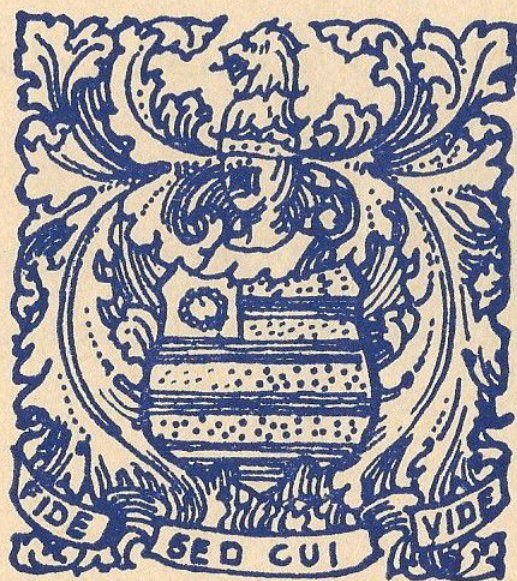


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School Notes and News

Since the last number of *The Hulmeian*, work on the Sixth Form Centre has progressed at an astonishing pace. Apart from some days of heavy rain in the very early stages, the weather has been most co-operative, and there have been no serious delays. It is quite remarkable that a building of such size can be erected so close to the School with so little noise and with no disruption of normal routine. Even the layman can appreciate the smooth organisation that has maintained a steady flow of materials to the site, while one of the memorable features of last term was the delicate precision with which huge girders and concrete pillars were swung into position.

Already many of the interior walls are in position, and it is now possible to obtain a clear impression of the size of the common-room, the

lecture hall and the many additional rooms which will soon be available to us.

In a New Year's Honours List which included the names of several distinguished Old Boys, recorded elsewhere in this magazine, it was particularly pleasing to see the name of Mr. H. W. Smith, the School's architect, who received the O.B.E.

At a less spectacular level, the School Office has been re-organised, re-furnished and re-decorated. A new stationery store has been formed out of the alcove, once the site of the School Museum, between the Old Hall and the steps leading to the New Hall.

At the end of the Christmas term Mr. R. K. McCulloch left us to become Head of the Physics Department at Chorlton Grammar School. Few

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masters have made such a varied and whole-hearted contribution to the life of the School as Mr. McCulloch has done in the past nine years. Apart from his excellent work in the Science Department, he took part in a wide range of School activities, including the coaching of the Junior School XV, playing in the School Orchestra, supervising the lighting equipment of the Stage (including the re-building and re-wiring of the switch-board), and acting as technical adviser, repairer and installer of all things electrical. He was Careers Master, an officer in the C.C.F. and announcer-in-chief, with an excellent microphone technique, at sports meetings; moreover, his knowledge was always at the disposal of the Parents' Association at functions such as the Barbecue.

We wish him every success for the future, and look forward to seeing him and Mrs. McCulloch at many of the events in the School year that they have supported in the past.

We congratulate Mr. J. R. McManus on his marriage during the Christmas holidays.

We congratulate the following boys on their academic successes:—J. D. Shuttleworth, awarded a Hulme Exhibition in Geography at Brasenose College, Oxford; J. S. Torkington, awarded an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Jesus College, Cambridge; R. D. McGlue, awarded an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

The following boys have been appointed School Prefects this term: M. Brown, T. C. Cunliffe, R. G. Edwards, J. O. Freeman, B. G. Gazzard, N. M. Kennedy, C. A. Nowotarski, N. B. Pearson, M. D. Rayburn.

N. M. Kennedy has been appointed Captain of School Lacrosse; C. W. Beaumont vice-captain. M. V. Tidmas has been re-appointed Captain of Cross-country Running.

The Calendar for the term is as follows:—Entrance Examination: Part I, February 13th; Part II, March 12th.

Half-term Holiday: February 14th, 15th, 17th. Term ends on Wednesday, March 25th, after the six-a-side Lacrosse Competition.

The Midsummer term begins at 10-45 a.m. on Friday, April 17th.

We acknowledge receipt of *Ulula*, *The Cestrian*, *The Savilian*, *The Waconian*, *The Gryphon*, and the magazines of the Central Grammar School for Boys, Manchester and the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.

The total amount of the Hulme Lads' Club collection at the time of going to press is £498 14s. 1d., approximately £86 less than the sum collected last year.

Careers

Dr. Powrie has now taken over as Careers Master, and he will be available for part of most lunch-times to answer boys' enquiries. The Careers room in the Science Block contains a considerable amount of literature on university courses and careers in industry and the professions; there is information on entry requirements, as well as on scholarships and other opportunities available.

Iolanthe

It was either remarkable prescience on the part of the producer, or an odd coincidence, that the School production should be of *Iolanthe* in a year which had seen so many comings and goings in the House of Lords. For *Iolanthe*, which is actually *about* something, takes a cool look at the preposterousness of an already obsolete institution, which Gilbert maliciously interweaves with a ludicrous fairy-world. The operetta includes some wit which has a barb beneath its seeming innocence, and Gilbert is well served by Sullivan, with some music that is not only tuneful, but which also happily points up some of Gilbert's disingenuous observations.

Gilbert and Sullivan are not well-served by their more idolatrous devotees: productions often miss the wit in the libretto and the intelligence in the music by overstating the purely musical claims of the latter, and by an "authorized version" approach to Gilbert. This, although it allows us to laugh at his "jokes" (which are frequently excruciating—or unfunny because no longer topical) nevertheless makes the script into something to be treated like holy writ, and by so doing they effectively smother the unorthodox and iconoclastic side of Gilbert; there is a real satirist there, who has frequently been smothered by 'appreciators'.

So it was refreshing to find that the main virtues of this production were the generally debonaire conception and the sensible approach of the actors: galumphing fairies counterpointed the pompous peers; a cardboard and nonsensical Arcadia debunked poetic conventions in parallel with some Gilbertian debunking of the processes of law; political, social and cultural 'Establishments' all come in for a savaging—long before that word became a vogue-word.

Mr. Hoskinson produced and directed; and as well as imposing on the production a conception of the operetta that made sense, he drew some unusually pleasant sounds from the orchestra, and despite a grave shortage of real singers, showed how intelligent acting and, in most cases, audibility, at least of the spoken word, can surmount most difficulties in Gilbert and Sullivan.

After a somewhat lugubrious opening to the overture, the curtain rose on a quite delightful

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set of Arcadia—a beautifully designed and painted background with just the right approach to Gilbert's affectionate spoof of 'Arcady'. In trooped a chorus of fairies who looked just right—an improbable conflation of diaphanous greenery and stomping sandals. They cavorted and disported themselves well, although it was not at all easy to hear their fatuous words—it was left to the orchestra to convey to the audience the appropriate mood of ridicule; this the players did well, sustaining an ironic daintiness: the strings, though lacking body, were sweeter than they have sometimes been, and the woodwind throughout the evening was delightfully mellow. A. P. Hamnett should be mentioned for a tactfully unobtrusive but indispensable supporting role on the piano.

C. J. Bullough as the Queen of the Fairies was the first on the stage to put the audience quite at its ease; he very bravely sustained a part that was at once unsympathetic—one of Gilbert's frequently cruel portraits of unattractive spinsterdom—and one that was no longer in his vocal range at all. However, splendidly making a virtue of necessity, he used what must be a healthy baritone to croak out the contralto part as though the noise was designed to go with his fearful appearance—skilfully dressed and made-up as he was to look like some Cro-magnon matron.

She was an admirable foil to the ingenuous characterization of Iolanthe by M. F. Atkinson, who sang with a flute-like voice (which promised, with some training, much more range). He, too, was well made-up with an attractive wig, and spoke his plaintive lines appealingly.

They were rapidly joined by Strephon and a moment later by Phyllis. A. G. Broome, playing Strephon, was gallantly attired, save for an ill-fitting wig, and did his best not to look embarrassed at his cavorting entries. Apart from managing his pipe, which he found difficult, he spoke and moved intelligently, and did his best to project a not very strong singing voice: but when Phyllis, his consort, played by R. N. Curry, arrived, so did one of the producer's difficulties, for Curry, as well as looking extremely at home on the stage, had by a long way the strongest and firmest voice in the company: this meant either that the ensembles were to be seriously out of balance, or that the producer had to curb the one really strong voice that he was fortunate enough to find himself furnished with. The problem could only be met with a compromise, and Curry was to be congratulated on tactful judgment here.

The Lewis Carroll-like cavalier contempt for logical development with which Gilbert illustrates his contempt for 'good theatre' was illustrated by the sudden arrival of the Peers. Their total dramatic irrelevance only served to underline the joke at the expense of the peerage which is the operetta's premise.

Musically, their arrival was admirable: experienced trumpet-playing seemed to have galvanized the brass and percussion into some of the

most vigorous playing that we have heard from that end of the orchestra. The peers themselves looked splendid: even the make-up staff had been able to contribute to the farce: a gallery of grotesques that seemed to contain at least one politician of ill-repute, a seedy Santa Claus, a swaggering rufous grandee, and a motley collection of giant and midget marquises, etcetera, marched in, singing with gusto.

Into their midst burst the Lord Chancellor, played by P. D. Roylance in the most sophisticated performance of the evening: he nicely created the combination of a flesh and blood male with the desiccation of his legal and political functions.

Lord Tololler, M. Sykes, and Lord Mountarat, R. G. Edwards, furthered the story of Phyllis and Strephon's disobedience. Edwards looked and spoke well, though he couldn't make a great deal of character from his tailor's-dummy role; and Sykes, with more gusto and eloquent eyebrows and much use of an oversize handkerchief, made a cheerful partner.

Strephon, after a further ludicrous entrance, had an amusing and nicely played antiphonal number with the peers. After they had left, Strephon and the Lord Chancellor laid into the debased pastoral convention of love-poetry: Gilbert here quite effectively guys this equivalent in his time of the modern slush from Tin Pan Alley—which joke was neatly updated a little later by a raucous intrusion of Beatle-mania, accompanied, appropriately, by screams from the fairies.

With the arrival on the stage of both choruses—fairies and peers—two groups of self-evidently functionless absurdities, Gilbert's point is made: but the producer had an almost insuperable task in disposing such large forces on the stage—and indeed, the patterns of movement did seem to disintegrate. And, although the awfulness of the Queen's threat of opening the peerage to competitive examination came across well, the final chorus of both peers and fairies had most of its words lost, which was a pity: they were quite witty.

The Second Act opened on the courtyard of the Palace of Westminster, necessarily an anti-climax after the set for Arcady, but even so, rather a disappointingly unimaginative and stridently-coloured palace. However, it was made gorgeous by the resplendent figure of T. Cunliffe as Private Willis; if he had done nothing else, Cunliffe earned our gratitude for the mere sight of his statuesque guardsman. In fact, he sang his rather dreary song well, and in his stolid splendour made a good mate for the hideously monumental queen.

The fairies, led by the very ebullient S. P. Pope, D. J. Fletcher and R. J. Finnigan, who seemed to be the only fairies who actually enjoyed their evening, and the peers, led by Mountarat and Tololler, bemoaned the awful effects of having a fairy, or a half-fairy, in Parliament. This they soon converted into a scene of courtship which was a pleasant farce, until interrupted by the

queen: Bullough had once more to master a difficult love-aria, during which the fairies looked positively bored—explicably but inexcusably. There followed some silly courtship dialogue between Strephon and Phyllis, in which Gilbert was obviously not very interested, and they, and he, and we, were relieved to come to the Lord Chancellor's Nightmare—perhaps the one patter-song that is genuinely witty—which Roylance sang with relish. He was then joined by Ararat and Tololler in their trio "Faint heart never won fair lady": this was sung loudly and with obvious enjoyment, if the gusto became somewhat elephantine before the end.

The players slid quickly and tactfully over the dramatically essential, but artistically irrelevant business about the Lord Chancellor's marriage to Iolanthe, though Phyllis's observation, "She wears well", was one of the few real opportunities for polish and timing, and one that Curry took well, to show what little scope indeed there was for any kind of real acting.

Iolanthe's plea to the Lord Chancellor was sweetly sung by Atkinson; the Lord Chancellor with a dusty old legal quibble played the *deus ex machina*, Willis got his wings and the peers and the peris sang their final chorus with conviction.

Lecture-Recital by Mr. Hervey Alan

On Friday, December 13th, we were honoured by a visit from Mr. Hervey Alan, the operatic and concert bass, who talked to the Fifth and Sixth Forms about opera.

He compared opera with Shakespearean drama, recitative doing the job of narrative passages, and arias underlining situations and emotions like "set" speeches. In the eighteenth century, as typified by Handel, the opera declined into a mere concert with costume and scenery, the "stars" treating it as a medium for vocal virtuosity. Mozart halted this decline, by writing character into the music, and Mr. Alan showed how subsequent composers achieved an increasingly closer synthesis of music and dramatic content, by such means as subtle use of orchestral colour.

Unlike so many lecturers, Mr. Alan avoided "talking down" to his audience, and yet by eschewing technical jargon made a specialised topic of fascinating interest to the least musical boy. The highlight of the afternoon, as expected, was his splendidly powerful and artistic singing; the lecture was illustrated by excerpts from Handel's *Acis and Galatea*, Mozart's *Marriage of Figaro*, Rossini's *Barber of Seville*, Verdi's *Nabucco*, Gounod's *Faust*, and with apologies to the purists but to the audience's particular delight, by Musorgsky's *The Flea*. Mr. Hoskinson accompanied at the piano.

Rugby

1st XV

The season, although producing some very good football, was rather disappointing as far as results are concerned. The side was comparatively light forward, but this did not really cause a great deal of worry. The pack was very lively in most games, quick into the loose and always after the ball, but they suffered badly from the affliction of hanging on to the ball just a shade too long.

The backs often ran well, but lacked that penetration close to the scrum which is so useful with a mobile pack. The real trouble, one felt, lay in the lack of ability in the basic skills of passing, kicking and first-time tackling. Passing in particular was poor and it is here where so much must be done with the juniors.

The side was very well led by A. A. Jackson who took over the captaincy after I. N. Dawson left to go to University; J. D. Shuttleworth was vice-captain.

Sept. 21st v Cowley School A L 0—17

The conditions were perfect for swift, open rugby in the first game of the season, in which the School came up against some rugged opposition. They lost the initiative early in the game and had difficulty in regaining it. The opposition were mobile and swung the ball rapidly from man to man. The School was reluctant to tackle hard and low first time and lost many chances.

Sept. 25th v. Major Watkins' XV H L 5—6

Against a much larger, stronger pack, the School had difficulty in gaining possession of the ball. When the backs were given the ball they showed that they had a decisive superiority, and Casale was often quick to spot the break. However, held to five points, the School tired in the closing stages of the game, owing to sheer weight.

Sept. 28th v. Stockport Grammar School A W 24—9

After two successive defeats, this relatively easy win put new heart into the team. Seldom were the School hard pressed, and they had ample possession of the ball. The forwards linked up well with the backs and several good passing movements developed. When the backs decided to go on their own, they used the ball intelligently and handled it well. Stockport's main strength lay in their strong outside centre who ran hard and straight.

Oct. 9th v. Manchester R.U.F.C. A L 16—23

Without a doubt this was the most enjoyable and most entertaining game of the season. Pearson filled a vacancy on the opposing team, which

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contained five first-team players. The forwards fought like tigers and were always ready to support the threequarters in attack and defence. Rigg, Jones, and Casale scored tries. Casale broke from twenty-five yards out and only just managed to cross the line with three forwards on his back. The School was only denied victory because of three first-class runs by an Old Boy, Alan Godson, the former Cambridge and Lancashire three-quarter.

Oct. 12th v. Woolton Hall H W 12—3

Against a side that had not played together before, the School had an obvious advantage from the start, and soon discovered their weakness. On a very hot day, the forwards ran around and kept the ball moving. The backs were nippy and played imaginatively. Superior fitness proved a decisive factor and, although Woolton Hall never gave up, the School's dominance became more obvious towards the end of the game.

Oct. 23rd v. King Edward VII School, Lytham H W 3—0

Territorially the School was much the better side, and most of the play was around the opposition's twenty-five yard line. Once again the forwards set the pace of the game from the start, and gave the backs many scoring chances. However, the tries did not seem to come. Twice tries were disallowed, and several times the ball went to ground just short of the line. In the closing minutes of the game Kennedy forced his way over, after a short penalty, for the only score of the match.

Oct. 30th, v. Cheadle Hulme School A W 19—11

Against our old opponents we started the game full of fury. The forwards rampaged their way to the opposition's line and Oliver scored an early try that gave heart to the whole team, and set the tone of the match. Several penalties were given away on both sides and the game tended to become scrappy. After a momentary lapse, the forwards increased the pressure and played with fury until the final whistle.

Nov. 2nd v. Old Hulmeians H L 3—9

Despite the extra weight and experience of the Old Boy's forwards, the School fought hard and were unwilling to concede a yard. Laycock hooked well and gave the School's backs valuable possession. After an early score by the Old Boys, the School began to attack relentlessly, and several times they narrowly failed to score. By half-time the Old Boys had increased their lead to 6—0 with a try against the run of play. The School gave of their best in the second half, and it is a shame that one side had to lose.

Nov. 6th, v. Birkenhead School A L 6—27

The side was critically weakened for this game, owing to injuries and the call of examinations. Even during the match two men were injured, and Derlien sustained injuries that put him out of the game for the rest of the season. The opposition's pack was well drilled, and used the wheel near the School's line to full advantage. Out-classed, the School could do little against a fast, rugged team. Casale gained consolation points with a penalty goal and a well-timed drop goal.

Nov. 9th, v. Manchester Grammar School H W 8—3

After the defeat of the previous Wednesday it was heartening to be able to win at full strength. The score does not reflect the true dominance of the School. In the first half, Casale made a first-class break, gave the ball to McMurtrie, who ran twenty-five yards and scored between the posts. In the second half the School took control; Bentley picked up the ball after a loose ruck and dived over for the second try. Manchester took a quick drop-out after a scrum from which the wing threequarter scored a try in the corner.

Nov. 13th, v. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield H L 3—24

Until half-time, when the score was 3—5, the School managed to hold their own, although they were often on the defensive. Wakefield completely dominated the play in the second half; skilful play, and speed in picking up the loose ball soon resulted in tries. Poor tackling often gave them the breaks that they needed, and although the School battled until the end there was little they could do. Nixon played a courageous game at full-back.

Nov. 16th, v. King's School, Macclesfield H L 0—13

The conditions in which this game was played well befitted a nightmare. The ground was covered in several inches of soft mud, and was shrouded by a heavy, thick fog. However, the forwards fought like Trojans, and the backs used the ball superbly. Once again, however, the School lacked the ability to finish off a move completely; consequently several would-be tries were never scored. After the opponents scored a surprise try near the end of the game the School's spirits were dampened and they could not offer much more fire.

Nov. 20th, v. Wallasey Grammar School H D 6—6

The opposition held their own for the first fifteen minutes but then the School took the initiative. All the points, on both sides, were scored in the first half. Beaumont scored an unconverted

try, and Casale kicked a penalty goal. Throughout all the second half the School incessantly threatened the opposition's line. Kennedy played a first-class game, timing his line-out jumps well; a concerted push in the set scrums assured the School of plenty of possession.

Nov. 23rd, v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby
A L 0—24

The School started shakily, and never really settled down, away from home. In the set-pieces the School was often denied possession of the ball, owing to good combined forward play by Merchant Taylors'. This gave their strong, fast-running backs plenty of scope. However, many attacks were 'nipped in the bud' by hard, low tackling by the School's threequarters. Against a solid defence the School was unable to gain a point.

Nov. 30th, v. H.M.S. Conway H W 11—6

Against a more inexperienced pack the School's forwards had little difficulty in giving the backs plenty of the ball. This produced a fast, open game, in which there were many thrilling attacks, produced not only by the threequarters, but also by the pack. The School worked up to a fury in the final minutes, when they attacked repeatedly, until, after many close misses, they scored the last try.

Colours for 1963 were re-awarded to: G. Casale, A. A. Jackson (Capt.), N. M. Kennedy, L. Oliver, and awarded to J. D. Shuttleworth, C. W. Beaumont, P. N. Bentley, M. J. C. Burns, P. J. Derlien, R. G. Edwards, J. N. Jones, C. Laycock, J. S. Nixon, D. R. Stott, P. F. Veitch.

SECOND XV

It was unfortunate that the 2nd XV played its fastest and most penetrating opponents in the early stages of the term, when the ground was still dry and firm. Three teams won decisive and well-deserved victories by their quicker and more rugged play; but in all these matches the School XV, as a result of injury, and in some cases idleness, had not yet become that powerful and spirited unit into which it later developed. We finished the season with a long undefeated run, beating such notable rugger schools as Birkenhead, Merchant Taylors', Crosby, Wakefield and Macclesfield.

A. P. Warburton and A. Steel provided all the necessary push and punch in the second row. N. B. Pearson, in the middle of the back row after switching from wing-threequarter, often gained the advantage by checking the heel just long enough to put the opposing wing-forwards off-side or to break for a try. D. Marsden, wing-forward, eventually recruited from the supporters of Oldham Rugby League team, provided the much needed link between forwards and backs

that kept the ball moving and the opposition retreating. G. Roberts and E. C. Comyn-Platt were a well co-ordinated half-back pair. The three-quarters produced no-one of outstanding talent, but S. J. Bertenshaw kept life interesting, while the forwards did battle, by his effervescent enthusiasm. The latest arrival was J. Blake at full-back. His anticipation and sticky fingers gave him time to make a good touch in defence or to gain ground by his elusive running.

The goal-kicker was A. P. Warburton, who added useful points to the score with some very accurate long-range kicks.

The most pleasing aspect of the season was, however, not the performance of individuals, but the team-spirit that led once or twice to a dangerous over-confidence, and yet stretched the team to its best when the opposition was stiff. It was, one may safely say, a most successful and enjoyable season. The side was ably led by J. S. Torkington, and, when he was injured later in the term, by A. P. Warburton.

Colours were re-awarded to: N. B. Pearson, M. D. Rayburn, J. S. Torkington (Capt.), A. P. Warburton (Vice-capt.), and awarded to: S. J. Bertenshaw, J. Blake, G. J. Cooper, T. C. Cunliffe, D. Marsden, E. C. Comyn-Platt, D. R. Potts, G. Roberts, A. G. Skinner, A. Steel, J. A. Thornhill, M. V. Tidmas, D. L. Worthing.

SECOND XV RESULTS

v. Cowley School	D	5—5
v. Stockport Gram. School	W	42—3
v. North Manchester G.S. 1st XV	L	0—25
v. Poundswick G.S. 1st XV	L	6—14
v. Cheadle Hulme School	W	34—3
v. Old Hulmeians	L	0—14
v. Birkenhead School	W	13—0
v. Manchester G.S.	W	26—0
v. Q. Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield	W	16—3
v. King's School, Macclesfield	W	14—6
v. Wallasey G.S.	D	6—6
v. Merchant Taylors' Sch., Crosby	W	9—0
v. H.M.S. Conway	W	9—6
v. Wilmslow County G.S. 1st XV	W	8—3

POINTS					
P	W	D	L	F	A
14	9	2	3	188	88

UNDER SIXTEEN XV

This has been a somewhat disappointing season which began at Denstone with the most unimpressive match of all. After enthusiastic and heartening work in the practices the School was thoroughly beaten by a team which had already gained match fitness.

An excellent spirit was achieved in the next three games when the strongest side was available. Both at North Manchester and Lytham fine displays of orthodox rugby were given. Quick heeling and good linkage through the half-backs

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allowed plenty of scope to the backs who ran powerfully. The Cheadle Hulme match was less stylish but again one noted the attacking strength of the team, while the forwards displayed much promise in the loose.

Fortunes turned in the match with Birkenhead who were tactically superior to the School. The long diagonal kick to fast centres confounded Hulme time and time again, exposing the defensive weakness of the back division. The following game against Chetham's Hospital was again a tactical reverse, for the home side's policy of kicking to forward rushes came to grief on a wet day against a stronger and more experienced team, which also won the return and distinctly tough fixture.

Recovery after early errors earned a draw at Macclesfield and the School had terrible misfortune to lose to H.M.S. Conway in the final moments. The returning confidence which was seen in the second half against Wallasey, however, brought the team a very encouraging win in the first fixture with Wilmslow.

The team was ably led by K. L. McMurtrie (Capt.) and K. B. Lodge (Vice-capt.). Injuries once again depleted the side at a critical stage in the season and the disruption was especially felt at half-back. At one time, five reserves were fielded.

The forwards were always vigorous and the backs ran well in attack. The wings had a good share of the ball and the general weakness was principally in covering and tackling. When beaten for the ball the forwards too often failed to give the full-back the support he needed to stem the all too frequent breaks through the centre.

Colours were awarded to: K. L. McMurtrie, K. B. Lodge, H. Bond, G. B. Brister, D. S. Buckley, D. J. Chambers, A. D. R. Dickson, P. F. Fidler, M. J. Giles, P. D. Hanson, M. J. Slater, G. Stansfield, P. Whiteoak, A. S. Wilkinson.

Half-Colours: V. Condon, J. M. Higginbottom, J. McKay.

The following also played: R. Entwisle, D. P. Feeney, J. E. Ford, D. A. Reeves, B. F. Saville, J. F. Wilde.

RESULTS

v. Denstone College	A L	3—26
v. N. Manchester G.S. 2nd XV	A W	19—0
v. King Edward VII Sch., Lytham	A W	29—11
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H W	19—5
v. Birkenhead School	A L	5—22
v. Chetham's Hospital Sch. 1st XV	H L	0—16
v. King's Sch. Macclesfield	A D	9—9
v. Wallasey G.S.	H L	3—11
v. H.M.S. Conway	H L	11—13
v. Chetham's Hospital Sch. 1st XV	A L	5—15
v. Wilmslow County G.S. 2nd XV	A W	38—0

POINTS

P	W	D	L	F	A
11	4	1	6	141	128

UNDER FIFTEEN XV

The team has been largely without "stars" but has played good football in all departments. The forwards were usually outweighed but, once the pack achieved cohesion, they often pushed heavier opponents and were faster on the ball in the loose. The vice-captain, K. Herbert, led the pack well by example, but was a little inclined to "natter" when things were going astray.

The three-quarters were fast and dangerous in attack and, once the need for co-ordinated defence was realised, sound in defence. C. Knott kicked shrewdly and fed his line well. A. J. McGlue, scrum-half and captain, was the best all-round player on the side. He set a fine personal example and led the side with mature judgment. D. P. Gaskell at full-back tackled particularly well.

Colours were awarded to: A. J. McGlue (Capt.), K. Herbert (vice-capt.), D. P. Gaskell, A. D. Koffman, P. S. Richardson, A. A. Labaton, M. P. Reddin, C. Knott, S. J. Burslem, J. J. McMullen, S. C. Harrold, D. G. Cowan, M. L. Ford, K. W. Nightingale, I. G. Cundey.

The following also played: S. T. Ingham, M. E. Brooke, W. P. Cavanah, P. Mercer, G. Sinclair.

RESULTS

v. Cowley School	A L	8—26
v. Stockport G.S.	A W	12—9
v. Denstone College	H W	15—8
v. North Manchester G.S.	H W	23—3
v. Poundswick G.S.	H W	16—6
v. King Edward VII G.S., Lytham	A L	9—16
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H L	5—10
v. Leeds G.S.	H D	3—3
v. Birkenhead School	H W	6—0
v. Manchester G.S.	A W	9—0
v. King's School, Macclesfield	H L	0—8
v. Wallasey G.S.	A W	15—8
v. H.M.S. Conway	A W	12—0
v. Wilmslow G.S.	H W	11—3

The fixture with Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, was cancelled owing to unfit grounds.

Played 14; Won 9; Drawn 1; Lost 4.

UNDER FOURTEEN XV

After being outclassed in the first game of the season by Cowley School the team gradually improved and enjoyed quite a successful season. Particularly pleasing were the fine victories over Leeds G.S. and Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, who always field strong teams.

The main features of the team were the excellent tackling by G. S. Simpson (full-back) and C. J. Oxford (centre), the strong running of K. M. Dodd (centre) and the all-round ability of G. Peart (stand-off). With the exception of the game

against Poundswick G.S. the forwards were lethargic with the result that in most games the backs did not gain possession as often as they ought to have done. The most improved players on the side were probably R. J. Fitzgerald (hooker) and E. E. Broadhurst (scrum-half).

Team members included: B. J. Edwards, J. P. Ketley, G. Peart, D. P. Rhodes, D. G. Bird, E. E. Broadhurst, K. M. Dodd, R. J. Fitzgerald, D. W. Gammon, D. Hallworth, P. A. Houston, N. S. Lerner, R. D. Lind, J. S. Rhodes, G. S. Simpson, A. N. W. Benson, G. McGeary, C. J. Oxford, W. A. Veitch.

RESULTS

v. Cowley School	H	L	3—29
v. Stockport G.S.	A	W	33—14
v. Poundswick G.S.	A	D	6—6
v. North Manchester G.S.	A	W	16—11
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	L	3—10
v. Leeds G.S.	H	W	3—0
v. Manchester G.S.	H	W	27—0
v. King's School, Macclesfield	H	L	3—16
v. Merchant Taylors' School,			
Crosby	H	W	22—3
v. Wilmslow County G.S.	A	W	19—0
Played 10; Won 6; Lost 3; Drawn 1; Goals for 135, against 89.			

JUNIOR SCHOOL XV

RESULTS

Stockport G.S.	H	L	6—11
Poundswick G.S.	A	L	3—37
K. Edward VII G.S., Lytham	H	L	6—16
Cheadle Hulme School	H	L	0—47
Manchester G.S.	A	L	3—25
King's Sch., Macclesfield	A	W	17—9
Merchant Taylors' Sch., Crosby ...	A	L	5—20
Wilmslow County G.S.	H	L	6—11

Team: I. L. Jones, J. B. Hollingworth, D. J. Hollows (Capt.), G. McNulty, J. A. Wheatley, P. F. Atkinson, M. A. J. Potter, P. R. Day, M. B. Slater, G. S. MacDonald, R. G. Walker, D. A. Hockaday, P. D. Grundy, I. G. Pearson (Leader), M. Joseph.

Touch-judge: J. R. Turner.

Also played: T. J. Beasant (3), A. W. Renshaw (3), K. E. M. Robson (3), G. D. Beaver (2), I. W. K. Dyson (2), G. S. Lerner (2), G. Gooder (2), J. R. Turner (2), B. Norman (2), G. D. Slight, H. J. Burnside.

The results this season were very disappointing and the team largely contributed to its own downfall by lack of cohesion and determination. This was evidenced by half-hearted tackling, particularly of anyone slightly bigger than themselves, and the inability of the forwards to outpush their opponents even when they had the weight advantage, while "falling on the ball" was something of which any spectator would have thought they had never heard.

Special mention must be made of: Macdonald and Pearson for their keenness in the forwards; McNulty for his determined running as the original leader of the forwards and later when, to introduce more thrust into the back division, he was transferred to the centre, though in this position his handling was suspect; and of Hollows who not only did his best to hold his team together in defeat after defeat but continually showed great skill in his handling and in piercing the opponents' defences. The player who improved most was Potter, whose first term of rugby this was. He was keen to learn, always gave of his best, and rarely made the same mistake twice.

UNDER 12 XV

RESULTS

v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby ...	A	W	3—0
v. Manchester G.S.	H	W	15—0
v. Wilmslow County G.S.	A	W	15—0

HOUSE RUGBY

This was a good term as far as the weather was concerned and very few cancellations were necessary. Each house fielded four teams, of which three played on any one day.

The general standard of play was quite good and with the weather in our favour the general improvement was soon obvious.

The league was won by Gaskell with 148 points, followed by Dalton with 127 and Fraser with 112.

The seven-a-sides were once again played in very cold conditions but some very good football was produced. It was obvious, however, that a great deal more thought must go into the tactics and mode of play peculiar to "sevens". The competition was won by Gaskell with Dalton second and Fraser third. Form 2A won the second form competition.

The knock-out results were as follows:—
Seniors 1st Round:

Gaskell beat Heywood.
Byrom beat Fraser.

2nd Round:

Byrom beat Whitworth.
Gaskell beat Dalton.

Final:

Byrom beat Gaskell.

Juniors 1st Round:

Byrom beat Dalton.
Gaskell beat Fraser.

2nd Round:

Whitworth beat Heywood.
Byrom beat Gaskell.

Final:

Byrom beat Whitworth.

Chester—Manchester Road Relay

Just after 9 a.m. on Sunday, 7th December, two cars carrying Mr. Proudlove, Mr. Ogden and seven boys drew away from the School and headed towards Chester. The day was clear without being bright and there was a distinct crispness and 'nip' in the air. The purpose of the journey was to enable the boys to attempt to run the thirty-six and a half miles from Chester to Manchester in under 3 hours 45 minutes. Each runner was to cover one of the twelve stages, then rest whilst the next five stages were being run . . . and then run his second leg!

On the way to Chester, the take-over points were pointed out to the runners and we finally arrived at a traffic-island on the outskirts of Chester.

At approximately 10-15 a.m. the relay began with M. V. Tidmas taking the first stage. The air was rather cold and the runners experienced difficulty in breathing properly. In spite of this the first stage was completed in the fast time of 15 minutes which placed us 98 seconds within the schedule. From then on the margin increased steadily.

Particularly pleasing was the effort made by the three juniors, D. J. Whaite, R. B. Kapadia and C. F. Cusick. Cusick and Whaite, who has been training with a local club, ran very well. Kapadia, owing to a miscalculation in the distances, covered a total distance of seven miles (half a mile farther than any of the seniors) at an average speed of 6 minutes 15 seconds per mile.

N. H. Searle's first stage was difficult in that it was uphill, but because of this, the distance was cut to two miles which the runner covered in fine style in 11 minutes 21 seconds.

A. R. Armour had done little running prior to this relay, but even so he ran well and should prove to be a valuable asset to the senior cross-country team.

The Northwich by-pass proved to be a boring part of the run with several long hills, and we were thankful that one of us did not have to cover the whole stretch. Kapadia had a tough second stage, having to negotiate the M6 island with its sliproads. The paths were often not very even and sometimes they did not exist at all. Those runners who had such sections in their stages are to be congratulated on keeping the team within the schedule. On the last leg the reserve runner, R. G. Edwards, ran with Cusick and for the last half-mile all the team joined in. We were very pleased to finish six minutes inside the schedule with an average speed of fractionally under six minutes per mile.

We would like to thank Mr. Proudlove for his organisation of the relay and Mr. Ogden for supplying a second car for transport. Mr. Proudlove considers that special praise is due to Dalton House, who supplied four of the runners, and in fact almost supplied all six.

It is proposed to run the same relay at some future date and we look forward to improving our times individually and collectively.

DETAILS

Stage	approx. mileage	Runner	time	
			min.	sec.
1	2.7	M. V. Tidmas	15	00
2	3.2	R. B. Kapadia	19	26
3	2.0	N. H. Searle	11	21
4	2.4	A. R. Armour	14	53
5	3.1	D. J. Whaite	18	39
6	3.0	C. F. Cusick	18	18
7	3.8	M. V. Tidmas	21	02
8	3.8	R. B. Kapadia	24	50
9	3.2	N. H. Searle	18	16
10	3.2	A. R. Armour	20	02
11	3.0	D. J. Whaite	17	14
12	3.1	C. F. Cusick	19	58

Total Time: 3 hours 38 minutes 59 seconds.

C.C.F. Notes

The changes entailed by the re-organisation of the C.C.F. are proceeding smoothly. No recruits have been enrolled this year and certain of the senior cadets have voluntarily 'retired' (unfortunately without pension). C.C.F. training is now geared to a speedy passage through elementary training and a concentration upon more advanced work.

'A' Company: The work of 'A' company this year is designed to provide a more valuable and more interesting programme for the senior cadets. Signals Platoon is continuing its normal training. It is hoped, however, that in the future the signallers will play an increasingly prominent part in the activity of the Corps. We heartily welcome Mr. J. W. Williams who is going to take over the organisation of Signals training. 2 and 3 Platoons are taking a course of advanced infantry training under the auspices of the Manchester Regiment: last term they received a course on the A/T gun Mobat, this term they have started on the 3 inch mortar.

'B' Company: All the Company went to Field Day last term which was held at Crowdon Range. With the advantages offered by the open spaces and the excellent training grounds at Crowdon, the cadets had an interesting and rewarding day. The morning was taken up by the teaching of battlecraft and field work, and in the afternoon these skills were put into practice in a platoon in attack and defence.

At the end of last term 4 and 5 platoons took Part II of their Cert 'A'. The results, although not as good as last year's, were quite encouraging. These cadets have now passed on to advanced training given by W.O.s and N.C.O.s of the

Manchester Regiment, prior to themselves becoming N.C.O.s and taking positions of responsibility and leadership in the C.C.F.

Nos. 6 and 7 platoons are training steadily at the moment and it is expected that they will take their Cert. 'A' at the end of the summer term.

Promotions:—

The following promotions have been made since the last edition of the magazine went to press.

To C.S.M. Sgts. J. D. Shuttleworth and C. R. Holmes.

To Sgt. Cpls. R. W. Warburton, A. A. Jackson, R. E. M. Lee, D. Blaxland and B. G. Gazzard.

To Cpl. L/Cpls. W. H. F. Liversedge, J. S. Nixon, M. Brown, J. G. Land, I. G. McGill, P. B. Astles, N. B. Pearson, G. Pace and P. A. Guthrie.

To L/Cpl. Cadets S. J. Bertenshaw, D. G. Heap, J. D. King, J. P. De La Perelle, J. W. Bennett, C. J. Sherlock, R. D. Mitchell, K. D. M. Bowman, A. Steel, J. S. Street, A. G. Broome, N. D. Moore, J. A. Clarke, W. M. Wolstenholme, I. C. Carnie, G. Jones, J. F. Wilde, S. R. Amor, W. J. Roberts.

Summer Camp this year is to be at Ramsey, Isle of Man, and will extend from July 16th to July 24th.

Stage Notes

Immediately School started in September, the construction of scenery for *Iolanthe* began under the direction of G. R. Cocker, R. D. A. Mitchell and P. A. Holland.

Work on the set seemed to be advancing with unexpected smoothness, but our first blow came when it was realized we would not be able to take all our scenery up to the art-room for painting, because construction of the Sixth Form Centre had cut off access to the steps to the Art room. We also lost our curtain stores under the manual block.

After half-term our difficulties were slowly resolving themselves. Negotiations with the C.C.F. and Commander Potter helped us to secure a new curtain store in the old R.E.M.E. room behind the music room. After the room had been cleared, we white-washed the walls and ceiling and scrubbed the shelves, then transported our curtains from their temporary home in a shed by the new tennis courts down to the R.E.M.E. room.

Owing to his illness, Mr. Barnett was unable to help us, so this year our scenery was painted by H. Douthwaite and P. Riley, who spent long hours during their art-periods and after School painting trees, bushes and bricks and windows.

The Electrical department, under the direction of A. D. Molyneux and G. Jones, started work after half-term on their annual tasks of re-erecting

lights and placing bulbs and filters in position. With the electricians' usual ingenuity a very large, old slide projector was adapted for throwing stars on to the backcloth.

The School presented us with some powerful new front-of-house spot lamps, which were used during *Iolanthe*.

We are once again extremely grateful to the Parents' Association for the generous gift of new spot-tower curtains. They arrived several weeks before the opera and are a great improvement on the old and tattered black-out curtains which we used previously.

This term sees the House Play Competition, and, as is our custom, the Stage Managers for the play are chosen from our senior members. Producers are becoming more ambitious every year and have presented us with several problems for the 1964 season.

Our thanks go to Mr. Bonnick who has looked after us, and to Mr. Foulds who has brewed us coffee on Wednesdays and Saturdays, fortifying us and spurring us on to greater effort.

P. A. HOLLAND

The Science Society

With a refreshingly large number of new faces added to its time-honoured ranks, the School's oldest society made a triumphant entry into Michaelmas Term, '63, with almost full attendance to the first of the four o'clock lectures, which was entitled *Cancer*. The lecture itself, I am told, was most interesting, if one could catch an occasional glimpse of the lecturer, Dr. A. W. Jackson, from Christie Hospital, and his horrifyingly graphic slides and demonstrations, while fighting for air in the sardine-tin-like atmosphere of Room 32, not the ideal congregational centre for an enthusiastic sixty-odd-strong gathering.

Whether the attraction of this first talk lay in its title (jaundiced fingertips were furtively removed from sight as the speaker condemned and warned), or in its being the first activity of a society whose membership was intended only for use as an influential name on the U.C.C.A. form, after which enthusiasm could be allowed to lag a little, is entirely open to speculation, but the attendance at the next lecture, *Digital Processes*, given by Mr. Hoffman de Visme, from the Manchester College of Science and Technology, was decidedly healthier, the lecture itself being none the less informative.

The next three lectures had a distinct 'spatial' theme; Mr. E. Parker, from the Royal College of Advanced Technology, Salford, spoke to us of, among other things, the fascinating problems encountered by vehicles travelling at the speeds necessary to accelerate them into space, with *Thermal*

Aspects of High Speed Flight; Mr. J. F. James then tempted us with *An Astronomical Expedition to the High Andes*; and finally Professor Adamson, completing the term's series of lectures, shattered any dreams we might have cherished of reaching the dim unknown by staggering us with the sheer colossus of power required to boost us up there with *Energy Supplies for Space Vehicles*.

During the Christmas vacation, ten selected members paid a visit to the Central Laboratory of the National Coal Board at Pendlebury, and returned full of praise and coal-dust.

P.D.R.

The Donner Union

At the Annual General Meeting last term the following people were elected: B. G. Gazzard, Hon. Sec.; R. H. Roberts, Deputy-Chairman; and A. A. Jackson, Assist. Sec.

This term has been extremely successful, with average attendances above 50, and a good deal of well-informed comment from the floor of the House.

The first debate of the term was a political one, and the House after a number of years in the wilderness returned to the Conservative fold. The motion, "This House looks forward to ten years of Labour rule", supported by P. G. McNulty and opposed by R. J. Q. Gristwood was soundly defeated.

In probably the best debate of the term A. A. Jackson was unable to persuade the House "That the British press has forfeited its right to freedom," and the arguments of C. R. Holmes prevailed. D. B. Pollard convinced the House it should "deplore the modern vogue in satire" in spite of the objections of I. Heywood.

B. G. Gazzard did his best to tell the House that "Britain is suffocated by tradition" and K. B. Lodge successfully opposed the motion, although more abstentions were recorded than votes for either side.

In the final debate of the term R. J. Q. Gristwood proposed the motion that "This House deplores the modern advertising man". C. R. Holmes was able by a large majority to persuade the House otherwise.

We have also been treated to two joint-play readings. At Withington Girls' School we read Christopher Fry's "The Lady's not for Burning". When the Whalley Range play-reading society came to us we read "The Tiger at the Gate", by Jean Giraudoux. The deputy chairman, R. H. Roberts, led a discussion on "China".

At the beginning of the Lent Term, R. J. Q. Gristwood was elected to the post of deputy-chairman. Our first meeting was a debate on the motion, "This House has no confidence in the

police force", proposed by R. Edwards and opposed by T. C. Cunliffe. The motion was convincingly carried.

It remains for me to thank H. Douthwaite and I. Hartley for assistance with advertising, and Mr. and Mrs. Lowe for being so helpful with refreshments.

B. G. GAZZARD, Hon. Sec.

The Music Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on October 10th, when it was decided to continue meeting on Wednesday lunch-times to play records of classical music.

The term was opened on September 2nd, with an excellent rendering of Schubert's Fifth Symphony, played and introduced by R. N. Curry. The following week, G. Roberts played a recording of Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto, thought by some to be the greatest of the five. There was more Beethoven at the next meeting, when his Sixth Symphony, *Pastoral*, was played by D. Taylor.

Half-term was followed by two weeks of Bach. On November 13th, R. E. Cox brought a record of the Violin Concerto in D minor and on November 20th, D. Taylor played the Violin and Clavier Sonata, Number Six. The term ended in a lighter mood on December 4th, with Tchaikovsky's *Capriccio Italien* and *Overture 1812*, played on a record lent by G. Roberts.

Unfortunately, attendances were not very large, but it is hoped to improve this in the Lent term by more publicity of the meetings, at which everybody is welcome.

The Christian Fellowship

Friday lunch-time meetings were held regularly throughout the term. Attendance generally has been good, and it is good to see signs of the apathy towards the discussion of religious topics breaking. There has, however, been little support from the middle school as yet.

It has been our aim to produce lively, interesting discussions, and the topics for discussion have been tailored to the interests of the majority. Discussions need to take place which aid boys in forming their own beliefs in later life. We therefore need new voices to present varying viewpoints, in order to form a good discussion, from which all may benefit. Anybody is welcome to attend and speak at our meetings.

"Does Evil Exist?" produced an interesting and informative discussion; "Should Religion be

Compulsory in Schools?" was lively and provocative, while the last discussion of the term, "Has Christmas Lost its Meaning?" was of special relevance. About a dozen boys spent an afternoon at the S.C.M. conference, which was addressed by a distinguished theologian, at Levenshulme High School for Girls. Opinions of the conference were varied. Preparations are already being made for a meeting with some definitely new voices. Thanks must go to all those who have taken trouble to prepare for meetings.

Society 9

The first meeting of the group took place shortly before the end of the Christmas term. The purpose of the meeting was to agree upon a suitable name for the group. 'Society 9' was considered suitable because the group was, at the time of formation, the ninth society in the school. Although music predominates at the meetings, there is scope for people with other artistic talents to entertain the members with their contributions. In a short second meeting before the Christmas holidays, D. E. B. Pollard read us two of his short stories, and afterwards in a lighter vein, J. A. Ireland played an ancient record—organ music at its worst!

A multitude of ideas present themselves for this term and further suggestions would be welcome . . . THE MEMBERS.

The Middle School Society

On October 15th, 1963, a meeting under the chairmanship of Mr. Lowe launched a new society to cater for the third and fourth forms. Six meetings were held during the term, all taking the form of debates, but the intention is to allow the society to develop freely. This term's programme includes outside speakers, and suggestions have been made for play-readings and other activities.

Two pleasing features of the debates were the willingness of people to speak, and the quality of many of the speeches; these were well demonstrated when the Beatles beat Beethoven by a short head (if that is the appropriate expression)—28 votes to 23, with 16 abstentions. In another close finish a proposal to ban the bomb was defeated by 22 votes to 18, with 6 abstentions. The Society overwhelmingly refused to believe in ghosts, to welcome a change of Government, or to regret the Norman Conquest: in a rather half-hearted way it exonerated the country from the charge of paying too much attention to sport.

The Model Railway Society

The most notable work done last term was that on the 00 gauge station. The whole of the old station was dismantled and the track was relaid to a new and enlarged plan which enables the goods-yard to be used without interfering with the passenger platforms. As the track is virtually complete on the station, it is hoped to continue the relaying on to the other boards in the near future. The scenery has been improved and some of the new items are interesting, both for the methods of construction of the models and the nature of the prototypes.

The narrow-gauge section has also made good progress and is, at present, laying the track on a new baseboard. The work of this section has made it apparent that there are several advantages in narrow-gauge modelling. In the present "space-less age", in which new houses are smaller than ever, the most important of these advantages is that narrow gauge track takes up less space than standard gauge track, even though the scale of the rolling stock is the same.

A show of slides provided by I. Mallinson included several interesting shots taken on the Settle to Carlisle line, one of the most important lines threatened by Dr. Beeching.

As the C.C.F. camp is to be held in the Isle of Man this year, it is hoped to arrange a lecture on the Isle of Man Railway and the Manx Electric Railway (in reality a tramway) so that the members concerned may be thoroughly "briefed".

At the beginning of this term the offices of assistant secretary and trackwork section committee member fell vacant and J. W. Bennett and G. Heap were elected at a general meeting.

The society would like to thank Mr. D. F. Manning for his help throughout the term.

The Badminton Club

This year the Badminton Club has been very successful. The membership has risen to a satisfactory number for this season, although more younger members are needed to carry on the club next year. Attendances on Tuesdays and Saturdays have been very good.

The School team has won every match so far this season and if the high standard of play is maintained should remain unbeaten. Excellent play by M. Brown and D. J. Merriman, so far unbeaten, together with strong support from N. M. Kennedy, P. G. Wood, G. Roberts and J. O. Freeman has proved too much for the opposition. J. D. Whaite, J. D. Rogers and J. G. Mayer have also played on the team.

I would like to thank Mr. Ogden for his support and Mrs. Taylor for the refreshments.

D.J.M.

The Chess Club

Last term, the team embarked on its heavy programme of fixtures with encouraging results. It now only remains to bring our endeavours to fruition!

At the beginning of the Lent Term, we were knocked out of the *Sunday Times* National Schools' Chess Tournament after reaching the semi-final of our zone. As this is the first time that we have entered the competition, this is quite a creditable effort.

We congratulate J. B. Sheridan and G. N. Henderson on being selected to play in some trial matches for Lancashire.

The following are the results of matches played during the Michaelmas term and one played early in the Lent term.

In the South Manchester League:

- v. Manchester G.S.—Drew $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. Chorlton G.S.—Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. St. Gregory's Sec. Tech. School—Won 7—0.

In the *Sunday Times* National Schools' Chess Tournament:

- Round 1 v. North Manchester G.S. (3rd team)—Won 6—0.
- Round 2 v. North Manchester G.S. (1st team)—Won $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$.
- Round 3 v. Cheadle Hulme School (2nd team)—Won 4—2.
- Semi-Final v. Bolton School (1st team)—Lost 2—4.

In the Sinclair Trophy:

- Round 1 v. Stand G.S.—Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$.

Friendly Matches:

- v. North Manchester G.S.—Drew $3\frac{1}{2}$ — $3\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. Poundswick G.S.—Won 4—3.
- v. Manchester High School—Won $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $\frac{1}{2}$.

We should like to thank Mr. Haynes for his attendance at home matches and also Mrs. Taylor for providing refreshments on match days.

House Notes

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At the beginning of last term J. N. Jones and G. Roberts were appointed School Prefects. J. N. Jones was made Head of House, and G. Roberts Deputy Head of House. At the beginning of this term B. G. Gazzard was appointed a School Prefect. During the term the following were appointed House Prefects: I. S. Ashcroft, M. T. Bowker, R. E. Cox, B. G. Gazzard, D. J. Merriman, J. D. Rogers, J. B. Sheridan, R. Partington and D. R. Stott.

We congratulate B. G. Gazzard on gaining a Commonership at Queen's College, Cambridge, and J. N. Jones on gaining a Commonership at Trinity Hall, Cambridge.

On the sporting side, the House was well represented on the School Rugby Teams: 1st XV, J. N. Jones, D. R. Stott; 2nd XV, I. S. Ashcroft, J. Blake, G. Roberts; U.16 XV, D. S. Buckley, A. D. R. Dickson, J. M. Higginbottom, G. Stansfield; U.15 XV, P. S. Blood, D. G. Cowan, M. L. Ford, S. T. Ingham, C. Knott, K. W. Nightingale, M. P. Reddin; U.14 XV, G. S. Simpson, J. S. Rhodes. D. J. Merriman has been appointed Captain of School Badminton.

The highlight of the term was undoubtedly the winning of both Junior and Senior Rugby Knock-Outs. The Junior Team, ably led by D. G. Cowan, contained nine School Team players, but its victories were by no means easily gained; after defeating Dalton 11—0, and Gaskell 10—5, the final against Whitworth proved a dour struggle, victory being gained by two late tries. The Senior Team defeated Fraser 3—0 in the 1st round, Whitworth 9—3 in the 2nd round, and Dalton 6—3 in the final. Particular credit must go to this team, for it was by no means favourite to win, yet it had a spirit and determination which made up for any lack of brilliance. D. R. Stott roused his forwards to a magnificent effort in the final. D. S. Buckley proved a tower of strength, while G. Roberts and J. Blake gave heroic performances. The House League position was most disappointing—perhaps all the energy had been taken up by the Knock-Outs; the Seven-a-Sides could bring the House only fifth position.

The Swimming Team, led by J. D. Rogers, put up an extremely good performance in the Swimming Sports; the Juniors, particularly J. W. R. Emmott and J. R. A. Rushton, and the Seniors, notably S. K. Foster, J. D. Rogers and J. S. Street, could not quite make up for the weakness of the Middle Team, and the House finished in third position.

R. E. Cox was leader of the School Orchestra for the School Opera *Iolanthe*, in which M. F. Atkinson took the title-role.

We wish the producers and cast every success with the House Play this term; and, finally, we are looking forward to success in Lacrosse, to maintain the prestige of the House.

DALTON

The Michaelmas term proved to be rather an unfortunate one for the House, especially at rugby. The Senior Knock-Out team, captained by L. Oliver, reached the final and played an extremely close and exciting game with Byrom. Dalton scored first when P. N. Bentley broke through and passed to P. D. Hanson who took the ball the last few yards and touched it down

near the corner. Soon after, however, Byrom scored to bring the scores level at three each. No more points were gained until nearly the end. Then P. N. Bentley ran across the opponents' line under the posts, but unfortunately, the ball was knocked from his hands. Soon after this, Byrom were awarded a penalty in front of the Dalton goal, from which they gained the winning points.

The Junior team was defeated in the first round, also by Byrom. The scores were level at half-time, but then Byrom drew away to win comfortably.

In the House League Competition, the House played some determined rugby, though not always brilliant, and deservedly finished second. In the Seven-a-Sides competition, several Dalton teams won their finals, but in the overall result Dalton was placed 2nd.

The House was represented on School teams by: P. N. Bentley, G. Casale, L. Oliver, P. F. Veitch, C. Laycock (1st XV); M. V. Tidmas, J. D. Moran (2nd XV); W. J. Condon, H. Bond, M. J. Slater, D. J. Chambers, P. D. Hanson, A. Wilkinson (under 16 XV); J. J. McMullen, K. Herbert (under 15 XV); M. D. Derlien, R. J. Finnigan, W. A. Veitch (under 14 XV).

M. V. Tidmas is again captain of School and House cross-country running and we wish him every success. Finally we wish the producer and cast every success with the House Play this term.

FRASER

M. D. Rayburn is to be congratulated on his appointment as a School Prefect.

Our high hopes of success in the Rugby season did not appear to be justified and the early defeat of both Knock-Out teams in the first round of the competition was something of a disappointment for the House. The Seniors fell 3—0 to Byrom after a very close and hard-fought game, while the Juniors, captained by P. Richardson, never managed to make any impression on the much stronger Gaskell side which finally beat them 33—0. Three of the six teams in the Seven-a-side Competition succeeded in reaching the final round but only the fourth team managed to obtain full points by winning. The House was placed third. This is the same position as we obtained in the House League and it is pleasing to note that towards the end of the season all four teams were playing well. Had they settled down a little earlier than they did, no doubt a better result would have been obtained.

We must hope that the Lacrosse teams do not make the same mistake but rather play their best right from the beginning. If they do, we stand a good chance of doing well in the House League. They have already begun the season in fine form

by winning their first matches; let us hope they remain undefeated for a long time yet.

Several members of the House are running on the School Cross-Country teams, but we face formidable opposition from at least one other House in the House Championships.

P. A. Guthrie has been appointed Captain of House Lacrosse and E. Rigg, Captain of House Running.

House Colours were awarded to the following boys at the end of last term: Seniors, F. I. Barclay, S. J. Bertenshaw, J. Steel and I. Hassall; Juniors, W. P. Cavanah, P. Mercer, R. J. Smith and D. J. Whaite.

GASKELL

Since the last edition, the House has said goodbye to two of its most prominent members in J. S. Torkington and I. N. Dawson. Owing to the latter's leaving us in preference for Aberystwyth University, the School had to find a new Captain of Rugby, while at the end of last term J. S. Torkington was awarded an Exhibition in Modern Languages at Jesus College, Cambridge. We wish them both every success in the future.

We offer our congratulations to R. E. Hough, C. A. Nowotarski, N. M. Kennedy, J. O. Freeman and N. B. Pearson who have been appointed School Prefects and extend them to T. J. Davies and I. G. V. McGill who at the beginning of the current term were appointed House Prefects. Let us also congratulate R. V. Nichols on obtaining a Commonership in Modern Languages at Trinity College, Cambridge.

On the whole last term was a successful one for the House, and although our shelf can boast of only two trophies, the whole House can look back on the Michaelmas Term with a certain amount of satisfaction. Both Knock-Out teams reached the semi-finals, the Seniors after a comfortable win over Heywood and the Juniors after a most decisive triumph over Fraser. However the Seniors, somewhat unfortunately—with injuries during the game—but somewhat disappointingly were defeated by a more skilful Dalton side. In contrast, the Juniors, right from the start had a tough struggle on their hands when they played the eventual winners, Byrom, and they did well to contain a heavier side to a five point margin. To the material credit of the House, we emerged as Champions in the House League for the second year in succession. The House first XV deserves special mention as it completed the season with maximum points. Gaskell's all-round strength revealed itself again in another sphere of Rugby activity when, with four teams in finals, we won the Seven-a-Sides.

Indeed this is a most encouraging sign for the confidence of the House in the near future. However, one must bear in mind that at the present

time we have a larger Upper Sixth than any of the other houses and success as a house automatically stems from a good Senior section.

During last term the House was particularly well represented numerically on the School's senior sides. First XV colours were re-awarded to N. M. Kennedy and I. N. Dawson (captain until he left) and awarded to C. W. Beaumont; 2nd XV colours were gained by J. S. Torkington (captain), N. B. Pearson, D. Marsden, D. L. Worthing and G. J. Cooper, whilst R. E. Hough (captain), C. A. Nowotarski, J. O. Freeman, R. I. G. Morgan, D. J. Lunt, I. G. V. McGill and T. J. Davies played regularly for the 3rd XV. On the U.16 the House was represented by G. B. Brister and P. S. Whiteoak, both of whom were awarded colours. Amongst the Juniors U.15 colours were gained by A. D. Koffman, D. P. Gaskell, I. G. Cundey and A. A. Labaton; R. J. Fitzgerald and P. A. Houston played for the U.14.

For the past term the Donner Union has been graced by the presence of a number of boys from the House, notably among whom have been R. H. Roberts, Deputy Chairman, R. E. M. Lee and D. E. B. Pollard, two of the most distinguished of the Union's speakers.

It is hoped that boys from this House will continue to pursue their interests in the many branches of the School's activities.

C. J. Bullough maintained the House's dramatic reputation with a commendable piece of acting in the School Opera *Iolanthe* and was duly awarded his colours for drama.

Rehearsals for the House Play—*A Man for all Seasons* by Robert Bolt—under the direction of N. B. Pearson are now in full swing and we hope that in the next edition of the magazine we will be able to say we have put on a successful production.

In conclusion, if the enthusiasm and ability that were apparent in the Rugger season can be maintained into the Lent term then our prospects for success in the Lacrosse Competitions should be good.

HEYWOOD

We congratulate T. C. Cunliffe on being appointed a School Prefect. D. Blaxland and A. Mather remain from last year's House Prefects and since the last *Hulmeian* went to print G. L. Morley, J. S. Martin, P. D. Roylance, R. W. Quick, P. H. Woodhead and W. Galvin have been appointed House Prefects. P. H. Woodhead has been appointed Captain of House Cross-Country.

Although well represented on School Rugby teams last term, both House Knock-Out teams were beaten; the seniors by Gaskell and the juniors by Dalton. Unfortunately the House did not meet

with any great success in the House League competition. Despite an encouraging start, the enthusiasm and keenness tended to tail off and as a result the House teams were being beaten when they should have won easily. The enthusiasm returned towards the end of the term and all four teams finished off the term well. We can only hope that the keenness shown at the climax of last term, will be carried over into the lacrosse matches this term. The junior lacrosse team especially shows signs of taking honours this year.

We should like to take this opportunity to congratulate G. L. Morley and J. D. Shuttleworth in gaining entrances at Oxbridge. G. L. Morley has gained a Commonership at Gonville and Caius, Cambridge, and J. D. Shuttleworth gained a Hulme Exhibition in Geography at Brasenose College.

One good prospect for this term is the House Play competition. The House has had a virtual monopoly of this for the last five years and as the House is still rich in acting ability we hope to carry it off again this year. P. D. Roylance and T. C. Cunliffe played leading parts in last term's opera, and helped to make it a resounding success.

Last term Rugby Colours were awarded to the following: 1st XV, J. D. Shuttleworth and M. J. C. Burns; 2nd XV, A. Steel, J. Thornhill and T. C. Cunliffe. C. R. Holmes, R. Quick and J. C. Qureshi played regularly for the 3rd XV and all three also played for the 2nd XV.

Under 16 XV: M. J. Giles and J. McKay.
Under 15 XV: S. C. Harrold and S. J. Burslem.

WHITWORTH

M. Brown and R. G. Edwards have been appointed School Prefects.

We should like to congratulate R. D. McGlue on being awarded an Exhibition at Emmanuel College, Cambridge; this is particularly praiseworthy as he is still only sixteen. R. J. Q. Gristwood has been accepted as a Commoner at St. Catherine's College, Oxford.

We were not particularly successful last term in House Rugby. In the House League, we were once again anchored in the lower half of the table, despite a good deal of keenness in the Junior teams; because of the call of School teams several boys played every Wednesday and Saturday. In the House Knock-Out competition both Juniors and Seniors obtained a bye in the first round. The Seniors were beaten in the second round by Byrom. The Juniors reached the final after dismissing Heywood, without much difficulty; and met Byrom in the final. Faced with an older, more experienced side, the Juniors gave a first-class performance, and for most of the game they were pressing hard. The team was ably led by A. J. McGlue, and their tremendous enthusiasm all but prevailed. In the final minutes Byrom broke through for two quick tries. In the seven-a-side

competition the House was unable to gain any points.

Several boys played on School teams during the term; 1st XV: R. G. Edwards, A. A. Jackson (Capt.); 2nd XV: D. R. Potts, A. J. Skinner; U.16 XV: P. M. Fidler, K. B. Lodge; U.15 XV A. J. McGlue (Capt.); U.14 XV: E. E. Broadhurst, K. M. Dodd, B. J. Edwards, D. Hallworth, N. S. Lerner, R. D. M. Lind.

Whitworth's interest in School dramatic activities was maintained; several boys took part in the School production of *Iolanthe*, both on the stage, and behind the scenes. A. D. Molyneux is chief electrician, and R. G. Edwards and M. Sykes took leading roles on the stage.

We look forward to a successful term. For the House Play Competition, A. G. Broome is producing a play by D. Abse, *The Eccentric*. We wish him, and all the cast, every good fortune in the production.

Snowdonia—October, 1963

During the half-term holiday last October, Mr. Travers took a party of ten boys to Snowdonia with the purpose of seeing, in the field, examples of the geography we had learnt in theory.

We left School at 8 a.m. in our Dormobile and after stopping at Altrincham to pick up passengers and secure our luggage to the roof, headed westward to Chester. We crossed Chester at the usual crawl, and then drove to the village of Harwarden, for here was our first stop, to visit the home of the late W. E. Gladstone, the famous 19th century Prime Minister.

The house was a large, old, stone building and stood in its own estate. We were privileged to be allowed into his library, for the people who have seen this fantastic collection of books are few. Having signed the visitors' book with quill pen we were conducted to old Harwarden Castle, one of the many castles which once surrounded Wales. Built in strategic positions, they served to hold back the Welsh uprisings in the 13th century.

After Harwarden we proceeded via the coast and Conway Valley to Bettws-y-Coed. The afternoon was to prove, if tiring, most interesting. The district officer of the Forestry Commission took us a tour of the plantations which surround Bettws-y-Coed. We certainly found all the economic aspects of forestry very interesting. Here is a perfect way of using land which privately would be given to rough grazing, a far less profitable proposition.

From the plantation our journey took us to Blenau Ffestiniog and the great slate quarries. The amount of slate quarried is unbelievable unless one has seen it for oneself. Local houses, walls and everything possible is made out of slate and still the bulk is sent away for use in the cities.

By this time it was half-past five and so we chugged, literally, to Bangor Youth Hostel, arriving in time for supper.

The next day, Saturday, equipped with O.S. maps we set off in earnest to climb Snowdon. Through the Llanberis Pass and Gwynant Valley the scenery is most impressive, although the same cannot be said for the roads. The van was parked at the bottom of the Watkin path, and we set off up the easy river valley which opens out into a corrie. Bearing right past an old slate mine, we left the main path and headed for a col in the ridge. Here we had lunch before undertaking the most interesting part of the climb, a walk along a ridge for about two miles to the summit. As we reached the top, the infamous Snowdon mist came down and the view was blanketed, although only for twenty minutes.

After resting awhile, we started the descent, following the precipitous path over the east face of Snowdon, which drops two thousand feet in half a mile. The sides exposed to the east wind are the most rugged one is likely to meet in England and Wales. At the bottom of this corrie lie Glaslyn and Llyn Llydaw reservoirs. Here we found an old disused lead mine and an interesting half hour was spent exploring. After crawling through its length, about half a mile, we realised why it was disused. From there the descent was just a case of following the water pipes down to the Gwynant Valley and picking up the van for the return to Bangor.

On Sunday we packed for the return. First we visited Beaumaris and spent a pleasant hour looking round the castle before continuing to Caernarvon to visit the castle there. This was one of the main strongholds of the Welsh garrison. It is a huge castle with portcullis and drawbridge, and even though it was not open to the public we enjoyed seeing it.

We had lunch in Caernarvon and then went to Portmadoc, originally built for the export of slate, but the port has since silted up. From Portmadoc we took the journey via Llangollen back to Manchester. Our thanks go to Mr. Travers for organising and conducting such an interesting trip.

M. SYKES, 5L.

The following article is contributed by last year's Head of School, R. H. Dakin.

W. H. Rhodes Educational Trusts Tour of Canada, 1963

On August 6th, last summer, along with 47 other British boys, from Glasgow, Bradford, Manchester, Birmingham and London, I embarked on the R.M.S. *Franconia* of the Cunard Line as a member of the annual Rhodes Tour of Canada.

Mr. Rhodes, a Bradford business man, first conceived the idea of sending a party of boys over to Canada in 1937, that they might aid in "strengthening those ties of kinship, mutual trust and affection, enduring among the countries of the British Commonwealth".

Naturally it was with great pride, both as a member of the party and as a representative of William Hulme's School, that I first set foot in Canada. The tour in itself is most exhausting; lasting only two and a half weeks it involves a really strenuous itinerary. No less than four Canadian Universities were visited and at each one we were impressed above all by their up-to-date methods, not only in the Science departments, but also in the Arts Faculties where vast sums of money have been spent on such facilities as Experimental Phonetics Laboratories. Lecturers and Professors greeted us most heartily and emphasised that British students are only too welcome in Canadian Universities. Perhaps in the near future we shall have a Hulme Close Scholarship at Montreal University!

At Toronto, our second port of call after Montreal, we attended a Civic Reception at the City Hall before going by coach to the Canada Packers' Plant, where we saw the slaughtering of cattle and swine, and the consequent stages of processing the meat for sale in the shops. It was, to say the least, a rather nauseating afternoon.

We next moved on to Hamilton, where, after visiting the university, we were given a fine reception at the City Hall and were introduced to some charming High School girls who were to act as our hostesses for the evening. At St. Catharine's, our next stop, we attended a service at the Welland Avenue United Church. Members of the congregation afterwards took us home for lunch; I was lucky to go to the home of a gentleman whose son had a flying certificate, and after lunch he took me and three other boys up over the Niagara Falls in a small plane. It was a wonderful experience seeing the Falls from the air, and this contrasted admirably with the boat trip we made round the Falls the following morning. We also visited the Queenston Hydro-Electric Project during our stay, and saw to the full what a tremendous source of energy is provided by the Falls.

On to Thorold where we visited a wood pulp factory, and saw the wood being processed until ready to be sent to the press whence it would bear to many homes the day's headline news.

Returning to Toronto, we spent a pleasant morning at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club, lazing in the sun and trying to catch up on lost sleep, which totalled a considerable number of hours, owing to the quite regular habit of catching trains in the middle of the night. After leaving the Club we moved on to the Bank of Commerce, and spent some time on the Observation Roof overlooking the city. The following day consisted

in visiting the University of Toronto and attending the Canadian National Exhibition, where, in the evening, we saw the Royal Canadian Mounties perform their "Musical Ride". The skilful manoeuvring of the horses into different formations, combined with the brilliantly coloured uniform of the Mounties was a sight which I for one shall never forget.

At Sudbury we were shown round the International Nickel Company; this is the foremost plant in the world for nickel production, and it was possible to gain an impression of Canada's abundant natural resources. Sudbury was the most westerly point we reached on our tour and it proved to be the end of the hectic part of our land tour, for from there we went to Camp Wapitei on Lake Timagami for a period of four days. The camp provided us all with an opportunity to relax a little; our time was spent in swimming, canoeing, sunbathing or making use of the various sporting facilities the camp possessed. It was with some considerable sadness that we left the camp and travelled on to Ottawa, our last stop before boarding ship for the return journey at Montreal. Here we visited an experimental farm and the National Art Gallery before being received for afternoon tea by the British Deputy High Commissioner for Canada.

Our last morning of sightseeing was spent in a visit to the Houses of Parliament, and in watching the Ceremony of the Changing of the Guard. The ceremony, directly modelled on British lines, was a fine sight and no doubt stirred many of us with the thoughts of being about to return home once more. In the afternoon we travelled by train to Montreal and after a pleasant evening meal at the Queen's Hotel we boarded the *Carinthia* on which we were to spend our last week as a party. During the voyage we performed for the third and final time our show; we had put it on for the passengers on the boat going over to Canada, at Camp Wapitei, and now came our finale. We all put everything we had into it and the passengers applauded to the full our efforts.

On docking at Greenock we said good-bye to our Scottish friends, wildly cheering the ferry boat which came for them until it was a mere speck in the distance; the next morning the remaining forty of us disembarked at Liverpool. It was a gloomy day, a day which in no way helped to dispel the regrets we felt in breaking up as a party. However, memory and photographs would help to remind us of the grand time we had had. For the masters who so ably led the party and for the boys, who responded to their trust and friendliness throughout, Canada was now a magnificent reality; past and future parties to Canada will forever be indebted to Mr. Rhodes, who so generously gave of his money to provide others with the experience of a lifetime.

R. H. DAKIN, O.H.

THE HULMEIAN

Nature Takes Its Toll

The rain fell heavily that night.

An old char sat in a deep stupor
smoking her cigarette.
This stick of devilment
absorbed her simple mind,
but for her it was a brief respite
from her pail of suds—
suds that held the dregs
of dirty feet.
She sat intoxicated with the sensuous
inhaling of poisoned smoke.
Impossible dreams slurred their way
across her embittered mind—
she resented 'them' who had all
while she went without;
she resented the hypocrisy of the rich
for she was poor.
No luxury could she afford
except her cigarette—
this was her only pleasure
yet this was her death.
This was her passport from lifeless poverty
into lifeless hell.

The rain fell heavily that night.

T. J. DAVIES, 6 c.m.

The Birds

"We seemed to stand for an endless while
Though still no word was said,
Three men alive on Flannan Isle
Who thought on three men dead."

It was later that we pieced together, fragment by fragment, the whole story of the fate of those three men, our mates, Bill Ross, Hugh Stewart and Dave Buchanan. When they were posted to the light at Flannan Isle, they knew, as we all did, the legend of "the birds"—the three, black, ugly birds, the very sight of which meant death unless one of them could be captured. The legend had grown over the years—six people had come to a mysterious end on Flannan Isle; one of them saw the birds hovering round the top of the lighthouse, tried to grab at one of them—and fell to his doom. Three others, tantalised beyond endurance, went mad. These last three had been replaced by Bill, Hugh and Dave; Bill had been filled with superstitious fears, but the other two had scoffed at them as they had gone out to the Isle to start their month's tour of duty.

The month was uneventful: now, on the last full day, their thoughts were on their return to the mainland. They carried out the daily routine, first cleaning the glass of the lamp, then splitting up to polish the brass-work until it gleamed, to clean the windows, and to prepare their mid-day meal. They pressed their shore-going clothes, and were just about to start their meal of bread, meat and cheese

when suddenly there was a loud cawing outside. Dave leapt to his feet, knocking over his chair as he dashed to the window. "It's the birds!" he gasped, and without more ado he was sprinting down the steps and along the jetty to the rowing boat. Hugh was not far behind him, but Bill, who was much older, could not keep up with the other two.

By the time he had reached the jetty the others were in the boat, pulling out towards the open sea where the birds hovered just above the level of the waves. Suddenly the boat dipped behind a wave—and it never came back into sight.

Bill, who was now very frightened, went back up the steps to the lighthouse to get the inflatable dinghy from the emergency store. He stood for a moment on the cliff edge, panting for breath. Suddenly, with a loud swish something flew past him, then swooped up into the sky. It was one of the black birds, climbing higher and higher until it did a neat somersault and started to dive towards Bill. Bill, terrified by now, wanted to run away, but his feet seemed rooted to the ground. Beads of perspiration stood out on his brow and his eyes bulged in his white face. Closer and closer came the bird until it seemed to Bill that he could see a sneer on the bird's ugly face. As he ducked, his feet lost their grip on the crumbling edge of the cliff, and he toppled over backwards, to fall with a loud splash into the sea.

We found his battered, bruised body at the foot of the cliff; on his face was still the look of horror. There was no sign of the boat, no sign of the others—the current runs fast past Flannan Isle. My two mates have taken Bill's body back to the mainland; they will be back in the morning. The Isle is peaceful, the sea smooth—nothing moves except three black, ugly birds sitting restlessly on a half-tide reef.

M. MEAKIN, 1D.

The Massacre

Cries in the dark, blood on the snow,
Soldiers rushing to and fro;
Weapons gleam, the victims scream.

On a winter's night in dark Glencoe
A deed has been done
The Campbells have won.

This day remains in our hearts with pain
Woe! Woe! to Glenlyon,
Who lives by the iron.

In the grim Glen o' Weeping,
Macdonalds lie sleeping,
Despised are the Campbells wherever they go.

J. K. BRIGHAM, 4A.

Time-Table Troubles

I found the train at seven five
Though it starts, does not arrive;
And the next one to depart
Does arrive—but doesn't start;
They say the train which leaves at eight,
Often runs some four hours late;
While the one which came here last
Shoots back and forwards twice as fast!
But the train that gets here next
Isn't mentioned in the text;
I think the train that suits us fine
Should arrive at seven nine,
But it must be running late,
As it is now ten to eight:
Indeed the train we hope will come,
Last November ceased to run.
As you can see, after this fuss,
The moral is, "Travel by Bus".

S. BURSLEM, 4A.

War

Five o'clock and over the top of the dank
trenches
In the minds of the men are thoughts of death.
Six o'clock and the field will be a lake of blood
The bodies will be like a carpet of flesh
And the smell of death will hang in the air.

The crack of the guns and the fear of death.
Hospitals filled with wounded
Mortuaries filled with dead.
Men on the field with bayonets in their stomachs,
With bullets in their backs and faces in the mud.
All these are pawns in politicians' chess.

The machine guns pick off the forward advance
But reinforcements are on the way,
All waiting to wind up dead
With a bayonet in the stomach
Or a bullet in the back.

Guns click as magazines empty
As they empty on the enemy,
Both sides wondering who will be defeated
And who will win the deadly game of politicians' chess
Usually known as war.

But who creates these dreadful things?
It is not the men that fight them.
It's the politicians behind desks,
Who want somebody else to fight them
To fight as pawns in politicians' chess
Which is usually termed as war.

P. CARY, 1D.

My Coal Mining Days

Down and down my fingers went
On my typewriter keys.
When I remembered years ago
My clawing coal mining days.
My hands knocking the crumbling walls,
The dust looming up above
The trucks rumbling down the shafts;
My hands lifting the black coal
And pushing the truck with all my might.
I reached the light of the coal shaft
And went back to the looming dark,
My eyes straining to keep open—
When someone tapped me on the shoulder
And said "Coffee Break".

J. E. DUNLEAVY, 1D.

Quillamong, or Who's for the Rumble?

My name is Bund—James Bund, special investigator for Crimble and Co. I was assigned to a dangerous mission. M told me it was to be tough and gave me a brief sketch of the plot. I had to smash a horrible ring of vice and shame—a vast jelly-baby extortion racket, international sherbet-peddling and a freeze-up of the ice-cream trade. I squirmed in my seat, aghast at these words, but I did not dare let the viewers see my fear or they might have switched over to *The Saint*.

M handed me my Buretta. I loaded it myself—25 c.c. of conc. H₂O. I left his office and hailed a cab. It was then I saw my first clue. He was on a bicycle and I instantly recognised him as one of the up-and-coming young idiots from "the other side". I told the cab-driver to step on it; the speedometer was now creeping round to 15 miles per hour. We followed the cyclist all over town but lost him by a fish-packer's warehouse on the docks. It was then I realised we had followed a red herring.

But now I was on a plane touching down on a strange runway. By chance I was sitting by the door and with a deft backward-oscillating-flying-stepover-head somersault I dropped nimbly to the ground. I tore breathlessly away and found myself swept up in the huge crowd queueing to go to the quillamong. Here I was to meet my first contact. I found a seat and the bell rang for the first schnurrg. Silence fell on the vast audience—I estimated about three and a half myriads to be there—and only the low sounds of the jelly-baby suckers broke the air.

The five quillamongers fought relentlessly for two minutes, then the shrill sound of a boiling kettle pierced the tranquil air. They all madly leaped towards it for they really needed that cup of tea and a dolly-mixture. The result was announced on the loudspeaker. Red had won by

four drongs to nil with a jingle-zog in the first droob. A loud cheer went up—after all, a jingle-zog, especially in the first droob, is not something you see every day.

I suddenly felt a tap on my left shoulder and, swinging round, had a piece of paper pressed into my hand. I instantly knew what it was—two lines of Ovid—just as I had thought! I made my way directly to the casino where I found a game with three sinister-looking actors dressed up as three sinister-looking gangsters trying hard not to look sinister. My cards were dealt me and—a thousand curses!—I had a complete family except for Mr. Brown the Baker.

I knew the gangster opposite had it but he did not know that I was collecting Brown the Bakers. I played a hunch but—aha!—I might have known, he had a family of Bloggs the Butchers. And—lackaday—he had another complete family as well. I knew he had been cheating and, leaping to my feet I cursed him saying: “Woe to you, you wicked man!”

Realising the game was up, he drew his water-pistol and fired on me. Luckily I dodged but he hit me on my right arm. My perfectly-cut, Hardy Amies-styled, Saville Row suit was ruined for the swine was using orange juice. But by chance there were four burly policemen nearby and they saw what happened. They grabbed the man and asked him if he would “assist them in their enquiries”. I did not hear his reply, however.

And so ended this fantastic story of crime and evil. All the top men were rounded up and set to work in a Gorton salt-mine and, you see, folks, this story's true. I know, 'cause I was that jelly-baby.

J. J. McMULLEN, 4Y.

The Tiger

Tall trees, thick and dark,
Forest trees and jungle night.
Moonlight gleams on water hole,
On timid deer and sleek gazelle.
Stealthy shadow, striped and silent,
Tiger prowling seeking prey,
Graceful, dangerous hungry tiger,
Shy unheeding gentle prey.
Suddenly a raucous, shrieking
Cloud of birds with wings afluttering.
Startled deer no longer drinking,
Through the forest quickly speeding.
Hungry tiger, cheated, snarling,
Off to try another chase.

P. J. EVERETT, 3B.

The Crocodile

A slip and a splash in the swamp,
The crocodile slips noiselessly down the bank
Only its nostrils show
As it glides through the water.
The man is unsuspecting
Until,
With a powerful stroke from its tail
The reptile is upon him,
Fangs flashing, water churning, blood gushing.
Then, silence.
And another victim to the king of the swamp.

P. N. OGDEN, 3B.

The Owl

The day forest sleeps quite contented,
The night is now awake,
There is no moon, there is no light,
Save a pair of ochre eyes,
—The tawny owl is on the hunt.
The silent flight, a piercing scream,
Poor dangling mouse—your day is done.
The owl lives on, to feed her young.

J. R. HAYNES, 3B.

Under the Alps

In October of 1962 a few of us, all members of the British Speleological Association, on meeting, decided to have an expedition to the Tennen-gebirge Mountains in Austria. A leader was appointed and a secretary chosen. We met regularly, discussing various problems such as the amount of food needed and what sort of equipment we were likely to require over there. It kept us all very busy during the intervening time until the date of the expedition—12th July, 1963. There were fifteen of us in the party, including the leader who was from Sheffield University.

The purpose of the Expedition was to carry out a reconnaissance of an area some 2 km. square north of the Edelweisschutte. The latter was chosen as our base camp; it is situated on the Streitmandl Mount (7,700 ft. alt.) above the village of Werfenweng, approximately 20 miles south of Salzburg. Our work involved surface-survey to locate accurately various features of speleological interest; also the commencement of routine underground-survey of horizontal systems and small potholes, and the partial examination of any deeper shafts with a view to their systematic exploration at a future date.

We left this country on the 12th July, arriving in Werfen on Sunday 14th July. On the Monday we all travelled to Werfenweng, a small village in

the foothills of the Tennengebirge Mountains. There began the task of ferrying equipment and personnel from there to the plateau over a mile above, using a helicopter kindly loaned by the Austrian Government and with the co-operation of the Werfen Police. This was completed the following morning, some 20 trips later.

The following day our work began and we were sent off in various parties, some to survey, others to explore and search for caves. I was on the latter, and we found numerous caves, none of which seemed to be more than 200 ft. long, but all of which contained some really amazing ice formations. All caves at this altitude, 7,550 ft. above sea level, have ice floors and icicles hanging from the roof, the temperature being 34 degs. whilst that outside is 90 degs. F.

On the Saturday, we made a tremendous discovery. A huge shaft which we called the Edelweisschuttenschacht was located only 100 yards from our camp. In all, 400 ft. of ladders were lowered down the entrance shaft and, after tying on to a lifeline, one member descended the first 100 ft. where it was found that the ladder hung vertically against the rock wall. After another 50 ft. he found himself in a black void and could see neither walls nor the floor. He continued down, and eventually could just see the floor below. On landing he found it to be 300 ft. from the surface. (This is judged by the ladder's length). The surface team had already got to work and had lowered a telephone; this told him that the second man was on his way down. A quick look around the chamber revealed its amazing size—400 ft. long, 50 ft. wide and 150 ft. high at the far end. By this time the second man had descended. More ladders were lowered enabling the first two to descend the series of short pitches which were encountered before a deep pitch of 250 ft.

All this time I was engaged in photographing the descent and, at this point, I joined the other two when we made a quick check of the ladders only to discover that only 90ft. remained. We decided to use the remaining 90 ft. on this next pitch. With only 5 ft. of ladder left to descend, the explorer found that he could step off into a chamber bigger than the one at the bottom of the surface shaft. Here the noise of rushing water was indeed very loud. Following a consultation and checking the time, it was decided that we ought to ascend, and thus the last of us reached daylight some 10½ hours from first descent, resolving to return the following day.

At 4-30 a.m. the next morning, two of us began the descent, reaching the point at which we had left off the previous day. This time we had with us all the remaining ladders. A further 135 ft. was descended making the last shaft 220 ft. deep in all. This brought us into a passage 200 ft. high.

Following this passage, we came to the edge of yet another shaft about 300 ft. deep. By this time we had in use all the ladders of the expedition and could only go down this pitch to a depth of 150 ft. where a river was discernible—the noise was just about deafening. The resurgence of this river is probably at "Frane's Loch", a large rising some 1,700 metres below the shaft entrance.

Very reluctantly we had to abandon all hopes of getting further, and had the arduous task of photographing and de-laddering all the pitches.

The lowest point we had reached was about 1,000 ft. below the entrance and, though this is far from being the deepest in the world, it is still one of the deepest in Austria. It is intended to follow up this significant exploration in the summer of 1964. The deepest cave system known to date is the Gouffre Berger in France, recently explored by fellow members, and it is felt that the potentialities of the Edelweisschuttenschacht could be as great.

S.K.F., M6S.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News

It is with particular pride and pleasure that we record the names of the following Old Hulmeians who appeared in the New Year's Honours List: Herbert John Seddon, C.M.G., D.M., F.R.C.S., Director of Studies, Institute of Orthopaedics, University of London, a past president of the Old Hulmeians Association, who became a Knight Bachelor.

Denis Charles Barnes, Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, who became a Companion of the Order of the Bath.

Eric Newton, the art critic, who received the C.B.E.

We offer them our warmest congratulations.

P. Rogers, an under-secretary in the Department of Technical Co-operation, has been appointed Deputy Secretary of the Cabinet. After leaving School, Rogers went on to Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and entered the Civil Service in 1936; he served in the Colonial Office, apart from a year's secondment to Jamaica, until 1961.

A. H. C. Ratliff has been appointed Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon to the United Bristol Hospitals. He would be glad to hear of any other Old Hulmeians in the Bristol area.

A. C. Day has been elected to a Fellowship and Praelectorship at University College, Oxford.

Alistair Pope, who gained his Ph.D. at Manchester University, has taken up a position for two years with the National Research Council in Ottawa.

I. A. B. Low is now a Ford Foundation Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Mining

Engineering at the University of Toronto. He has settled down in a small apartment, and finds the atmosphere in the Mining Department congenial. He is looking forward to meeting G. A. M. Wood in February, and to visiting New York in May. His address is: Department of Mining Engineering, University of Toronto, Toronto 5, Ontario, Canada. He is fully prepared to start a North American O.H. branch if potential members will get in touch with him!

R. W. G. Bullen, the managing director of the British subsidiary of Labour Pump Company, Indiana, U.S.A., has been appointed executive vice-president of the American parent company. He has now moved to America to take up his new post. He is succeeded as managing director of the British company by his brother, J. D. Bullen.

We hear that Tom Oliver has gone to the Philippines for about two years with the Shell International Chemical Co.

On Monday, October 21st, 1963, on the B.B.C. Home Service, Alan Ward (baritone) sang in the British semi-finals of the international Verdi competition for young opera singers. He is at present studying at the Royal Manchester College of Music.

H. V. Kershaw's play *One Man's Right* was presented on Granada T.V. on January 10th, while on the other channel viewers saw Anthony Powell's costumes in the B.B.C. production of *The Comedy of Errors*.

We have received news of Michael A. Royle, who is now in Nigeria. After taking his B.Sc. Agriculture at Bangor he gained Diplomas in Theology at the London Bible College and London University: he also won the Speech Prize at the London Bible College. He then volunteered for service in Nigeria to assist in the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, and was accepted by the Methodist Church of Nigeria.

He combines missionary work with agricultural training of farmers in his area, which covers a large, wild area not very far south of the proposed £97 million dam by the River Niger. He is about 160 miles from the nearest shop and post-office. His postal address is: c/o The Methodist Church, Wawa, via Ilorin, N. Nigeria.

We were delighted to see David Swindells and Frank Davies, both home on leave from Nigeria, where they are working in Lagos. Not only have they played lacrosse for the Old Hulmeians while at home but they have also assisted with coaching at School.

Manchester University degrees:— B.D.S.: A. Brookes, H. R. MacCallum; Ph.D.: D. A. Weyl.

2nd/Lt. K. H. Rivett, Lancashire Fusiliers (T.A.) has been accepted for a Short Service Regular Commission; he hopes to stay with the Lancashire Fusiliers.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

BIRTHS

WHEELER—On July 3rd, to Pat and Peter, a daughter.

SANIG—To Anne and Paul, a daughter.

SCHUMM—On October 8th, to Zena and Barry, a daughter.

GREEN—On October 25th, to Mavis and Michael, a daughter.

OAKES—On December 1st, to Helen and Brian, a daughter.

COCKER—On December 24th, to Judith and Derek, a daughter.

MACDONALD—On January 21st, 1964, to Pauline and Garry, a son.

MARRIAGES

OLIVER—ROBERTS—On August 5th, Tom Oliver to Jean Roberts.

LINFORD—HINDLEY—On December 28th, Rodney Martin Forbes Linford to Pauline Farrow Hindley.

TUNKS—WALLBANKS—On December 30th, Harold Tunks to Brenda Wallbanks.

WEYL—JACOBS—On January 19th, 1964, David Anthony Weyl to Helen Jacobs.

DEATHS

MCKERLIE—On October 28th, of 238 Upper Chorlton Rd., Manchester 16, Dr. Alan McKerlie, aged 48.

LOCKETT—On November 8th, of 31 Craneswater Park, Norwood Green, Middlesex, William John Lockett, aged 46.

LYMER—On January 3rd, 1964, at "Dene Cottage", Washington Lane, Euxton, Meryl Watts Lymer, aged 59.

"This is Your Life"

On November 14th, *This Is Your Life* on B.B.C. television was devoted to the career of an Old Hulmeian, John Dodd.

The programme began with a moving tribute to Dodd from an ex-convict. Then followed an account of his early life in Manchester; another Old Boy, Norman Harrold, recollected some of Dodd's exploits at Oswald Road Primary School and at Hulme, and spoke of his influence in inculcating a hatred of injustice and a sense of sympathy for the under-dog.

After leaving school, Dodd held a variety of jobs until the outbreak of war when he joined the R.A.F. He was evacuated from Singapore to Java, and when Java was surrendered to the Japanese he took to the jungle, being sheltered by a native family. He evaded capture for six months until he was betrayed by a native policeman. He was sent to the notorious Changi camp where he endured

ferocious punishment for engaging in "illegal trading"—to buy food for prisoners suffering from beri-beri.

After the war Dodd became a successful salesman, but he grew more and more pre-occupied with the problems of the re-adjustment of ex-prisoners to normal life after years behind bars. A chance meeting led to his changing jobs to become a full-time worker in the cause of the rehabilitation and employment of ex-prisoners. In 1957, a milestone in his career was reached with the opening of Langley House in the Hampshire village of Otterbourne, the first of several houses where released prisoners can find a welcome and, more important, practical help in getting a job and a fresh start.

Dodd's wife, Alyson, and his mother were also in the programme as his "unofficial helpers", but the most dramatic moments were the reunions, first with a Javanese lady, Phiphine, and then with her mother, Marquita. These two, twenty-one years earlier, had sheltered Dodd, at the risk of their own lives, in the jungle of Java. When he was finally captured he refused to betray them, even under torture.

Few people could quarrel with the programme's final comment on John Dodd—"a man of courage and compassion".

Old Hulmeians Association

It will be recorded in more detail elsewhere, but doubtless the Association would wish to congratulate Alan Marsland on taking the Lacrosse Section's first team so far through the season without defeat. The Rugby Section's 1st XV under the captaincy of Frank Burton also had a remarkably good run of ten games unbeaten. The two sections arranged a joint Hot-Pot Supper on 21st November, 1963, and it is to be hoped that this event will prove to have been the fore-runner of other combined functions. The Motor Section held its usual first-class Dinner Dance on 14th December, 1963, and a Film Show in the Clubhouse on 17th January, 1964, was also well attended.

The Annual Dinner will be at the Midland Hotel on Saturday, 14th March, 1964, the Annual Golf Competition at Didsbury on 7th May, 1964, and the Annual Cricket Match against the School on 4th July, 1964. It is hoped that all these events will receive the full support of members.

Approval by the St. Margaret's Parochial Church Council to your committee's proposal to allow the 205th Manchester Boy Scout Troop to erect permanent headquarters on the Rugby ground in Brantingham Road was not forthcoming, so the boys are looking elsewhere for a suitable site.

The Commercial Travellers Association who, in April, 1962, terminated their agreement with the

Association to use the Clubhouse as their headquarters have requested permission to return, and a new agreement has been drawn up enabling them to do so.

Circumstances arose causing it to be necessary to appoint new stockists of Old Hulmeians colours which are now only available from Messrs. Cole & Son (M/c.) Limited, 2 & 4 Moult Street, Cross Street, Manchester 2. Telephone BLA 4385.

The Finance, Social, Membership and Clubhouse Sub-Committee would welcome suggestions from members on how to increase membership and also how to provide members with additional attractions.

The Association was delighted to learn that in the New Year's Honours list their president of 1959-60, Mr. H. J. Seddon, C.M.G., D.M., F.R.C.S. had received a knighthood, and hastens to offer him its heartiest congratulations.

The School has been singularly well-blessed in long serving Headmasters, Assistant Masters and secretaries, but it is perhaps not always realised that it has also been equally well served by its porters and handymen. Many will remember Mr. Hargreaves who was "Porter" during and long after the first world war. More recently Mr. H. Locke, who served the School for over twenty years, and Mr. Fred Bowen, who joined the School in 1933 and is still there, will be remembered. Your Committee has elected these two gentlemen as members of the Old Hulmeians Association as a mark of its esteem and gratitude to them.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse

The barrel bottom has burst. No amount of scraping was able to raise the necessary players for the B team on Jan. 18th. To the mortification of the Club, the Team Secretary, for the first time, had to award the match to the opposition.

Happily, in spite of shortage of members, the Club spirit was never higher. The first team, energetically lead by Alan Marsland, has yet to lose and looks likely to win the League Championship. The other sides are performing most creditably; indeed the B team has even won whilst not fielding a full side.

The departure, south, of Tom Warnes and Campbell McDiarmid was a sad blow to the Club but recently, the return from Lagos of David Swindells and Frank Davies has evened the numbers.

The Club sends its best wishes to Ian Duncan and hopes for a speedy recovery, so that he can attend the epic events in our Lacrosse Calendar: the Annual Buffet Dance at the Woodlands Hotel on Friday, 31st January, and the Easter Tour in London. Both events will be their usual roaring success.

RESULTS

FIRST TEAM

Sept 28	v. Urmston	H W	14—4
Oct. 5	v. Old Mancunians	A W	12—3
Oct. 12	v. Heaton Mersey	A W	15—3
Oct. 26	v. Boardman & Eccles	A W	12—4
Nov. 2	v. Old Waconians	H W	8—2
Nov. 9	v. Mellor	A W	10—5
Nov. 16	v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe	H Aband.	
(2nd Round N.E.L.A. Senior Flags)			
Nov. 23	v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe	H W	12—9
(2nd Round N.E.L.A. Senior Flags)			
Nov. 30	v. Cheadle	A W	13—8
Dec. 7	v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe	H W	10—3
Dec. 14	v. Old Stopfordians	A W	15—3
Dec. 21	v. Urmston	A W	8—4
Dec. 28	v. Old Mancunians	H W	16—0
Jan. 4	v. Heaton Mersey	H W	7—5
Jan. 11	v. Rochdale	A W	13—4
Jan. 18	v. Boardman & Eccles	H W	8—4

'A' TEAM

Sept 28	v. Heaton Mersey Guild	A W	1—0
Oct. 5	v. Offerton	H W	14—13
Oct. 12	v. Rochdale 'A'	H W	18—0
Oct. 19	v. Manchester Univ.	A W	7—5
Oct. 26	v. Boardman & Eccles 'A'	H W	23—3
Nov. 2	v. Ashton	A L	6—10
(Prelim. Round N.E.L.A. Junior Flags)			
Nov. 9	v. Mellor 'A'	H W	7—6
Nov. 16	v. Mellor 'A'	A L	4—9
Nov. 23	v. Ashton	A L	5—7
Nov. 30	v. Old Grovians	H W	16—2
Dec. 7	v. Leeds University	A W	10—6
Dec. 14	v. South Manchester & Wythenshawe 'A'	H L	3—10
Dec. 21	v. Heaton Mersey Guild	H W	11—5
Dec. 28	v. Offerton	A W	7—5
Jan. 4	v. Rochdale 'A'	A W	9—4
Jan. 11	v. Manchester Univ.	H L	5—7
Jan. 18	v. Boardman & Eccles 'A'	A W	9—4

EXTRA 'A' TEAM

Sept 28	v. Chorlton	H W	22—11
Oct. 5	v. Disley	A L	3—13
Oct. 12	v. Cheadle 'A'	A L	3—13
Oct. 19	v. Old Mancunians 'A'	H W	13—5
Oct. 26	v. Old Mancunians 'A'	A L	8—12
Nov. 2	v. Cheadle Hulme	H W	14—2
Nov. 9	v. Manchester G.S. 2nd	A W	16—4
Nov. 16	v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe	A L	5—9
(Lancs. Junior Cup)			
Nov. 23	v. Ashton	A L	5—7
Nov. 30	v. Heaton Mersey 'A'	A L	5—10
Dec. 7	v. Manchester G.S. 2nd	H W	9—8
Dec. 14	v. Chorlton	A W	16—5
Dec. 28	v. Disley	H W	8—7
Jan. 4	v. Cheadle 'A'	H L	5—9
Jan. 11	v. Manchester G.S. 1st	A W	8—6
Jan. 18	v. Sheffield Univ.	H L	5—20

'B' TEAM

Sept 28	v. Old Stopfordians 'A'	A W	13—7
Oct. 5	v. Urmston 'B'	H W	7—0
Oct. 12	v. Oldham & Werneth	H L	1—24
Oct. 19	v. Cheadle 'B'	A L	2—4
Oct. 26	v. Liverpool Univ.	H L	11—21
Nov. 9	v. Offerton 'A'	H L	3—24
Nov. 16	v. Stockport G.S. 2nd	H W	6—5
Nov. 23	v. Stockport 'A'	A L	4—9
Nov. 30	v. Manchester Univ. 'A'	H W	8—3
Dec. 7	v. Leeds Univ. 'A'	A D	4—4
Dec. 14	v. South Manchester and Wythenshawe 'B'	H L	1—13
Dec. 21	v. Old Stopfordians 'A'	H L	3—15
Dec. 28	v. Urmston 'B'	A W	12—2
Jan. 4	v. Oldham & Werneth	A L	3—19
Jan. 11	v. Cheadle 'B'	H L	3—6
Jan. 18	v. Liverpool Univ.	A L	0—1

Old Hulmeians Rugby

To date, this appears to be the most promising rugby season for many years from the point of view of results.

The 1st XV settled down from the start of the season and they have usually gained forward-control at an early stage of the game. R. E. Shufflebottom, who left school less than two years ago, has been in devastating form all the season and is proving one of our best line-out experts for many years; also Roy Pryke is developing into a very useful player in the loose, as well as being a most competent hooker. M. Blackburn, assisted by G. Russen, has always kept opposing half-backs in check from the open-side wing-forward position.

As the "points against" would suggest, our back division is a solid wall, but with people like E. L. Jones and D. Marsden playing, defence is soon turned into brilliant attack.

We felt very confident prior to our game with the School, especially after our good win last season, but how wrong we were—School put up a wonderful fight, the result being in doubt until the final whistle.

The 'A' Team results do not do justice either to the side's playing ability or its spirit. Ken Petten, the captain, is doing his job well, and all 'A' team players who have come up to the 1st team have done extremely well.

Our Extra 'A' Team has had rather an unsettled season on the field, but off the field they cannot be touched socially. After each game they encamp round a table, complete with refreshment, and no one, not even the club secretary, has any idea of what is discussed.

With reluctance our "Griffins" fixtures had to be cancelled because of a lack of playing members; therefore if any school leavers, or older

readers, are interested in having a game, please do not hesitate to contact the secretary. Failing this, just come round to the Brantingham Road Clubhouse any Monday or Saturday.

Arrangements for our Easter Tour to the Lake District are almost complete, but if anyone else is interested in coming along with us, would he contact Peter Haslam at the clubhouse?

Hon. Sec. F. M. Burton 27 Edale Close, Hazel Grove.

Oct.	19 v. Macclesfield	A W	18—11
	26 v. Calder Vale	H W	21—3
Nov.	2 v. School	A L	3—10
	9 v. Thornton Cleveleys...	H L	5—11
	23 v. De La Salle O.B.	H L	6—12
	30 v. Medical School	A L	0—9
Dec.	7 v. Manchester	A L	0—14
	1964		
Jan.	4 v. Lymm	A L	6—8
	11 v. West Park	A L	5—21

RESULTS TO DATE

FIRST XV

1963			
Sept.	7 v. Manchester Y.M.C.A.	A W	15—3
	14 v. Sedgley Park	A D	6—6
	21 v. Old Aldwinians	H W	5—0
	28 v. Ashton-on-Mersey	H W	13—0
Oct.	5 v. Toc. H.	A W	6—0
	12 v. Leigh	H D	6—6
	19 v. Macclesfield	A W	8—3
	26 v. Calder Vale	H W	11—0
Nov.	2 v. School	A W	9—3
	9 v. Thornton Cleveleys...	H D	6—6
	23 v. De La Salle O.B.	H L	0—8
	30 v. Medical School	H W	23—6
Dec.	7 v. Manchester 'A'	A L	6—8
	28 v. Manchester Y.M.C.A.	H W	3—0
1964			
Jan.	4 v. Lymm	A W	22—3
	11 v. West Park	A L	8—14
	25 v. De Havilland	H W	9—6

'A' XV

1963			
Sept.	7 v. Y.M.C.A.	H L	3—21
	14 v. Sedgley Park	H W	6—0
	21 v. Old Aldwinians	A L	0—40
	28 v. Ashton-on-Mersey	A L	9—25
Oct.	5 v. Toc. H.	H L	6—11
	19 v. Macclesfield	H L	3—6
	26 v. Calder Vale	A L	0—12
Nov.	2 v. School	A W	14—3
	9 v. Thornton Cleveleys...	A L	3—22
	16 v. Old Rochdallians	H W	9—0
	23 v. De La Salle O.B.	A L	6—14
	30 v. Shell	A L	0—13
	14 v. Manchester	H L	0—29
	28 v. Y.M.C.A.	A L	0—11
1964			
Jan.	4 v. Lymm	H D	3—3
	11 v. West Park	H W	3—0

Extra 'A' XV

1963			
Sept.	7 v. Y.M.C.A.	A L	5—26
	14 v. Sedgley Park	A L	3—24
	21 v. Old Aldwinians	H D	6—6
	28 v. Ashton-on-Mersey	H L	0—3
Oct.	5 v. Toc. H.	A L	0—3
	12 v. Leigh	H L	0—48

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Association of Old Hulmeians in London

A good start to 1964 was made by the inclusion in the New Year's Honours List of two eminent London Hulmeians. We are very happy to proffer our congratulations to H. J. Seddon and Eric Newton for the splendid recognition of their distinguished careers and personal qualities.

Two occasions in the latter weeks of 1963 have not yet been covered by these notes. Friday, 18th October found us again at the Shakespeare's Head for our Annual General Meeting. The meal arrangements followed a somewhat different pattern. On this occasion, for various reasons, we could not have the steak and kidney pie supper provided there for the past few years. The experimental buffet arrangements probably allowed members to circulate more freely; there was a good selection and a plentiful supply of victuals, but the consensus of opinion seemed to favour the former 'knife and fork' affair. A few of our 'regulars' could not manage the date, but as usual, it was pleasant to welcome others who had either not been before or not in recent years. Amongst the latter was L. A. Raval, who is numbered amongst the pre-war members, and Eric Waddington put in a reappearance. First timers were I. T. Campbell and R. A. Charlton; it was good to have them with us, and we hope to see more of the new arrivals from School. Also present were W. R. Benson and

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Peter Brisbane, both of whom are now working in London. The business of the Meeting was conducted by Norman Pearson, the retiring Chairman, followed by Monty Kruger, who was unanimously elected to the Chair for the 1963/64 year.

Sir Cyril Black, M.P., who entertained the Association to its first Dinner at the House of Commons, was again the sponsor for the function held there on the 15th November. Although later than the A.G.M., it was the Dinner for the 1962/63 year; Norman Pearson presided and replied to the toast to the London Association proposed by T. W. M. Bland. Sir Cyril eloquently presented the School toast to which the Headmaster responded. It was a pleasure to welcome and listen to C. D. Campbell, C.B., who replied for the Guests, for whom A. L. Dennis proposed the remaining toast. It was another opportunity to meet more newcomers who this time included Mike Brisbane, M. J. Friend, D. W. Booth, C. Deakin, M. F. Kidd, E. W. Leaff and R. P. Trevitt.

The remainder of the personal news in recent months is mainly about departures: Tony Ratliff to a teaching hospital appointment; R. W. G. Bullen to Indiana; Ian Low, also across the Atlantic to a Research appointment at Toronto where he is within weekend visiting reach of George Wood, still in the States. Whilst we were at the House of Commons, Tom Oliver, who had hoped to be there, was airborne en route for an overseas stint expected to be about two years. Donald Booth made known his presence here, and then was left with just sufficient time to attend the Dinner before he was recalled to Manchester. Finally, 'Jack' Robertson, who has been playing lacrosse with Hampstead, is understood to be going to Middlesbrough. Our best wishes to all of them.

Details of all forthcoming events are not yet available, but we look forward to an innovation in the shape of a lacrosse match between Manchester and London Hulmeians, Easter Monday, 30th March, Kenton Cricket Ground at 10-30 a.m. The O.H.A. Lacrosse Club also has a match against Purley on Saturday, 28th March, Addiscombe Cricket Ground at 3-0 p.m. The date for our annual evening match with the London Old Waconians is expected to be Monday, 4th May, again at Kenton.

For the cricket match with the Association of Lancastrians in London, Sunday, 24th May has been reserved, again on the ideal ground at Farnham Royal. We have a defeat to wipe out, and we shall need more volunteer players!

A number of members, particularly those within reasonable reach, have made a point of turning up for these games, not merely to give encouraging support, but to meet up with others and to have a chat. The more the merrier, and all are asked to make diary notes of the dates with the idea of coming along if at all possible. They will be cordially welcomed. Further information from G. W. Creasey, 145 Copse Hill, S.W.20. WIMbledon 6778.

Old Hulmeians Motor Club

Our programme for this year has been providing for two events in nearly every month in the hope of arousing more interest among our members, but this has not proved very successful so far. Those who have taken part in our events have all enjoyed them, however, so it is hoped that others will take heed and participate in more events.

On October 6th, we held an Afternoon Rally, very ably organised by two of our younger members, John Preece and Stuart Jones. Their efforts, however, were rewarded by an entry of a mere four cars. Two of these retired en route, so there were only two finishers, the winners being Shirley Alcock and Julia Davenport of I.C.I. Frank Pickup was second (and last!).

October 20th saw an entry of three from O.H.M.C. out of a total of twenty-three entries in the I.C.I. Autumn Rally. This was a straightforward event of 109 miles starting from Hazel Grove at 10-15 a.m. and finishing at Wilmslow at 4-30 p.m. Marking was purely by time penalties, without observations, and the results showed variations from 15 to 650 penalty points. Overall winners (vive l'O.H.M.C.!) were Gordon Davies and Stanley Foulds. Chris Templar took ninth place, and Frank Pickup was eleventh.

Fog has a habit of appearing in November and with this in mind our event for the month was called the Rallye de Brouillard. This was an excellent event, most ably organised by Frank Pickup, who, we think, was hoping for a touch of fog to add to the navigational difficulties. His hopes did not materialise, however, as the day proved to be one of the clearest for some time. Cunning use of M.6 as part of the route was intended to lose competitors as it is not yet shown on the map, but the rapid way in which the lads pinpointed their positions perhaps shows that they have all had a good education at W.H.G.S. Winner was Stanley Foulds in his Sunbeam Alpine, navigated by Gordon Davies. Eric Sharples was second and Athol Clarke third.

Our Annual Dinner Dance at the Woodlands Hotel, Timperley, on December 14th was the usual success and provided a most pleasant evening for some ninety-eight members and friends. During the evening the year's competition awards were presented by Mrs. T. W. M. Bland, and Gordon Davies received the Pidd Trophy for the best overall performance of the year.

The new year has started well with a record attendance of forty-five at our film show on January 17th. Those who came along enjoyed a mixed variety of films, ranging from motor sporting events such as the 1963 Alpine Rally, to other sports such as tennis, golf and aqualung diving. Let us hope that the tendency to better attendance at our events will continue.

Enquiries concerning Motor Sport, and about joining our Club will be welcomed by the Joint Hon. Secretaries—Dr. Stanley B. Foulds, 131 Gatley Road, Gatley, Cheshire, telephone GATley 2887, or John L. Williams, 7 King's Avenue, Gatley, telephone GATley 4666.

Old Hulmeians Golf

The annual golf tournament will be held on Ascension Day, May 7th, 1964, at the Didsbury Golf Club. This competition is open to all Old Boys and it is hoped there will be a good entry. There are three cups—for the best gross, the best net, and the best net for handicaps of 18 and over.

The Didsbury Golf Club has very kindly allowed us the use of the course all day, and Old Boys are reminded that cards can be taken out in the evening.

I should be glad if intending competitors would notify me at the School, and state whether they require arrangements to be made for lunch or tea; sandwiches will be available in the evening.

J. FOULDS, *Hon. Sec.*

Old Hulmeians Masonic Lodge No. 7062

The Lodge continues to flourish and provide opportunities for Old Boys to meet and preserve old friendships. The Annual Christmas Party for the members and their ladies was held at the Birch View Cafe on December 13th, when a very enjoyable evening was had by all. As a result of a Tombola held during the evening, the sum of £10 was realised for the School Building Fund.

Hon. Sec.: A. E. BOLSOVER, 268 Brooklands Road, Baguley, Manchester.

Old Hulmeians at Oxford A Fantasy

The scene is a grassy sward outside Oxford. It is Spring, and a ritual is to be enacted to celebrate the re-birth of cerebral activity among the men of Hulme.

The Forces of Darkness enter—a drunken rout wearing hideous masks—or so they claim. They are led by the Arch-fiend Henshall (the scourge of Jesus College), the Machiavellian Bateman, Gillam the gourmand of Trinity (*semper aliquid edendum*), and the horrendous lacrossomaniacs, Parkinson, Parker, and Walker—unrecognisable victims of Johnson's zoological experiments. All wield strange wooden devices with string attachments, with the aid of which they pass a spherical object from one to another. This sphere is the soul

of Hulme, which they have captured during the winter darkness.

Soon they are joined by a second group, even more hideous than the first. This group is led by the paranoic alchemist Thomson, accompanied in his evil experiments by the mad Chadd on organ and bicycle. "Feeble Keble" intones Chadd at regular intervals. He is followed by the scheming Sheldon—leading a chain of captive nurses. The rear is brought up by that pair of famous post-lapserian cherubim, Hilton and Homer.

The two groups meet in the centre of the sward and a ritual greeting takes place:—

Thomson—"Have you got a dog licence?"

Arch-fiend Henshall—"No."

Thomson—"Why not?"

Arch-fiend Henshall—"I have not got a dog."

Thomson—"That is no excuse."

Chorus—"When in Egypt, travel by Kelly's Nile Steamers—home-cooking and a resident band."

Suddenly a silence falls on the scene. All remove their hats as a cortege passes by. It is the funeral of Oxford wit. Homer begins to sing, but is reproved by the stately Chadd. "Why shouldn't I sing?" Homer protests. "No danger of not being invited again." Everybody joins in "Homer's Song."

"There is a house upon the hill,

We call it 'Mon Repos'.

If you are bad, we say to you,

That's where you gotta go."

Homer suddenly becomes very pensive.

Later that day a whistle is blown. The rout falls into a rank. (It is a generally accepted belief that the inhabitants of the world of Darkness habitually congregate in military formation). The ritual has begun. They intone in turn, "Do you ever see anything of . . . ?" This goes on for three days continuously. The trees are bare: the wind is still: nature is asleep. Homer becomes Johnson's fourth victim.

On the fourth day, there is a clap of thunder. All quake and shiver, but nevertheless continue their dirge. Enter the Lynch-Walmsley travelling circus on a shining cloud. The pair walk up and down, deep in intellectual conversation, for five days, receiving, on the last day, the kiss of eternal youth from a revived Nature. The birds sing, the sky is blue and the trees burst into bud.

Eventually the enlightened pair turn to the dissolute rout, and nod and speak to each in turn. The spell is broken. The Forces of Darkness are defeated, and the gay band exits stage left, once again the intellectual giants of Oxford.

N. N. WALMSLEY, B.N.C.

Old Hulmeians at Birmingham University

Our small community, like climbers of the Eiger Mountain, clings to existence. Numbers of Old Boys have now shrunk to four, yet we do not despair. Perhaps the rigour of the Birmingham winter deters the faint at heart, I do not know . . .

At the moment, it is true, the whole city lies under a blanket of freezing fog. Lying as it does, on the rise of a slight hill, the University campus is ill-situated to combat such adverse conditions. On early mornings such as these, the whole area resembles a world of fantasy, with scarf-garbed, ghoulis figures suddenly looming upon the solitary traveller, and just as suddenly merging into the white opaque. Most are bent on a day of dreary subterranean existence. The muffled boom of "Big Joe", the clocktower, from the skies, does not encourage the agitated student, habitually late for lectures. Exchanges are few this time of year.

D. J. Higginson and M. C. Davies, inside the final furlong, are both labouring under the whip for that elusive law degree. The former would make a perfect "citizen" for "1984". He still works with incredible energy, a scholar among scholars. Sunday has no meaning for him, his brief case bulging with weighty matters throughout the week. His nose has been kept to the grindstone so long, it has nearly disappeared.

M. C. Davies has also noticeably closed his mind to all major social activities. The friendly chat on the stairs has turned to a passing grunt, as with heavy tread he seeks a retreat in the library. Gone are those days of youthful zeal, endless coffees, and other time-wasting activities. At the eleventh hour admittedly, the Government is at last being given its money's worth—at compound interest. Sobriety is the password . . . sobriety. He will be late out of hibernation this year.

P. G. Wood, however, second year Chemistry, continues to live *la dolce vita*. A year of test-tubes and formulae does not seem to have unduly worried him, and the old smile radiates yet awhile. The writer journeyed down with him by train last weekend. He was accompanied by a record-player that took up half the rack, and some records of the Beatles. Signs of books there were none. Whether he wishes to serenade the landlady or not (she is 67), one can only guess, but there are better ways of improving conditions in digs.

We were privileged enough to welcome an Old Boy "fresher" to the University this year, though "welcome" is perhaps the wrong word. Only P. G. Wood has spoken to him, but it seems his name is Cowan (apologies for the lack of initials), a budding electrical engineer: otherwise he is an unknown entity. All of us sincerely hope diplomatic relations will soon be in full swing.

Despite last year's plea for fresh blood, Cowan was the sole Old Hulmeian to give Birmingham a

chance to prove itself. Do at least apply here and assess its merits—I do not think you will be unduly disappointed.

The curfew tolls, work beckons, so there an end.

M.C.D.

Old Hulmeians at Bristol

It is still rather difficult to understand why Bristol appears unpopular with school-leavers. For the few of us down here, it was rather disappointing to find that only one—David Howard—had made the journey from Manchester last term. He brings the total number of Old Boys here to four—which, for a University of Bristol's size and reputation is a surprisingly low figure. Is the University too difficult to enter? Or do people, for some unaccountable reason, not even bother to apply? It is hard to believe that potential undergraduates prefer Leeds or Sheffield—they might just as well stay at home. Bristol is entirely suited to the intelligent, artistic, pleasure-seekers which School manages to turn out with such unfailing regularity; and again, through this column, which I hope is read not only by the old lags but by most senior members of School, I would take the opportunity of advertising the merits of life down here and urging school-leavers seriously to consider Bristol as one of the best Universities in the country.

What of those who are here? Sam Scully is pleasing examiners left, right and centre and thinks, with that winning modesty of his, that it will be a poor look out if they don't give him a first. A really dedicated fellow, this. At the moment he is taking part in yet another Greek play and has been practising wailing and groaning for three weeks. He's very good at it. When he's not breaking wrists playing (dare I say it?) soccer for the Classical Society, he is still available on Bristol's little lacrosse team. Sam simply adores cooking; his flat-mate, who imparted this information, appeared to be suffering from some form of vitamin deficiency.

Of Dave Robinson, little or nothing is known. Avid readers of these pages may remember something about action-painting mentioned last year, but recently he has been impossible to trace. He'll be in the Third Year now, I suppose, but as to prospects of degrees and other honours it would be unfair to speculate.

The newcomer, David Howard, is a medic and consequently, has to work like mad. Your reporter very much regrets that, owing to the necessity of posting this article in great haste, he is unable to gather more information about this worthy's activities in the University. It is hoped to send a fully documented account—expurgated if need be—for the next issue of this magazine.

Dave Kaiserman is the only one left. It is impossible to coerce him into mentioning the subject of work—and this is not from any feeling of modesty on his part. His great “coup” this term has been to get half of his Hall of Residence believing that he is organising a Bristol University Expedition—with generous aid from The Royal Geographical Society, Esso, Courtaulds, and Messrs. Wills—to rescue a starving herd of “web-footed yaks” from an obscure depression somewhere in Soviet Central Asia. The amazing scheme aroused such interest among the more gullible members of Hall that offers of help came in quite substantial numbers. Eventually the organiser was so overcome by this simple display of faith that he came clean, called the whole thing off and is now planning a holiday at New Brighton. Not quite the active Kaiserman of old, he has taken to propping up the goal-posts for the lacrosse team and enjoys every minute.

Mention of the lacrosse team reminds me of a strong reason for undecided school-leavers coming to Bristol. The team goes to London at least four times during the season, and to Oxford and Cambridge at least once. As we are so isolated, and as we play a game which few undergraduates have ever even heard of, we consider ourselves an important little group. Any Old Hulmeians who played lacrosse (and who didn't?) will find the club offers a great deal. Consider it.

D.K.

Parents' Association Notes

For the seventh year, the Annual Dinner Dance was held at the Embassy Rooms, Sale, in November last term. Once again, this remarkable function gave all the opportunity to enjoy themselves

to the full. It was delightful to see many new faces, and we all hope that future occasions will be patronised in the same way.

The Christmas Party Dance was held at the School on the Friday before Christmas and was as enjoyable as ever. Father Christmas on this occasion was surrounded and assisted by the beautiful wives of ‘Bluebeard’ and was heralded on to the Dancing Floor by appropriate Eastern music. Congratulations to all members of the committee who participated and brought such colour with this scene, and also a very big ‘Thank-you’ to Mr. R. K. McCulloch and Mr. W. Bonnick for their help and guidance with the lighting effects and soft music.

We would also extend our best wishes to Mr. McCulloch and trust he will meet with continued success in his new post.

Arrangements are well under way for the forthcoming March Social—and if any Parent has not yet obtained tickets, please contact any Committee member. On this occasion we welcome the staff as our guests.

On Wednesday, the 29th April, Mr. Michael Barton of the B.B.C. has kindly consented to talk to us on *Travel*. Mr. Barton is with the Travel Department of the B.B.C. and is an accomplished speaker in this direction. More details will be sent to you later.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, May 8th, and arrangements are being made to make this into a social function. A special notice will be sent to you as soon as details are ready. This meeting is above all an important one, and we are hoping that all parents will make an effort to come along.

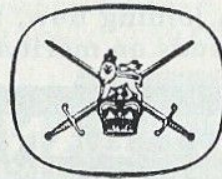
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