

IN MEMORY OF OLD BOYS OF THIS SCHOOL WHO DIED
SERVING THEIR COUNTRY DURING THE GREAT WAR 1914-1919

AGADSHEAD	W.CHANT	H.HAY	A.MERCHANT	O.J.SUTTON
J.L.ALLISON	R.D.CLAYTON	J.HERON	W.R.MORRIS	R.SYKES
F.BAILEY	A.F.COOPER	D.M.HICKS	G.A.MOSS	D.G.TAYLOR
E.G.BATTY	C.E.COOPER	F.HIGGINBOTTOM	H.J.H.MOSS	E.TAYLOR
H.BEALES	D.G.COOPER	J.T.HIGSON	R.A.MUDIE	B.TEMPEST
L.BEARN	D.G.COSADINOS	A.J.HINCHLIFFE	J.H.MUMFORD	A.L.THOMPSON
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W.A.BIRCHAL	F.R.COX	W.L.HOLDEN	J.NORQUOY	A.H.TINKER
M.G.BLAIRIE	D.CURRIE	J.W.HOLMES	W.H.PALMER	M.W.WAKEMAN
A.BRADBURY	J.T.DICKINSON	V.R.HOLMES	E.W.PHIBBS	G.S.WALKER
R.E.BRADLEY	L.DICKINSON	A.C.HOPWOOD	R.A.PHIBBS	J.H.WALKER
J.W.BREWER	A.C.DIXON	W.E.HORROCKS	J.S.RADFORD	S.WHITCOMBE
C.C.BROCKLEBANK	T.H.DIXON	F.HOUGH	J.W.ROBERTS	A.J.HRWIDDOWSON
G.B.BROOKES	P.DORRINGTON	T.M.HOUGH	E.H.ROYCE	E.WILLIAMSON
J.H.BROWN	W.DORRINGTON	E.B.HURST	FG.SANDIFORD	K.H.WILLIAMSON
H.BUCKLAND	A.E.ELLIOTT	J.H.HURST	E.S.SARGENT	H.WINROW
H.E.BUDGE	G.A.ELLIOTT	F.JEfferis	E.SHORROCKS	O.G.WORLIDGE
R.H.CADE	J.R.FOX	H.O.JONES	E.SMITH	S.J.L.WYATT
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F.CARTWRIGHT	J.N.GOLDEN	H.H.KNIGHT	J.F.STOREY	
W.CARTWRIGHT	J.GRESTY	J.M.KEEVER	H.C.STROMBERG	
W.CHAMPNESS	J.HARROP	T.L.MAYBRICK	R.V.STURGEON	

ALSO IN MEMORY OF THE OLD BOYS
WHO DIED 1939-1945

B.E.ADAMS	S.HARTLEY	P.S.PRESTON
G.R.ADAMS	R.HAWLEY	H.S.PRIEST
E.S.BARBER	D.M.HERBERT	A.N.PYE
H.BARRATT	R.B.HILL	J.E.RAINES
S.R.BLAKELEY	D.R.HODKINSON	A.R.REDFEARN
F.A.CARTER	C.G.HOLEHOUSE	S.REID
A.CHAPMAN	E.HUBBERT	J.D.W.ROBERTS
G.D.CLARK	D.E.HUTCHINSON	A.ROBINSON
F.CLARKE	G.H.ISHERWOOD	C.G.SALISBURY
F.H.COLLINS	N.H.JACKSON	R.J.SALTHOUSE
T.A.DAVIES	P.JONES	J.C.SCAMMELL
A.G.DUNSTON	R.JOYCE	D.R.SEDDON
R.H.EDWARDS	R.KIRBY	J.V.SPRING
K.W.Y.FISON	A.C.LOCKWOOD	W.A.STEAD
R.E.GATES	G.H.LONSDALE	W.SWEANEY
G.GODDARD	A.S.MARSHALL	D.S.B.VINCENT
A.GORDON	E.B.MASON	A.WELBY
W.H.GORTON	C.J.MOSSMAN	A.E.WILKES
K.HALSTEAD	E.NEESOM	J.B.WILKES
G.D.HANSOM	M.H.PARRY	E.G.WILLIAMS
J.C.HARGREAVES	W.PERKINS	G.M.WILLIAMS
C.HARTE	J.H.BANKS	N.W.WOOD

THE UNVEILING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

The War Memorial to those Old Boys who gave their lives in the War of 1939-45 was unveiled on Friday, November 11th, in the presence of Relatives of the Fallen, the Governors of the School and Representative Old Hulmeians, as well as the whole School.

The Order of the Service was as follows :—

“GOD SAVE THE KING.”

ADDRESS BY THE HEADMASTER :—

“We are gathered together this morning for the Unveiling and Dedication of the Memorial to those boys of this School who gave their lives in the 1939-45 War, and at the same time to honour and pay homage both to them and to our fallen of the previous war.

We are gathered together as one community, parents, friends, Governors, Masters, Staff, Old Boys and present boys of the School, united in one family, united in one feeling.

The boys of whom we think today were ordinary, normal people, as we all are, but for them the call came and they left us—left us to carry on the cause for which they died. That cause may sometimes have gleamed before them clear and bright like a beacon. Sometimes it may have been very dim. But in all was one feeling, that they were fighting something evil, something that was not the way of God, something which demanded every sacrifice to defeat.

Theirs was the supreme sacrifice. ‘They died that we might live.’ And though in our humanity we now mourn their loss, it is right and proper that we should also gird our hearts with strength to continue their fight against evil, wherever it may be found, and whatever the odds—and, if necessary, like them to the end. For it is we, and we alone, who must insure that they did not die in vain.

At the close of this Service the trumpet will sound the Reveille; the trumpet call that awakens the Army to the New Day, the trumpet call that awakens the great Army, the Christian Army, to the New Day, the trumpet call that awakens these our fallen into the New Day in the presence of God, in whose love, care and brilliance they now stand. For they passed over, 'and all the trumpets sounded for them on the other side'.

'They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.'

And we will not forget them. For in this School there will forever be one spot which is hallowed and sacred to their memory."

A short silence.

PRAYERS offered by the CHAIRMAN OF THE GOVERNORS.

HYMN: "The Supreme Sacrifice".

UNVEILING OF THE WAR MEMORIAL

by the President of the Old Boys' Association, Mr. STANLEY R. BEST, M.Sc.

DEDICATION by Canon WOOLNOUGH :—

"In the name of God we dedicate this Memorial in grateful and thankful remembrance of those members of our School who gave their all that we might live."

THE LAST POST.

PLACING OF WREATHS

before the 1914-18 War Memorial by Lt.-Col. W. A. HOBBS, D.S.O., on behalf of Old Hulmeians who fought in that war, and before the 1939-45 Memorial by Lt.-Col. G. A. NORRIS, O.B.E., representing those who participated in the latter war.

REVEILLE.

The School passed in procession before the Memorial.

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School Notes and News.

We have much pleasure in welcoming to the School Mr. J. B. Simpson, M.A. (Peterhouse College, Cambridge), who has come to us to take Mr. W. H. Thomson's place on the History Staff. Mr. Thomson retired at half-term on completing his years of service.

It was with deep regret that we learnt that Mr. E. L. Woof and Mr. J. G. Geary are leaving us this term. Mr. Woof is changing his profession, and Mr. Geary has accepted another appointment at Queen's College, Taunton. We give them both our best wishes for future success and happiness in their new spheres of activity.

Mr. Jecny and Mr. Morgan are again taking a party of boys to Switzerland for the Winter Sports, despite the difficulties caused by the devaluation of the pound. We congratulate them on their enterprise and wish all a very enjoyable time.

Mr. J. A. Barber has received the honour of re-election to the Presidency of the Lancashire County Lacrosse Association.

On the results of the Higher School Certificate Examination held in July, A. B. Wilkinson and J. F. Wyatt were awarded State Scholarships.

Manchester Education Committee has also made the following awards:—

University Scholarships: H. R. Gooddie, A. B. Wilkinson, J. F. Wyatt.

University Exhibitions: D. Bate, D. Read, J. G. Wood.

College of Technology Scholarship: R. Gordon.

The following Foundation Scholarships were awarded by the Governors in September, 1949:—

Tenable for One year to: Geoffrey B. Appleby, Robert M. Bale, John H. Cairns, Gordon L. Davies, Eric J. Dellow, John M. Drinkwater, John A. Elwin, Howard R. Gooddie, Robert A. McMillan, Geoffrey J. Oldham, Bryan J. Stone, Brian B. Taylor, Keith Wallace, John G. Wood.

Tenable for Two years to: William A. Burton, Peter M. Charnley, Donald Cooper, James M. Davies, John V. Evans, Ian Gilfoyle, John W. Ginger, William M. Gould, Robert I. Hattrick, David D. Hilton, Cyril M. Humphris, Roy E. Jones,

Donald Langan, Michael J. Lanigan, Arnold W. Lord, David T. Massey, William J. Morgans, Patrick E. Reeve, Kenneth A. Roberts, David R. Rothwell, Barrie Rowson, Brian Seddon, William A. Smith, Peter L. Watts, Richard J. Winfield, David M. Womersley, George J. Zitterstein.

Leaving Exhibitions awarded to: B. R. Banton, D. W. Booth, G. V. Chivers, S. B. Foulds.

Honorary Leaving Exhibitions awarded to: R. P. M. Bond, E. W. B. Ward.

The following were successful at the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate Examinations, held this year by the Northern Universities' Matriculation Board. Subjects in which distinction was gained are shown in brackets:—

Higher School Certificate: VI C.U.: J. A. Bellis, A. M. Blight, R. D. Boyle, J. L. Burton, G. V. Chivers, D. Hood, G. J. Oldham, D. Read, A. B. Wilkinson (English, Scholarship English, Scholarship History). VI M.U.: D. Bate, K. Stewart, B. B. Taylor, J. F. Wyatt (Geography, Scholarship Geography). VI S.U.: B. R. Banton, F. D. Bimister, D. W. Booth, E. B. Boyt, J. F. Cairns, M. J. Cowburn, S. B. Foulds, H. R. Gooddie, R. Gordon, B. J. Helliwell, J. W. Steer, E. W. B. Ward, J. G. Wood. VI S.L.: W. G. Cartwright, M. Green, D. Shearman.

School Certificate: V. A.: G. Beaumont (English Language, English Literature, History, French, Latin, Maths., Chemistry), C. R. Burgess (English Language, French, Latin, Maths.), E. D. Carson, P. M. Charnley (Maths.), D. Cooper (Maths.), N. C. Cuthbert (Latin, Maths.), J. M. Davies, A. C. Day (English Language, English Literature, History, French, Latin, Maths., Physics, Chemistry), M. C. Dickens (English Literature, French, Maths., German), P. W. Gleave (Latin, Maths.), H. R. Hamnett (Maths.), D. R. Hankey (English Language, French, Latin, Maths.), K. H. Harper (English Language, History, Latin, Maths., Physics), K. Harrop (French, Maths.), D. Heffer (English Language, Maths.), K. Hoskinson (English Language, History, French, Latin, Maths.), R. E. Jones (English Language, French, German), W. R. Lee (History, Latin, Physics, Chemistry), A. W. Lord, A. Parkinson (English Language, Maths.), G. S. Preston (Maths.), B. E. Reeve (English Language, French, Maths., Physics, Chemistry), J. B. Roberts (Music, French, Latin, Maths.), K. A. Roberts (Maths.), J. M. M. Robinson (History, French, Latin, Maths., Physics, Chemistry), B. Rowson (Maths., Physics, Chemistry), I. F. Smith (History, Maths., Physics, Chemistry), E. Willcock (History, French, Latin, Maths., Physics, Chemistry), G. V. Willis (History, French, Latin, Maths.), D. M. Womersley (Latin, Maths.).

V. B.: I. Ainsworth (French, Maths., Art), B. L. Angel, G. D. Arnold (Maths.), W. R. Benson (History, Maths.), F. M. Bramwell (Maths.), W. A. Burton (English Literature), J. V. Evans (History, Maths.), I. Gilfoyle (Maths.), I. M. Gill, J. W. Ginger (English Language, English Literature, French, Maths., General Science), W. M. Gould, R. I. Hattrick, D. J. Hebden (Art), E. Hill (French, Maths.), D. D. Hilton (Maths., General Science, Latin), D. M. Hinchliffe (Maths.), C. M. Humphris (Maths., General Science), D. Langan (English Language, English Literature, Geography, Maths.), M. J. Lanigan (Maths., General Science), R. E. K. Martin (English Language), D. T. Massey (Maths., General Science), W. J. Morgans, A. Nuttall (Maths.), K. Penketh (English Literature, History, French, Maths.), G. J. Russon, R. L. Scaddan (English Language), B. Seddon (English Language, Geography, Maths., General Science, Art), P. Smith (Maths., Art), W. A. Smith, P. B. Stansfield, J. G. Thompson (Maths., General Science), J. Williamson (English Language, Geography, German, French, Maths., General Science).

V. C.: D. W. Boyt, B. Hughes, J. Lee, G. Livesey, F. A. Makin, P. R. S. Radband, D. R. Rothwell, R. A. Smethurst, P. L. Watts, R. J. Winfield, A. P. Wood.

V. X.: P. J. Buxton (English Language, English Literature, French, Maths.), D. P. Davies, M. B. Nicholson, P. E. Reeve (General Science), G. D. Whitlock, G. J. Zifferstein.

Separate Subjects: D. A. Dodge, J. A. Elwin, B. Hawthorne (Distinctions in Latin).

The Prefects this term are: A. M. Blight (Head Prefect), G. B. Appleby, R. D. Boyle, R. Calderwood, A. Godson, G. J. Oldham, B. B. Taylor, J. F. Wyatt, D. M. Archer, J. M. Beazley, G. L. Davies, C. S. Smith, B. J. Stone, D. W. Stone.

G. B. Appleby has been elected Captain of Football and Lacrosse; A. Godson Vice-Captain of Football, G. B. Lawson Vice-Captain of Lacrosse.

First XV Colours for this season have been awarded to G. B. Appleby, A. Godson, E. Hill, J. H. Cairns, J. M. Beazley, W. R. Lee, W. R. Benson, L. A. Logue, G. F. Cusick, G. A. Royle, M. C. Dickens and P. W. Walker who left after only two games.

Founders' Day Service will be held in the Cathedral on Thursday, January 26th, at 11 a.m.

Calendar for Lent Term:—

The Term will begin on Tuesday, January 10th, at nine o'clock.

Mid-term Holiday will be on February 17th, 18th and 20th.

The Easter Holiday will extend from Tuesday, March 28th, at noon, to Tuesday, April 18th, at nine o'clock.

The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term and for Scholarships and Free Places, etc., for Primary School boys will be held on February 25th and March 18th, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

We gratefully acknowledge *The Blackburnian*, *The King's School, Macclesfield Magazine*, *The Savilian* (Wakefield Grammar School), *The Aldwinian*, *The Salian* and *Ulula* (Manchester Grammar School).

Mr. W. H. Thomson.

Mr. W. H. Thomson returned to School in September for a few weeks only to complete his years of service, thus bringing to a conclusion a long period of devotion to the interests of the School. After short periods of experience in other spheres Mr. Thomson joined the Staff of this School in January, 1918. At the earliest opportunity he made History his special subject, and the passage of time has intensified that early preference, local history having become his special pre-occupation.

During his earlier years at the School Mr. W. H. Thomson experienced indifferent health, which prevented him from taking an active part in games. However, he has, from time to time, found many other spheres in which he could usefully employ his talents. At one time he took charge of the staging of Tuesday plays. During the war he organised and directed the repairing of School furniture. The private printing press he installed has often been at the service of the School. Latterly he has filled the function of House Master of Frazer House with conspicuous enthusiasm and efficiency.

His marked personality has left an indelible impression on the School. Few boys who have passed through his hands can have failed to realise Mr. Thomson's extreme interest in his subject, in the School, and above all in themselves. Mr. Thomson's keen sympathy with boys who have been labouring under difficulties, either physical or personal, has been at all times apparent, and will be gratefully remembered.

His retirement will give him leisure to pursue his literary undertakings. His forthcoming Encyclopedia of Historical Characters in Shakespeare's Plays, timed to coincide with his retirement, but unhappily delayed by production difficulties, promises to be of invaluable aid to the student. We all wish him long life and good health in his retirement, and shall look forward to seeing him amongst us at frequent intervals.

War Memorial Photograph.

Copies of the War Memorial Photograph may be obtained from the Printers of this Magazine, Messrs. H. RAWSON & Co. LTD., 16, New Brown Street, Manchester 4. Price 4/6 (postage 3d. extra). Size 8" x 6".

Speech Day, 1949.

The Speech Day held in the New Hall on July 15th proved to be the most colourful and enjoyable since the beginning of the war. As usual, the Hall was crowded to the doors and, for those unable to get into the New Hall, there were chairs in the Old Hall with a loudspeaker relay as there had been last year. It was gratifying to see so many Old Hulmeians present on the occasion.

Canon Woolnough, Chairman of the Board of Governors, who presided, briefly opened the proceedings.

The Headmaster, Mr. J. G. Bird, M.B.E., M.A., then delivered his address. He said he wanted Speech Day to be the one time in the year when parents, teachers, scholars and Old Boys could unite in a social occasion. It was not the time to deliver a learned lecture, nor to discuss the short-comings and failings of the School. Speech Day was a time to hear of the School successes and to look forward to the future. It was essentially an occasion to be held in the atmosphere of the School. In his summary of the achievements of the School and the Old Boys, Mr. Bird remarked that though the Higher School Certificates again showed a slight diminution, the School Certificates revealed a considerable improvement in number and standard. Athletic Sports had been revived for the first time since the outbreak of the war, and would continue to be held annually. The Rugby team had been successful, and the first Lacrosse team had not lost a match. After tea the quality of the cricket team could be studied at first hand.

The School had every reason to be proud of the Old Hulmeians Association with its wide range of social activities. The achievements of Old Boys showed they were not letting the School down.

The general tone of the School was good. The attendance at games was satisfactory, and the C.C.F. continued to show a fine spirit. Particular mention was made of the fine example shown by the prefects under the leadership of R. P. M. Bond.

Mr. Bird then paid a tribute to two former masters of the School who had died during the course of the year, Mr. Brice and Mr. Anderson. From such men, he said, came the success of the School. After thirty-two years of service Mr. W. H. Thomson was to retire. The spontaneous applause from the body of the Hall proved that his leaving would be regretted by all.

The Headmaster then looked to the future. The focus was naturally on the new School Leaving Certificate, which he stigmatised as "The Great Bluff". It had been instituted despite the advice of teachers who had been steam-rollered. It could result in premature specialisation—the very thing it purported to avoid. Parents were assured, however, that the educational standard of the School would be fully maintained.

After paying a tribute to the Board of Governors Mr. Bird concluded his address by introducing Major-General Langley Browning, under whose command he had served in Italy. Their task had been to rehabilitate the disorganised Italian army into an effective force, serving on the side of the Allies. Thanks to General Browning's clear direction of policy that complicated undertaking had been swiftly accomplished.

General Browning, after distributing the prizes, paid a tribute to Mr. Bird's efficiency as an officer, and went on to give some advice to the "average" boy. He said he had given prizes to the "stars"—for Public Schools were the earliest exponents of the "star system" and rightly so. We should applaud hard work, ability and success. Struggle was a law of nature. Success might not come at once, perhaps not till after school days were over. It was not a matter of succeeding once, one must go on succeeding. To attain success the boys should develop their own personalities, not merely copy others. Different leaders had different ways of leading—the British by example; the Germans by stern orders. Ours, he believed, was the better way.

The qualities required for success were first Loyalty, next Humanity. The General stressed the desirability of cheerfulness and good humour. A sense of balance was the final requisite. It was wrong to be too depressed by mistakes, or to become affected by success. Anyone could rise to the top if he aimed high enough. He thought these qualities were epitomised by the following lines, which he had often quoted to those under him:—

"Plan for more than you can do—and do it;
Bite off more than you can chew—and chew it;
Hitch your wagon to a star,
Take your place and there you are—
Go to it!"

After a vote of thanks to General Browning the gathering then dispersed to take tea in the new Dining-Hall, visit the Art Exhibition and watch the cricket match.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

SIXTH FORMS—

THE VLIES MODERN LANGUAGE PRIZE: D. Bate.

THE HEWLETT GEOGRAPHY PRIZE: J. F. Wyatt.

THE LYMER MATHEMATICS PRIZE: H. R. Gooddie.

THE WILLIAMSON SCIENCE PRIZE: J. G. Wood and B. R. Banton.

THE DORRINGTON LATIN PRIZE: R. D. Boyle.

THE KNOOP ENGLISH PRIZE: A. B. Wilkinson.

THE DEHN HISTORY PRIZE: A. B. Wilkinson.

THE SIR SAMUEL TURNER IMPERIAL HISTORY PRIZE: B. J. Stone.

THE WATKINS PRIZE: R. P. M. Bond.

THE POWELL SCRIPTURE READING PRIZE: D. L. Swann.

THE ASPINALL RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE PRIZE: E. Bowcott.

FIFTH FORMS—

THE HEWLETT GEOGRAPHY PRIZE: B. Seddon.

THE RUPERT HAWLEY MEMORIAL FRENCH PRIZE: A. C. Day.

MIDDLE SCHOOL—

THE CAIGER FRENCH PRIZE: B. Nutt.

OPEN—

THE FORREST WRITING PRIZE: K. Hoskinson.

FORM PRIZES.

VI C.M.U.: 1, A. B. Wilkinson; 2, J. F. Wyatt.

VI S.U.: 1, H. R. Gooddie; 2, B. R. Banton.

VI C.M.L.: 1, H. Baker; 2, C. S. Smith.

VI S.L.: 1, N. A. Warhurst; 2, W. G. Cartwright.

Vths: 1, A. C. Day; 2, J. M. M. Robinson; 3, G. Beaumont; 4, E. Willcock; 5, K. H. Harper; 6, J. Williamson.

IVths: 1, B. Nutt; 2, J. M. F. Drake; 3, M. L. Sutcliffe; 4, R. Swindells; 5, R. T. Oliver; 6, R. C. Shaw.

IV Y.: 1, J. Hazlehurst; 2, J. R. Hardwick.

IIIrds: 1, D. J. Ash; 2, K. Jackson; 3, I. H. MacLachlan; 4, F. M. Leach.

IInds: 1, G. N. Leah; 2, W. Blairs; 3, B. H. Blakeley; 4, H. V. Penketh; 5, D. S. Norbury; 6, A. O. Dyson.

Ists: 1, G. G. Ellis; 2, B. M. Segal; 3, J. P. Clarke; 4, A. M. Sinclair; 5, P. W. R. Corfield; 6, C. Gee.

Lower I: 1, J. D. E. Rayman; 2, J. G. Walmsley.

Preparatory: 1, G. G. Mitchell; 2, D. B. Taylor.

Special Prize: R. S. Lurie.

Art: First Forms: D. G. Woodcock. Second Forms: B. E. French. Third Forms: K. Jackson. Fourth Forms: R. B. Pilling. Fifth Forms: B. Seddon.

C.C.F. Notes.

Although the outdoor activities are restricted this term the programme has been progressive. On the 19th October a highly instructive Field Day was held at Lyme Park, Disley. "Platoon in Attack" was practised under the direction of the officers. There were also schemes for the R.E.M.E. and Signals sections.

Post-Certificate "A" work has been active. The R.E.M.E. section has benefited by instructors from a local Territorial Unit.

A Part I Certificate "A" examination was held on the 24th October. The following candidates were examined, all of whom were successful:—Cadets G. M. Arrowsmith, S. L. Beckett, R. D. Bishop, C. R. Burgess, F. M. Burton, J. M. Cartledge, J. Clough, J. M. Dawson, A. C. Day, D. P. Easton, P. W. Gleave, B. S. Gribble, R. Harding, R. G. Hodgkinson, G. I. Jones, B. Nutt, T. Oliver, T. C. R. Owen, A. Parkinson, R. G. Pilling, J. M. Pott, G. S. Preston, A. A. Rainford, B. E. Reeve, R. C. Shaw, D. K. Roles, N. A. Shelmerdine, A. Shields, J. Smith, C. G. Swann, P. L. Watts, J. G. Whitting-slow, G. V. Willis, A. D. Wilson.

With effect from September 13th the following promotions have been made:—C.Q.M.S. P. W. Walker to be C.S.M.; Corporals H. Baker, A. M. Blight, S. B. Foulds, J. A. Gilbert, A. Godson, G. J. Oldham, B. B. Taylor, J. G. Wood, D. Woollenden and J. F. Wyatt to be Sergeants; L/Cpls. G. B. Appleby, F. D. Bimister, J. H. Cairns, A. W. Crowe, J. M. Drinkwater, D. W. Hannaford, G. A. Pilling, A. J. Ralston, D. W. Stone and Cadet G. L. Davies to be

Corporals; Cadets B. Hawthorne, E. Hill to be Lance-Corporals. Later in the term Sergeant J. F. Wyatt was promoted to be C.S.M., vice C.S.M. Walker, who left School to join the Forces.

C.C.F. Camp.

Once again two platoons attended the C.C.F. camp at Poulton Airfield, near Chester. The contingent soon settled down to a week of interesting training under the same methods of instruction as in previous years. The officer-cadets from Eaton Hall in charge of training for the two platoons were very helpful, especially to cadets who are shortly to take up Certificate "A" work. Two sections from our contingent were attached to the smaller Bury Grammar School contingent during training hours. The programme was varied, instructive and interesting. There was more chance this year for cadets to practise various aspects of battle-drill and of fieldcraft. The demonstration side, however, was not neglected in the programme. An interesting new addition to this programme was a demonstration and practise of assault river-crossing. This proved very instructive and, as some cadets considered it an essential part of the drill to get wet, often highly amusing. The night exercise was, as usual, the most keenly undertaken part of the programme and was attended with the usual arguments as to "who had won". On the Sunday after the Church Service, there was an impressive march past and an inspection of the camp site.

The "highlight" of the week was the visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to the camp. The Duke visited our part of the camp at the lunch interval. It was noticeable that lunch that day was of a very high standard.

The leisure hours of camp life were certainly far from dull. There were the usual facilities for cadets wishing to visit Chester. The River Dee was available for those bathers who were energetic enough to walk some distance to the bathing site. On Sunday afternoon there was a sports meeting, and the competitors must be congratulated on being placed third in the number of points. D. W. Booth, G. B. Appleby, A. Godson and D. Logue distinguished themselves—particularly in the relay race. The N.A.A.F.I. was always popular, although its attendance noticeably declined as pocket money decreased towards the end of the week.

The weather this year was favourable to all activities, training only being abandoned in favour of the wet-weather programme for one afternoon. In short, all factors combined to make it an enjoyable and quickly-passing camp.

The Entertainments.

The four o'clock plays performed so far this term have, on the whole, been well up to standard. They have dealt with a variety of themes, set in a variety of periods, and have been presented by a variety of forms.

Mr. Williams has "H.M.S. Pinafore" in rehearsal as the Christmas entertainment. It will be presented for six nights beginning with Monday, December 12th. Mr. Lowe has also John Drinkwater's "Bird in Hand" in active preparation for next term. Performances will take place on February 9th, 10th and 11th.

VI S.L. opened the season with an excellent and most amusing performance of "Any Body" by Gordon Whitehead. One can well imagine how flustered the company of the village inn (W. R. Benson, W. M. Gould and G. Beaumont) would be when the village postman (P. M. Charnley) brought the news that a highly embarrassing personage, suspected to be carrying a body in his suit-case, was making his way towards the village. Neither the amiable landlord (B. Seddon) and his assistant (J. Williamson) nor copious draughts could drown the qualms of P.C. Tapp (vigorously played by C. M. Humphris). The old villager (A. Parkinson), however, continued to sip his pint unperturbed. Eventually we learnt that the letter was a publicity stunt by an enterprising ventriloquist (J. N. Winfield) and the "body" his puppet. G. Beaumont deserves great commendation for his most effective production.

On November 8th IIC gave a very spirited rendering of Ronald Gow's "The Sheriff's Kitchen". We could quite understand the exasperation of the formidable and voluble cook (C. E. Bryans) and the annoyance of the steward (K. V. Cooper) at the irregularities in the Sheriff's kitchen and the way in which the rations mysteriously disappeared. The under-the-counter activities of Friar Tuck (an outstanding performance by A. R. Bailey) and Little John (M. J. Wilkinson) who operated this black market, caused considerable amusement. As usual, Robin Hood (G. T. Skelding) caught the Sheriff (A. D. Hollins) in his own snare. D. K. P. Greenwood and G. A. Hartley were messengers, and K. Worsley and H. Greenhalgh men-at-arms. We congratulate IIC and Mr. Fearon, who produced, on a very creditable performance.

On November 15th IV B tackled the difficult task of managing Cavalier costume and maintaining the tension in J. F. Wright's "Wise Folly" with commendable resolution. The unscrupulous Captain Winters (J. E. Burgess), more zealous in pursuit of a fortune than Monmouth's adherents, nearly persuaded Sir Richard Hilden (A. G. Hilton) to part with a hundred guineas as hush money to save his

nephew's neck, but was thwarted by the timely arrival of Major Wimpenny (I. H. Scrutton), accompanied by two soldiers (G. S. Wood and P. C. Dutton) and the frank confession of his cockney sergeant (F. M. Mee). The "Darset" of Daaft Tom (realistically played by P. T. Masterson) was perhaps too effective a disguise; but few could have suspected his identity with Sir Richard's elusive nephew, Master John Reardon. Mr. Thompson produced.

The Library.

We are pleased to record that the Library has made its usual progress in the acquisition of books by both gift and purchase. For the books given we wish to thank E. Bowcott, G. V. Chivers and D. Read, who left School last July, and Mr. Ruscoe. Among the books that have been purchased, the second volume of Winston Churchill's "Memoirs" and another copy of Woodward's "Age of Reform", are of most interest. The departure of G. V. Chivers, whose able work as librarian for two years was noted in the last issue, and the resignation of J. F. Wyatt, to whom our thanks are due for his conscientious assistance, left vacancies. E. Willcock and D. R. Hankey have since been appointed assistant librarians.

B. J. S.

The Debating Society.

With the advent of new Fifth Form members there has been a greatly intensified interest in the activities of the Society, and the attendances at meetings have been very encouraging.

At the Annual General Meeting on 19th September B. Seddon was elected to the Secretaryship, and T. P. B. Kovach accepted the post of Deputy Chairman. After half-term he was succeeded by J. F. Wyatt.

On 26th September the House debated the statement "That the devaluation of the pound sterling is not in the best interests of the country". B. J. Stone and G. Beaumont, supporting the motion, pointed out the disadvantages which would accrue from the action, and expressed consternation at the prospect of inevitable loss of British prestige. That devaluation was a constructive step and a short term policy to put Britain on a sound economic basis was propounded by R. Calderwood and J. F. Wyatt. Inflation and unemployment were the most likely results, warned the proposers, but their opponents, while acknowledging the possibility, were confident that by a concerted effort it would be avoided. The motion was defeated by 21 votes to 6.

P. W. Walker gave a talk on "Spain" from his own experience, on 3rd October. It was very interesting, informative and also amusing, and the speaker answered questions capably afterwards.

The proposition for debate on 10th October was "That Vivisection is an undesirable and extreme form of cruelty". The proposers, G. Beaumont and J. F. Wyatt, emphasised the fact that animals were in no way protected from this type of savagery, and that many of the experiments were of no value concerning the saving of human life, and supported their argument with statistics. T. P. B. Kovach and J. G. Wood defended vivisection on the grounds that it was a valuable method of gaining important information to save the lives of human beings and animals, and which could not be obtained in any other way. With 6 abstentions the motion was passed by 14 votes against 12.

On 17th October a balloon debate including E. Willcock speaking as Kier Hardie, R. B. Pilling as Nelson, J. N. Hopwood as Shakespeare, and J. M. F. Drake as Sir Isaac Newton was held. After hearing four egoistic speeches the House voted in favour of Nelson retaining his place in the balloon.

Mr. Jecny was deservedly honoured by an intensely interested and appreciative audience on 24th October, when he delivered an informal lecture on "The present day in Austria".

The subject for debate on 7th November was "That the state of partition in Ireland is best for that country". It was proposed by E. A. G. Hamilton and A. W. Sedgwick, who emphasised the racial, religious and political differences between the Northern Irish and the people of Eire. G. Osbourn and B. Seddon contended that Ireland would benefit considerably from the abolition of partition, and that a federal government was needed to take care of the economic situation. The voting was favourable to the proposers by 13 votes to 7 with 3 abstentions.

"That Social and economic union in Western Europe is impracticable" was debated on 14th November. T. P. B. Kovach and E. A. G. Hamilton supported this statement by bringing to light the industrial competition between the countries of Western Europe and the different standards of living within them, which meant that they could not work together. R. Calderwood and G. Beaumont declared that a Federal Europe was needed to fill the gap between Russia and America while independent of either, and also to counteract a decline after the end of Marshall Aid. The motion was defeated by 15 votes to 7.

There will probably be at least three more meetings before the end of a very successful term.

B. S.

The Chess Club.

President: THE HEADMASTER.

Secretary: D. R. HANKEY.

There have been several well-attended meetings of the club this term, and members are looking forward to the matches to be played soon against the Staff and Stockport Grammar School.

Cricket, 1949.

The July number of the Magazine went to press while more than half of the 1st XI matches were still to be played, so no complete summary of the season was then possible. Two matches, against Wakefield G.S. and against the Staff, were cancelled owing to rain, but six more games were played, and the final record for the season was:—

Played 13, Won 10, Lost 2, Drawn 1.

The batting improved in the second part of the season, and owed a great deal to the consistency of C. S. Smith. Bond, Lawson, Ward, Godson and Blight also made good scores. The bowling remained good, again led by C. S. Smith, and was our chief source of strength. The fielding was generally good, and it is some years since we had a wicket keeper of the quality of C. A. Smith.

We congratulate C. S. Smith on his success as a regular member of the Cheshire County XI after the end of term.

AVERAGES.

	BATTING.				
	Inn.	Not out.	H'gst Score.	Total Runs.	Average.
C. S. Smith	13	4	101*	458	50.89
G. B. Lawson	13	2	64*	247	22.45
A. Godson	11	0	55	173	15.73
A. M. Blight	9	2	43	103	14.71
R. P. M. Bond	13	1	72	173	14.42
E. W. B. Ward	13	1	42	151	12.58
C. A. Smith	6	2	32*	48	12.0
N. C. Cuthbert	8	1	19*	54	7.71
J. Fleming	5	2	14	17	5.66
R. J. Winfield	6	3	4*	15	5.0
D. Cooper	5	1	14	17	4.25
G. B. Appleby	5	1	12*	14	3.5

*Not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av'ge.
C. S. Smith	142	44	266	64	4.16
N. C. Cuthbert ...	23	4	76	9	8.44
A. Godson	129	28	319	33	9.67
A. M. Blight	32	3	118	9	13.11
G. B. Lawson	16	6	40	2	20
J. Fleming	14	3	40	2	20
G. B. Appleby	7	4	6	0	∞

June 29th, v. R.A.F. (HANDFORTH). Home. Won by 93 runs.

The R.A.F. had a somewhat stronger side than in the previous match, but their bowling was not dangerous, and Bond and C. S. Smith put on 112 for the first wicket. We declared at 153 for two wickets, and got them out for 60. Godson was absent owing to injury, and Cooper took his place.

SCHOOL.

R. P. M. Bond, c Berry b Phillips	72
C. S. Smith, not out	54
G. B. Lawson, c Brown b Buckell	11
E. W. B. Ward, not out	7
Extras	9

Total (for 2 wickets, dec.) 153

R.A.F.

Berry, c C. A. Smith b C. S. Smith	8
Fowler, c Winfield b C. S. Smith	11
Aldrid, lbw b Blight	3
Butler, b C. S. Smith	5
White, st C. A. Smith b Blight	3
Cliverd, b C. S. Smith	0
Brown, c Bond b Cuthbert	19
Phillips, c C. S. Smith b Cuthbert	2
Taylor, c Cuthbert b Blight	0
Buckell, not out	2
Sexton, b Cuthbert	0
Extras	7

Total 60

Bowling: C. S. Smith 4 for 11, Blight 3 for 17, Cuthbert 3 for 9.

July 6th, v. OLD HULMEIANS. Home. Won by 52 runs.

The Old Boys brought a strong side, but we scored quickly on a fast wicket. The first 50 came in half an hour, and we declared at 144 for 6. C. S. Smith carried his bat through the innings, and C. A. Smith scored quickly at the end by powerful

straight driving. The Old Boys found Smith's pace too much for them, and the fielding was excellent. Godson returned in place of Cooper.

SCHOOL.

R. P. M. Bond, c Coe b E. B. Price	7
C. S. Smith, not out	57
G. B. Lawson, c Nesbitt b E. B. Price	11
A. Godson, b Hackett	14
E. W. B. Ward b Hackett	0
A. M. Blight, c & b Hackett	5
N. C. Cuthbert, c Ballinger b Hackett	7
C. A. Smith, not out	32
Extras	11

Total (for 6 wickets, dec.) 144

Bowling: E. B. Price 2 for 42, G. O. Hackett 4 for 33.

OLD HULMEIANS.

G. O. Hackett, c Blight b Godson	23
J. Buckland, c Fleming b C. S. Smith	1
D. J. Price, c & b C. S. Smith	2
E. Barnes, c Lawson b Godson	0
O. R. Dennis, c Fleming b C. S. Smith	1
N. R. Coe, b C. S. Smith	1
B. C. K. Ballinger, lbw b C. S. Smith	30
C. H. Nesbitt, st C. A. Smith b Blight	22
E. B. Price, c Ward b C. S. Smith	1
B. D. Norris, not out	0
W. W. Land, b C. S. Smith	8
Extras	3

Total 92

Bowling: C. S. Smith 7 for 32, Godson 2 for 25, Blight 1 for 22.

July 9th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Away. Won by 121 runs.

We batted first on a very fast but true wicket, and lost Bond to an excellent slip catch before we had scored. Smith and Lawson put on 73 for the second wicket in 45 minutes, and this pace was maintained throughout the innings. We declared at 233 for 4, with Smith 101 not out. He was never in difficulties, and gave no chances. Most of his runs came from excellent shots on the off.

Merchant Taylors' also made a bad start, and were always struggling. The main weight of the bowling was taken by Godson, whose endurance on an extremely hot afternoon was a tribute to his fitness and spirit.

Cooper took the place of Winfield, who was suffering an examination.

SCHOOL.

R. P. M. Bond, c Mottershead b Cartwright	0
C. S. Smith, not out	101
G. B. Lawson, c Rothwell b Burt	39
A. Godson, lbw b Howard	26
E. W. B. Ward, b Burt	42
A. M. Blight, not out	20
Extras	5

Total (for 4 wickets, dec.) 233

MERCHANT TAYLORS'.

L. J. Hanson, b Godson	1
L. Boothby, c Appleby b Godson	4
A. B. Jones, c Blight b C. S. Smith	11
J. C. Cartwright, b C. S. Smith	21
J. G. Searle, c Lawson b C. S. Smith	20
D. Rothwell, st C. A. Smith b Blight	12
J. H. Murray, c C. S. Smith b Blight	3
R. Mottershead, b Godson	2
J. Howard, c C. A. Smith b Godson	4
C. D. Potter, not out	21
W. G. Burt, c Ward b Godson	0
Extras	13

Total 112

Bowling: Godson 5 for 34, Blight 2 for 32, C. S. Smith, 3 for 14.

July 13th, v. MANCHESTER C.C., at Old Trafford. Match drawn.

We batted first on a fast and rather fiery wicket, with a strong wind blowing across the pitch. We scored quite quickly, and Lawson played an excellent innings, hitting well all round the wicket, and jumping to the pitch of the slow bowlers. J. Hilton bowled particularly well, but we declared at 165 for 6 wickets.

When Manchester batted we took two wickets quickly, but the fast bowlers found the new ball difficult to control on such a fiery wicket and in such a high wind, and found it necessary to reduce their pace. Cuthbert was unable to bowl owing to an injured hand, and we lost control of the game. Cooper took the place of Appleby, who was at an examination.

SCHOOL.

R. P. M. Bond, c Paige b Hilton	32
C. S. Smith, b Hilton	11
G. B. Lawson, not out	64
A. Godson, b Ingham	15
E. W. B. Ward, c & b Hilton	22
A. M. Blight, lbw b Hilton	10
C. A. Smith, st Cape b Rhodes	1
Extras	10

Total (for 6 wickets, dec.) 165

MANCHESTER C.C.

T. C. Keen, c Godson b C. S. Smith	17
M. G. Rhodes, b C. S. Smith	0
D. Woolstencroft, c C. S. Smith b Blight	43
D. M. Eglin, c Cuthbert b C. S. Smith	1
J. Ingham, b Godson	31
J. Hilton, c Ward b Godson	23
W. K. Hamer, not out	24
P. J. Elwood, not out	9
Extras	10

Total (for 6 wickets) 158

Bowling: C. S. Smith 3 for 42, Godson 2 for 57, Blight 1 for 23.

July 15th, v. MR. E. BARNES'S XI. Home. Lost by 4 wickets.

Mr. Barnes brought along a strong side, containing several Minor County players, and the game was played in the short time available after the Speech Day ceremonies. The wicket was difficult after rain, but, expecting it to get worse as it dried, we decided to bat on winning the toss. We started badly, but C. S. Smith, Lawson, and Godson improved the position. It was difficult to score quickly, and we sacrificed several wickets in trying to do so. We finally declared at 105 for 8, leaving them two hours to get the runs. They lost 6 wickets for 76, but we could only take one more wicket. More rain had made the wicket slow and easy, and the bowlers were handicapped by a wet ball and slippery foothold.

SCHOOL.

A. M. Blight, lbw b Cooper	1
C. S. Smith, c Adamson b Shaw	42
G. B. Lawson, c Brear b Winstanley	23
E. W. B. Ward, c Rutter b Winstanley	1
A. Godson, run out	19
R. P. M. Bond, c Barnes b Kennedy	1
N. C. Cuthbert, c Rutter b Kennedy	4
R. J. Winfield, not out	3
G. B. Appleby, lbw b Shaw	2
Extras	9

Total (for 8 wickets dec.) 105

MR. BARNES'S XI.

J. L. Brear, b C. S. Smith	15
W. A. Davies, lbw b C. S. Smith	9
J. A. Adamson, run out	15
I. A. Kennedy, b C. S. Smith	1
F. A. C. Maughan, b Godson	0
H. Shaw, not out	37
W. Winstanley, b C. S. Smith	7
J. R. Fisher, c & b Godson	14
Extras	9

Total (for 7 wickets) 107

Bowling: C. S. Smith 4 for 42, Godson 2 for 56.

July 20th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Home. Won by 3 wickets.

Heavy rain delayed the start and interrupted play after tea, and we did well to finish the match in such difficult conditions. They batted first, and lost wickets steadily. We made an even worse start, but C. S. Smith batted steadily until he ran himself out, and then Cuthbert and Winfield made the game safe. On both sides the bowling was better than the batting.

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

K. N. Pyke, b Godson	0
D. E. Hope, b C. S. Smith	4
J. L. Wilson, b C. S. Smith	13
T. R. Ward, b Godson	1
P. A. W. Roberts, b C. S. Smith	2
G. H. E. Denton, b C. S. Smith	20
A. Reeve, b Godson	8
I. W. Mitchell, run out	8
C. D. O'Hare, not out	7
J. T. Gopsil, c Bond b C. S. Smith	0
E. J. A. Haygarth, st C. A. Smith b Cuthbert	0
Extras	13
Total	76

Bowling: C. S. Smith 5 for 26, Godson 3 for 27, Cuthbert 1 for 10.

SCHOOL.

R. P. M. Bond, b Haygarth	0
C. S. Smith, run out	26
G. B. Lawson, b Haygarth	4
A. Godson, c Denton b Haygarth	7
E. W. B. Ward, b Reeve	12
A. M. Blight, b Reeve	4
N. C. Cuthbert, lbw b O'Hare	17
R. J. Winfield, not out	4
J. Fleming, not out	1
Extras	2
Total (for 7 wickets)	77

2ND XI.

The following matches took place after last term's Magazine had gone to press:—

July 9th, v. SALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. At Sale. School 72 (Bale 19, Lanigan 10). Sale 73 for 7 (Hoskinson 4 for 3). Lost by 3 wickets.

July 20th, v. BIRKENHEAD 2ND XI. At Home. Birkenhead 129 for 9, declared (Wright 4 for 26). School 65 for 3 (Lord 16, Royle 14 not out, Tebbutt 13 not out). Match drawn.

The following boys were awarded their 2nd XI Colours during the season:—D. M. Archer (Captain), G. A. Royle (Vice-Captain), R. M. Bale, D. Cooper, A. W. Lord, T. D. C. Child, I. A. Wright, K. Hoskinson, P. J. B. Haslam, M. J. Lanigan, B. L. Tebbutt.

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1ST XV.

The team this season has been composed mostly of newcomers to the first fifteen, and therefore has been slow to settle down. After a somewhat shaky start the forwards have established themselves fairly well. The backs have had constant changes and have never found the perfect combination. All too much has depended on the individualistic tries of Godson. Cusick has been a great asset to the team since his promotion from the second fifteen. Lee, Beazley and Cairns have been reliable front row forwards. Beazley particularly has always played hard and well. Hill has kicked effectively and intelligently in defence. The team has been very well led by the Captain, G. B. Appleby, ably and loyally supported by the Vice-Captain, A. Godson, and J. M. Beazley, the leader of the forwards.

The regular team has been: G. E. Cusick, L. A. Logue, C. S. Smith, A. Godson, G. B. Appleby, E. Hill, M. C. Dickens, J. H. Cairns, J. M. Beazley, W. R. Lee, W. R. Benson, G. A. Pilling, G. D. Arnold, I. F. Smith, G. A. Royle.

The following also played: D. M. Archer, J. Harrison, B. Hawthorne, A. W. Crowe, K. Hoskinson, D. W. Hannaford, G. L. Davies and R. D. Boyle.

Saturday, September 24th, v. SALE COUNTY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Lost 9—13.

As in most first games there was too much kicking and too little low tackling. The three-quarters' passing movements were often spoilt at the last moment by over-eagerness to score. The Sale tries were due in the main to our mistakes. The team lacked the finish which would have given it victory.

Saturday, October 1st, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Away. Lost 11—31.

Superior weight and stamina told, especially in the second half, when our opponents scored the majority of their points. Minor injuries to our side called for some rearrangement. The team never settled down again after this, though the backs made some good movements. The forwards played well in the set scrums, but did not combine well in the loose.

Saturday, October 8th, v. SALE R.U.F.C. SCHOOLS XV. Home. Lost 5—10.

Against tough opposition the School determined to fight, and were winning 5—0 at half-time. The forwards worked hard in both set and loose scrums, but could have gained possession more often if they had bound more closely in the latter. Tackling and handling were considerably improved, and Beazley's hooking was very effective despite our opponents' heavier pack.

Wednesday, October 12th, v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Home. Won 24—21.

The ground still being fairly hard owing to the lack of rain, and the day being fine, play was open. The covering and tackling were not what they should have been on both sides, and consequently the scores were high. There was a great deal of useless kicking, which generally resulted in loss, rather than gain, of ground. Godson played particularly well.

Saturday, October 15th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 24—6.

The team, as a whole, played much better. The forwards gained possession most times from both loose and set scrums. The three-quarters showed some constructive football. Lee played a good game.

Saturday, October 22nd, v. OLD HULMEIANS. Home. Lost 10—23.

The Old Boys fielded a heavy and strong side, but in the first half the speed of the School appeared to be too much for the Old Boys, the School leading 10—0. In the second half, however, the scrum quickly tired so the Old Boys were constantly on our line and were able to throw themselves over to score.

Wednesday, October 26th, v. HULME HALL. Home. Won 21—17.

The School played quite well, and the Hall's tries were mainly obtained by picking up loose balls and profiting by our mistakes. The scrum packed well and got most of the heels. Royle was outstanding at wing forward, and was continually harassing the Hall's three-quarter line.

Wednesday, November 2nd, v. BROUGHTON PARK SCHOOLS XV. Home. Lost 8—10.

Despite far heavier and larger opponents the School played very well. The forwards had difficulty in obtaining the ball in the line-outs and loose scrums, but in the set scrums they played well. Park were handicapped by not having previously played together, as the side included representatives of all the teams. Godson scored our only try from an individual effort from our line. He also kicked the penalty goal.

Thursday, November 10th, v. WAKEFIELD SCHOOL. Home. Lost 6—9.

This match was very hard. The close marking of our three-quarters by Wakefield was very effective, so they were not allowed to move. The scrum, however, did well and were nearly always on the ball. A strong wind and greasy ball were some excuse for the four kicks at goal that were missed; two being penalties and two conversion kicks.

Saturday, November 19th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Won 20—3.

During the first half the School seemed very lackadaisical, and a number of good movements were spoiled by dropped passes. During the second half, however, the side played really good open football, and despite hard tackling by Cheadle Hulme, scored twenty points in as many minutes.

2ND XV.

The second fifteen has had a most successful season. The main strength of the team has been a fast, heavy pack, ably led by the captain, D. W. Hannaford. They have successfully overcome a series of losses through injury and sickness and the usual "piracy" by the first fifteen of their outstanding players. The fact that a steady supply of worthy substitutes has been forthcoming is a tribute to the work of "second ground". It is pleasant to record that the standard of tackling has been high, as this is the foundation of all good Rugby.

RESULTS.

Sept. 24.—v. Sale G.S.	H	W	33-3
Oct. 1.—v. King's School, Macclesfield	H	W	16-6
„ 12.—v. King Edward's School, Lytham	H	W	50-3
„ 15.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	18-0
„ 22.—v. Old Hulmeians "A"	H	L	0-6
Nov. 12.—v. Oldham R.U.F.C. Colts	A	D	6-6
„ 19.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	W	33-0

The following have played regularly: M. J. Lanigan, B. E. Reeve, J. Harrison, B. Hawthorne, E. D. Carson, P. R. Donovan, D. Langan, G. J. Oldham, H. R. Gooddie, K. Hoskinson, B. L. Tebbutt, R. H. G. Gray, D. W. Hannaford, G. L. Davies.

The following have also played: R. I. Hattrick, A. W. Crowe, G. E. Cusick, F. M. Burton, J. M. M. Robinson, W. R. Benson, D. D. Hilton, L. A. Logue, G. A. Pilling, D. W. Stone, P. M. Archer.

Colours have been awarded to: W. R. Benson, G. L. Davies, G. E. Cusick, G. J. Oldham, J. Harrison, B. Hawthorne, C. S. Smith, A. W. Crowe, L. A. Logue, G. A. Pilling, K. Hoskinson, P. R. Donovan, R. H. G. Gray, D. Langan and B. L. Tebbutt.

UNDER 15.

The season has been rather disappointing, three of the five matches so far played having been lost. Injuries in the early weeks deprived the team of weight and cohesion; the fixture list moreover includes an unusual number of away matches. Four games remain to be played, and there are signs of improvement both in defence and in attack.

The following boys have played: D. R. Hankey (Captain), J. R. L. Hall (Vice-Captain), R. Brad-dock, J. N. Clarke, B. A. Craven, M. Credland, R. K. Davies, A. O. Dyson, A. G. Firth, A. G. Hilton, J. D. Hopkinson, I. Jameson, N. A. Moran, D. G. Robertson, J. K. Robertson, J. G. Rutherford, G. Shaw, G. T. Skelding, B. B. Wallwork, A. H. Wil-cock, D. Wilde, B. K. Wales.

RESULTS.

Sept. 24.—v. Sale County G.S.	A	L	0-32
Oct. 1.—v. King's School, Mac'field...	A	L	9-26
„ 15.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...	H	W	25-6
Nov. 5.—v. Denstone College	A	L	0-25
„ 19.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...	A	W	15-6

Lacrosse, 1949-50.

FIRST TEAM.

Only two matches have been played this term, and both have been against the Manchester Grammar School. The first, on our ground, we won by 11 goals to 4, and the return match was also won by 16 goals to 3.

With only four of last year's very successful team available, we were not very confident about the result in the first match, but our opponents did not seem to have anybody who could hold up Godson, who was also mainly responsible for our win in the second game. We were held at 3 goals to 2 in the first half, mainly owing to some excellent defence play by our opponents. Manchester then made the mistake of concentrating on Godson, who very judiciously fed C. S. Smith for the latter to score 7 goals.

The team is fortunate in having G. B. Lawson in goal for, not being too safe in their marking, the defence, of whom only Appleby has first team experience, rely upon Lawson to get them out of any serious slips. The attack, with the exception of Godson and C. S. Smith, has not settled down. Their handling is poor and their shooting very wild. They have, however, in both games worked extremely hard and worried the opposing defence into making mistakes.

RESULTS.

Nov. 9.—v. Manchester G.S.	H	W	11-4
„ 16.—v. Manchester G.S.	A	W	16-3

House Games.

To say that School teams and practices have once more depleted House teams would be an under-statement. Dalton, in fact, are in the fortunate position of being able to field a "Knock-out" senior team composed entirely of School players. This, of course, is a very great handicap when these players are required for School teams, with the result that, despite a strong, enthusiastic and, as yet unbeaten junior team, Dalton is helping Byrom to hold up the League Table.

Byrom started very badly, but slow improvement is taking place, due in no small way to a keen junior "A". The calls of School teams seriously deplete the seniors.

Heywood is a House in which both junior and senior teams are consistently keen and thorough, but much fine work on the junior teams is undone by the smallness of the teams.

The claims of School teams on Whitworth are not unduly heavy, and after a poor beginning the House teams have improved considerably. The weight of the junior pack must be very much heavier than other junior packs.

Gaskell, at the moment occupying second place in the League Table, have proved, both in senior and junior spheres, too strong for most other Houses, but some bad lapses have given Fraser a lead of 27 points in the League Table.

The League leaders, Fraser, provide an excellent example of a good House team on the seniors, not seriously affected by the loss of School players. Good work on the part of the seniors has been admirably supported by a keen and very promising bunch of juniors.

A word must be said, here, in thanks to Mr. Martin, who has undertaken the onerous task of organising House Games, and also to all others who have so ably served as referees.

This excellent tradition of service was maintained and strengthened by Mr. K. P. Thompson, who for seventeen years directed House Games. Everyone owes him a debt of gratitude.

R. C.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News.

It was with deep regret that we learnt of the sudden death of the Very Rev. J. R. P. Sclater, D.D., LL.D., at the age of 73. After leaving School he attended Manchester University and then

proceeded to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, in 1895. He was President of the Union in 1899. After attending Westminster College he was appointed to a Presbyterian Church at Derby; but it is with Edinburgh his name is most closely associated, his ministry there lasting from 1907 to 1923. He then emigrated to Toronto, where he achieved a great reputation. He held numerous lectureships, in Scotland at Edinburgh, in America at Harvard and Yale, and received the Doctorate in Divinity from St. Andrew's, from Queen's University, Ontario, and Victoria University, Toronto, from the last of which he also received the LL.D. We little thought when we were honoured by a visit from him last term that his death was so soon to follow.

It is with great regret that we have to add the name of G. N. Hobson to those who fell in the war of 1939-45.

D. R. Wood, M.A., B.Sc., B.M., B.Ch., Brasenose College, Oxford (now University Lecturer in Pharmacology at Sheffield University), was awarded this year the George Herbert Hunt Travelling Scholarship by Oxford University. He has carried out research work in Paris and in the University of Lund (Sweden).

G. B. Warburton, Lecturer in Engineering at Edinburgh University, has been awarded the Ph.D. there.

In the examination for B.Sc.Tech. in Municipal Engineering of Manchester University H. Kay was awarded Second Class Honours in Division I, P. I. F. Cunningham and C. G. Gregory Third Class Honours. In Applied Chemistry J. Lunt received Second Class Honours.

At Cardiff University A. Salmon obtained Second Class Honours (Division I) in English Language and Literature.

A. J. Odber (Manchester University) has been awarded a Studentship at Nuffield College, Oxford.

J. H. P. Slade was ordained deacon on September 25th, and has been appointed to St. Chad's, Ladybarn.

Brigadier R. W. Lymer, C.B.E., D.S.O., has been appointed Hon. Colonel of the 42nd Inf. Div. Col., R.A.S.C.

N. A. Alston, M.Sc., Headmaster of Woodhouse Grammar School, Sheffield, has been appointed Headmaster of West Bridgford Grammar School, Notts.

C. G. Dennis has been appointed Deputy Town Clerk of Lincoln.

The following Old Hulmeians represented their respective banks at the International Summer School of the Institute of Bankers held at Christchurch College, Oxford, in September: A. H. Allman, R. G. Upton, C. H. Jones.

Old Hulmeians in other University Lacrosse teams will be interested to learn that J. C. King, J. A. Gilbert, F. D. Bimister and B. R. Banton are attempting to carry on the School tradition by forming a Men's Lacrosse Club at Leeds University.

Messrs. Longmans have recently published "An Introduction to European Painting" by Eric Newton.

J. T. Joinson, of 88-32, 209th Street, Bellaire, New York City, is anxious to get into touch with any of his contemporary Old Hulmeians who may be in the New York City area.

BIRTHS.

SPOONCER.—On June 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Spooncer, a son.

WEATHERBY.—On July 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Weatherby, a son.

HEATH.—On August 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Heath, a daughter.

CARVER.—On August 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Carver, a son.

TAYLOR.—On September 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Taylor, a son.

WILDE.—On October 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilde, a son.

DALTON.—On October 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Dalton, a son.

MARK.—On October 14th, to Dr. and Mrs. James Mark, a son.

MORRISON.—On November 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Morrison, a son.

HOLT.—On November 29th, to Commander (L) and Mrs. J. B. Holt, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SAUNSBURY—DOWNIE.—On July 9th, PHILIP, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Saunbury, of Withington, to ISABEL MARY, daughter of the late Frederick Downie, O.B.E., and Mrs. Downie, of Hale.

VITKOVITCH—ELLSON.—On July 23rd, DUSHAN, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Vitkovitch of London, W.2, to CONSTANCE MARY, daughter of the late Mr. W. Ellson and Mrs. Ellson, of Wallasey.

REDFEARN—BARKER.—On July 23rd, REGINALD REDFEARN, of Burnage, to JOAN BARKER, of Audenshaw.

THURSBY—WYLES.—On July 28th, WILLIAM NORMAN, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thursby, of Manchester, to ELSIE, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wyles, of Carlisle.

FLUNDER—TORKINGTON.—On August 27th, DAVID BATEMAN, eldest son of Mrs. F. M. Flunder, of Heaton Moor, to BETTY, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Torkington, of Stockport.

STORRY—MACDONALD.—On October 1st, JOHN GEOFFREY STORRY, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Storry, of Bramhall, to SHEILA WINIFRED, daughter of Donald Macdonald and the late Mrs. Macdonald, of Moss Side, Manchester.

WILLIAMS—AICKMAN.—On October 8th, PETER PHILIP, only son of Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Williams, of Alexandra Park, to ELSIE PAULINE only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fordyce Aickman, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

CRICHTON—PENRICE.—On October 10th, HARRY RONALD, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Crichton, of Northenden, to SARA MARGUERITE, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Penrice, of Ambleside.

HUXSTEP—ALFORD.—On November 19th, DENNIS, younger son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Huxstep, of Rusholme, to JEAN ELIZABETH, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alford, of Burnley.

HAZELL—PERRY.—On October 29th, at Cheadle, MAURICE, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Hazell to ELVENE MARY, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney L. Perry.

EDWARDS—HARCOURT-BROWN.—On November 24th, HAROLD GLANVILLE, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards, of Bramhall, to JEAN, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harcourt-Brown, of Bramhall.

DEATHS.

SCLATER.—On August 24th, The Very Rev. J. R. P. SCLATER, D.D., LL.D., at Grantown-on-Spey, aged 73.

VAN DER VEEN.—On September 25th, as the result of an accident, CORNEY WILLIAM, of Church Stretton, Shropshire.

NEEDHAM.—On October 19th, suddenly, GEORGE FREDERICK, the beloved husband of Irene Needham.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The most noteworthy event by far since the last issue of *The Hulmeian* has been the Service of Dedication and Unveiling of the 1939-45 War Memorial Tablet at School on 11th November, 1949, at 11 a.m.

A certain amount of money remains in this Fund, and a suggestion has been made that it might be used to instal a Memorial Clock in the tower of the Old Hall at School. Old Boys might consider this idea.

An easy chair has been purchased with the balance of the Trevor Dennis Portrait Fund, and presented to Mr. Trevor Dennis, and we all hope that it will help to provide some small additional comfort in the retirement he so richly deserves, after so many years' work devoted to the School and ourselves.

The number attending the Annual General Meeting at School on 5th October, 1949, was once more disappointing, only some sixty members being present. At this meeting a recommendation by the General Committee to allocate £500 from the Endowment Fund to be used in establishing the Rugby Section on their present ground, was endorsed. It now needs the approval of the subscribers before action can be taken. It is pleasing to note the improvement in the playing record of the Rugby Section's First XV.

A pleasant evening was spent at the Piccadilly Restaurant on the 12th October, 1949, when the Annual Reunion was held. The numbers attending this function are so consistently low that one is caused to wonder if it is really worth while continuing this function.

The recently issued Membership and Fixture Cards reveal the election of five new Honorary Members of the Association. They are Messrs. J. W. Bentley, W. A. Brierley, J. W. D. McConnell, W. H. Thomson, and E. L. Wood, who served the School for 25, 25, 27, 31 and 28 years respectively.

The Annual Dance will be held at Longford Hall on 20th January, 1950, and the Annual Dinner at the Midland Hotel on the 8th March, 1950.

E. B.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The Lacrosse Section started the season with a playing strength insufficient to maintain three full sides in the field regularly. The Club has lost A. V. Tune, D. A. Kingham, R. Heywood, J. Dean, J. S. Marsden and G. Price to the Services, and F. D. Bell

to the Merchant Navy. In addition, business has taken L. Angell to Cumberland, a last season's injury has prevented R. J. Young from turning out again, and D. M. Arrandale has been unavailable, through sickness, from the start of the season. To replace these losses only two boys joined us from School, but unfortunately one, A. E. Marsland, went sick before the season started, leaving us only J. Fleming to welcome as a regular playing member. After many years' absence H. H. Midgley has come to our aid by turning out again, and J. G. Storry is fortunately regularly available once more. We also welcome as new members R. B. Marshall, T. G. Bell, C. F. F. Dunn and R. S. Beaumont. Old Boys from the Universities have also assisted us. A. Wilkinson, G. Wilkinson and E. Bowcott of Oxford, and J. P. Chilton and D. W. Bowett of Cambridge, whom we look forward to seeing again during the forthcoming vacation. We still, however, need additional members. Players in the Services can always be found a game. Both Tune and Marsden have played whilst on short leave.

The first team's record compares unfavourably with what it was at the same stage of last season, when it was undefeated. Three games have been lost; all by narrow margins. The side has suffered little change and the loss of form is difficult to explain. Arrandale's position on defence has been capably filled by F. M. McClinton, whose play has confirmed his claim to a permanent place in the team, and B. T. Plaskett has been a sound substitute to Tune. Even against the strongest sides we have scored well, but the best opposing attack combinations have never been completely dominated by the defence. Our best effort was to defeat the then unbeaten Old Mancunians team at Broughton by the odd goal. The selected side at the moment is as follows:—B. C. K. Ballinger, H. A. Whatley, F. M. McClinton, N. R. Coe, J. Mark, A. L. Dennis, E. Barnes (captain), I. Buckland, B. T. Plaskett, R. Mark, S. Gill, M. W. Flinn.

The reserves who have so far played are W. J. Bell, M. Hazell and W. T. Curtis.

The "A" team has fully justified its promotion to the second division, and in spite of having lost four of last season's defence, has only lost to the two strongest sides, Stockport and Cheadle Hulme. The side won its Junior Flags first round game on Offerton's ground by 12-2. A. Jones' enthusiastic captaincy has contributed greatly to the team's success, and the good form of Midgley, Storry, W. J. Bell and R. E. Howard has solved our defence worries. On attack C. H. Nesbitt is developing into a useful distributor. G. C. Martin forages tirelessly at first home, and Fleming gains experience in every game.

The manner in which E. S. Thelwall, the captain, and J. T. Emery, vice-captain, have created a "B"

team with a spirit second to none is truly astonishing. Disappointed by not being promoted after having qualified and with the minimum of players, the side has yet managed to win all its games by safe margins and defeat Ashton "A", a third division side, in the Lancashire Junior Cup first round. J. F. Caldwell still provides invaluable stiffening to the defence, and J. S. Jackson's improved attack play has earned him selection as second choice reserve for the "A" team.

The Club's first dance, held at Whalley Range on November 26th and attended by over a hundred members and friends, was another success for our hard-working social sub-committee.

Provisional arrangements have already been completed for another London tour next Easter, which promises to be just as enjoyable as our previous one.

Again we have to thank the Headmaster and the School for the invaluable assistance we have been given.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

Oct.	1.—v. Manchester University ...A	W 15-4
"	8.—v. MellorH	L 7-8
"	15.—v. Heaton MerseyA	W 13-8
"	22.—v. Stockport S.S.H	L 7-9
"	29.—v. CheadleA	W 16-7
Nov.	5.—v. AshtonH	W 15-2
"	12.—v. Old MancuniansA	W 8-7
"	19.—v. Stockport S.S.A	L 8-9
"	26.—v. South Manchester and WythenshaweH	W 9-4

"A" TEAM.

Oct.	1.—v. LeedsH	W 9-6
"	8.—v. RochdaleA	W 24-2
"	15.—v. StockportH	L 5-10
"	22.—v. UrmstonA	W 7-6
"	29.—v. OffertonH	W 18-2
Nov.	5.—v. Cheadle HulmeA	L 6-8
"	12.—v. Oldham and WernethH	W 15-2
"	19.—v. Offerton (Junior Flags, 1st Round)A	W 12-2
"	26.—v. ChorltonH	W 16-5

"B" TEAM.

Oct.	2.—v. Manchester G.S. 2ndH	W 9-1
"	8.—v. Old Waconians "B"A	W 14-4
"	15.—v. Heaton Mersey "B"H	W 21-2
"	22.—v. Stockport S.S. "A"A	W 22-1
"	29.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild "A".....H	W 28-1
Nov.	5.—v. Ashton "B"A	W 1-0
"	12.—v. Rochdale "A"H	W 1-0
"	19.—v. Ashton "A" (Lancashire Junior Cup, 1st Round).....A	W 6-2
"	26.—v. Mellor "B"A	W 14-4

Old Hulmeians Football.

With one-third of the season gone it seems likely that the tide has turned. After an uninspiring start the 1st XV has begun to play with a degree of enthusiasm and skill distinctly greater than anything shown since the war. Five of the last six games have been won, and their goal-line has not been crossed for a month. The victory over Didsbury was much more clear cut than the score suggests, and since then, apart from a bad patch against the School, they have played confidently and well. They lost to the very successful Burnage side by a penalty goal, after having had most of the play, but went on to beat Crewe soundly. The fact that they twice lost heavily to the latter in the previous season is an indication of the improvement which has been achieved. The credit for this is largely due to an inspiring captain. By example and precept Hughes has got his men attacking as a team, and he has kept them at it. The forwards have improved very much as a pack. They have borne the brunt, particularly on the heavier pitches, and, in a pack composed largely of brothers Todd, Gordon Todd has been outstanding. F. T. Morley and Redfearn, too, have done well.

Amongst the backs the sound Fletcher has been a notable gain at stand-off half. Most important, however, has been Harrison's success in his new rôle as a centre; he and Kay have formed a dangerous wing. And the keenness of A. Morley, in repeatedly travelling 120 miles to play, has almost revived the team secretary's faith in humanity.

The team is not a great one. It may do no more than return a respectable record for the season, though we hope for more. But this is a gratifying change in the tempo of recovery.

Concurrently, the "A" has continued to struggle. Injury and duty have deprived the pack of its heaviest members, and it has usually been defeated through its lightness, despite a most promising hooker in Wilkinson. The best forward has been D. M. Wood, and, though Etchells and others have fought hard in the loose, the unlucky Dye, passing smoothly from concussion to appendicitis, has been missed. Quite the best of the backs has been Knight, though his understanding with his scrum-half seems to be intermittent. The "A's" greatest hardship is its continuous need to press forwards into service as three-quarters. Considerable reinforcements are in prospect amongst the forwards, but the shortage of backs will mean further shuffling.

The same remarks apply substantially to the Extra "A" XV. We have kept it going, but we still seem to be doing the recruiting so that the Army can play the fixtures, and call-up losses, with the "A's"

casualties, have made it difficult. An affable captain and the loyalty of players like A. Wilson, is bringing it through the last of its nascent stages with a creditable record. The bell rang at the head of the "Points Against" column when Sale put out against it a team of virtually "A" team strength, but a credit balance of victories is likely to be restored over the holiday period.

The drought has effectively postponed our re-seeding operation; and further building waits on O.H.A. funds. We hope, however, to get under way in this direction in the spring.

Twenty-five members attended the opening of the season Hot-pot, which went off very well, and another successful Dance was held on 29th September. On 11th November we showed the R.U. film "Modern Rugger", together with a talk by Joe Mycock, the Lancashire Captain, to a good house. This joint effort appears to have been effective, and we hope to do more in this field.

A. R. O.

RESULTS.

1st XV.

Sept. 10.—v. Didsbury	H	L	0-23
„ 17.—v. Oldham "A"	A	L	3-20
„ 24.—v. R.A.P.C.	H	W	33-0
Oct. 1.—v. Preston Grasshoppers "A" ..	H	L	3-5
„ 8.—v. Old Aldwinians	A	L	0-19
„ 15.—v. Didsbury	H	W	11-8
„ 22.—v. W.H.G.S.	A	W	23-10
„ 29.—v. Calder Vale	A	W	16-3
Nov. 5.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey	H	W	3-0
„ 12.—v. Burnage O.B.	A	L	0-3
„ 19.—v. Crewe and Nantwich	H	W	13-3

"A" XV.

Sept. 10.—v. Didsbury "A"	H	L	6-11
„ 17.—v. Oldham Extra "A"	H	—	—
„ 24.—v. Davenport Extra "A"	A	L	9-11
Oct. 1.—v. Preston G. Extra "A"	A	L	3-63
„ 8.—v. Old Aldwinians "A"	H	L	5-45
„ 15.—v. Heaton Moor "B"	A	—	—
„ 22.—v. W.H.G.S. 2nd	A	W	6-0
Nov. 5.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey "A"	A	L	6-12
„ 12.—v. Burnage O.B. "A"	H	L	0-38
„ 19.—v. Crewe & Nantwich "A"	A	L	3-6

EXTRA "A" XV.

Sept. 3.—v. Old Rochdaliens "B"	A	W	24-6
„ 10.—v. Didsbury Extra "A"	A	—	—
„ 17.—v. Oldham "B"	H	L	0-21
Oct. 1.—v. Old Rochdaliens "B"	A	L	13-21
„ 8.—v. Old Rochdaliens "B"	H	W	19-14
„ 15.—v. W.H.G.S. 3rd	A	L	0-8†
„ 29.—v. Sale Extra "A"	A	W	—
Nov. 5.—v. Oldham "B"	H	—	—
„ 12.—v. Burnage Old Boys "B"	H	L	0-11
„ 19.—v. Old Rochdaliens "B"	H	—	—

Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

We were very pleased indeed to welcome the Headmaster as guest to the Oxford Old Hulmeians Dinner on Saturday, November 12th. After the Dinner the party adjourned to the spacious panelled abode of S. S. Wilson, and the next couple of hours passed only too quickly as we discussed the School, past, present and future. On the Sunday Mr. Bird dined at High Table in Brasenose, and we trust that his dinner was at least as good as that on the previous evening.

A week later we had another very welcome visitor in Miss M. G. Green. It was several years since many of us had last seen her, and it was indeed most enjoyable to gather in A. Wilkinson's rooms and live over again French lessons and harvest camps.

The number of Old Hulmeians in residence has increased yet again this term, and we look to those still at School to ensure that it may so continue to increase, and certainly not fall below the present total of sixteen.

At Brasenose S. S. Wilson seems to spend most of his spare time organising sailing, and we gather that he is also President of the Oxford University Ski Club. J. Wilks, after some energetic mountaineering in the summer, continues his studies for the degree of D.Phil., and has also taken to tutoring—amongst others G. Wilkinson. L. Robertson occasionally dines in College, but spends most of his time at the Radcliffe Infirmary. Although now in his last year before Schools, A. G. Smith has found time to rise to the office of President of the University Philhellenic Society, and Dr. C. E. M. Joad has been amongst his guests this term. Both Geoffrey and Alan Wilkinson have been representing the 'Varsity at Lacrosse, and this they make an excellent excuse for disappearing to London once a fortnight. J. W. N. Glover has moved out of College this term, and rumour has it that he is living in extremely expensive "digs" in St. John Street. Lodging a little further away from the centre of the city is D. Ogden, who when seen is usually journeying to, from or on the river, where he covers many a mile in the College Long Distance Eight. F. G. Higgins has been spending this term at Aldenham School learning the art of schoolmastering under Mr. D. M. Parren's guidance. He has been seen in Brasenose, however, from time to time, and we gather that he comes across for the occasional game of squash with Ogden. F. A. Stone is usually to be found in one of the Law Libraries or entertaining judges to dinner before moots.

W. J. Duerden is still up at New College reading for his B.Litt; having taken his Schools in History last term. J. F. Mair has now moved to Wycliffe Hall where he is preparing for the ministry, whilst P. W. Watkins (Lincoln) seems to divide his time between ballet and the Law, and has taken to buying fancy waistcoats. D. Read (Univ.) is reading History and playing soccer, and J. N. McManus (St. Edmund's Hall) has returned from the Army to read Modern Languages. F. S. Sutcliffe (St. Catherine's Society) having finished with the Navy, is reading Zoology and being extremely musical at the same time.

F. J. Whelan (B.N.C.) took leave of us at the end of last term after getting successfully through Schools, and we wish him every success in his new work in London.

We note that once again the Old Hulmeians Annual Dinner in 1950 is to be held during term time, and would like to support A. R. R.'s plea, in *The Hulmeian* of April this year, that in future the Dinner be arranged for a time when those at the Universities are free to attend.

May we conclude by wishing every success to all those who may be coming up from School in the near future to sit for Scholarship and Entrance Examinations?

F. A. S.

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge.

Michaelmas—a term in which one can do little work and have a good time, without much trouble from one's conscience. This definition should be inserted in all Cambridge handbooks. At this time of the year one is apt to feel that the Tripos is still "a mere cloud on the horizon no bigger than a man's fist"; as a late master of the School once said. Nevertheless, Cambridge has been uncommonly quiet this term. November 5th; traditionally a somewhat noisy and wild affair, passed off in such a quiet fashion that the police (and perhaps the Proctors) were most disappointed at the lack of initiative and imagination shown this year on the part of the undergraduates. Apparently incidents were many at the "other place", but even there, a report stated that "compared with pre-war the whole affair was like a damp squib".

Our numbers this year have once again fallen, the only new member being J. S. Robertson (King's), who has come up to Cambridge from Manchester University on a Colonial Service course. He is reading agriculture or agricultural science for some obscure diploma. In his spare time, which he claims

is very limited, he has played lacrosse for the 'Varsity and given much help in the series of wins the team has had to its credit this year. We look forward to his battling gallantly against Oxford next term, when the inter-'Varsity match is played.

J. V. Gosling (Caius) has now buried himself in "digs", and spends much time extolling the virtues of a landlady, who provides him with excellent breakfasts and does not particularly mind what time of the night (or morning) he finally returns to his rooms. He still plays a lot of rugger, and seems to have developed the unfortunate habit of having his nose broken in every other match he plays. We can only wish him well in his future escapades. So far all attempts to make him play the much gentler game of lacrosse have met with instant refusal. He still cuts little pieces out of some corpse, but, at present, he is rejoicing because this phase of his medical career is nearly over, for the time being.

Our only member who is still in college is G. R. Macleod (Christ's). He can generally be relied upon to provide an excellent cup of coffee when one drops in for a few minutes' talk. He has forsaken his oar this term in order "to do a little work" as he puts it. It is rumoured that his new form of exercise is to rise at some unearthly hour (an athletic feat in itself) and go for a long run, but none of us have yet seen him do it, which only goes to show how lazy (or human?) the rest of us are. He is a keen member of the "Heretics", a club which exists in the belief that "progress springs from heresy".

D. W. Bowett (Downing) is principally known through the medium of lacrosse. He is secretary of the club this year, and as the spearhead of the Cambridge attack he continues to score goals, at a most disquieting rate for the opposing teams. When his secretarial and sporting engagements are not too pressing, he is able to read a little Law—apparently he started work about two weeks before the end of term. Of his other activities little is known, except that he has tried, in vain, to buy a new bicycle after his own had mysteriously disappeared over the Long Vacation.

J. P. Chilton (Clare) has at last begun to do some serious work. Of late he has taken to doing his laboratory work in the evenings, claiming that the mornings were created purely for the drinking of coffee. He still plays (or rather, tries to play) lacrosse, but has earned a rather unbecoming name since he took to maiming various members of his own team during practices. He hears that some ugly story of various incidents concerning himself in Trinity on Guy Fawkes night has somehow got abroad. However, he disclaims all responsibility for what may have occurred.

J. P. C.

William Hulme's Grammar School Parents' Association.

The Annual General Meeting was held in July, and was approached by the Committee with some trepidation.

The Committee meeting held prior to the Annual General Meeting is usually a pleasant affair tidying up and preparing a report of activities. This year showed quite a different state of affairs, and it was evident from the outset that a situation of major importance had developed. Some members of the Committee were quite vehement in asserting that the Association has ceased to have any useful function and should be wound up forthwith—others felt that in spite of many discouraging experiences there was a definite place for such an organisation.

One cannot deny that the general apathy amongst the parents had been most disheartening. First-rate lectures showed only a meagre attendance, excellent social functions showed marked lack of support, and attempts to arrange inter-parent-school matches have been almost ignored.

In view of this division of opinion the Committee felt that all the facts should be given at the Annual General Meeting so that such a question could have full consideration.

It was noted with pleasure that quite a representative number of parents attended the meeting, and a good spirit was prevalent. The question of the future of the Parents' Association was very ably discussed from all sides and from many points of view. It was indicated to the meeting that the Association was in a sound position financially and only needed some enthusiastic backing to make it a complete success. When the question "to be" or "not to be" was put to the meeting it was gratifying to note that many wished the Parents' Association to go forward with its activities.

New members of the Committee were elected to fill up the depleted ranks, and it is surely a good augury to know that three ladies have accepted office. The new Committee will meet in November to elect officers and discuss future activities.

We wish to record our grateful thanks to Mr. E. H. Tredwell, our retiring chairman, for his capable and pleasant handling of our meetings, to Mr. B. Mitchell for his able handling of the finances of the Association, and to other retiring members of the Committee for their help and co-operation in our many deliberations.

M. ARCHER.