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Robert Alec Haynes

SCHOOL NOTES AND NEWS

We congratulate Mr. Richardson on his marriage during the Christmas holiday.

We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Timm on the birth of a son.

We congratulate the following on their awards: C. N. Bourne, a scholarship in History at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge; S. L. Claughton, a scholarship in English at Pembroke College, Oxford; S. M. Fletcher, a scholarship in Mathematics at Brasenose College, Oxford; M. G. Touchin, a scholarship in Mathematics at Keble College, Oxford.

We congratulate the following on gaining places: OXFORD — K. H. Ardron (Brasenose); R. J. Fitzgerald (Brasenose); K. M. Dodd (St. Edmund Hall); P. Dennis-Jones (Worcester); D. A. Hockaday (Jesus). CAMBRIDGE — J. Makin (Trinity Hall); P. P. Morris (Churchill); D. P. Cross (Pembroke); A. A. Gardner (Christ's); I. R. Bays (St. Catharine's); S. J. N. Daniell (Downing).

The following boys were appointed School Prefects this term: K. R. Astle, E. Baines, T. J. Beasant, V. W. Bennett, P. Dickson, D. Hallworth, D. J. Hollows, G. H. Hunt, I. D. Kettle, J. A. Koski, B. K. W. Lightowler, J. S. Rhodes, D. V. Roberts, D. G. Royle.

The Founder's Day Service was held in the Cathedral on January 16th. The Address was given by the Reverend Canon F. Wright.

We gratefully acknowledge the gift (by Mr. J. G. Rickards, O.H.) of the very handsome 'Book of Ties'. It will form a very acceptable addition to the shelves of the Donner Library.

Forthcoming events this term include:

House Play Competition—14th and 21st March.

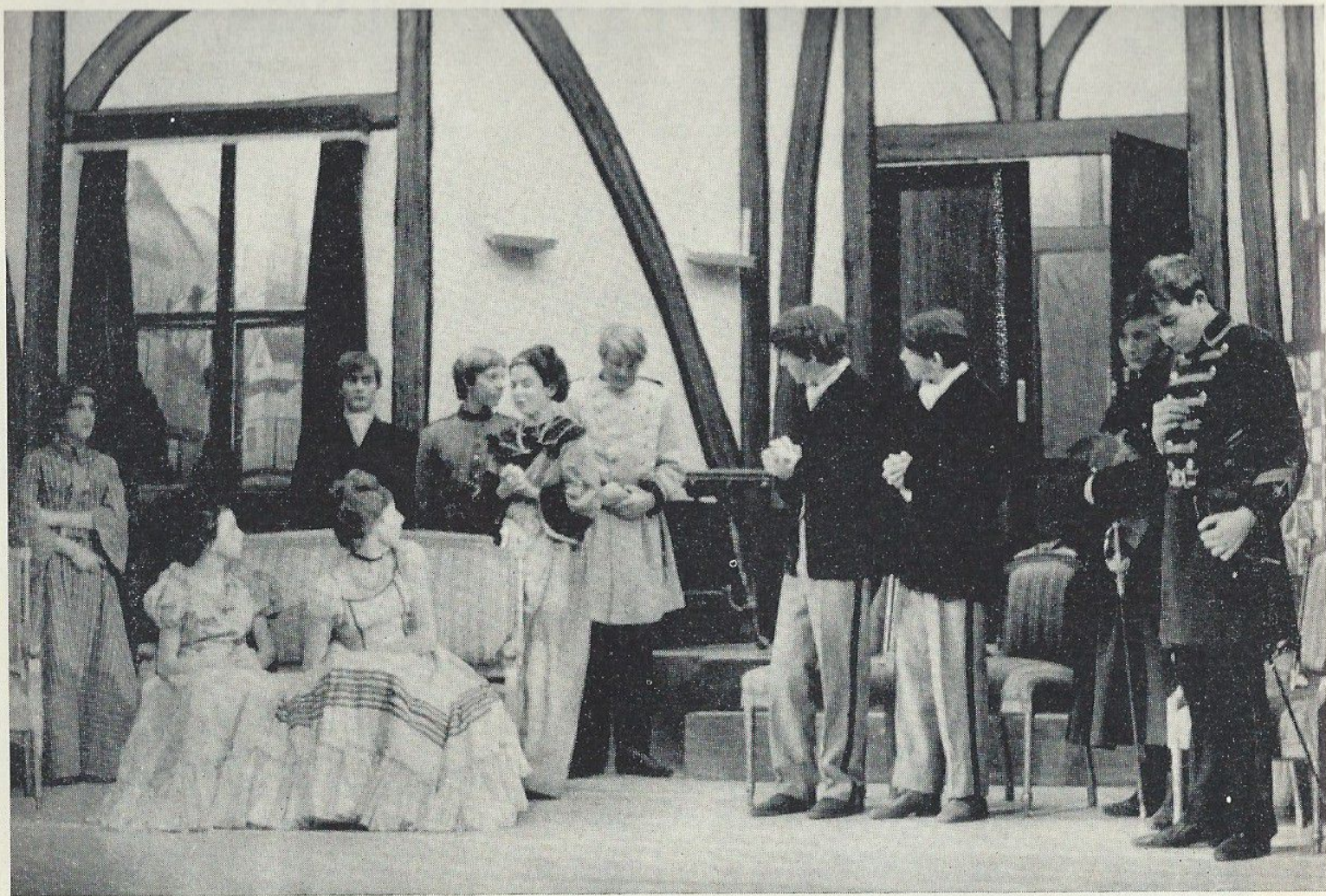
Junior Play—18th, 19th, 20th March.

Junior, Middle School and Lower Sixth Parents' Evenings—24th and 25th March.

Easter Concert—26th March.

Term Ends—12.55 p.m. 28th March.

The editor gratefully acknowledges the receipt of many of our contemporaries.



THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR

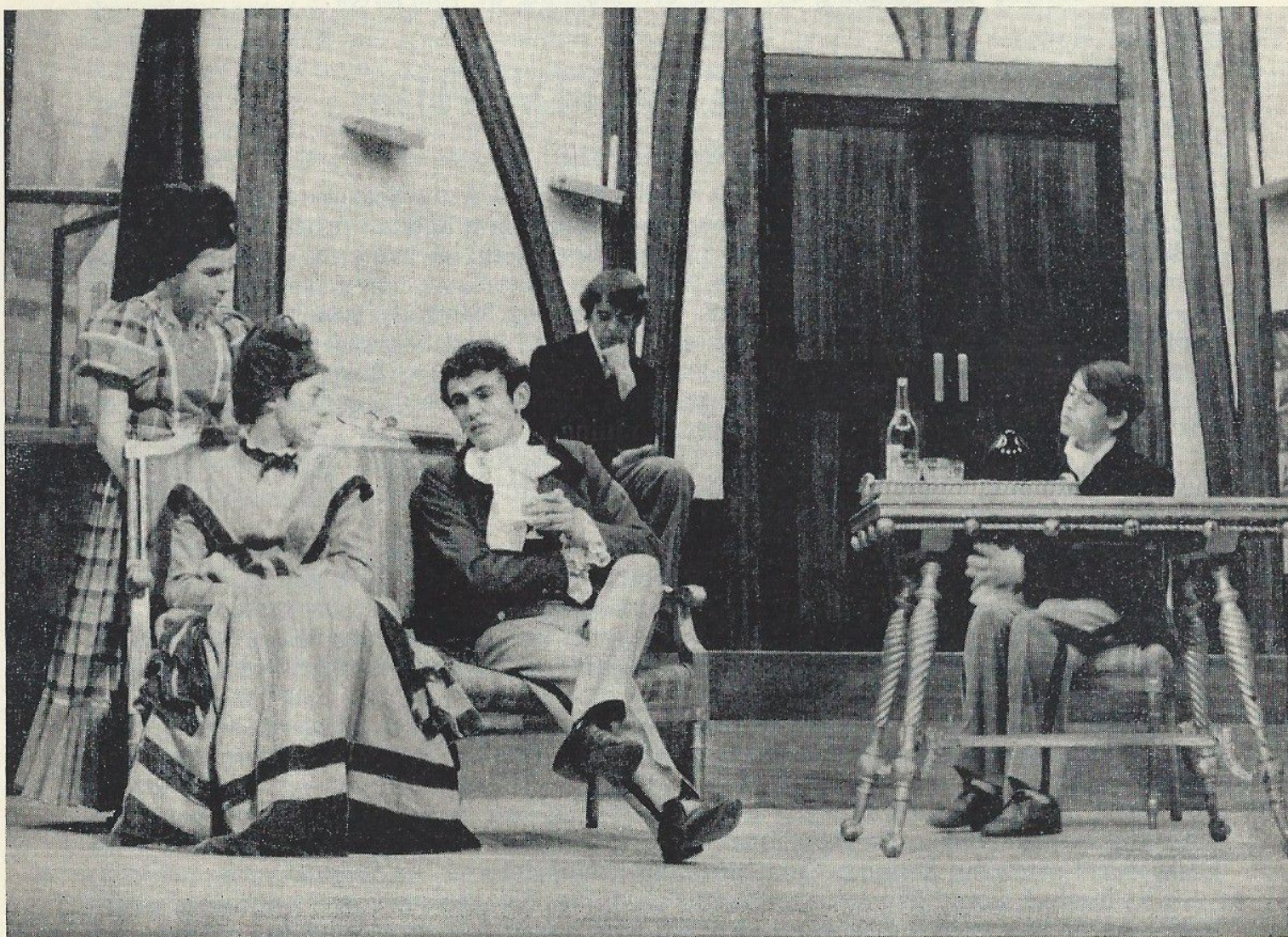
This year's school play was again a translation of a work by a European writer—D. J. Campbell's version of Gogol's *The Government Inspector*. The play is a satirical comedy based on the panic-stricken reactions of the corrupt officials of a small Russian town when they hear that they are to be visited by an Inspector General from St. Petersburg who will be travelling incognito. Dreading that their misdeeds will be revealed, they are horrified to discover that a young man staying at the local inn is apparently none other than the unwelcome official. He is in fact Hlestakov, a superficially smart, but very shallow, young rake who is returning penniless to his home after having gambled away all his money in the big city.

The officials of the town persist in the delusion that here is a personage who has the power of life or death over them all and try, by flattery, by feasting him, and finally by open bribery to buy themselves out of trouble. Needless to say, this is all very welcome to the starving Hlestakov and he does not disabuse them—even when he is betrothed to the Mayor's daughter. The ending is, unfortunately, all too obvious.

A play which is a biting satire on the corruption of officialdom is not irrelevant at any time or in any country, yet it did not involve the audience as fully as one might have hoped. This was partly because of the play's 'foreignness' and partly because it lacked the necessary pace and sparkle. Comedy of this kind requires polish and a control of tone and nuance which are difficult for schoolboy actors. The momentum that should carry through from crisis to crisis was often sadly lacking.

The two major roles, Hlestakov (M. H. Sanig) and the Mayor (R. H. Vernon) are long and testing. Both were played very competently, though neither was perhaps as full-blooded as might be wished. Vernon, bewhiskered and bewildered, was sometimes admirable in his attempts to bluster his way through trouble and convince the supposed Inspector of his worth. He captured something of the range of this part—from his miserable anxiety to his pompous exercise of dictatorial power—but was a little too youthful and lightweight to be entirely successful.

Sanig looked the part and was a most resplendent Hlestakov. His performance was sometimes marred by a tendency to throw his lines away—tossing them off rather too rapidly and without enough thought. Apart from this, however, he took the part well



and was always confident and easy in his movements. In his drunken scene, where he lets alcohol and imagination lead him into a make-believe world where he is addressed as 'Your Excellency' and is sought for by no less than 35,000 messengers, there were glimpses of a very able actor indeed.

Of a large supporting cast, Eckersley's Yosif, and Cantrell and Byrne's Bobchinsky and Dobchinsky remain most clearly in the mind. Byrne, in particular, always alert and watchful, acting all the time he was on the stage. There were of course many other very competent lesser parts. The main female characters, the Mayor's wife, Anna (N. K. Yule) and his daughter, Marya (I. Dickson) were both too wooden in their movements but interpreted the mother-daughter relationship well despite their tendency to stop acting when not actually speaking.

What else?—A. P. Brown's heavy Russian presence and rich voice, Croke's mean Charity Commissioner and Moritz's portrayal of the naive Postmaster were all noteworthy.

Set and lighting were good—apart from one strangely murky scene—and the whole added up to an able if not hilarious production. Perhaps the saddest thing was the audience's inability to grasp the significance of the Mayor's anguished cry to the audience:

"What are you laughing at? You are laughing at yourselves!"

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

C.C.F. NOTES

At the beginning of the term we were very pleased to welcome 38 new recruits into B Company, all raring to go. All now have full uniform and are progressing very well with their basic training which always proves very useful in exercises, clashes with A Company and the N.C.O's on Field Days.

The other part of B Company were working hard all term for their Army Proficiency Certificate examinations held at the end of November, and produced excellent results with 24 cadets being successful. For this I would like to thank their N.C.O's for their patience and invaluable guidance and also to congratulate the cadets themselves and wish them success in their more specialised training.

B Company spent field day at Holcombe Brook Ranges, where the recruits received their first training in the skills of the infantry soldier and 3 and 4 platoons took part in an exercise.

The other half of the Corps, A Company, spent field day at Fulwood Barracks, Preston. The day started quietly enough, first with a tour of the Regimental Museum, and then with some instructions on modern small arms. After this though, the day became rather more hectic, all the Company going first over the assault course and then on the Trainasium, a rather terrifying climbing frame which finished with a spectacular "death slide."

Our activities for the term finished with a skiing expedition to Aviemore in North Scotland, and a full account of this is given by one of the hardy Sergeants who took part.

All of us now look forward to the rest of the year, in which we should be spending some weekends afloat in Naval Sea Tenders, a week's Arduous Training in the Lake District at Easter and Summer Camps in Nottinghamshire and in Germany.

Finally I would like to congratulate all the cadets who have been promoted at the beginning of this term, especially J. Rhodes who becomes our new R.S.M.

SKIING IN SCOTLAND

At the witching hour of 3 a.m. on New Year's morn, whilst normal people were staggering home, twelve good men and true were staggering in the opposite direction—into Piccadilly. For it was in this great and noble square, nerve centre of M.C.T.D., that our conveyance in the form of a clapped out Ford Transit awaited our arrival.

The journey was painful.

Camp was pitched on arrival at the site at Loch Morlich on the following afternoon. Everybody was heartbroken on realising that promises of being up on the slopes that afternoon could not be fulfilled, this due to a lack of correlation between the estimated e.t.a. and the actual e.t.a. However, the party decided to make the most of it, and instead to enjoy to the full the vibrant night-life which Aviemore, the hub of Highland social life, frequented only by South American millionaires, top-notch skiers and us, had to offer. On arrival we were pained to hear the only places with heating open to the general public were the washrooms adjacent to the Badenoch Hotel and the Ice Rink. We visited them in that order, then returned to camp for the early night which would enable us all to be up on the slopes at 9 o'clock the following morning.

At 0945 hrs., the following morning: "Good Lord, it's 0945 hrs.!" or words to that effect issued from the tent occupied by our gallant leader, Mr. H. V. Grange. Moreover, not only had we arisen two and three quarter hours behind schedule, but the covering of snow which we had painstakingly cleared from the site on the previous day had melted. After a quick breakfast, our gallant leader and a fellow stalwart, determined to make the most of the facilities, all 4,000 ft. of them, set off running up to the slopes, to be followed later by the van taking up the less eccentric members of the party.

The party assembled at the lower end (i.e. bottom) of the slopes and sorted out the skis and sticks, much of which equipment was on loan from the Army and had the appearance of relics from one of Scott's earlier expeditions to the Antarctic. After being introduced to Willy, our ski-instructor, we all nonchalantly swung our skis over our shoulders and moved off out of the car park. At first sight it appeared that the only snow of any consequence lay on the main runs, so we were not too happy when Willy led us off in the opposite direction through the heather. However he did manage to find us an unpopulated, gently sloping piece of snow of adequate dimensions.

We spent the first two days churning up this patch of snow and the majority of the party, with one or two notable exceptions, learned to maintain an approximately upright position whilst travelling in a straight line.

One or two of the more progressive individuals even graduated to halting and turning, the technical terms for which elude me.

On the Saturday, we were grieved to hear that Willy had unfortunately fallen ill, and was unable to instruct us. The ski-school had instead sent another instructor, who, by some error of judgment, decided we were ready for the big time, and the morning was spent applying our knowledge and lack of it on the boulder-and-people-strewn main runs, the former proving the greater peril to one's personal wellbeing. At last we met a lot of people, though rather through chance than choice. By midday, our instructor had given up hope of teaching us anything for the party soon became separated under the action of gravity and various other natural forces. A large number of the party could be seen all over the slopes disentangling themselves from the tricky positions one can get into when seven foot planks are strapped to one's feet. These manoeuvres pose very interesting topological problems, especially when second or even third parties are involved.

And now we come to the tragic bit. It is with deep regret that I have to report the most unfortunate incident which befell Mr. J. McMullen. Whether his confidence had been upset by a series of mishaps on the ski-tow I cannot tell. It can only be recorded that he lost his balance on a particularly icy and treacherous stretch, fell to the ground, and in so doing delivered a nasty blow to his right shoulder, which had the effect of dislocating it. The good humour and fortitude with which he bore his injury does him great credit. He received the heartfelt sympathies of all the party.

That night and the following morning, the covering of snow which had dwindled rather during our stay, dwindled in fact to the point of invisibility, was refurbished with an additional layer of six inches or so. The tents sagged under the burden, but this did not detract from the eagerness and zest with which the day's skiing was anticipated. Mr. McMullen was not impressed. In order to waste not a moment of valuable skiing time, the two stalwarts even gave up their masochistic marathon. Has there ever been such devotion to a sport?

We had progressed about 200 yds. up the road when we noticed that we had become constituent members of an immobile traffic jam. Word filtered back from higher up that the slopes were inaccessible to motor vehicles. On hearing this, our gallant leader, always one for sharp decisions, decided we should return to camp and then try to get up on foot. This did not appeal to many, but those who did make it assured us the skiing was excellent.

That evening, our gallant leader took his second snap decision of the day, that we were going home that evening instead of the following morning, owing to the possibility of the camp site being buried under snowdrifts overnight. We arrived back at school at 12 noon the following day.

Our thanks go to H.M. Forces for supplying us with such exceptional equipment, to Mr. Grange and his "mates" for successfully avoiding all bollards, trees, pedestrians, etc. on the journeys to and from Scotland, and also for organising the whole holiday.

S.M.F.

STAGE NOTES

The school play ended last term very successfully from the Stage Staff's point of view, and despite the lack of Saturday morning school the set was ready for painting five weeks before the play was due to start. The beginning of this term saw the demolition of the set within ten days.

The new appointments for this year were:—

Stage Manager—J. T. Briscoe

Assistant Stage Managers—G. A. Bennett, I. R. H. Marshall

Chief Electricians—A. A. Gardner, C. D. Salmon

We would like to thank the school painters for painting the set, and also Messrs. Bonnick, Foulds, Furness and Barnett for their help and advice.

J.T.B.

SIXTH FORM SOCIETY

One of the most pleasing aspects of last term was the support and enthusiasm which the Sixth Form, in general, brought to after-school functions. The opening symposium produced a lively and frank exchange of ideas with the teaching staff, and continued late into the evening, sustained only by cups of coffee. Better pupil/staff relationships emerged as the main desire, and the meeting itself was surely the proof of

the value of such intercourse. (The threat of worsened masters/wives relationships was only narrowly avoided by placatory phone calls!)

The "Censorship Debate" held with Whalley Range was a great success in terms of attendance and enjoyment, whilst again it was gratifying that the coffee stimulated a high standard of informal discussion afterwards! This factor highlights the value of the small group activities which the Society has consciously set out to promote. A play-reading with Manchester High School and the resurrection of the Leonardo Da Vinci Society were both highly successful ventures and hold promise for the future.

The Christmas Party for "N.S.P.C.C. Children" is now, we hope, firmly established as an annual event, whilst the Folk Evening that Brian Britten organised to raise money for the Party was a highlight of the term. At one stage, indeed, it seemed that we were vying in popularity with the neighbouring Parents' Association function!

Other activities included a series of Dancing Lessons which surpassed all previous years in terms of numbers (with over 100) if not ability! It is true to say that the real standard of the pupils was revealed in the final, immensely enjoyable "Dancing Evening" which concluded the series! Blending the old with the new, also proved itself in the popularity and success of this year's "Candlelight Dance."

Overall then, a term of truly enjoyable activities revealing a vast, and not yet fully tapped reserve of support, now augmented by those newly freed from examination commitments. This term will see existing societies maintained with, subject to demand, new Dancing Lessons, the long-promised Cottage trips, and joint meetings with Whalley Range and Withington. As usual boys are encouraged to use the centre in the evenings, and free coffee and biscuits are available for any society meetings. Finally, may we sincerely thank Mr. Warden and all the members of staff who have taken such a keen interest in the society.

MUSIC SOCIETY

Like the composer, Richard Strauss, this society has had an "Indian Summer," and there has been a revival of interest in our activities. The attendances during the last term always ran into double figures, a fact which shows even more promise when one realises that all the support came from the Middle School.

We started the term with a lovely performance of Khachaturian's Violin Concerto, which for a change, was well received. After an uninspired rendering of Saint-Saens' Third Symphony, we bade farewell to the old record player and after a delay of about three weeks the new stereo system was in use.

Someone, then had the brilliant idea of reviving Tchaikovsky and for the next two weeks we heard his Fourth and Seventh Symphonies. Just after this came, what to most of us, was the climax of the whole term, when Mr. Langford gave us an interesting and informative lecture, coupled with superb musical examples, on Tchaikovsky's Fifth Symphony. After half listening to some extrovert music by Gounod, we tried to listen to the first movement of Mahler's Third Symphony—a vast, complex work, which was obviously beyond most of the listeners.

The term was ended by listening to Hoffnung, that master of subtle, musical comedy. As March 1969 is the centenary year of Berlioz's death we are planning to perform several of his works, and if anyone would like to come and listen to any of these masterpieces, meetings are held twice a week during 1st sitting in Room M on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All the members of the society would like to thank Mr. Bamforth, for allowing us the use of the new equipment and Mr. Langford for his helpful support.

A. J. PENDLEBURY (5L).

THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

In common with most other school societies, the Photographic Society suffered some disruption of its meetings following the cancellation of Saturday morning school. Nonetheless, a nucleus of keen members has attended the various meetings held alternately on Fridays after school and Saturday mornings.

Mr. Haynes has continued to give the Society the benefit of his wide knowledge in all aspects of photography, and anyone wishing to learn the art could do no better than come to listen to him. Our thanks are again offered to him for his great interest in the Society.

If there are any boys in the Junior School who would like to know more about photography with a view to joining us, please come along to any meeting and ask for one of the officers: he will be only too pleased to advise and help.

A. BREWOOD.

SCIENCE SOCIETY

Three lecture meetings were held last term, all arranged through the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology's lectures-to-schools programme.

The term's activities began on November 27th, when Dr. G. H. de Visme lectured on "The Electronics of Computers". He talked about the logical processes used in digital computers, and illustrated this with many demonstrations including an electric organ and a factory alarm system.

Mr. V. H. Attree lectured to us the following week on "From School Physics to Industrial Electronics". This lecture showed how the simple physical principles learnt by every science student can be used as the basis for many important measuring instruments.

The last lecture of the term was given by Mr. J. W. Lucas on November 21st. The lecture was entitled "Nuclear Science and Crime Detection", and dealt with, among other things, evidence indicating that Napoleon was poisoned with arsenic, and a method of dating silver coins. He showed slides of the Universities' Research Reactor at Risley, near Warrington, and a visit to this establishment was tentatively arranged for Easter.

A party of Middle Sixth Chemistry students visited the Shell Oil Refinery at Stanlow on October 4th. We received a talk on the history and development of the refinery, and the processes in operation there, and after an excellent lunch we were given a coach tour of the installation. Detailed looks at various parts of this proved most entertaining and instructive. After tea and biscuits, we were each presented with a booklet and Shell key-ring, and went on our way, after a day which was both instructive and educationally valuable.

About fourteen chemistry students attended the Royal Institute of Chemistry exhibition at UMIST on October 10th. This was a fascinating display of chemical equipment, and everyone found something to interest them (albeit for some it was the evaluation of colossal expressions on the electronic calculators available!)

The Science Society was also responsible for organising some lunchtime film shows, which weren't very scientific, but seemed to please some people. The films shown were "Power to Fly" and "The Moving Spirit", two cartoons on the development of the aircraft and car, "The Heroic Days of Motor Racing", an excellent account of Grand Prix racing between 1900 and 1914, and "The Revealing Eye", a film about the use of high-speed photography in science.

A fairly full programme of lectures, visits and films has been arranged for this

term, and I hope attendances at these will be even better than last term's. My thanks to the Science Staff for their help and advice.

M. J. HALLWORTH.

CAVING CLUB

The term's caving started with a visit to Great Douk Cave, but because of high water the connection with Middle Washfold, the upper entrance, could not be made. This is an excellent 'beginners' trip. A few weeks later, four of us were introduced to the delights of severe caving when we explored the top half of Simpson's Pot in Kingsdale. Temperamental lamps, confusion with an army party which was visiting the hole and the abortive attempts of the master present to take photographs made progress slow, and we arrived out only just in time to stop his friends from coming to 'rescue' us.

The Half Term meet lasted five days, during which three holes were explored between drying clothes. The first trip, down Bull Pot of the Witches, was muddy and enjoyable, with one member providing amusement for the other ten by getting temporarily stuck in a narrow chimney. The first part of the New Roof Traverse series in Lost John's was explored next day, and then the Near Series of the enormously long Easegill Caverns in Westmorland. We went down the County Pot entrance and explored the full circle of the old series. This included some interesting climbs and squeezes, and was voted the best of the holiday caves.

Since then, there have been two more trips. The first was to Short Drop Cave, a good exercise in wet caving, with a short waterfall pitch. The climax of the term was to have been Magnetometer Pot, a very wet 'severe': but it can only be reached by a steep pass over Fountains Fell, and there was too much snow to use this road. Great Douk was done again instead, and this time, the party of five boys were able to find their own way through in drier conditions to Middle Washfold. Changing in the snow was far more unpleasant than the wetting we received underground.

We are grateful to have received this term some extremely useful ladders, ropes, lights and helmets for the club.

J. R. (5Y).

EXPEDITION TO ICELAND, SUMMER 1969

Plans are now well under way for the expedition to Iceland this summer. The Fifth and Sixth-formers concerned are busy raising money, and planning the work they will do in Iceland. Several hundred letters have been written to individuals, firms and educational trusts, and although we are still a long way from our target, we have received some encouraging help.

A detailed itinerary has been made for the month which will be spent in Iceland, so that the time there will be used to the best advantage. Immediately on arrival the party will establish a "base camp" at Reykjavik, and then move North-East to Hvitarnes, stopping briefly at Thingvellir and Geysir on the way. The greater part of our work will be done on the glacial and periglacial features in the area around Hvitarnes. We will leave there on August 15th, and spend a few days making a town study of Reykjavik before returning home. One problem which remains unsolved is that of transport in Iceland. The hire of a vehicle there, to transport twenty-five people and their equipment would be extremely expensive; the cost of taking a vehicle with us would be even greater. We are still awaiting inspiration on this point!

All the members of the expedition are looking and working toward it eagerly. We will have a taste of a completely new kind of life, with new demands in terms of teamwork and co-operation. Living in tents and refuge huts, we will have to be completely self-sufficient from the time we leave Reykjavik until we return there over three weeks later. It will be vital to the success of the expedition that its members master the art of living and working together amicably. If we do this, it should be an invaluable experience academically, socially and physically.

THE HULME COTTAGES—JANUARY, 1969

As we enter our fourth year at the School Cottages I am pleased to report that they are now in fairly constant use both in the vacations and at week-ends. Over 400 boys have used the Cottages and about 30 different trips have been taken by an increasing number of Staff.

I would like to thank all those parents who have given generously to the many amenities available and in particular:

Mr. and Mrs. E. Howe for the gift of an excellent cooker and convector heater.

Mr. Shires for the gift of new elements for the cooker in the Large Cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Thursby for a convector heater.

Dr. and Mrs. Cumming for a portable radio-gram which will move to the other Cottage that the Staff are not in!

Mr. and Mrs. Seeley for the gift of a carpet to replace one ruined in the flood 18 months ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe for the gift of a three piece suite.

Dr. Summers has given us a large number of books and a spare sleeping bag.

Mrs. Nance—a spare blanket—always welcome as some boys bring very light weight sleeping bags in winter.

I would like to thank Mr. Shires for his help as driver and hard working staff on the February vacation and Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Crosby as excellent cooks at the School Camp last August.

Thanks must also go to Mr. Brewood for his continuing help in all to do with the Cottages and particularly with the Photographic Society trip; to Mr. and Mrs. Hobday, Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffreys, Mr. and Mrs. Howe, Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Shires for much help throughout the year in cleaning up the property after some of the bigger trips.

I am also grateful to Mr. Phillips for his continuing interest and use of the Cottages from Rossendale—this not only keeps them warmer and drier for us but also means he is willing to run over and help when flooding may be a danger.

Finally, thanks are also due to Mr. Manning for his excellent work as Cottage Treasurer and Assistant Warden.

R. A. HAYNES, *Warden.*

HOUSE LETTERS

BYROM

The following appointments were made at the beginning of last term:—

Head of House: P. Dennis-Jones; Deputy Head of House: T. J. Beasant; House Prefects: I. R. Bays, C. N. Bourne, J. A. Koski, J. S. Rhodes, M. T. Ashmore, J. T. Briscoe, N. F. C. Fleming, P. I. M. Huddleston, J. Makin, J. A. Wheatley.

The House has, it is pleasing to report, kept up the long-standing tradition of Byrom successes during the Michaelmas term. Although whatever so-called "House-spirit" there has been, has remained for the most part latent, nevertheless when any effort has been demanded, there has been a magnificent response. This is nowhere better displayed than in our performance in the House League. After languishing at the foot of the table for the first half of the term, when only the 1st Team, enthusiastically led by M. T. Ashmore, with good support from, in particular, N. I. R. Bell, N. F. C. Fleming, and J. Makin, showed any desire to win, all teams in the late stages made a great effort which brought the House soaring to a rewarding and laudable second place.

The Junior Knock-Outs provided a not wholly expected success—all the more meritorious for that. A side none too strong on paper produced a mighty effort to defeat a strong Dalton side 15-14 after trailing for a long period, and then comfortably beat Gaskell 24-0 to take them to the final against the much-fancied Heywood. In an excellent and exciting final, we fought too hard and too long for Heywood, and managed to hold on to an early lead to win 16-8. Especially noteworthy throughout were the hard running of the captain, A. C. Hobday, and the resolute tackling of S. C. Hobday, and while it is hard to single out individuals in a hard-working team, G. L. Lord and M. H. Lomas must be given particular credit.

The victory of a strong Senior Knock-Out side was not so unexpected, but none the less gratifying. With a bye in the first round, we met and defeated Dalton 16-0 in the second round in which J. S. Rhodes' three tries must be mentioned. The final with Whitworth promised to be hard and close but, unfortunately, was marred by injury and absence on the Whitworth side. Nevertheless we were made to struggle in the first half by a spirited Whitworth pack; in the second half, however, we managed to regain our composure and ran out comfortable winners, 14-3. Perhaps the feature of this game was G. Jones' play at stand-off half.

Our winning of the seven-a-side tournament, a competition which we have not won for some years gave the House a celebrated treble. This competition, which is the test of a House's overall strength, proved again that there is the will to do well in Byrom, even if it is not always evident. The 1st, 3rd and 5th VII's must all be congratulated on reaching and winning their group finals.

On the academic side it was good to hear that C. N. Bourne has won a Scholarship in History at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge. Congratulations must also go to T. J. Beasant, J. S. Rhodes, and J. A. Koski, on their appointments as School-prefects.

The House could hardly have hoped for a better all-round term. Let us hope that it augurs well for lacrosse, cross-country and House dramatics.

The following have represented the School at rugby:

1st XV: P. Dennis-Jones (Capt.), J. S. Rhodes, S. E. Tebbett, G. Jones. 2nd XV: T. J. Beasant, J. A. Wheatley. 3rd XV: P. I. M. Huddleston, N. I. R. Bell, M. J. Ashmore, N. F. C. Fleming, J. Makin. U.16 XV: R. G. Taylor, P. J. Akers, P. Norfolk, R. W. Denson, M. J. Naylor, U.15 XV: A. C. Hobday, G. L. Lord. U.14 XV: S. C. Hobday, D. W. Paxton, W. P. Swann, M. H. Lomas.

Senior House Colours have been awarded to:—

P. Dennis-Jones, J. S. Rhodes, S. E. Tebbett, G. Jones, T. J. Beasant, M. T. Ashmore, R. G. Taylor, P. J. Akers, P. Norfolk, P. I. M. Huddleston, N. I. R. Bell, R. W. Denson, M. J. Naylor, R. Waddington, J. M. Throup.

Junior House Colours have been awarded to:—

A. C. Hobday, G. L. Lord, D. W. Paxton, S. C. Hobday, N. S. Leighton, M. H. Lomas, W. P. Swann, C. A. Ball, D. A. Knight, C. J. Evers, C. R. Linsell, I. R. Dunbar, D. J. M. R. Burton, A. J. Brundrett, T. D. Coyne, C. J. Withnall.

DALTON

At the beginning of this term D. J. Hollows, K. R. Astle and B. K. Lightowler were appointed School Prefects. We offer our congratulations to them and also to W. A. Veitch on being appointed captain of School Lacrosse.

The Michaelmas term was not a successful one for the House, especially so on the rugby field. The seniors in the semi-finals were unlucky to be drawn against a very strong Byrom side, who went on to win the competition. The team ran themselves into the ground with a spirited display but were finally beaten in the latter stages of the second half by the superior Byrom forwards. The juniors ably led by Nettleton S. also lost to Byrom, but only just (15-14), showing great attacking ability in the last ten minutes when two tries were scored. But for the inconsistent tackling, victory would have been Dalton's. In the House League competition, Dalton came third mainly through the efforts of the 2nd and 3rd team. In the 'seven-a-side' competition, too, we have nothing to boast about, only the 4th team getting through to the final.

Among those in the House who represented the School were:—

1st XV: W. A. Veitch, R. W. Standley. 2nd XV: K. R. Astle, D. J. Hollows, A. C. Peace. 3rd XV: D. Beddard, H. J. Burnside, G. D. Slight, M. B. Slater. U.15 XV: T. J. Bentley, S. Nettleton, A. C. Crane, P. M. Nias. U.14 XV: P. D. Roden, B. R. Clayden.

Senior cross country team, M. A. Boardman, H. M. Symonds, A. Bocking.

Finally our best wishes go to B. K. Lightowler who is producing the House play this term. We hope he can carry on the tradition built up by the House in latter years.

FRASER

The outstanding feature of last term was the dominance by Fraser of the House League. This was so great that by the end of the term the lead over the next house was 62 points, our final total being 152 points, an exceptional effort. The overall standard of play of all the teams from 1st to 4th was so far superior to anything the other houses could muster that really it was a foregone conclusion. The first team ably led by P. Everett, were very rarely pushed, in fact, they and the 2nd never lost a match. The 3rd and 4th played well and lost only about three times.

From all accounts we have a very strong chance of doing the same with the Lacrosse League, if we can maintain the spirit that was engendered last term. The house teams are all filled with talent that should not be wasted.

The Rugby K.O's were rather disappointing. The seniors in the first round met a strong Gaskell team which after full time had held us to 9-9, with a try in the last minute. However, in extra time we pulled out all the stops and with good tries from Saleh and Fraser won by 21-9. In the second round however we met Whitworth. The vast majority of the play was in the Whitworth half for much of the time, pressing on their line, but with slightly better backs and ninety-nine percent of the luck going they scored enough times to produce an unassailable total. Despite a late rally, Whitworth ran out winners 21-17. The juniors fought hard in the first round against a strong Heywood side and earned a replay even after extra time. In the replay, however, they disintegrated and lost heavily; this must not discourage them as there is a lot of potential amongst the juniors which can be and will be fulfilled this term and next. Oliver and Simpson played well in both matches.

If the hard core of juniors can maintain the enthusiasm and contain those elements which tend to orientate towards home at 3 o'clock despite instructions to the contrary, then they should go a long way.

On looking round the house for information for this report it became clear that boys in the house took part in a considerable variety of activities. Barratt and de la Perrelle were on the badminton team (Barratt, capt.). Masters was on the school shooting team, Walker and Fletcher, A. A. were on the Stage Staff which made the set for the school play, in which Kettlewell, G. D., Podmore, and Cantrell took part. Smith was on the chess team and numerous members of the house are active members of the Corps, Choir and other school institutions. As well as these, there were those who played for the school at rugby and ran cross-country.

2nd XV: Danecki, Fraser, Saleh, Clarke, Fletcher, D. J., Toft—(Brown, Day and Norman also played).

3rd XV: Hopton, Gooder, Worswick, Everett, Daniell.

U.16: Wong.

U.15: Wanless, Payton, Ollier, Peat, Fletcher, A.A.

U.14: Hume, Morello, Threlfall, Walton—(Booth also played).

Fletcher, S. M. ran for the senior cross-country team.

Howe, W. ran for the junior cross-country team.

The House also has its share of academic stars: one—Fletcher, S. M.—was awarded an Open scholarship in Mathematics at Brasenose College, Oxford. We congratulate him heartily.

We extend our best wishes to A. D. Toft who left at Christmas and thank him for past services in the goalmouth and in the House room.

Finally with bated breath we all look forward to Fraser's contribution to the advancement of the arts, the House Play, which we hope will, under the able direction of de la Perrelle and H. G. Davies, take an upward trend so that we can break a tradition—that of being placed 6th or equal 5th. Anyway I am sure that with adequate support we can do this, and we might even win it if we try hard enough!

GASKELL

Our low position in the House Rugby League does not reflect the efforts made throughout the House to bring about the sporting revival of Gaskell. The junior teams worked especially hard, and were generally more successful than the 1st and 2nd, although the 1st Team scored a remarkable, not to say unexpected, victory over Whitworth towards the end of the term.

When the senior Knock-Out team was drawn against Fraser in the first round, those who played in last year's tragic game, were hoping for revenge. Then Fraser had pipped us to the post with a last minute try, which came after constant pressure by Gaskell. This year's game, in fact, proved even more close and exciting than last year's. Some small indication of this can be gained from a score-by-score record: Gaskell 3- Fraser 0; 3-3; 3-6; 6-6; 9-6; 9-9; 9-12; 12-12. When, in the last five minutes of extra time, Fraser eventually overwhelmed us, it was almost a relief. To lose such a game was disappointing, but certainly nothing to be ashamed of. The juniors, despite a strong side, were beaten by Byrom.

The Seven-a-Side 1st Team's win over Fraser helped make up for some of the disappointment of the Knock-Outs. The 1st Team was well beaten by Heywood in the second round, but the 5th Team played very well, and, captained by Clarke, won the final of its group.

Thus the stranglehold of Byrom and Whitworth on house games remains to be broken. We can only hope that during the lacrosse season we can inject a dark-blue ingredient to "the titanic struggle of crimson and green", which is now becoming boring.

We congratulate M. G. Touchin on gaining an open Scholarship to Keble College, Oxford, and the following on being made House Prefects: Banks, J. R., Potter, M. A. J., Dickson, P., Sampson, C. B., Hunt, G. H., Duncombe, J. E., Moritz, G. B.

The House was represented on School teams by the following:

1st XV: Hunt, G. H., Fitzgerald, R. J.

2nd XV: Grundy, P. D., Potter, M. A. J., Royle, D. G.

3rd XV: Joseph, M.

U.16: Duncombe, J. E., Harrison, D. A., Grundy, P. J., Jameson, G. G., Touchin, C. M., Williams, M. A.

U.15: Clarke, R.

U.14: Hindley, J., Marsh, R. L., Underwood, T. J.

HEYWOOD

The House congratulates G. Reading on his House Captaincy and Reading, D. V. Roberts and V. W. Bennett on their appointment as School Prefects. Also appointed as House Prefects were: P. F. Atkinson, L. P. Kynaston, J. Knape, S. C. Lindsay, W. P. Boustead and N. Goodman. Congratulations also must go to R. N. Dixon for gaining a place at Oxford University.

On the Rugby field last term the House failed to win a single trophy, but managed to provide stiff opposition whenever we played. In the House League we started confidently enough, but failed to maintain our early-season standard and finished a dismal fifth. All the teams won some matches, but none was consistent enough.

With the addition of our School Team players, the Knock-out teams were considerably strengthened. The Junior team, under the captaincy of A. J. Higgins, battled through three hard matches to reach the final. This was mainly thanks to the strong running and determination of the Captain, Burslem, and Plunkett. However, they ran out of steam in the end and were beaten by a well-balanced Byrom team 16-8. The Seniors, sorely missing the penetration of Atkinson, seemed to have beaten Whitworth in the first round, but a try in the last minute reminded us that the game is not over until the final whistle is blown.

Lamentable failure again occurred in the House Sevens competition. However, the 1st team easily reached the final, but played with the wrong tactics against Byrom and allowed them to build up too great a lead.

This team we hope for more success, not only on the games field, but also on the stage, where T. J. Levison is organising our House Play Production.

The following played for School Teams:—

1st XV: G. Reading, P. F. Atkinson, L. P. Kynaston, D. V. Roberts, W. P. Boustead.

2nd XV: V. W. Bennett, A. Holdship.

3rd XV: A. W. Renshaw, N. Goodman.

U.16: N. S. Farr, M. T. Broadhurst.

U.15: A. J. Higgins, Burslem, Plunkett, Caldwell.

U.14: Howe, Whiteside, Summersgill.

WHITWORTH

At the end of last term E. E. Broadhurst left. We wish him all the best for the future and thank him for the excellent service he has given the House in all aspects of House activity in recent years. J. B. Hollingworth (another House stalwart) also left at the beginning of last term.

E. E. Broadhurst's place as Head of House has been taken by I. D. Kettle, and the new Deputy Head of House is D. Hallworth. We would like to congratulate both of them and E. Baines on becoming School Prefects. The following have been appointed House Prefects: J. B. Fitzpatrick and J. N. Dore.

Last term was in many ways disappointing for the house, as far as results go. However, there were several encouraging features; notably the keenness of almost all the boys in the third year; nine of them played on the House Junior K.O. team, and, although Whitworth were well beaten, I hope it will prove good experience for them. Wake (captain of the team), I'Anson, MacNeill and Greensmith all showed determination, but the side's temperamental tackling let them down.

The House Senior K.O. XV had an excellent run under the captaincy of K. M. Dodd. In the first round we caused a minor surprise by beating Heywood 20-17. The strength of both teams was in the backs, and a fine match ended in our favour thanks to a last minute try.

In the second round, we were drawn against Fraser who on paper seemed a far better team, being especially strong in the forwards. However the Whitworth eight excelled themselves and our backs were able to capitalise on this forward stalemate. We shocked several people (including ourselves) by winning the match 21-17.

In the final we came up against Byrom and were beset with injuries notably those of D. Hallworth (the pivot of the scrum) who broke his jaw and K. M. Dodd who injured his shoulder. This, together with two other minor injuries, meant a much weakened team, but Broadhurst, Robson, Greensmith, D., and Kettle bore the extra burden thrust upon them extremely well, and with every other player giving 100 per cent effort the team was far from disgraced in losing 14-3. The whole team deserves mention:— Robson, Kay, Swain, Kettle, Phythian, Greensmith, Broadhurst, Hockaday, Jones, Houghton, Sanig, Morton, Fitzpatrick, Vernon and Wheeler. Those who played in previous rounds:— Dodd, Hallworth and Hooson.

The House League again showed that there is a great deal of keenness amongst the juniors, but a great deal of apathy amongst some of the Seniors. The teams all showed great courage and no little skill, and if they had consistently turned out full teams might have been able to challenge for the top spot at the end of the season. K. E. M. Robson was captain of House Rugby at the start of the season, but made a mercurial rise to the School 1st XV and his place was taken by R. A. Houghton. Our final position in the House League was fourth, and only a couple of points separated us from the House in second place.

The House was reasonably well represented on School teams last term:—

1st XV: K. M. Dodd (vice-capt.), E. E. Broadhurst, K. E. M. Robson.

2nd XV: D. Hallworth (capt.), I. D. Kettle (vice-capt.).

3rd XV: R. Wheeler, A. E. J. Jones, D. Hockaday, R. A. Houghton.

U.16 XV: D. C. Greensmith, A. Kay.

U.15 XV: L. C. I'Anson, D. Wake.

U.14 XV: R. W. MacNeill (capt.), G. Burton, N. I. Greensmith.

Although the Lent term is fairly short it is crammed full of House competitions. Of these we must strive to retain the Senior Flags for Lacrosse, and to regain the Junior Cup. Every effort must be made to be the first House to win the experimental Super League; not to mention the annual Six-a-sides. We wish K. M. Dodd, the producer of the House play, the best of luck knowing that a high standard of acting is already assured. The Cross-Country is possibly the most gruelling competition, and a great deal of dedication and determination is required if we are going to win. To be successful the whole House must pull together and boys must voluntarily involve themselves in as many of the House activities as possible.

Finally, we must mention our academic success of last term. K. M. Dodd and D. A. Hockaday gained entrance to Oxford, and A. A. Gardner to Cambridge. We would like to congratulate them on an excellent achievement.

I.D.K.

ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS

AN AUTUMN WALK

The sharp tang of the air
Bites on pinched knuckles.
Cracked lips are smacked by harsh tongue
And blustery wind scours smarting eyes.
Crumpled crisp leaves
Crackle underfoot
And shoes tap on rock-hard ground,
Frosted and frozen.
Stark black twigs strewn
From naked
Trees
Claw at the skies.

G. LORD (4L).

BETTA SPLENDENS

The multi-faceted beauty of living diamonds,
Their flowing grace,
Their innocuous activity . . .
Yet death.
The death they own,
The death they harbour
In their silk-like fins,
As they destroy each other.
Their ripped fins, bellies.
Blood.
Their charm fades
As they turn from red or emerald green
To a ghostly white.

A. P. HODGSON (4B).

POINTS OF VIEW

I

Seen from above
A wood like a dark green sea
Extends its tentacles of branches and trees.
Seen from above
A wood with the birds over it,
Floating and diving like specks of dust, heaves in the wind.
When you get down
The green sea is a thatchwork of leaves
And it is like walking in a forest of pillars.
When you get down
Under-foot the soft carpet of pine needles
Screens the pattern of the Sun through the leaves.
When you get down
It is quiet save the wind in the trees
And the squirrels chattering to no-one.

D. SINGER (1B).

II

Seen from below
The billowing clouds are like
A huge picture,
Slowly breaking up into
A crumpled piece of paper
Helpless on a rough sea.
Seen from above
They are distant icebergs
Floating on a bed of air.
Like giant clams below you,
Ready to swallow you up
As you fall into the boiling water.

ANON (1B).

III

Seen from above, the trees sway
in the wind and the leaves rustle.
Seen from above, it is a cloud
of sticks and brown raindrops.
And when you get down,
it is completely different,
and you feel like a fly in a bonfire.
And when you get down,
and is still, and the sun
cuts through like lightning.

M. DINNEEN (1B).

TEARS

There are tears rolling,
rolling down the woman's face.
Soft, watery tears.

N. GOLDER (1B).

THE SUNRISE

The dew-degged ferns glisten, in the early morning sun;
The cock crows his wakening cry
As the cows plod in for milking.
The sun rises in the clear, blue sky;
The peace is broken by the clatter of churn tops,
As the milk lorry comes.
The buzzards circle overhead
Looking for later rabbits;
All the world is moving.

R. BURKITT (2C).

TOWN SCENE

The cooling towers, like great simmering cauldrons of soup,
Dominating the drab scene of Bradford.
The dismal roof-tops of blackened houses crammed together in rows,
Their chimney pots, rows of bad, rotten teeth.
Against this dreary back-cloth,
Daubs of colour appearing on the wooden hoardings.
Advertising beer and cigarettes.
The winking set of belisha beacons,
Orange sun-flowers perched on black and white stalks.
The cars, colourful beads on a black dirty road,
Skimming past the man out shopping on his own.
The wires of trams and telegraph form spider's webs,
Suspended between the buildings.
The lamp-standards, still against the sky like empty gallows,
Always the cooling towers are there.

O. J. PLUNKETT (1A).

THE DOG

Ears erect, pawing anxiously
at the stone grey floor,
he listens as a cat runs in her solitude.
Tongue lolling, tail wagging, eyes shining,
he bounds up at his master;
a joyous barking fills the air,
And the long-awaited moment
has arrived.

B. GOSSCHALK (2C).

SPARKLER

Tense seconds—
the strike of a match.
Suddenly,
a newborn bright, whitish light,
greedily devouring the wire.
Yellow sparks, straight spears,
splitting into barbs—disappearing.
A last burst of flame,
then, sadly—no more.
The wire wilts.
Wisps of acrid, astringent, fumes,
float in the air.
It lies on the ground—dead.

R. J. PEEL (2A).

GAMES

1st XV RUGBY

This has been a mediocre season as the record of four wins and seven losses, with a large deficit in the points tally, indicates. For a very young side (containing at the least seven of last year's U-16's) and one which has, as seems alarmingly usual with school 1st XV's, suffered badly with injuries (that of P. F. Atkinson, perhaps our most telling three-quarter, which deprived us of his services for all but five games, was particularly unfortunate), it has performed with great credit on occasions and very badly on others. This inconsistency, even during individual matches, has perhaps been the main fault; how forwards who can show such fire and cohesion, and backs who can score so many spectacular tries through hard, fast running and crisp passing, can then play so abjectly, is a matter for deep speculation.

There is, however, much to be hoped for next season, since many players who may be still available have improved considerably, notably G. H. Hunt, S. E. Tebbett, and D. V. Roberts. The feature of the season has undoubtedly been K. M. Dodd's try-scoring ability, whilst a pleasing aspect was the rise from House to School rugby of K. E. M. Robson and C. P. Kynaston, which points the lesson that there are undiscovered players in the school whose services could be invaluable to school teams.

v. Stockport G.S.: Home—Won 3—0

As a start to the season, this was a most disappointing affair. Our pack could never gain the superiority needed to give the backs a chance against a weaker division. The only score was a penalty goal by G. Jones mid-way through the second half, but it was a match we only just deserved to win.

v. Major Watkins' XV: Home—Won 12—11

A win in this fixture can never be underestimated, though this was perhaps a weaker than usual Watkins' XV. The first half was far too scrappy on both sides and we only had J. S. Rhodes' try to show against our opponents' 8 pts. at the interval. Fitness, however, told in the second half, and, with the pack playing more together to dominate the opposing eight, excellent tries by K. M. Dodd and E. D. Fraser, and a huge penalty by P. A. Cary gave us a lead, which, despite late pressure, we held, to win a narrow but heartening victory.

v. H.M.S. Conway: Away—Lost 8—12.

On a very warm afternoon, a drastically weakened side faced big, fit, determined opposition. Although the school never looked like winning, and, indeed, played rather poor rugby, credit must go to the bravery with which the threatening flood of tries was stemmed. We did, in fact, produce the best flashes of the afternoon, when a quick handling movement among the forwards brought A. D. Toft a try, and when P. D. Grundy ran in well on the wing for a score which P. A. Cary converted. If only we had played like that more often that afternoon!

v. King's, Macclesfield: Away—Lost 8—24

For a quarter of an hour, this game went all our way, and some brilliant rugby was played by both forwards and backs, resulting in two excellent three-quarter movements which brought tries to K. M. Dodd on the wing. But after P. A. Atkinson, who was playing particularly well, left the field injured, the school found the handicap too great, and Macclesfield gradually got on top. The side refused to be disheartened, and, though J. S. Rhodes too was later injured, never gave up fighting. The tackling, notably by D. V. Roberts, was some of the finest seen for some time, and only two lucky tries gave the opposition so wide a margin of victory.

v. King Edward's Lytham: Away—Lost 0—30.

Arriving only fifteen minutes before the kick-off, after a long and tedious journey, the side, probably the weakest fielded this season, never appeared in a mood for rugby. Lethargy in the forwards, careless marking and lack of ideas in the backs gave Lytham a victory by a margin which they should never have been allowed.

v. Old Hulmeians: Home—Lost 13—19.

Against a side obviously of greater weight and experience, the school pack put up a very plucky performance, but could not quite hold the Old Boys in the first half and changed over fourteen points down. However, in the second half, forwards and backs combined in a magnificent effort. Taking advantage of some careless covering, first P. Dennis-Jones then G. Jones and D. V. Roberts scored tries, two of which K. E. M. Roberts converted, to narrow the margin to one point. The Old Boys, however, showed their experience and recovered to score another goal, to bring them victory after a match which for once did not go all their own way.

v. M.G.S.: Away—Won 5—3

Despite being played on a frosty morning in thick fog, this match was perhaps the most keenly contested of the season. Both packs fought hard to win possession for their threequarters, with neither really proving the complete master of the other. It was the school's backs, however, who swung the game in our favour, producing their best display of straight running and crisp passing this season. Our points too were scored after possibly the finest movement of the season when a neat break by C. P. Kynaston and a quick-thinking pass by G. Reading gave K. M. Dodd a long run for a try which K. E. M. Robson converted. The M.G.S. try came late in the game, too late to prevent a deserved victory for the school.

v. Merchant Taylor's, S. Crosby: Home—Won 13—3

After an early try by K. M. Dodd, the school slowed down and, letting Crosby get on top, were a little fortunate to be drawing three all at the interval. Dominant and positive play in the second half, however, brought a complete reversal, and two tries were scored, the first by D. V. Roberts, and the second by K. M. Dodd, to which K. E. M. Robson added the goal points, which must rank as the finest individual effort of the season. This was a fine victory over a side that is always difficult to beat.

v. Birkenhead School: Home—Lost 3—11.

The school, weakened by the absence of a regular scrum-half and hooker, were by no means overshadowed by a strong Birkenhead side. We started rather too slowly forward and for some time looked unlikely to hold our fast, decisive opponents. But the score was kept to six points in the form of two rather soft tries. However, in the second half, after an early individualist try from Birkenhead, the school, given vociferous encouragement from the touch-line, took command; with S. E. Tebbett and J. S. Rhodes particularly prominent, the pack played with a spirit and determination which kept us ceaselessly on the attack for the last twenty-five minutes. Fast covering by Birkenhead however foiled all our many efforts, except when E. E. Broadhurst scored our only points with a try.

v. Q.E.G.S., Wakefield: Away—Lost 0—40.

From the start the school seemed to be in great awe of a fine, well drilled and disciplined side, and never managed to overcome this feeling. It is true that half their points came in the last quarter when K. M. Dodd was off the field, but there is still no excuse for the feeble, spiritless display, of the forwards in particular, especially after the quite different performance against Birkenhead, from which it might have been hoped that the side would have gained enough confidence to cope even with a side as good as Wakefield.

v. Wallasey G.S.: Away—Lost 6—11.

Against a strong Wallasey side, the school began well with a team seriously weakened by the absence of both captain and vice-captain. Bad luck persisted and, after five minutes, Reading left the pitch with a broken collar bone. Soon after Wallasey scored a try, but M. Potter levelled the scores with an unconverted try. Eventually numerical superiority triumphed and Wallasey broke through twice. Despite this, the school's spirit was never subdued, Robson kicking a fine penalty goal, and unluckily hitting the post twice.

School colours for rugby have been re-awarded to: P. Dennis-Jones (capt.), K. M. Dodd (vice-capt.), J. S. Rhodes, R. J. Fitzgerald, and G. Reading, and awarded to: E. E. Broadhurst, R. W. Standley, G. H. Hunt, P. F. Atkinson, W. A. Veitch, W. P. Boustead, D. V. Roberts, L. P. Kynaston, S. E. Tebbett, K. E. M. Robson.

2nd XV RUGBY

The side had a fair season in that they won only half their matches. The points situation was more favourable however with 197 "for" and 130 "against".

Stockport Grammar School	11	School	6
H.M.S. Conway	3	School	37
King's School, Macclesfield	18	School	3
King Edward's, Lytham	18	School	19
Old Hulmeians	12	School	11
Manchester Grammar School	3	School	47
Merchant Taylor's, Crosby	0	School	29
Birkenhead	40	School	6
Queen Elizabeth, Wakefield	22	School	11
Wallasey	3	School	28
Cheadle Hulme School—Cancelled			

A characteristic of the team was either to win or lose by fairly large margins and a pleasing win was obtained against Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby. They always managed, however, to play attractive rugby.

The backs were equivalent to most 1st team threequarters but unfortunately they were not well supplied by the forwards, who were often weakened by injury. This was particularly the case against Birkenhead when only three of the normal pack were available.

Colours were awarded to: Fletcher D. J., Salah M., Kettle I. D., Jones G., Potter M. A. J., Hollows D. J., Fraser E. D., Royle D. G., Peace A. C., Beasant T. J., Toft A. D., Hallworth D. J., Clarke D. J., Grundy P. D., Astle K. R.

UNDER-16 RUGBY

This season's under-16's were a team who looked extremely good against opposition of their standard or below. Unfortunately, against better opposition, they became a collection of individuals, each trying very hard, but not co-ordinating. Of eight matches played, four were won and the rest lost.

The main weakness appeared in the forwards; though each individually performed adequately there was a lack of cohesion. The front row of Farr N., Akers P. J. and Taylor R. G., performed very well throughout and Williams M. A., Ogg A. C. and Naylor M. J., playing in the second row, gave good service. Broadhurst M.T. at No. 8, played intelligently at all times and frequently saved the day with his covering of the three-quarters. Touchin C. M. and Harrison D. A. (captain) had some excellent games at wing-forward and I doubt whether the opposing three-quarters ever felt comfortable.

As a half-back pair, Grundy P. J. and Green-smith D. C. linked well most of the time, Grundy made some fine breaks from the scrum and Green-smith's kicking is nicely judged. The three-quarters played well throughout, Duncombe J. E., Kay A. H. and Wong D. are all very fast, and Norfolk P. has developed a convincing swerve which enabled him to be top try scorer with six. At full-back, Jameson G. has fielded well and has good positional sense. The team would not have succeeded without the utility play of Denson R. N., who played his best whenever called on to turn out.

UNDER-15 RUGBY

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	Pts.	A.
	9	3	1	5	79		98
v. Stockport School (H)	D					3—	3
v. H.M.S. Conway (H)	W					27—	3
v. King's School, Macclesfield (H)	L					0—14	
v. Denstone College (H)	L					0—19	
v. King Edward's, Lytham (A) ...	L					8—25	
v. Manchester G.S. (H)	W					17—	3
v. Merchant Taylor's, Crosby (A)	L					5—14	
v. Birkenhead School (A)	L					11—12	
v. Burnage G.S. (H)	W					8—	5

The Under-15 team this year has played some entertaining rugby although the results were only moderate. The main faults were a lack of drive in the loose with the result that very little good second phase possession was achieved, and a general tendency to tackle high. A notable exception to this was Hobday, whose sound defence in the centre was not always copied by the other backs. The wings, Clarke and Wake, ran hard and made the most of limited opportunities by scoring ten tries. Lord made a good conversion to scrum half and gave splendid service to Bentley, who also had a good season although at times he tended to kick too much in attack. The pack played well in the tight and Nettleton lost few heels against the head. At the line-outs Burslem and Plunkett often jumped well but the support was generally untidy.

The following boys from a keen and enthusiastic practice played in matches: —

A. C. Hobday (capt.), T. J. Bentley, R. C. Burslem, B. M. Caldwell, R. Clarke, A. C. Crane,

A. A. Fletcher, A. J. Higgins, L. C. l'Anson, G. L. Lord, S. Nettleton, P. M. W. Nias, D. A. Ollier, C. D. Payton, J. C. Peat, C. J. O. Plunkett, D. J. Wake, M. B. Wanless.

P.D.T.

UNDER-14 RUGBY

Played 8, won 4, lost 4, points for 99, against 114.

The team played much attractive rugby during the term and, scoring an average of three tries a match, it showed considerable enthusiasm in attack. The defence, however, was often weak and many avoidable tries were conceded.

The forwards were always smaller than their opponents but their mobility and team work often overcame this disadvantage. The backs had chance to show their speed and improved handling ability in scoring 15 tries. Except for R. W. MacNeill, a fine scrum-half and captain, and S. C. Hobday at full-back, the tackling was unenthusiastic.

The following also represented the school: R. L. Marsh, B. N. Howe, D. C. Hume, R. J. Morello, P. R. Summersgill, B. R. Clayden, N. I. Greensmith, J. L. Hindley, P. D. Roden, W. P. Swann, T. J. Underwood, J. Walton, M. W. Whiteside, M. H. Lomas, D. M. Paxton, R. S. Threlfall, G. Burton.

UNDER-13 RUGBY

Played 6, won 4, lost 2, points for 80, against 82.

21st Sept.—v. Stockport G.S. (A)—W. 28—6.

5th Oct.—v. King's, Macclesfield (H)—L. 3—30.

16th Oct.—v. King Edward's, Lytham (H) — W. 24—15.

9th Nov.—v. Manchester G.S. (H)—W. 6—3.

16th Nov.—v. Merchant Taylor's, Crosby (H)—L. 11—25.

7th Dec.—v. Manchester G.S. (A)—W. 8—3.

The team had a generally satisfactory season, though one is hard put to single out any individual striking feature of their play. In the backs, Summers' full-back play was outstanding in its positional sense, Newton's strong running brought some fine tries, and his hard crash-tackling, along with that of Hodgkinson, discouraged opponents from attacking through the centre. However, it was only when these three were joined, in the final match, by Johnson and Cooper that the three-quarters looked totally convincing in defence. Harrison produced some good breaks from fly-half, but had to make the best use possible of a rather slow, though accurate service from l'Anson or, at the other extreme, a fast and erratic one from MacNeill.

Forward, the team suffered, as in previous years, from lack of size and weight. Of the smaller players, Paxton and Young used their speed to good advantage and seemed determined to make any opposition side regret robbing them of a ball at a set scrum. Meehan worked very hard as a wing-forward, as did Bowen in the second row.

Dodd was outstanding in support of the man with the ball, as was Hawes, who also used his height effectively in the line-out, and Howarth, playing in the back row, made some fine runs and often kicked intelligently in attack.

The team was selected from the following:

D. S. Harrison (captain), S. Aldred, K. S. Bowen, W. B. Collier, I. R. Cooper, P. S. Dodd, A. C. Erlam, M. Gibson, C. M. S. Gleave, G. I. Hawes, M. Haley, C. W. Hodgkinson, P. J. Howarth, S. J. l'Anson, C. Johnson, C. W. MacNeill, J. C. Martin, J. B. Meehan, R. J. Newton, E. R. Paxton, O. R. W. Summers, R. Young.

A new feature of the season was the fielding of an Under-13 2nd XV which beat Manchester G.S. 29—0. We hope to extend this fixture list next year. C.P.L.

HOUSE GAMES

Some extremely good games were to be seen this year, especially at first team level. In spite of a rather wet term, games had to be cancelled only once, and the pitches remained in good condition right to the end.

Fraser very quickly went ahead and at half-term were forty points in the lead, Dalton being their nearest challengers. The second half saw Fraser move further ahead to finish sixty points ahead of Byrom, who finished second after being bottom at half-term.

Final positions:—

1. Fraser	152 points
2. Byrom	90 "
3. Dalton	88 "
4. Whitworth	84 "
5. Heywood	82 "
6. Gaskell	62 "

The Seven-a-Side competition was played, for once, in reasonable conditions and resulted in a win for Byrom.

RESULTS:—

1. Byrom	66 points
2. Fraser	48 "
3. Gaskell	15 "
4. Whitworth	12 "
5. Heywood	9 "
6. Dalton	6 "

The Knock-outs produced some very fine games, especially in the first round; both the Fraser games going to extra time and the juniors to a replay. Byrom won both competitions, though they had a hard time in the Juniors' first round, beating Dalton 15—14.

RESULTS Senior 1st Round

Whitworth	beat Heywood	20—17
Fraser	beat Gaskell	23—12
	after extra time.	

Juniors

Byrom	beat Dalton	15—14
Heywood	beat Fraser	12—5
	replay after 6-all draw.	

Second Round Seniors

Whitworth	beat Fraser	21—17
Byrom	beat Dalton	16—0

Juniors

Byrom	beat Gaskell	24—0
Heywood	beat Whitworth	19—0

Finals Seniors

Byrom	beat Whitworth	14—3
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Juniors

Byrom	beat Heywood	16—8
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SWIMMING

Regular weekly practices are held on Thursday evenings after school and have this term been extended to Friday nights as well. Except for the most dedicated, swimming training is not the most exciting way of spending an hour, and it is pleasing to see that numbers, whilst never high, are maintained at a respectable level. The innovation of our own brand of water-polo—using a light ball—has been a great attraction.

Of the new first formers, Fairclough and Kirkman are both particularly promising swimmers and have proved their worth in the match against Cheadle Hulme.

This match was, in fact lost, but it is significant that scores were even until the final relay events. Here, we soon fell behind; we have some excellent individual performers but lack *depth* in all age groups.

BADMINTON CLUB

During the Michaelmas Term, the Club enjoyed considerable success. Our first defeat came in the last week of term, at the hands of King's School, Macclesfield. Previously we had defeated Chorlton Grammar School and had close games against Altrincham and Manchester Grammar Schools, in addition, we also had some mixed doubles matches with Urmston, Whalley Range and Stretford Grammar Schools. The following members have represented the Club: J. A. G. Greensmith, V. W. Bennett, C. J. Barratt, E. Baines, E. D. Fraser, M. A. J. Potter, P. W. de la Perrelle, and D. V. Roberts.

The Club has also introduced Junior and Middle School sections which are proving most popular.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Renny for his continued support and to Mr. Aveyard for his coaching sessions.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

At a General Meeting of the Table Tennis Club, C. M. Swindley was appointed Hon. Secretary, M. Saleh as Assistant Hon. Secretary, and W. B. Boustead as Hon. Treasurer.

There is a full membership and a good standard of play has been observed during the Club sessions. We hope to have two matches with Chorlton High School and a match with the Masters during this term.

A Section for the Junior School has been introduced and a promising start, with a number of enthusiastic players, has been made. C.M.S.

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OLD HULMEIANS NOTES AND NEWS

A. V. WILLIAMS was awarded the C.B.E. in the New Year's Honour List; he is general manager of the Aycliffe and Peterlee Development Corporation.

E. TREVOR DAVIES has joined the Rank Organisation as Advertising and P.R. Manager to the Hotels Division.

PETER SWIFT is a research designer with Swan Hunter, the ship building firm. His brother, Brian, is a 2nd officer pilot with B.E.A.

In addition to the University results published in the last issue, we are pleased to record the following:

A. BARNES—B.Sc. Hons. II 2 in Textile Chemistry.

S. PATON—B.Sc. in Paper Science.

Both these results were obtained at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology.

A. BROOME is spending a year teaching in Germany at Koblenz.

KEVIN HAMER, who left in 1962, is now a lecturer at Newcastle University, and was awarded his Ph.D. at Manchester in December.

BIRTHS

DERBYSHIRE—On June 10, to Jennifer and Brian, a son.

PHILLIPS—On September 29, to Sylvia and Glynn, a son.

CUMMINGS—On November 2, to Carol and Michael, a daughter.

TREDWELL—On November 4, to Elisabeth and David, a son.

COLLINS—On December 3, to Hilary and Edward, a son.

ROYLE—On December 10, to Lorna and Alex, a daughter.

BRIERLEY—On December 22, to Jane and David, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

SWIFT—CARTER: On August 17, Peter Swift to Kathleen Carter.

BISHOP—CAMERON: On September 18, Robert Bishop to Shelagh Cameron.

DEATHS

BRIERLEY: On October 14, D. Michael Brierley, of 174a Palatine Road, West Didsbury, aged 60 years.

PALMER: On December 11, Ronald Alan Palmer, of 30, Styal Rd., Cheadle, aged 57 years.

CLOUGH: On December 24, at 10 High Lane, Rhos-on-Sea, James Clough, Ll.B.

OBITUARY

MR. MICHAEL BRIERLEY

Manchester music is the poorer for the death of Michael Brierley, the director of opera at the Royal Manchester College of Music, who died last October at the age of 60. A former student of the College, he gained wide experience with opera companies before the war, including the Carl Rosa and at Glyndebourne under Fritz Busch. For a time he was the conductor of the Dublin Opera Company, but since 1950 he had been on the staff at the College of Music, being appointed registrar in 1959. He conducted many of the College opera productions, transmitting to youthful performers much of his own enthusiasm and love for opera. We extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Brierley, her daughter and her son David, himself an Old Hulmeian.

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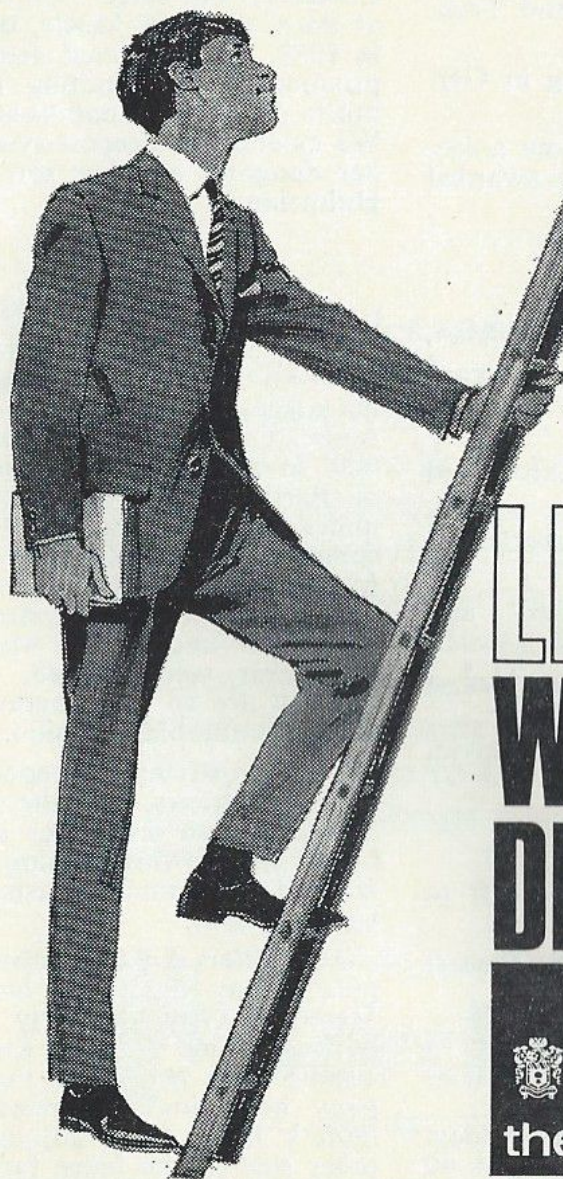
Pride of place in these notes, although probably reported at greater length elsewhere in this magazine, must go to the Annual Dinner of The Association of Old Hulmeians in London. It was held in the Members' dining room at the Houses of Parliament on Friday, 15th November, 1968 under the Chairmanship of C. G. Dennis and sponsored by the Rt. Hon. Edward Heath, M.B.E., M.P., who in a rather Gilbertian situation was also a guest of the London Association. All connected with this function, to which ladies for the first time ever were invited, and especially G. W. Creasey are to be congratulated on presenting a most memorable occasion.

It is gratifying to report increased activity at your Clubhouse, but the standard of the events arranged deserves larger attendances which it is hoped will be forthcoming when it is more widely realised how much pleasure can be derived from being present.

The letters S.P.D. probably mean nothing to a great many members, but those who visit the Memorial Ground jointly owned by the Association and The Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club will know that they refer to a company belonging to Unilever Limited, who have built a large depot adjoining the ground on the other side of the fence farthest from the pavilion. This company has approached the cricket club

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with a view to purchasing a narrow strip of land on our side of the fence. The Association and Cricket Club have appointed a joint sub-committee to negotiate with Unilever Limited, providing that the fee is adequate and that such a sale would not interfere with the playing of Lacrosse and Cricket on the remaining ground nor impair the amenities of the ground.

A copy of "The Book of Ties" mentioned in these notes in the last issue of the magazine, which illustrates some seven hundred and fifty leading clubs, public school old boys, university, regimental and other ties has been presented to the School on behalf of the Association by J. G. Rickards, president in 1967/68.

The Annual Dinner Dance on 14th February, 1969 at Stanneylands, Wilmslow, may well have been held by the time these notes are read. At the time of writing, the Social Sub-Committee is considering the possibility of including a Tombola as added entertainment to the evening and in the event of one being included in the arrangements it is hoped that it was enjoyed by those present even if they were not among the prize winners.

The Annual Dinner will be held on 8th March, 1969, at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, when it is anticipated many acquaintances will be renewed in the usual nostalgic atmosphere.

The Golf Section will be arranging the Annual Competition on Ascension Day, 15th May, 1969 at the Chorlton Golf Club. Old Boys are reminded that three cups to be held for one year are awarded on the results of this competition.

The Annual Cricket Match against the School will be played on Saturday, 5th July, 1969. Old Boys wishing to play should contact A. M. Blight at the School.

Although the date is not actually confirmed, it is anticipated that the Annual Reunion Dinner followed by the fiftieth Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th September, 1969. Please make an early note in your diary.

ERIC BARNES.

ASSOCIATION OF OLD HULMEIANS IN LONDON

JUBILEE DINNER—HOUSE OF COMMONS

The London Association celebrated their 60th Anniversary at a Dinner at the House of Commons on Friday, 15th November, 1968. The Rt. Hon. Edward Heath, M.B.E., M.P., Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition, was the Guest of Honour and Mr. C. G. Dennis, our Chairman for the year, presided.

On this occasion, provision was made for members to be accompanied by their wives, and the ladies seemed to enjoy our hospitality.

We were delighted to welcome again the Head

Master, Mr. J. G. Bird, and Mrs. Bird, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barnes and Mr. T. W. Curtis, the President of the Old Hulmeians Association, and Mrs. Curtis.

The toast of the School was proposed by Sir Herbert Seddon, C.M.G., D.M., F.R.C.S.; Sir Herbert spoke of the need for the preservation of old institutions and expressed the desire of all when he said, "May the School continue so that boys may be guided and taught how to serve their fellow men". Who better than he was entitled to express such a wish! In response, the Head Master gave his usual thoughtful review of School affairs and we were all delighted to hear of the six School Lacrosse teams defeating the old enemy, The Manchester Grammar School. Mr. Bird pointed out that it was not so much a succession of Headmasters as a continuity of Assistant Masters that made a School. Seven of the present masters have served for over twenty years and some of us who are now a bit long in the tooth thought of the services of Messrs. Franklin, Morley, Hewlett and Kelsey, and even a newcomer called Gatley. Mr. Bird also referred to the fact that a son of a former Head Master was presiding at the Jubilee Dinner.

The Rt. Hon. Edward Heath proposed the toast to the Association of Old Hulmeians in London. He spoke of the influence of home, school and college on the young citizens of today, of the battle for freedom that must be fought by all, and the freedom for all forms of education without which the Country would be a poorer place.

Mr. Robert Mark proposed the toast to the visitors. He extended a very cordial welcome to the President of the Association, and thanked the Head Master for his annual visit to our Dinner. Mr. Mark appeared to have cast aside, for at least one evening, the cares of his high office at Scotland Yard, and the London members loudly applauded his tribute to our visitors.

Mr. T. W. Curtis responded and thanked the London Association on behalf of the visitors for their hospitality and welcome.

OLD HULMEIANS RUGBY SECTION

I have been searching among my records for details of the 1951/2 season—which are somewhere quite safe and consequently "unfindable". That season still stands as the one in which we scored most points since the war. If my memory serves me correctly, we reached 198 points scored by Christmas. This year the 200 was obtained. Eight points per game for the rest of the season should see us break the 331 record. To date, we have won 12 and lost 7.

In only one game have we failed to score and, have reached double figures in 50% of the other games. After seasons with many blank scoring days, this is very heartening. There have, of course, been some close-run things—a double over Eccles



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6-5 and 12-10. If a kick in the last minute had not struck the upright, we would have lost the latter game. We went down 8-11 to Sedgely Park when we might have won. We lost to Old Bedians at home 6-9 and won 3-0 away.

Two games are I think worth particular note, first that against Manchester Vandals (it is now fashionable to give names to the 'A' XV's of senior clubs). I arrived just after half-time and it appeared we were receiving a hiding. It was quite predictable that Manchester would score and eventually they did. A quick word with the referee (an old opponent both as a player and in his present function) revealed the score was now 8-3. A quick prayer that the kick would be missed so that we would not have to score twice elicited the information we were actually leading. Prayer was duly answered and the pattern continued as before. Then came one of the purple patches which will remain long in my memory. Our full-back was having a beast of a game. Nothing was going right. Manchester had the ball just in their half. A perfect, towering "up and under" destined to land right in the "box" and the whole Manchester pack underneath it. Discretion was thrown to the winds, the full-back raced towards the oncoming pack, leapt into the midst, taking the ball beautifully and emerged unscathed. He avoided both half-backs, fed an intelligently positioned Wing forward, thus changing the direction of attack, who in turn fed the Winger. Alas! this brilliant piece of work (I forgave the full-back everything) was not rewarded with a try. Malcolm Titmus is determined to learn his lessons the hard way. At a distance from the line to be measured in centimetres, he was crash-tackled and was carried off. As he lay in some little pain he mused "I didn't think he could possibly have caught me". Therein lies the moral for all aspiring wingers.

Play was resumed. Manchester cleared their line, just, but we secured the ball and S. Wood took a pass on the burst. He thought he was unstoppable. A tackle, boot lace high, seven yards from the line proved him wrong. However, the pack went into the loose maul with vigour, and won the ball quickly and cleanly. From seven yards Brian Hayes was unstoppable.

Earlier in the season we had played in a XV a-side tournament—run on 7s lines—organised by Sedgely Park. We were the beaten finalists, losing in the last minutes to Old Salians. When we met in January it was obvious both sides were out to prove a point. We should have been secure by half time but—a disallowed try in the second half, which is still a talking point! Ten minutes from time the pack ran out of steam and two badly placed "tactical kicks" directly resulted in tries, turning a 9-6 lead into a 9-14 defeat. A game nevertheless memorable for the fact that players

on both sides played to the limit of their stamina and ability.

That the "A" XV came up more or less smiling week by week is evidence of their spirit but—and it is the old cry of generals, leaders and armchair strategists—"We need more men up front—".

There is now, regrettably, a considerable gulf between 1st and "A" team standard. There is only one remedy; repeat in unison "We need, etc.—".

To date, the Colts XV is having a more than successful time, having lost but once and that by a margin of but 11-13. One game has been drawn and eight won. In all but two games they have reached double figures and once secured the highest win registered by any team for many a day—55-3. That 3 worries me a bit. There must have been some slackness somewhere. I cannot find the score of one of their earlier games, but 169 points in 9 games with only 49 against would indicate solidity combined with aggression.

For the notice of any member or ex-member—there is a Club Dinner on April 8th—a Friday, at the Willows. K.O. 6-45 p.m. Tickets from G. J. Russon, 13 Marston Road, Stretford or anybody you happen to know—or failing that, ring Brantingham Road, CHO. 5189 any Tuesday evening after "The Power Game".

Since commencing these notes, I have received a report of the "A" team game v. Old Bedians. A 0-3 loss, but apparently an excellent game in which we made a great effort. A full-run three-quarters try, disallowed because of the final pass, and a kick hitting the upright in the last minute made all the difference between favourable and unfavourable margins.

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OLD HULMEIANS RIFLE CLUB

Since the last report, prospects have improved considerably. The first team, competing in the County Postal competition, are leading their division after completing the first half of their matches, winning them all by reasonable margins.

The second team, entered in the National postal league, have won one out of three matches to date, but are steadily improving their scores with each match.

Once more we can report on a very successful joint dinner-dance with the Motor Section held in December. Yet again our impressive selection of trophies was carried off by an all too select few! We would welcome anyone who could

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OLD HULMEIANS MASONIC LODGE No. 7062

The Worshipful Master, Ronald E. Kemp and Mrs. Kemp were hosts to the members and wives at our Christmas party, which was held at our headquarters, Birch View Café, Dickinson Road, on Friday, December 13th. Once again, a good time was had by all and the proceedings were enlivened by a film show, given very kindly by Douglas Collins, included in which were some rather good shots taken at our annual picnic.

It was good to hear once again from W.Bro. A. O. Gatlev with season's greetings from Rhyl, N. Wales.

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OLD HULMEIANS MOTOR CLUB

Government restrictions alas apply to pleasure as well as to business, and it is almost impossible for a Club such as ours to arrange competitive events which will satisfy both the Law and the RAC.

For this reason we have been concentrating on the social side, and have held monthly meetings in the Clubhouse in Brantingham Road. These have been mostly film or slide shows. The annual dinner was held in December at the Woodlands Hotel, Timperley, in conjunction with the Rifle Section, and was the usual success.

As the evenings lengthen we hope to hold one or two outdoor events, including visits to places of interest to motorists, and a Treasure Hunt.

Would-be Members should contact the Hon. Secretary, F. E. Pickup, 19 Wenlock Road, Leigh, Lancs. Tel. Leigh 72681.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Since the redecorating of the Clubhouse in Brantingham Road, an Entertainments Committee has been formed, with representatives from the Lacrosse, Rugby, Rifle and Motor Sections, to promote a fuller use of the Clubhouse.

Each Section in turn is to run a monthly event, and it is hoped that during the summer some of these will be outdoors, making use of the grounds outside the Clubhouse.

So far we have had a Bonfire Night last November, run by the Rifle Section, on Olde Englishe Night in December run by the Motor Section, and a Burns Night in January run by the Rugby Section. We hope to have an event in February run by the Lacrosse Section.

Remember that the Clubhouse is there for your use, and can only be run successfully with your support. If you would like to be placed on the mailing list for future events please contact the Hon. Secretary, R. E. M. Lee, 55 Framingham Road, Brooklands, Sale. Tel. Sale 2721, or the Chairman, F. E. Pickup.

THE OLD HULMEIANS LACROSSE SECTION

Half the season completed, and fortunes are mixed.

Despite efforts to find the right combination of players by captain Paul Marlton and vice-captain John Williams, the record of the 1st XI is poorer than in previous years. To date, we have lost games against our two rivals, South Manchester and Mellor. These matches are generally close, but on both of these occasions we were well beaten. Losses were also recorded against Urmston, Heaton, Mersey and Boardman, contrary to the usual results in contests with these teams.

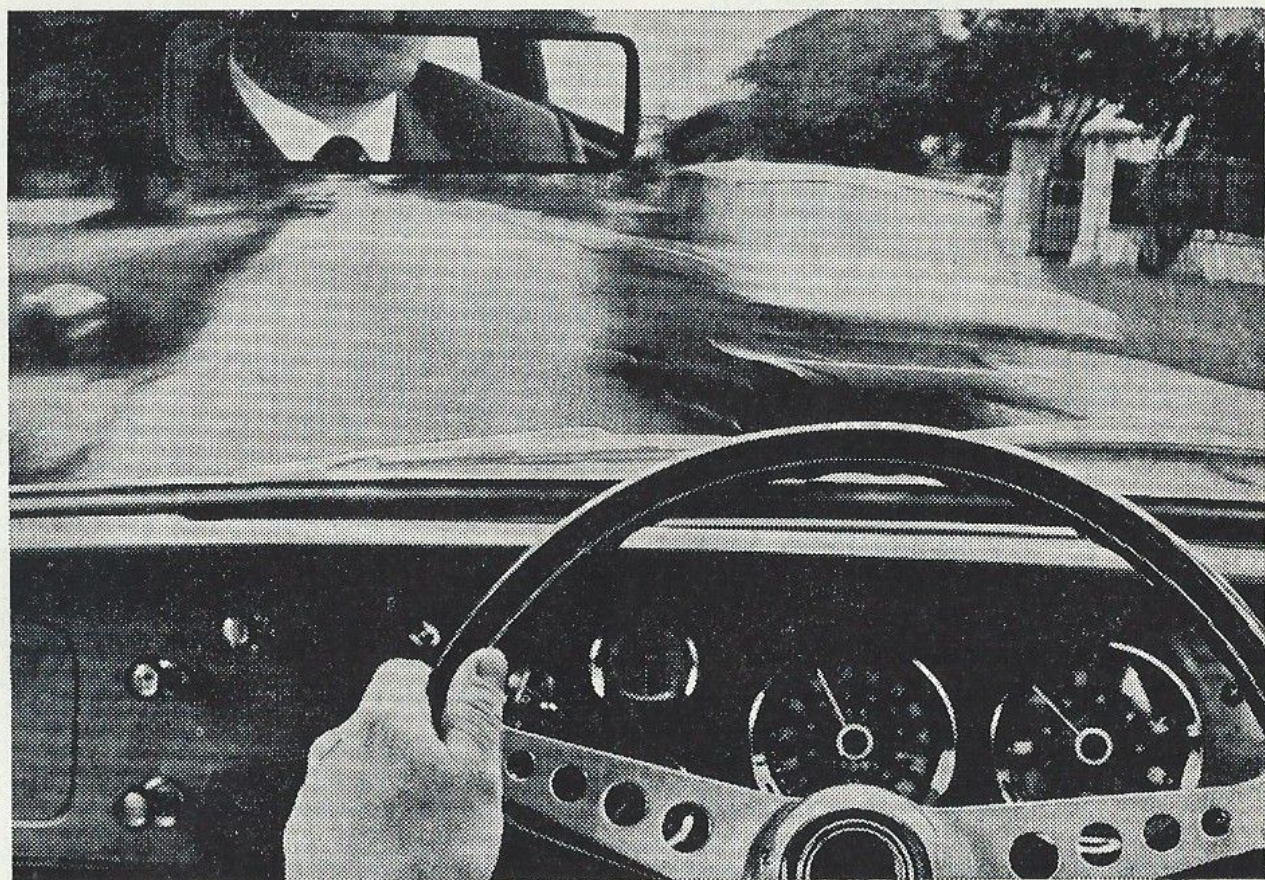
However, a good win was secured against Cheadle, who are the greatest threat this year to the current league champions, Mellor.

In all, twenty-four players have been chosen for the premier team this year. These have included several of our younger members. Joe Street, Ken Irving and Graham Simpson have played very regularly, and Tony Barnes has had a couple of games.

Conversley, the second team have a one hundred per cent record this term. Owing to changes on the first team, a different side has been fielded each week. A good spirit has been maintained throughout, due in great part to the leadership of Ron Heywood. Some of the games have been a bit too close for comfort, but there has always been a positive balance in goals by the final whistle. A good defensive record has been maintained as a result of excellent goal-keeping by Peter Guthrie, complemented by steady play by the remainder of the defenders, of whom Peter Veitch is playing especially well.

The third team is struggling manfully to regain a position in the third division. The side has lost five points, three of which were unfortunately to another contender for promotion, Ashton. The defence is graced (if that is the appropriate word) by Mike McClinton, whose uncompromising advice, from point position, has constantly urged his fellow-players to greater efforts. The attack

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has included new and returned members such as Graham England and Frank Davies. The side is captained by Rod Paulson, ably assisted by vice-captain, David Thornley.

David Flunder is having a tough time in his efforts to secure promotion for the fourth team. Eight points have been lost to date, of which four are directly attributable to a shortage of players on two occasions. Being the last team in the club, the 'B' always suffers when members are not available for any side. This is very frustrating for all who play on the team and is especially damaging to the morale of younger members, just starting with the club. New players are always needed. However, the battle is not yet lost and, given a reasonable second half of the season, we may start the 1968-69 terms with a side in each of the first four divisions.

The following members were selected for the Lancashire Senior Trial:—

Barrie Lawson, Frank Martin, John Williams, Mike Cocker, Graham Simpson, Alan Marsland and Ken Irving (reserve). The club was well represented on both sides of the Lancashire U.23 v. English Universities match. Peter Guthrie, Joe Street, Ken Irving and Graham Simpson played for the county, Peter Veitch being a reserve. John Blake and Ian Cundy were on the winning E.U.L.A. side.

					P	W	L	D
1st team (1st Div.)	...	...	...	...	13	8	5	0
A team (2nd Div.)	...	...	...	...	12	12	0	0
Extra A team (4th Div.)	...	...	...	...	13	10	2	1
B team (5th Div.)	...	...	...	...	12	8	4	0

THE OLD HULMEIANS GOLF SECTION

The annual tournament will be held on Ascension Day, Thursday, 15th May, 1969. Provisional arrangements have been made with The Chorlton Golf Club Ltd., and full details are given on the enclosed entry form.

J. FOULDS, Hon. Sec.

OLD HULMEIANS AT OXFORD

The fact that Boyd Hilton, who has featured regularly in this column for several decades, is still in Oxford will surprise no-one. The expiration of his grant will coincide neatly with his eligibility for a pension next year. Lawrence Hall is here too, but of even more distinguished vintage is W. A. Drapkin who came up in 1959: "Well, it's a nice place isn't it?"

And so to some of the youngsters, David Vaughan has taken up Real Tennis and is eager to find someone to play with. Several offers were forthcoming but on being told the rules and etiquette of the game two men were carried out of dinner, convulsed and tearful, a third is writing "a sort of tragi-comical beat fantasy for older children" and a fourth just blows bubbles. It seems that the only people qualified to play are fat Medieval Kings and electronic computers.

Allen Broome has gone abroad and Mark Wolstenholme has gone goatee. Z. J. Quereshi probably still exists but no information is available on this case.

Malcolm Crosby paddles his canoe while John Rushton goes scuba-diving at Cowley Baths. His rooms are popular as being the only ones in BNC to have a fridge. Ice cold beer and eight different cheeses are generally proffered.

Simon Harold plays rugger for Pembroke and does big things in dramatic circles. He's currently helping to write a script for a play to be produced in March about the Potemkin affair. Or something.

Stuart Ogden and Jeremy McMullen made fools of themselves on planks in some snowy Scottish mountains recently. McMullen has had his arm in plaster ever since, although he still manages to raise the odd jar of brown foamy liquid to his lips. Ogden's social life has shifted scene to Birmingham University. His week-end trips have become so frequent that he now has to have an exeat to come to Oxford.

Dave Gaskell joins these two luminaries at BNC and all three play lacrosse together, side by side as they have done since the Under 13's. Gaskell's six months in a Stockport brewery have stood him in good stead.

Also at BNC is Roger Gill, a man dedicated to the course of learning and scholastic achievement, qualities greatly admired and emulated by all Old Hulmeians at Oxford—to a greater or lesser degree (a steady 3rd's all right, really).

At St. Edmund Hall, Chris Lloyd, occasionally seen with lacrosse stick and goalie's pads, and Dave Blezard, never seen without some attractive woman by his side, have slotted very comfortably into the Oxford "scene".

And D. C. Sparrow, distinguished writer of Jesus, has never been seen except in print. Other Hulmeians exist but pressure of work must keep them out of the public eye.

B. N. C. LAWYER.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our 12th Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Embassy Rooms, Sale, in November. The numbers were somewhat fewer than in previous years but those attending enjoyed themselves nonetheless. We were particularly pleased to see many "new" parents and we hope they will continue to give us their support. The Tombola, manned by the Committee, was a sell-out and did much to swell the Association's funds. We express our grateful thanks to the donors of prizes and to all those patient hopefuls who bought tickets—and didn't win even a ballpoint.

In December Mr. Haynes and Mr. Langford gave us a talk, illustrated with photographic slides, on William Hulme's on Holiday. This annual event proves to be one of the most popular of the year, even though the boys are hardly photogenic. I fancy parents hope they will see some previously unknown facet of their off-spring. Possibly they do. Undoubtedly much more remains to be revealed. The holidays illustrated included the Lakes, the Cottages, the Norfolk Broads, and Italy, and gave us some idea of the extra-curricular activities available to the bcys.

Our Christmas Party was at the School on December 18th. Again we had a full house and we were delighted to see a goodly number of the Staff present. The bar was manned by members of the Committee and the dexterity and ease with

which they fulfilled their tasks settled such questions as what do they do with their spare time or what is their only hobby. Father Christmas was manhandled round the room by his muscular assistants, and under such guidance no doubt felt beholden to distribute gifts to all. The refreshments were excellent and we thank Mrs. Taylor and her team of ladies for their good work.

In March we shall be holding our Annual Supper Dance at the Embassy Rooms. This is an informal occasion to which we invite the Staff and their ladies as our guests. More information about this event will be given later, but meanwhile make a note to complete and forward the appropriate page in the booklet distributed to all parents.

If any new parents have not yet joined the Association the Treasurer, Mr. E. V. McGlue, 16 Rockford Lodge, Knutsford (please note his change of address) or Secretary will be pleased to hear from them. The Committee look forward to meeting all members again at forthcoming functions and if there is anything you wish to know about the Association and its activities please don't hesitate to ask any Committee member: they will be only too pleased to help.

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