without delay.

On Tuesday, 24th April, Mr. W. R. Davies of the British Iron and Steel Federation gave a lecture on the basic processes of iron and steel production. After saying a few words about the basic processes involved, Mr. Davies showed us a most interesting film, *Iron and Steel Production* and then made himself available for questioning.

Tuesday, May 1st, brought Mr. B. Kramrisch, A.R.I.C., F.T.I., F.S.D.C., of the Clayton Dyestuffs Co. Ltd., to the School to give a talk to the Society on *Dye Application*. This was an extremely well prepared talk, illustrated with many colourful experiments.

The last evening meeting of the term so far was held on Tuesday, 15th May, when Mr. G. Saxon of the Radiation Laboratory at Metropolitan-Vickers gave a talk on *Radiation*. Mr. Saxon is an Old Boy and his talk was well up to the standard expected of Old Hulmeians.

The afternoon visit was on Monday, 23rd April, when twenty members of the Upper Science Sixth under the guidance of Mr. Faulkner visited the premises of Magnesium Elektron Ltd. The visitors learnt all about the extraction of magnesium from the raw material carnallite. One of the most fascinating sights was to watch molten magnesium being poured into moulds without catching fire. After seeing how it was extracted we learnt a great deal about the many uses of magnesium, not the least being the protection of piers.

Light refreshments brought a most interesting afternoon to a fitting end.

Once again we should like to offer our thanks to Mrs. Faulkner who has come along many evenings to prepare the refreshments.

For the future we look forward to a visit to, and a specially prepared lecture from, the Alkali Division of I.C.I.

The Photographic Society

The year's programme opened with a lantern slide lecture from Ilford Films on *Architectural Photography*, which demonstrated the method of tilting back plate cameras and the use of lenses of varying focal lengths.

The second lecture, also from Ilford Films, was entitled *Tabletop Photography*. This was especially interesting as it showed us how to obtain many peculiar and beautiful effects with elementary apparatus.

The last lecture in the Michaelmas Term was entitled *Winter Photography* and was from Kodak Ltd. Although it had been presented at previous meetings, it served as a reminder that the camera need not remain unused during the winter months.

The second part of the session, after the Christmas holiday, opened with a talk by Dr. Jecny, who showed some very colourful slides made of photographs taken on his holidays in Austria, Switzerland, France and Germany.

The next meeting was for an illustrated talk by Dr. Weyl, which was aptly entitled *Britain in Colour*. After the talk members examined some of the speaker's interesting specialised equipment.

On another occasion Mr. Haynes showed a more or less self-explanatory film-strip, *Photomicrography*, which included several fine photomicrographs he had taken himself. Although technical, this strip was enjoyed by all, as it provided ideas on how to carry out microscope photography at a low cost.

The final meeting of the Easter Term was a lecture by Mr. Peat on *Lighting for Portraiture*. Members photographed each other, experimenting with the different techniques suggested.

At the beginning of the Midsummer Term Mr. Haynes showed a complete filmstrip of shots of Zoo animals. He illustrated, with several frames, easily made mistakes.

The last set of slides to be shown this term was taken by Mr. Haynes. These photographs were of special personal interest to members of the School.

On May 24th the Annual Outing took place, this time to Chester Zoo. Although heavy rain spoiled the morning, the afternoon was brilliantly sunlit and many photographs were taken. A memorable incident of this trip was the temporary loss of a lens-hood in the lion's den.

The Society wishes to record its gratitude to Mrs. K. G. Teasdale for presenting chemicals, paper and a horizontal enlarger to the Society. We send our condolences to her in her recent bereavement.

A showing of the film-strip *Air to Air Photography* will probably be arranged before the end of the term. A Photographic Competition may also be held.

The Leonardo da Vinci Society

Two meetings have been held since the magazine last went to press.

On March 16th, at Dr. Jecny's house, C. A. Monks read a paper on *Sound Effects for the Stage*. He began by analysing the many component parts which go to make up even the simple noise of a door opening and shutting. Then proceeding to more complex matters he showed us, by means of records, tape-recorders, peas, nail-files and match-sticks how to start railway trains, march armies and crash motor cars. Finally, he touched upon the delicate art of inducing "atmosphere" on the stage by suggestive noises off.

To round off his talk Monks played us a recording of the Prefects' play, much to the embarrassment of some of those present who had taken part.

The season ended with a paper from D. Maughan on *Speleology and Pot-Holing*. He explained that there was a subtle difference between the terms. "Speleology" was what the experts did, "pot-holing" was what he himself attempted. After outlining the stories of the descent of some of the most famous pot-holes, he recounted some of his personal experiences, and finished by passing round his equipment, and several books.

After tales of men hanging for hours in waterfalls and crawling along muddy rivers it was perhaps only justice that a stray book belonging to C. A. Monks should have intruded itself amongst Maughan's books. The title was *Nought for Your Comfort*, by Father Huddleston!

Maughan informed us his next trip down a pot-hole was to be on Ascension Day.

Once again we must thank Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Jecny for the provision of light refreshments.

The Christian Fellowship

The theme *The Christian Answer* was continued through the latter half of last term.

On March 1st we welcomed Mr. Wyse, a surgeon, who gave some of his valuable time to speak to us on the *Christian Answer to Pain*. This talk was of special interest to those who are thinking of taking up medicine.

March 8th, Captain D. J. Fallon, the padre at Burtonwood, gave us some inside information on the *Christian Answer to War*.

On March 15th, at short notice, T. J. Bush gave a short, but interesting talk on Paul's statement, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

B. Cartwright led an interesting Bible study on the wandering of the Chosen People and compared their wanderings with our lives. This was on April 19th.

April 26th saw Rev. G. Seamer, Rector of St. Edmund's, Whalley Range, at School. His subject was *Gambling*, but his talk (which interested all present) concerned the underlying principles and morals.

May 3rd held for us a lively and enlightening Bible study on Chapter I of Colossians taken by Mr. Rix. We thank Mr. Rix for the use of his flat and the refreshments.

On May 17th, F. P. Haslam and M. A. Royle presented an interesting Bible study on the parable of the Sower.

On May 31st we were invited to a meeting at Whalley Range High School. Rev. R. K. Walker of the Albert Hall gave a talk on the duality of our personalities and how it affected our Christian lives.

A large number of boys wear either Crusader or Scripture Union badges. We ask them, if they are unable to attend 4 o'clock meetings, to support the prayer meetings and Bible Studies held in Room 30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1 p.m.

C.C.F. Notes

The Contingent has suffered a considerable loss this term through the retirement from office of Major L. H. Watkins, T.D., R.A., who has commanded the unit for the past nine years. Taking over at a very difficult time, shortly after the Second World War, he has guided the Unit through

various periods of change and administered it with sureness and skill. In addition, he has served with distinction on the County C.C.F. Conference, the East Lancashire Territorial and Auxiliary Forces Association, and the Executive Committee of the C.C.F. Association. During his tenure of command, a new Signal Section and a R.E.M.E Section came into being, which have considerably widened the scope of the training available to boys of a technical bent. All the boys who have passed through the School C.C.F. to success in the Regular Forces or during National Service have cause to be grateful to Major Watkins.

On 3rd April, 1956, Major P. Evans, 5th Bn. XX The Lancashire Fusiliers (T.A.), assumed command vice Major Watkins.

Other events of recent months were a successful Field Day at Crowden in March, and the annual Ceremonial Parade in June. Brigadier G. H. Cree, C.B.E., D.S.O., commanding 127 Infantry Brigade (T.A.), took the salute, inspected a full programme of training, and gave a short address to all ranks, in which he stressed certain tactical considerations of training, and the continuing value of C.C.F. leadership training even when National Service may cease.

Annual Camp this year will be held at Kinmel Park, near Rhyl, from 20th—27th July.

The following promotions were made with effect from 26th June, 1958:—

Sgt. Bryans to be S/Sgt. Cpl. Day to be Sgt. L/Cpl. Wilford to be Cpl. Cds. Warnes, Lowe, Smith, A.I.A., Woodland to be L/Cpls.

The Athletic Sports

This year the Athletic Sports were organised on a different basis. The divisions were reduced to three: Seniors, Under 16 and Under 14. Each House was allowed to enter three competitors for each track event and two for each field event. Individual competitors were limited to two track events and one field event or vice versa, exclusive of the relay races. The track was laid out on the new field, beyond the pavilion. A striking feature was the effective manner in which the field events were arranged and the efficient means by which the progress of those events was recorded.

The heats were held on Friday, May 4th, when the conditions were ideal for both competitors and spectators, as the weather was warm, but not oppressively hot, and the track was firm without being unduly hard. The finals were held on the

following morning, when the weather was a little less congenial, being somewhat overcast and rather windy. The going, however, remained firm.

Four records were broken. In the 100 yards Senior, P. J. Richards broke the record of 10.7 seconds set up by R. K. Davies in 1953, with a time of 10.4 seconds. In the 880 yards, C. E. Bryans beat S. Plant's time of 2 minutes 7 seconds set up so long ago as 1935, with a return of 2 minutes 2.2 seconds, and also reduced his own record set up two years ago for the mile, 4 minutes 40.6 seconds, with an improved time of 4 minutes 31.8 seconds. P. J. Richards also broke his own record for Putting the Shot, with a distance of 37 feet 5 inches; his previous record being 36 feet 2 inches.

Mr. Barber kindly officiated as starter on both occasions.

The winners were as follows:—

100 YARDS—Senior: P. J. Richards (G), (10.4 secs.). Under 16: H. R. McCallum (B), (11.6 secs.). Under 14: D. P. Swain (W), (12.3 secs.).

220 YARDS—Senior: C. G. McDiarmid (F), (25.4 secs.). Under 16: R. G. Harrison (D), (26.7 secs.). Under 14: D. P. Swain (W), (27.8 secs.).

440 YARDS—Senior: C. G. McDiarmid (F), (55.6 secs.).

880 YARDS—Senior: C. E. Bryans (D), (2 mins. 2.2 secs.). Under 16: J. G. Roberts (B), (2 mins. 15 secs.).

ONE MILE—Senior: C. E. Bryans (D), (4 mins. 31.8 secs.).

HIGH JUMP—Senior: M. Lord (G), (5 ft. 2½ ins.). Under 16: J. Peats (W), (4 ft. 6¼ ins.). Under 14: D. P. Swain (W), (4 ft. 1¼ ins.).

LONG JUMP—Senior: C. E. Bryans (D), (18 ft. 2 ins.). Under 16: H. R. McCallum (B), (16 ft. 6½ ins.). Under 14: M. Lawless (W), (13 ft. 7½ ins.).

PUTTING THE SHOT—Senior: P. J. Richards (G), (37 ft. 5 ins.). Under 16: A. Gresty (B), (36 ft. 7 ins.).

HURLING THE JAVELIN—Senior: R. Dearden (D), (132 ft. 8 ins.). Under 16: G. M. Geary (G), (101 ft. 3 ins.).

The final House positions and points were:—1st Dalton 134½ points, 2nd Gaskell 129 points, 3rd Fraser 109½ points, 4th Whitworth 108 points, 5th Byrom 93 points, 6th Heywood 50 points.

The Henry Worrall Athletic Shield was accordingly won by Dalton; The Gaskell Challenge Cup by C. E. Bryans; The Cardwell Cup by H. R. McCallum and the China Cup by D. P. Swain.

We have to thank Mr. J. Peats for having organised an extremely successful meeting.

Athletics

This year has seen a big change in that athletics is now an alternative to cricket during the summer term. A field events arena has been constructed by the boys which comprises a high-jump pit, with a red shale fan for approach and take-off, a long-jump and a pole-vault pit and a shot-putt area. Further developments will include cinder approach paths for the pole-vault and long jump.

Between forty and fifty boys can be seen training each Wednesday and Saturday afternoon, weather permitting, and brightly coloured track-suits are conspicuous among the whites of the cricketers. P. J. Richards, the Head Prefect, has been appointed Captain of Athletics.

Once again a team was sent to the Northern Schools Meeting and was placed sixteenth. C. E. Bryans of Dalton won the mile event with a very cleverly judged race. The other competitors were not placed, but several bettered their own "best" performances.

Cross-Country Running

The teams have had a very successful first season and the keenness of almost all runners has been most encouraging.

For the first time we were able to enter teams for the Northern Schools Championships who were really trained, and as a result we improved very considerably on our previous performances.

C. E. Bryans, who had travelled back from Oxford most of the previous night, ran with great courage, though he was obviously tired. He did very well indeed to come third. One has felt for several years that in his normal form he stood a very good chance of winning. We shall miss him greatly next year. W. D. Yale also ran very well indeed to come second in the Under 16 race. He can do even better over a longer course. Other good performances were those of K. P. Geddes (36th in the Senior Race) and J. G. Roberts (16th, after a fall, in the Junior Race).

For the first time also House Matches were held, and after some good running, a tie resulted between Dalton and Gaskell.

RESULTS (not previously reported).

February 22nd. v. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Home).

SENIORS—Stand won by 25 points to 30 (5 to count). School—1, J. G. Roberts; 3, D. L. Watkin; 7, K. P. Geddes; 9, P. T. C. Gutteridge; 10, F. P. Haslam. Stand—2, 4, 5, 6, 8. Time: 21 mins. 11 secs.

UNDER 16—Stand won by 24 points to 31 (5 to count). School—2, R. G. Harrison; 4, J. Whitmore; 7, A. K. Geddes; 8, A. Blythe; 10, J. M. Crook. Stand—1, 3, 5, 6, 9.

February 25th. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL AND ROCHDALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Triangular Match) (Home).

SENIORS—W.H.G.S., 14 points (1st); Cheadle Hulme, 38 points (2nd); Rochdale, 43 points (3rd) (4 to count). School—1, C. E. Bryans; 3, W. D. Yale; 4, J. G. Roberts; 6, D. L. Watkin. Cheadle Hulme—2, 5, 15, 16. Rochdale—7, 11, 12, 13. Time: 19 mins. 51 secs. (a course record).

UNDER 16 v. Rochdale only. Rochdale won by 19 points to 43 (5 to count). School—2, R. G. Harrison; 8, J. G. Banks; 10, J. M. Crook; 11, K. Kingham; 12, A. Blythe. Rochdale—1, 3, 4, 5, 6.

March 3rd. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL AND STOCKPORT SCHOOL (Triangular Match) (Home).

SENIORS — Cheadle Hulme, 16 points (1st); W.H.G.S., 23 points (2nd); Stockport, 55 points (3rd) (4 to count). School—3, W. D. Yale; 5, J. G. Roberts; 7, F. P. Haslam; 8, D. L. Watkin. Cheadle Hulme—1, 2, 4, 9. Stockport—6, 14, 16, 19. Time: 20 mins. 29 secs.

UNDER 16—Stockport, 16 points (1st); W.H.G.S., 33 points (2nd); Cheadle Hulme, 39 points (3rd) (4 to count). School—3, R. G. Harrison; 9, J. G. Banks; 10, A. Blythe; 11, K. Kingham. Stockport—1, 4, 5, 6. Cheadle Hulme—2, 8, 14, 15. Time: 14 mins. 45 secs.

March 7th. v. ROCHDALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Away).

SENIORS—Rochdale won by 36 points to 42 (6 to count). School—1, J. G. Roberts; 4, K. P. Geddes; 6, F. P. Haslam; 9, P. T. C. Gutteridge; 10, G. Field; 12, D. S. Armstrong. Rochdale—2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 11. Time: 24 mins. 40 secs.

UNDER 16—Rochdale won by 33 points to 49 (6 to count). School—1, W. D. Yale; 3, R. G. Harrison; 8, A. Blythe; 10, J. G. Banks; 13, K. Kingham; 14, J. M. Crook. Rochdale—2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9. Time: 14 mins. 54 secs.

March 17th. v. NORTHERN SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP.

SENIORS — The School was placed 16th—348 points. 3, C. E. Bryans; 36, K. P. Geddes; 136, F. P. Haslam; 173, P. T. C. Gutteridge (4 to count). 185, D. L. Watkin; 195, G. Field. Bryans' time: 25 mins. 58 secs. over a course of 4½ miles. There were approximately 500 runners and 75 schools taking part.

UNDER 16 — The School was placed 4th—190 points. 2, W. D. Yale; 16, J. G. Roberts; 54, R. G. Harrison; 118, J. Whitmore (4 to count). J. G. Banks and A. Blythe also ran. There were approximately 400 runners over a course of 2¼ miles.

March 21st. HOUSE MATCHES—1st Dalton (4, 6, 7, 11), 28 points; 1st, Gaskell (3, 5, 8, 12), 28 points; 3rd, Fraser (9, 10, 19, 20), 58 points; 4th, Heywood (1, 15, 23, 27), 66 points; 5th, Whitworth (14, 16, 18, 29), 77 points; 6th, Byron (2, 24, 30, 32), 88 points. Winner's time: W. D. Yale in 20 mins. 24 secs.

School Colours were awarded to the Senior Team: C. E. Bryans, K. P. Geddes, F. P. Haslam, P. T. C. Gutteridge, D. L. Watkin (Captain) and G. Field.

The Preparatory School Sports

The Preparatory School Sports were held on the School Field on Thursday, June 14th. The morning was somewhat overcast and threatening, but the rain held off and a full programme of events was carried out. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Rayman.

The results were as follows:—

CHARIOT RACE—11 Years: 1st, P. H. Miller and T. A. Manning; 2nd, J. C. S. Clegg and J. D. Whaite. 10 Years: 1st, G. Roberts and P. A. Merri-man; 2nd, I. Crewe and R. Loughran. 9 Years: 1st, E. B. Matthison and J. M. Nesbitt; 2nd, N. D. Moore and P. Kerr. 8 Years: 1st, D. N. Turner and J. C. Richards; 2nd, S. J. Barr and A. R. Campbell. 7 Years: 1st, G. J. Dent and P. J. Allman; 2nd, D. J. Mitchell and R. J. Whiteside.

THROWING THE BALL—11 Years: 1st, P. H. Miller; 2nd, N. E. Craven. 10 Years: 1st, N. M. Kennedy; 2nd, G. Roberts. 9 Years: 1st, J. C. Williams; 2nd, P. D. Kerr. 8 Years: 1st, D. N. Turner; 2nd, J. C. Richards. 7 Years: 1st, G. J. Dent; 2nd, R. G. Dent.

KANGAROO—6 Years: 1st, J. R. Coombes; 2nd, S. R. Marsden.

EGG AND SPOON—8 Years: 1st, I. N. Loughran; 2nd, J. C. Richards. 7 Years: G. J. Dent; 2nd, R. G. Dent.

BRICK BUILDING—5 Years: 1st, D. M. Mitchell; 2nd, C. R. M. Bottomley.

HURRY TO SCHOOL—6 Years: 1st, M. R. Cummins; 2nd, S. R. Marsden.

WASHING DAY—5 Years: 1st, M. D. Mitchell; 2nd, C. R. M. Bottomley.

SACK—11 Years: 1st, T. A. Manning; 2nd, J. C. S. Clegg. 10 Years: 1st, G. Roberts; 2nd, J. Woodhead. 9 Years: 1st, J. C. Williams; 2nd, E. G. Whittingham.

OBSTACLE—11 Years: 1st, P. H. Miller; 2nd, M. P. Heilbron. 10 Years: 1st, P. A. Merriman; 2nd, F. Liversedge. 9 Years: 1st, J. C. Williams; 2nd, T. M. Savage. 8 Years: 1st, J. C. R. Richards; 2nd, D. N. Turner. 7 Years: 1st, A. D. Crewe; 2nd, R. M. Broadie.

FLAT—11 Years: 1st, T. A. Manning; 2nd, J. C. S. Clegg. 10 Years: 1st, P. A. Merriman; 2nd, F. Liversedge. 9 Years: 1st, M. R. Wienholt; 2nd, N. D. Moore. 8 Years: 1st, D. N. Turner; 2nd, J. C. R. Richards. 7 Years: 1st, G. J. Dent; 2nd, B. J. Allman. 6 Years: 1st, S. R. Marsden; 2nd, I. M. K. Lowe. 5 Years: 1st, M. D. Mitchell; 2nd, P. Ken-
naugh.

HIGH JUMP—11 Years: 1st, P. H. Miller; 2nd, W. Fearon. 10 Years: 1st, N. M. Kennedy; 2nd, P. A. Merriman. 9 Years: 1st, J. C. Williams; 2nd, J. M. Nesbitt. 8 Years: 1st, D. N. Turner; 2nd, I. N. Loughran. 7 Years: 1st, G. J. Dent; 2nd, D. J. Mitchell.

HOUSE RELAY—1st, Kipling; 2nd, Stevenson.

HOUSE SHIELD—Kingsley.

TWELVES CUP—P. H. Miller. Runner-up, P. A. Merriman.

DAVIES CUP—D. N. Turner. Runners-up, J. C. Williams and J. C. R. Richards.

SHIELD (Under 8 Years)—G. J. Dent. Runner-up, M. D. Mitchell.

VISITORS—1st, Martin B. Slater; 2nd, Peter de la Perrelle.

PARENTS—1st Mr. and Mrs. Maskell; 2nd, Dr. and Mrs. Miller.

Swimming

Swimming this term has again been in the charge of Mr. Fearon. There has been a good attendance at Chorlton Baths, to which the First Forms have gone on Wednesdays and the Second Forms on Fridays.

The Annual Swimming Competition will be held at the Moss Side Baths, from 5-30 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Thursday, September 27th. Boys will have an opportunity of practising during the summer vacation with a view to representing their respective Houses in the House Competition.

Badminton

At the Annual General Meeting last October, N. R. Watson was elected secretary and T. L. Venables, treasurer.

The general standard of play this year has deteriorated somewhat compared with previous years, though several members, especially J. L. Williams, have shown promise and progressed rapidly.

The tournament was begun enthusiastically, but interest flagged in the later stages. Nevertheless, many close and exciting games were fought out and T. W. Warnes and J. Cornes emerged the winners.

Of the six games played this year, five have been won. One victory was against Manchester Grammar School, whom we beat at home for the first time.

RESULTS OF MATCHES

Nov. 17th	v. Prefects.	Won 6 Rubbers to 3	H
" 26th	v. M.G.S.	Won 12 Games to 6	H
Mar. 9th	v. Grey Mare Lane B.C.	Won 14 Games to 4	A
" 13th	v. Burnage G.S.	Won 9 Rubbers to 0	H
" 16th	v. Grey Mare Lane B.C.	Won 10 Games to 8	A
" 19th	v. M.G.S.	Lost 3 Rubbers to 6	A

The following have played for the team: N. R. Watson, T. W. Warnes, R. B. Woolham, T. L. Venables, A. G. Lees, J. Cornes, B. D. Scott, J. L. Williams, M. Williams, R. N. Paxton and C. G. McDiarmid.

Lacrosse

FIRST TEAM

Several matches were played after the last number of *The Hulmeian* had gone to press, and though they included yet another win in the final of the Lancashire Junior Cup, and a decisive victory over Cheadle Hulme School, our attack seldom reached our usual standard. On the other hand, the defence played very well, and their strength and speediness were mainly responsible for our success.

Colours have been re-awarded to C. E. Bryans (Captain), R. E. Williams (Vice-Captain), G. H. Stockdale, M. Lord and T. W. Warnes, and new colours to P. J. Richards, N. V. Barber, H. S. Bickerton, C. G. McDiarmid, J. D. Hague, A. Roberts and A. Brooks.

Feb. 22 v. Manchester University 'A' A L 6—10

The University had a strong side, including several of their 1st team, and the game was played on a frozen, snow-covered ground. Our defence fought hard against fast and clever opponents, but our attack failed to combine, and not all of them seemed anxious to fight for the ball. Bickerton was absent, and was replaced by Phillips.

Mar. 10 v. South Manchester 'A' on the Old Hulmeians' Ground. Final, Lancashire Junior Cup W 11—4

Chief credit for our victory must go to our defence, whose speed, strength, and determination, supported by Roberts's sound goalkeeping, were too much for the opposing attack. Our attack played well in patches, but there was too much reliance on individual attempts to break through, and these generally failed. On the other hand, there were a few good passing movements, and these brought most of our goals. South Manchester played a hard and clean game, but the inability of their attack to hold the ball for long threw too much weight on their defence, which was finally worn down.

Mar. 17 v. Old Hulmeians H L 5—9

Four of our team, Bryans, Stockdale, Barber and Warnes were not available, and four of the Old Boys were playing for the North of England. Both teams were made up by members of the Old Hulmeians 'A' team, and we had a most enjoyable game. We certainly gave the Old Boys plenty of exercise, as our team worked hard, but our attack found it difficult to get free from such experienced defenders, and our defence found that marking had to be much closer than against our usual opponents. Roberts played well in goal, and as no team has scored more than five goals against the Champions this season, our attack was not disgraced.

Mar. 20 v. Cheadle Hulme School H W 9—3

Conditions were ideal for this game, and we were anxious to avenge our earlier defeat on their ground. Stockdale was absent, and Phillips injured, so the defence was completed by R. B. Edge, who played well. Again our defence was the foundation on which our success was built, and they gave the Cheadle Hulme attack very little rope. They were less successful when they began to force, as only Bickerton used the ball well. The attack started well, and only the excellent work of the Cheadle Hulme goalkeeper kept our score down to six at half-time. Later we slowed down, and many chances were missed by bad passing or failure to pass.

Mar. 21 v. Manchester Grammar School A W 16—7

Edge again played in the defence, but Manchester were without their regular goalkeeper, and we found it easier than usual to score. For many of the team this was the sixth game in nine days, and their play showed that they were tired. Even our usually sound defence made mistakes, but after the first quarter, there was never any doubt of the result.

SECOND TEAM

Only two matches remain to be recorded, and both were won. The victory over Cheadle Hulme School on their difficult ground was all the more creditable as both our wing attacks, Morris and Pitty, were absent. They were replaced by H. M. Stockwell and A. J. Woodward.

RESULTS

Mar. 10 v. Rochdale 'A' H W 17—1
Mar. 17 v. Cheadle Hulme School A W 6—4

UNDER 15 TEAM

Only one match was played after February 4th, so the team had only five matches in the whole season, and clearly suffered from lack of match practice. The one game was the final of the Juniors' Challenge Shield, and was lost by the odd goal, in extra time. We were leading till the last minute of normal time, when a long shot bounced awkwardly and went in, but the real cause of our defeat was that the attack tried to help the defence, and on a long pitch, could not get back up the field quickly enough. Cheadle Hulme relied mainly on a powerful centre, and our attack tried to cover him. This gave the opposing defence many opportunities for forcing. Mainwaring was unable to play, through injury, and his place was taken by C. G. Anderson.

Mar. 20 v. Cheadle Hulme School. Old Hulmeians' Ground L 3—4

Eight of the team, Kershaw (Captain), Yale, Geary, Robinson, Bardsley, Cocker, MacCallum and Wienholt, played for the Lancashire Under 15 team which beat Cheshire 14—8.

UNDER 14 TEAM

There are three more matches to report, and all were won, so the final record is: Played 8, Won 6, Lost 2. This was the only team which beat Cheadle Hulme twice. The only change in the team was that for two games G. N. Bromiley replaced Hayes, who was ill.

RESULTS

Mar. 3 v. Offerton Juniors	A	W	12—2
Mar. 10 v. Stockport Grammar School			
Under 15	H	W	9—5
Mar. 17 v. Cheadle Hulme School			
Under 15 2nd Team	A	W	6—2

Cricket

FIRST XI

There has been a pleasing spirit of keenness in the team and an evident determination on the part of most players to improve their game. Though the side cannot yet really be called good, there have been a number of notable batting and bowling performances, and from time to time patches of really good fielding.

In general, however, it is in the fielding that most improvement should and could be made. J. D. E. Rayman has captained the side with enthusiasm and cricket has been played, as it should be, with enjoyment.

Up to the time of writing, colours have been awarded to: J. D. E. Rayman, K. S. Williams, J. Delany, N. R. Watson and D. F. Borland.

May 12th. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Match drawn.

Perhaps owing to lack of match practice after the cancellation of our first two games, we made a bad start on an easy wicket. Apart from N. R. Watson all the side's supposed run-getters failed and only good batting by K. S. Williams, aided by J. Delany and G. S. Phillips, redeemed the situation. Thanks to some first-rate swing bowling by J. Delany and three excellent catches, our visitors also began disastrously. After being 34 runs for 5 wickets down, however, they refused to be tempted even by slow spin bowling and played out time without much apparent difficulty.

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson b. Green	...	...	...	22
M. P. Robinson ct. b. Richardson	...	...	...	1
D. F. Borland ct. b. Richardson	...	...	...	0
J. D. E. Rayman l.b.w. Richardson	...	...	...	0
M. Lord b. Richardson	...	...	...	1
G. S. Phillips l.b.w. Richardson	...	...	...	14
K. S. Williams ct. b. Richardson	...	...	...	27
A. C. Morris b. Hambleton	...	...	...	2
J. Delany st. Dover	...	...	...	10
R. E. Williams not out	...	...	...	2
D. Hallard run out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	14
Total				93

MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Hutson ct. Williams b. Delany	...	...	...	8
Peat ct. Borland b. Delany	...	...	...	0
Green not out	...	...	...	23
Hambleton ct. Hallard b. Delany	...	...	...	0
Richardson l.b.w. b. Delany	...	...	...	0
Jones b. Delany	...	...	...	10
Glassey not out	...	...	...	7
Extras	...	...	...	1
Total (for 5 wickets)				49

May 16th. v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Away. Match drawn.

Bolton batted first on a wicket which from the first proved soft and lifeless. They scored slowly against accurate bowling particularly by K. S. Williams, but declared not long after tea. The School were left to score 92 runs in 90 minutes and began briskly with D. F. Borland showing some fine forceful strokes. A loss of three quick wickets slowed down the scoring rate until K. S. Williams and A. C. Morris came together. Seventeen runs were still needed for victory at the close of play.

BOLTON

Barnes b. K. S. Williams	...	...	...	6
Bate st. b. Borland	...	...	...	16
Eden b. Delany	...	...	...	2
Gordon ct. Robinson b. K. S. Williams	...	...	...	31
Rowson l.b.w. b. K. S. Williams	...	...	...	4
Ogden l.b.w. b. K. S. Williams	...	...	...	4
Whittle not out	...	...	...	20
Holt not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	9
Total (for 6 wickets declared)				92

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson b. Sanders	2
M. P. Robinson ct. Barnes b. Sanders	10
D. F. Borland b. Sanders	21
J. D. E. Rayman l.b.w. b. Gorton	9
M. Lord b. Sanders	0
G. S. Phillips b. Sanders	0
K. S. Williams not out	22
A. C. Morris not out	9
Extras	3
Total (for 6 wickets)	76

J. Delany, R. E. Williams, D. Hallard did not bat.

May 18th. v. MANCHESTER CRICKET CLUB. Old Trafford. Match drawn.

As the figures show, the School bowlers could make little progress against batsmen of approaching county class, though the results might have been improved if a number of chances had been held. After Manchester declared, N. R. Watson and M. P. Robinson batted confidently against fast bowling, but good spin bowling brought four cheap wickets before rain stopped play.

MANCHESTER CRICKET CLUB

S. Smith ct. Watson b. K. S. Williams	67
P. Barcroft ct. Hallard b. Delany	63
Whiteley not out	33
G. Coombe not out	20
Extras	7
Total (for 2 wickets declared)	190

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson b. Whiteley	15
M. P. Robinson b. Whiteley	12
D. F. Borland ct. Kelly b. Whiteley	0
J. D. E. Rayman not out	7
K. S. Williams ct. and b. Wood	3
G. S. Phillips not out	2
Extras	0
Total (for 4 wickets)	39

M. Lord, A. C. Morris, J. Delany, R. E. Williams and D. Hallard did not bat.

May 29th. v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Wakefield. Home. Match drawn.

This match was also spoiled by the weather. The School batted first on a wicket that proved easy at one end and spiteful at the other. Good innings by N. R. Watson and D. F. Borland and dogged resistance in defence of the last wicket by J. Delany

and D. Hallard were the only pleasing aspects of a generally unconvincing performance in face of accurate bowling made hostile at times by the pitch. Just after the School were all out, the rains came and their ever increasing violence robbed our bowlers of the chance to bowl on a pitch that would have helped them.

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson ct. Holt b. Plimmer	23
M. P. Robinson l.b.w. b. Holt	1
D. F. Borland ct. Holstead b. Lees	27
J. D. E. Rayman ct. Impey b. Plimmer	7
K. S. Williams run out	3
G. S. Phillips ct. Plimmer b. Lees	4
M. Lord l.b.w. b. Lees	0
A. C. Morris b. Lomas	9
J. Delany not out	12
R. E. Williams b. Lomas	6
D. Hallard ct. Plimmer b. Lomas	5
Extras	5
Total	102

Rain stopped play.

May 30th. v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Match drawn.

Wallasey batted first on a soft wet pitch and made an excellent start with a first wicket stand of 126 runs. Thereafter wickets fell regularly, thanks more to our opponents' mistakes than our bowlers' skill. J. Delany bowled well in his first spell without luck, but K. S. Williams and A. C. Morris bowled consistently short and the wicket was too slow to help D. F. Borland's spin.

The School did not begin well, but a fine century by N. R. Watson helped chiefly by J. D. E. Rayman and M. Lord took our total to within eight runs of victory before stumps were drawn. The least pleasing feature of this match was the School's fielding, which, in the face of hard hitting on a small ground, left much to be desired.

WALLASEY

Watkins ct. Phillips b. Borland	84
Townsend ct. K. S. Williams b. Morris	44
Brown ct. Rayman b. Phillips	17
McGlashan b. Morris	1
Walker l.b.w. b. K. S. Williams	1
Steere not out	21
Sutcliffe b. K. S. Williams	13
Kent not out	17
Extras	10
Total (for 6 wickets declared)	208

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson not out	100
M. P. Robinson ct. Townsend b. Davies	1
D. F. Borland ct. Walker b. McGlashan	11
K. S. Williams b. McGlashan	7
J. D. E. Rayman ct. and b. Atkinson	29
G. S. Phillips b. Atkinson	1
M. Lord ct. Townsend b. Kent	30
A. C. Morris run out	1
J. Delany not out	3
Extras	18

Total (for 7 wickets) 201

R. E. Williams and D. Hallard did not bat.

June 6th. v. STAFF. Home. Match drawn.

The School batted first and though N. R. Watson did his best to get himself out by flicking at balls outside his off stump he eventually made a good score. M. P. Robinson was never at ease, but J. D. E. Rayman batted well if allowances are made for rash shots attempted in an effort to force the pace. A generous declaration left the Staff to get 105 runs in 100 minutes. Mr. Watts was soon out to a good ball by K. S. Williams but then Mr. Evans and Mr. Pentelow batted soundly and aggressively against erratic bowling to put on 50 runs.

The middle wickets fell rapidly, but Mr. Watkins and Mr. Bird brought victory for the Staff within sight before the latter was run out. Mr. McCulloch hit hard for a refreshingly quick 10, and Mr. Peat had his love for the game of cricket tested by having to walk to the wicket for the last ball of the match without even facing the bowler.

The School bowling was not good and it is a pity that D. Hallard was not given a chance on a wicket that took spin.

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson not out	46
M. P. Robinson l.b.w. b. Pentelow	7
D. F. Borland ct. and b. Pentelow	7
J. D. E. Rayman ct. Pentelow b. Watkins	28
M. Lord b. Watkins	10
G. S. Phillips not out	0
Extras	6

Total (for 4 wickets declared) 104

K. S. Williams, Morris, Delany, R. E. Williams and Hallard did not bat.

STAFF

Mr. Watts b. K. S. Williams	5
Mr. Evans ct. Rayman b. Delany	28
Mr. Pentelow ct. Rayman b. Borland	19
Mr. Waller l.b.w. b. Borland	2
Mr. Morley ct. R. E. Williams b. Delany	0
Mr. Haynes run out	4
Mr. Clews ct. Robinson b. Borland	0
Mr. Watkins not out	12
Mr. Bird run out	9
Mr. McCulloch ct. Borland b. K. S. Williams	10
Mr. Peat not out	0
Extras	9

Total (for 9 wickets) 98

June 9th. v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, Lytham. Home. Match drawn.

Our opponents batted first and the earlier batsmen who were lucky enough to survive some first-rate bowling by both J. Delany and K. S. Williams at the beginning built up a good score. In spite of three wickets by J. Delany in one wicket maiden over, they declared with six wickets down to leave the School with 113 minutes to make 142 runs. E. W. Dickinson was out early to a brilliant piece of stumping, but N. R. Watson and D. F. Borland put the School well on before being separated. It is pleasing to recall some excellent strokes by D. F. Borland. G. S. Phillips also showed great improvement as a batsman, and M. Lord hit boldly and might even have won the match if he had not played a full-toss back to the bowler.

KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL

Bewley run out	51
Mills ct. Morris b. Temperley	18
White run out	11
Ogden not out	41
Firth ct. R. E. Williams b. Delany	7
Kidd b. Delany	0
Adcock ct. Borland b. Delany	0
Winder not out	8
Extras	8

Total (for 6 wickets declared) 142

SCHOOL	
N. R. Watson ct. Dalby b. Kidd	28
E. W. Dickinson st. Ogden b. Kay	3
D. F. Borland ct. White b. Kay	45
J. D. E. Rayman ct. Ogden b. White	4
K. S. Williams b. Kay	10
G. S. Phillips not out	11
M. Lord ct. and b. Kidd	13
A. C. Morris ct. White b. Kay	1
J. Delany not out	0
Extras	8
Total (for 7 wickets)	123

R. E. Williams and Temperley did not bat.

SECOND XI

So far the team has not been beaten and has played better cricket than at one time seemed likely. They have shown great keenness and a willingness to remedy their faults.

By 2nd XI standards the team is a good batting side, though J. D. Hague's batting has been lately rather uncertain and J. Davis has not scored quite so freely as he did last year. We have two very good opening batsmen in E. W. Dickinson and J. D. Marsden, the former especially showing great confidence. Marsden's batting will improve with more concentration. The soundest bat in the side is P. Bardsley, whose watchfulness, temperament and technique all give rise to great hopes for the future. J. L. Williams, too, is developing well, and has some nice strokes, especially on the off side.

At one time it appeared that the bowling would be very poor indeed. We soon, however, found a most useful opening bowler in I. W. Green, who besides being accurate, moves the ball both in the air and off the wicket. H. Bibby has had a lot of trouble with foot drag, but is remedying this with patience. Though not as accurate as Green, he can bowl a very good ball on occasion. J. M. Temperley's length and direction have both improved and he is turning the ball. J. D. Marsden may make an off-break bowler with perseverance.

J. S. Hilland is a much improved wicket-keeper, though he still has faults, among them a tendency to snatch at the ball.

F. A. Kynaston has been used as a change bowler and is a useful hard-hitting batsman. One remembers with pleasure a glorious straight six at Manchester Grammar School.

The fielding and throwing is not yet up to last year's standard, and the calling and running between wickets poor at the moment. When these are

remedied the side will be a good one. Certainly Davis has set a splendid example as Captain, and has been well supported by Hague.

New Colours have been awarded to:—E. W. Dickinson, I. W. Green and P. Bardsley.

RESULTS

May 9th. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL 2nd XI. Away. School 43 for 1 (Hague n.o. 23). Match abandoned because of rain.

May 12th. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2nd XI. Away. School 124 for 8 declared (Dickinson 28); Manchester Grammar School 64 for 9 (Temperley 4 for 26). Match drawn.

May 16th. v. BOLTON SCHOOL 2nd XI. Home. Bolton School 127 for 3 declared; School 60 for 9. Match drawn.

May 29th. v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S, Wakefield, 2nd XI. Home. Queen Elizabeth's, Wakefield 67 (Green 6 for 29); School 70 for 4 (Davis n.o. 29, Bardsley 20). School won by 6 wickets.

May 30th. v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2nd XI. Home. Wallasey Grammar School 132 for 8 declared (Green 3 for 30); School 111 for 5 (Dickinson 40, Bardsley 26, Davis n.o. 20). Match drawn.

UNDER 15 XI

The season started disastrously, but there is more promise in the side than the results suggest. The batting lacks stability, the bowling penetration and the fielding speed and experience. It is just to add that injuries have compelled frequent changes in the composition of the side, and that two of the teams which defeated us so decisively have a different age limit. A final verdict must wait until the programme for the term is completed.

Caps have so far been awarded to W. D. Yale, the captain and only old cap, and to J. G. Mitchell, D. Paton, M. Billcliff, R. N. Tattersall, P. A. Ruler, M. R. Kay, R. W. Welsby and A. A. Green. Others who have played are B. Hayes, J. S. Gallagher, P. A. Gee, C. R. L. Mark, N. N. Walmsley and D. W. Grindey.

RESULTS

Wednesday, May 9th. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. No play because of rain.

Saturday, May 12th. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Lost by 9 wickets. School 68; M.G.S. 69 for 1 wicket.

Wednesday, May 16th. v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Away. Lost by 10 wickets. School 80 for 9 declared (M. R. Kay 19, D. Paton 13 n.o., R. N. Tattersall 12); Bolton 81 for 0 wicket.

Wednesday, May 30th. v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Lost by 96 runs. Wallasey 115 (J. G. Mitchell 4 for 37, W. D. Yale 3 for 19, D. Paton 2 for 8); School 19.

Saturday, June 9th. v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, Lytham. Home. Won by 47 runs. School 105 (D. Paton 35 n.o., M. R. Kay 23); Lytham 57 (J. G. Mitchell 7 for 19).

UNDER 14 XI

This is a new team, started this term, to feed the Under 15 and through that, to help to strengthen the senior School teams. So far enthusiasm is more obvious than skill, but there is no lack of promising material.

The batting is in the difficult stage where the cross-bat swipe has nearly been eliminated, but real scoring shots are only in the early stages of development. The Old Adam breaks out occasionally, with results that are sometimes amusing, but always disastrous.

The bowling is becoming more correct technically, and therefore more accurate, but so far we have had to rely mainly on our faster bowlers, as we have not made enough runs ourselves to be able to use our slow spinners.

The fielding is generally good, and always keen. Chances have been missed, but some good catches have been taken. The backing up has sometimes been four deep, but now and then at exciting moments, it has been forgotten altogether. Our worst fault has been poor judgment of runs. Wickets have been thrown away by attempting the impossible, and this has led to such caution that perfectly safe runs are refused. We have probably wasted at least twenty runs a match.

Parkinson has led the side well, and set an excellent example in the field.

Two matches have been played so far, and both have been lost, but both have been good and interesting games.

TEAM:—J. B. Parkinson (Captain), A. G. Jones, J. R. L. Lee, K. Maddock, D. W. Ogden, M. C. Davies, M. C. Dyer, J. S. Litherland, J. Hill, D. W. Butterworth and A. R. Lyons.

RESULTS

May 16th. v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Home. Lost by 66 runs. Bolton School 132 for 7 declared (Gee 60, Lyons 2 for 22, Butterworth 1 for 8); School 66 (Ogden n.o. 28, Gee 6 for 43).

May 30th. v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Lost by 3 wickets. School 85 (Lyons 37, Nixon 4 for 27, Baddeley 5 for 27); Wallasey Grammar School 88 for 8 (Erskine 39, Hill 4 for 27, Maddock 4 for 37).

House Lacrosse

The weather was not as kind to us during the lacrosse term as it was in the rugger term and several games afternoons had to be cancelled because of either snow or frost. Even so a very enthusiastic series of House games was played ending in a deserved win for Gaskell.

The Knock-outs, as always, were very keenly contested and after one cancellation, due to snow, Gaskell beat Byrom by six goals to five in the Senior competition, and as the score suggests, it was a grand game to watch. The junior section was won by Fraser, who beat Dalton by four goals to three in another very exciting game.

The season ended with the Six-a-side games, which once again aroused keen competition and enthusiasm. Fraser had a field day and very nearly swept the board in both senior and junior competitions.

Rugby Football Fixtures, 1956

FIRST XV

Sept. 26th.—Major Watkins XV	Home
Oct. 3rd.—House Matches	
Oct. 6th.—Stockport Grammar School	Home
Oct. 10th.—C.C.F. Field Day	
Oct. 13th.—Manchester University Freshers	Home
Oct. 17th.—House Matches	
Oct. 20th.—Hulme Hall	Home
Oct. 24th.—King's School, Macclesfield	Away
Oct. 27th.—Half Term	
Oct. 31st.—King Edward VII, Lytham	Away
Nov. 3rd.—Old Hulmeians	Home
Nov. 7th.—Cheadle Hulme	Home
Nov. 10th.—House Matches	
Nov. 14th.—Birkenhead School	Home
Nov. 17th.—Manchester Grammar School	Away
Nov. 22nd.—Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Wakefield	Away
Nov. 28th.—Wallasey Grammar School	Away
Dec. 1st.—Merchant Taylors' School	Home
Dec. 15th.—Sale R.F.C. Freshers	Home

Skiing in Norway at Easter, 1956

The winter sports party from School, which left Manchester on March 31st, can claim the distinction of venturing further afield than any previous party of its kind.

Newcastle-on-Tyne on a windy Saturday afternoon is not an attractive place, and we spent only twenty minutes there, before departing for the Tyneside Commission Quay. Here our journey began in earnest, for the thirty-six hour sea crossing to Oslo lay before us. At 4 p.m. the anchors were weighed and, assisted by tugs, the 5,000 ton *M.S. Braemar* headed into a cold, grey, windy North Sea. We had comfortable second-class cabins, and the next morning some of the party were extremely reluctant to leave them. A very depleted force attended an excellent Sunday dinner, but later in the afternoon, sunshine, calm seas and the sight of the Norwegian coast brought even the paler-faced landlubbers out on deck. At 5 p.m. we landed at Kristiansand on the south-west coast of Norway, our first port of call. Most of us went ashore and were impressed by the brightly painted wooden buildings and the cleanliness of the streets. A major attraction in the harbour was a Russian fishing tug whose crew, complete with fur hats, was successfully iron-curtained off, even when addressed in Russian by Dr. Jecny and K. Hinson.

From Kristiansand to Oslo the sea was calm, and on Monday morning we disembarked at the Vippetangen Quay in Oslo. After a brief hour of sight-seeing in the Norwegian capital, which appeared rather deserted on this sunny Easter Monday morning, we re-assembled at the Øst Station where P. J. Richards joined us, arriving from Sweden. The next six hours were spent in what the Norwegians claim to be an express train, travelling the 150 miles to Geilo, our final destination. The tedium of this journey was aggravated by the inexplicable absence of a dining-car in which a meal was to have been served.

Geilo, midway between Oslo and Bergen and situated in a wide, wooded valley, consisted of a scattered number of wooden houses and hotels and the ski-lift. The Geilo Hotel, also wooden, warm and welcoming, was to be our home for the next ten days. Food, as is customary in Scandinavia, was lavishly provided and we soon learned to appreciate the delights of the Norwegian smørgebord, smoked reindeer and goat cheese, whilst the scarcity of hot water was compensated by the abundance of cream.

But we had come to ski, and were soon equipped with boots, skis, sticks and an instructor. The regulars soon regained their proficiency and some

of them undertook longer runs on the surrounding mountains. The beginners, under the instructor's patient tuition, quickly gained confidence and, towards the end of the stay, almost all of them qualified for the one-star proficiency badge. The ski lift was in great demand by both the experts and the beginners, as the run down was suitable for either, the only difference being the speed of the descent and the number of falls—if any.

Our ten days passed quickly, surprisingly so, because Geilo, although classed as one of the main skiing centres in Norway, was very quiet. The highlight of night life, for instance, was a visit to the only local cinema on the only day it was open. Our return journey was broken by a night in Oslo, spent at a centrally situated hotel. On this occasion the city appeared unexpectedly lively and the next morning, spent in individual sight-seeing, confirmed this impression. The crowded narrow streets, such as the Karl Johans Gate, the main street of Oslo, the Royal Palace, the City Hall, the busy harbour and, of course, the shops, the light-blue trams which appeared suddenly around corners, running at high speeds on the wrong side of the road with crowded trailers, all claimed our attention until we sailed for Newcastle in the afternoon. The voyage down the beautiful Oslo Fjord in brilliant sunshine, this time on the *M.S. Blenheim*, lasted until the evening when, in the light of the setting sun, we turned into the Skagerak. The next day was spent comfortably on board ship on a wonderfully calm sea. Far behind us now lay Milton's:

" . . . tallest pine,
Hewn on Norwegian hills,"

and we awoke the next morning already moored to the grimy Tyneside quay. Shortly before 1 p.m. Manchester was reached by train and the party dispersed.

It only remains to thank Dr. Jecny, who was not accompanied this time by Mrs. Jecny, for his advice, patience and care and above all for making such an enjoyable and invigorating holiday possible.

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Paris, 1956

During the Easter holidays an educational visit to Paris was made by a party of twenty boys accompanied by Mr. Collings. This year the journey from Dieppe to Paris was made by road transport in

order to afford a better appreciation of the geography of Normandy, and of its towns and villages.

Convenient and comfortable accommodation was provided at the Lycée Bossuet, which faces the Luxembourg Gardens. This central location made it possible for us to visit almost any part of Paris easily, while at the same time the peaceful surroundings offered a pleasant rest from the noise and bustle of the main thoroughfares. The food was very good in quality and almost excessive in quantity.

After a preliminary tour of Paris by bus in order to get our bearings, the party settled down to a steady programme of visits. The usual ascent to the top of the Eiffel Tower was of course essential, and the easiest, for all the other ascents—and they were numerous—involved considerable physical effort in climbing innumerable steps. The visit to Notre Dame included admission to the Bell Tower, where we were given a demonstration of the resonance of the great bells, and then from the top of the tower many photographs of Paris were taken. Indeed we seemed to unravel miles of photographic film in the course of our stay and an interesting private exhibition was held on our return.

In the evening of Easter Saturday we made another tour of Paris by coach in order to see the very extensive floodlighting of buildings, but despite the late hour of return most of the party were up early on Easter Sunday to attend Communion at the charming church of the British Embassy, while the remainder attended a morning service at the English Methodist Church. In the afternoon we climbed the hill of Montmartre where in the great church of the Sacre-Coeur we watched the well-attended City of Paris Easter Sunday Service, at which the various dignitaries wore their official dress. We then ascended hundreds of steps up to the Dome, from which one has two views, inside, down on to the congregation and outside, over the whole of Paris and beyond. The rest of the afternoon was spent in wandering around the old village examining the art shops, where many presents were bought at reasonable prices.

Another whole day was spent in a visit to Versailles, where we were fortunate in having the same guide as last summer and once again she explained lucidly the history and the artistic merits of the building and its contents. On our way back to Paris we made a detour to visit La Malmaison, the private residence of Napoleon Bonaparte, which added a considerable amount of early nineteenth-century history to that of the seventeenth absorbed at Versailles. This received further impetus later when we visited the special exhibition of the Napoleonic Wars at the Invalides. As we had already visited the site of the Bastille, it now needed only a visit to the Conciergerie with its grisly souvenirs of

the Revolution, where one is regaled with details of "execution hair-cuts," to make us feel like walking history books. We therefore turned to the art galleries of the Louvre. Here we were shown the development of sculpture from earliest times to the final classical work and were of course able to see the Venus of Milo. In the picture galleries we were given concise explanations of the various schools of painting, reinforced with inspection of various masterpieces and of course we saw the famous Mona Lisa—who apparently could also see us.

Interspersed with our more strenuous efforts were a visit to the large open-air Zoo at Vincennes, an afternoon stroll along the quais and up the Champs Elysees and periods of gentle meandering on the Ile St. Louis or along the Boulevard St. Michel.

Finally we spent an evening at the opera, where we saw the ballet. While the first production was somewhat above our heads, the other two were understood and enjoyed by all—and in any case a visit to the Paris opera is in itself a remarkable experience.

We made our road journey back to Dieppe *via* Rouen, passing the vast new factory being built by the Renault Company on the way. We made a stay at Rouen in order to get a glimpse of a French provincial city and river port and then travelled out through the cotton mill villages and on to the coast where the sight of white-crested waves caused some uneasiness. The journey proved, however, to be reasonably good and in due course we reached Euston, where the party soon fell asleep in the night train for Manchester.

Next Easter we hope to extend the scope of our visit by travelling down from Paris for a few additional days in Provence, in order to have a look at the famous Roman amphitheatres and aqueducts—and to enjoy the warm sunshine of the Midi.

A Short Works Course

Despite the fact that school-life is supposed to be one of the happiest periods in a lifetime, it is far from carefree. In addition to the annual anxiety over examinations there looms, with increasing emphasis, the prospect of having to find a practical outlet for one's abilities in the work-a-day world. Selling one's labour to the best advantage is seldom an easy task. It is all the more difficult when relatively little is known about the skill and knowledge required in present-day conditions. The complicated framework of commercial and industrial life

remains largely a mystery to the youth at school and, with the rapidity of present day technological changes, is probably a mystery to those who would attempt to forecast future developments. All this, however, faces most of us about to leave school, even though the immediate future means three or four years in a University.

The advice obtainable from Ministry of Labour Careers Guides and articles published in the press frequently stirs the imagination and lends some valuable aid to help in making decisions. Perhaps the most vivid and practical assistance along these lines is offered by those far-seeing firms which arrange special vacation courses to give young folk about to leave school an insight into their respective industries. Newspaper reports of such courses for prospective Railway Engineers and prospective Bankers made interesting reading in the week following Easter this year. Metropolitan-Vickers provided a well-devised course which proved to be most instructive and helpful and one which should remain an outstanding memory to those who were fortunate enough to be admitted to it.

The course occupied a full five-day working week commencing on the 9th April. The newly-appointed manager of the Company's Education Department—then the assistant manager—first gave an encouraging welcome and then proceeded to outline the programme for professional apprentice recruitment and training. Here was the first shaft of light on the process of transformation from student to engineer. Lectures and film demonstrations followed which revealed in a detailed manner the history, achievements, policy and method of administration of the Company. These brought the student face to face with reality in this famous unit of the industrial world.

Perhaps the most fascinating side of the course was the number of opportunities allowed for practical work. The wearing of boiler suits—the old school tie to the engineer—brought a touch of realism to the new experience; but realism faded into fantasy when the chance to operate an atomic hydrogen blowpipe was offered. No one on the course could summon enough courage to take advantage of the occasion and be one of the first to have an experience which will be probably a commonplace of the future.

Various tours in different sections of this giant organisation provided excellent opportunities for visualising the magnitude of an undertaking whose manufactures may be found all over the world in all kinds of connections: from domestic electrical appliances to electricity generating stations; from fractional horsepower motors to electric locomotives; and from radio sets to high-voltage transformers. A vivid illustration of one such ultimate market in which the Company's products could be

seen was revealed on the occasion of the tour round the newly-constructed power station at Carrington. Here huge turbo-generators, manufactured by the Company, and driven by high pressure steam developed in automatically stoked boilers, supplied current into the National Grid System. This new power station is one of the latest additions to the scheme for increasing the nation's electricity supply, a project in which Metropolitan-Vickers is playing no insignificant part.

These many revelations of what the Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Company Ltd. is achieving in the way of production would be merely of academic interest were they not directed to helping the student to discover whether he personally had any aptitude for taking part in such affairs. This side of the course was catered for with sympathetic understanding by the opportunities which were given for performing several pieces of practical work. Making small machined parts on a capstan lathe seemed like getting down to the real business of engineering, especially when a high standard of accuracy was expected even from raw beginners. It was cause for some personal satisfaction to be able to achieve that standard. The souvenirs of one's attainments will be a good reference guide as to whether or not one possesses the necessary knack, when ultimately the time arrives to make a decision over one's future career.

The course was appropriately concluded by a lecture on the many careers that may be followed in the service of the Company. The professions of electrical engineering, mechanical engineering and draughtsmanship may be popularly associated with one another. It was, however, revealing to learn the variety of other careers which can be followed, from Personnel Manager to Accountant; from the Costing and Work Study to Foreign Correspondent and Overseas Trade Representative. It seemed from the discussion that followed the lecture that whatever one's abilities at school may be, from Linguist to Medical Student, one can sell one's skill to Metrovick.

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Unfair to Scissors Grinders

The other day I missed my train. I should have been annoyed had I not discovered an entirely new aspect of British Railways. Some notices on an out-of-the-way wall attracted my attention. I strolled over to them, and began to read. One contained a fascinating resumé of the Explosives Act of 1875, another told me, somewhat belatedly, of the death of the Railway Executive. The third, however, interested me most.

It outlined the charges made for Left Luggage. It was not the charges that made fascinating reading, but the articles named. Never need I now be worried about that old Cash Register in my attic—British Railways will take care of it for 5d. a day. For the same amount I could store my Bath Chair, my Bass Viol, my Hand Cart, my Sewing Machine (Treadle) or my Piano (Street).

I could not help feeling certain injustices in the list. A Scissors Grinder has to pay 5d. to leave his machine, while a Huckster or a Packman can leave his luggage for 3d. I wondered if the man who drew up the list had once been a Huckster, or if his hated enemy was a Scissors Grinder. At least he hated Pianos (other than street), for he charged them 11d. per day.

I was just wondering what size an Ice Cream Freezer might be (at 5d. a day), if a Harmonium costs 11d., when my train arrived and put an end to my musings. But I now have a new respect for the humble railway clerks and porters, for they may be the custodians of Great Aunt Martha's Harp, or of Uncle Albert's Cash Register, or even of Cousin Harry's Ice Cream Freezer. At all events, they have my Huckster's Luggage.

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The Storm

You first see it as you walk past the promontory over the rippling sand. The protecting trees cradle the village in their bosom, defending the red and blue roofs against the wind and the sea. Before you the sand gives way to shingle, the shingle to rock, and the rock to the outlying houses of the old village. On one side of the houses, the cliff ascends till it towers menacingly over the rocks. On the opposite side of the village, the promontory runs out from the rest of the mainland, until it enters the rolling sea, and points accusingly to the rolling hills on the other side of the bay.

The village approaches, and it is now possible to see the blue columns of smoke rising in supplication to the sky. Below the roofs of the houses, white-washed walls proudly bear the date of the year when they were built, often three centuries ago. The main street climbs from the beach past old houses and tea-gardens advertising home-made nettle beer, and into the tiny square, which is the meeting-place for all three of the village's streets. One of them leads up to the ancient hall, now a hotel.

At the other end of a dark alley is the entrance to the churchyard, which harbours the oldest church for miles around. Overlooking the sea, and its churchyard filled with rows of bleached crosses, the church stands, a proud sentinel, guarding its secrets. Sheltered by lofty oak trees, the beautiful building keeps the mellowed smell of bygone ages inside its sandstone walls. Although it seats only forty people, this church has been the place of worship for Christians for many centuries. In contrast, the old chapel above the church stands in ruins. The chapel is reached by a dark and steep path, overhung with brambles, and the site of the chapel is bordered by graves, which have been hollowed out of the rock many centuries ago, but which have been despoiled and emptied by a past generation. Only two walls of the chapel remain, but the edifice proudly bears the name of St. Patrick's Chapel, for he is said to have landed here. A few feet away, the ground subsides into nothing, and the cliff drops away dangerously till it is brought to a halt by the sharp rocks and the deep pools of the sea-shore. Above the cliffs, a blue sky surrounds the scene.

The leisurely blue sky turns indigo and then dirty black, and the cool deep shadows cast by the eaves dissolve into grey murkiness. Large spots of rain are quickly absorbed by the porous rock around the graves near the chapel. A vivid fork of lightning momentarily illuminates the darkness of the church. By now, the tide is well in, and the waves roll sullenly and break on the cold rocks with bitterness. A curlew whistles its foreboding warning, and disappears to find shelter. Thunder racks and tears the sky, grey and evil in the half-light. The noise rumbles and grows louder overhead, and ornaments on the altar of the church rattle. The ruined chapel stands silhouetted against the lightning. The angry and violent sky spits. The hailstones lash down on the little village, trying to win the age-old feud between the elements and civilisation. The rain swishes down ceaselessly, in an attempt to saturate the foundations of the village, so that the houses may totter. However, Nature's barrage is not strong enough to subdue Man, and the downpour gradually lessens in its intensity, and with a last, low grumble, the thunder rolls on inland, to create havoc elsewhere.

Night falls, sorrowfully. Gloating black clouds hide the moon from view. The trees shiver and their leaves rustle restlessly. Eerie blackness settles on the face of the swelling sea, and an owl calls across the dark churchyard.

The sun rises on a bleary world, taking stock of the damage done to it by the recent storm. A blackbird cheerfully carols his monotonous song, and the appetising smell of bacon is wafted through the open doors of the cottages. The verger opens the church doors, and the first bus arrives from the