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School Notes and News

All concerned are to be congratulated on the fact that the new addition to the Science Building, of which we reproduce a photograph by Mr. Peat, was ready for use at the beginning of this term. It was required to provide working space for the increased number of Sixth Form sets and accommodation for teaching Science throughout the Middle School. It was financed by the Governors, assisted by a generous grant from the Industrial Fund for the Advancement of Science in Schools.

The new building consists of a Chemistry lecture room, a large Chemistry laboratory for Middle School work, a Preparation room and a Store room, also a Mathematics room on the ground floor; a Chemistry lecture room, twin Chemistry laboratories for Sixth Form work, with linking balance-room and small Preparation room, also a Master's room on the first floor.

In the original part of the Science building two former Chemistry laboratories have been converted into a Physics laboratory and a Physics lecture room. Two sets of low voltage equipment have been provided for use in all Physics rooms. The former Chemistry store-room has become a workshop.

The opening of this building, as is described elsewhere, was performed by Sir Graham Savage. A photograph of the event by A. Brooks is also included in this magazine.

During the summer holidays two hard tennis courts have been laid down and they will be ready for use in the coming season. These courts, for the provision of which the Parents' Association has laboured so enthusiastically and energetically, are situated near the unused Wilbraham Road entrance to the School. Part of the Headmaster's garden has been sacrificed for their construction. The courts will help to relieve the pressure on the

School ground and provide activity for senior boys who have not shown conspicuous aptitude for cricket.

Shortly before half-term, Mrs. Blair, better known to many by her maiden name as Miss Rossant, gave up her position as the Headmaster's Secretary, a post she has held with distinction for a number of years. Presentations were made to her on the occasion both by the Staff and the boys, and our best wishes for her continued happiness were suitably expressed.

We welcome to the School, Mr. J. B. Earnshaw, B.A., of Leeds University, who has joined the School Staff to teach Geography and Geology, and Mr. N. P. Woffenden, B.Sc., of the University College of Wales at Aberystwyth, who has become an additional member of the Science Staff, to teach Chemistry.

We had been back at School for less than a week before an epidemic of 'Asian Flu' commenced. It soon assumed enormous proportions and at its climax on Wednesday, 25th September, 376 boys were away from School. Fortunately, in the majority of cases, the illness was not of long duration, but it is impossible to ignore the fact that the work of the first few weeks of the term was wrecked and strenuous efforts will be necessary throughout the year if the ground lost is to be made good.

Current Affairs lectures this term have been given by Mr. C. F. Beckingham, M.A., on *Cyprus*, Mr. D. W. A. Llewellyn, M.A., LL.B., on *The British Empire, U.S.S.R. and U.S.A.*, at the time of writing. Before the end of term we hope to hear Mr. D. L. Niddrie, M.Sc., on *South African Problems*, Mr. W. C. Brice, M.A., on *Danger Areas in the Middle East*, and Mr. A. S. Rogers, M.A., on *The Commonwealth since the War*. These are in addition to lectures given by the School Staff.

We are very grateful indeed to Mr. C. H. Saxelby (O.H.) for a benefaction, providing for the purchase of an Aldis 500 Projector for the Geography Room.

We congratulate J. R. Baker, D. M. Brierley, P. Clark, P. D. B. Collins and A. F. Pitty upon being awarded State Scholarships.

K. S. Williams has been appointed Head Prefect. The other prefects who survive from last year are B. W. Derbyshire, M. Lord and A. F. Pitty. The following have been appointed this term: E. R. Birch, A. Brooks, P. Clark, K. P. Geddes, I. R. MacCallum, J. M. Temperley, C. H. F. Turner, D. L. Watkin, I. H. Birtwistle, A. N. S. Guthrie, B. A. Jackson, J. D. Marsden and J. S. Wright.

The Swimming Competition had to be postponed on account of the many absences due to influenza early in the term. It will take place in May or June next year. The date will be announced early in the Lent term.

We know that the famous hymn line *Praise Him for His grace and favour* is rendered enthusiastically in the East End of London as *Prize Him for His grice and fiver*, and somewhat more languidly in the West End as *Preeze Him for His greece and fever*; but it is difficult even on the grounds of unorthodox phonology to account for the fact that we have received a letter addressed to us as the Editor of *The Hillmeian*, William Hillman's School, Manchester 16. We couple our congratulations to the Post Office for their perspicacity with good wishes for their mammoth Christmas activities. We shall moreover have no rooted objection if they bring a Minx to add to our Christmas gaieties.

Amongst other activities this term parties of boys have been to see Molière's *Tartuffe* at the Lesser Free Trade Hall and Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* at the Library Theatre and to hear Sir John Sheppard on *Shakespeare's Small Latin and Less Greek*.

Mr. Collings expects to take a party of boys to Paris again this coming Easter.

For the Christmas entertainment Mr. Thomas is producing *Sweeney Todd, The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, by George Dibdin Pitt. The play is being performed nightly from Wednesday, December 11th, to Saturday, December 14th. The term will end with the usual Carol Service on Monday, December 16th. The following day the choir will sing carols at St. Ann's Church in the city. The School Dance will take place that evening.

As Founders' Day falls next year on a Sunday, the Service is being held at the Cathedral on Tuesday, January 28th at 11 o'clock. We shall welcome to our midst once more the Rev. A. H. Ginever, M.A., who retired from the School Staff in July, 1955, who will be the preacher on that occasion.

The Calendar for next term will be as follows:—The Lent Term will begin on Tuesday, January 7th at 9-15 a.m. Mid-term holiday will be on February 14th, 15th and 17th. The Lent Term will end on Friday, March 28th at four o'clock. The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term will be held on February 12th and March 12th, beginning at 9-0 a.m. each day.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt of *The Dentonian*, *The Savilian*, *The Standian*, *Wallaseyan* and the magazine of the King's School, Macclesfield.

Mr. E. G. W. Hewlett, M.A.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. E. G. W. Hewlett, M.A., one of the now sadly diminished band of pioneers who devoted their lives to the service of the School in its early years and built the intellectual and moral foundations on which it has been established.

Before taking up his appointment here, Mr. Hewlett was Berkeley Research Fellow of Manchester University and a Classical Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge. His knowledge of the Classics was deep and scholarly, and he read both Latin and Greek authors with the same ease and appreciation as English, French and German. He loved the Greek authors and had a deep insight into their metaphysical and religious beliefs. Study and travel abroad enriched his knowledge of French and German. He introduced the *Direct Method* of instruction—then in its infancy—into this School, conducting the lessons almost exclusively in the language being studied. Very little Geography was taught in the School before Mr. Hewlett took charge of the subject. Here again he used novel methods, instructing his pupils how to survey and map their own immediate neighbourhood. A man of varied interests and great scholarship covering a wide range, he could enter any form in the School and teach competently any subject.

In 1914 he contributed a *School History of Lancashire* to a series of county histories issued by the Oxford University Press. He was for some years a member of the Withington Urban District Council Education Committee and Chairman of its Library and Building Sub-committee till Withington was incorporated with Manchester and the Education Committee ceased to exist.

We are indebted to 'G.N.E.G.' for the following tribute:—

"Mr. Hewlett, who died in August in his 93rd year, joined the School Staff in 1890. He retired in 1924 and continued his connection with it as a Vice-President of the Old Hulmeians Association until his death. His interest in the School and its affairs never slackened, and his memories of his old pupils and the early days were amazing.

"C. H. Saxelby, in the last number of *The Hulmeian*, wrote of his accomplishments as a teacher; but not many Old Boys know how many other abilities and interests he had. First of all, music. He played the piano, the organ and the 'cello, and was exceptionally good and much in demand as an accompanist. He was also highly interested in Art and painted a large number of

sketches. His chief recreation and greatest delight was in walking, especially in the mountains. He knew and had ascended many times every well-known peak in the Lake District and North Wales, and many of the less well-known ones too, usually with his great friend and colleague, Mr. Franklin. He went abroad over thirty times, chiefly to Italy and Switzerland.

"He never paraded his extensive knowledge, but he was a mine of information on anything connected with the geography of this country and much of the Continent and he knew how to impart it. No wonder many of us remember his teaching.

"In spite of much ill-health and weakness in his last years, his memory and his gift of expression remained unaffected to the very end. He was a perfect companion and a great friend. May he rest in peace."

Among his colleagues he was conspicuous by his modesty. You would never have guessed the width of his erudition from his conversation and manner. He was always ready to help, but never obtruded advice, or laid down the law on any subject. Quiet and unassuming, he was always ready to do a kindness to a boy or a colleague, to share his knowledge with either beginners or advanced scholars. As a colleague and schoolmaster he was invariably courteous and helpful, always ready to forgive and slow to take offence. He had a quiet sense of humour, but was never known to say or do anything which might hurt the feelings of even the ultra-sensitive.

The present Editor had the privilege of meeting Mr. Hewlett personally on one or two brief occasions only; but he would not like this opportunity to pass without paying a tribute of gratitude for the prompt and unstinting co-operation he has received on several occasions from his distinguished predecessor, the first to be in charge of this magazine.

Speech Day, 1957

Speech Day was held on Tuesday, July 23rd, the last afternoon of the Summer term. The Earl of Derby had been invited to give away the prizes and deliver the address, so that he could also open the addition to the Science Building, the original part of which was opened by his grandfather in 1927. Unfortunately, the death of the Dowager Countess, the Earl's grandmother, prevented his coming. Sir Graham Savage, former Chief Inspector of the Ministry of Education and now Chief

Assessor of the Industrial Fund for the Advancement of Scientific Education in Schools, kindly deputised at the last minute.

In his address, the Headmaster welcomed Sir Graham, who, he said, was no stranger to the district of which he had formerly been local Inspector. He had increased our indebtedness by the help he had given towards the erection of the new building. Mr. Bird also paid a tribute to the work of Mr. W. Cecil Young, the School architect. The new building had made possible a plan, laid aside for many years, that all boys should take physics and chemistry up to the end of the fifth year. This plan would now come into operation within the next two years. No choice between arts and science would be necessary until the fifth form. The main purpose of the new building was to prosecute the study and the search for truth. If that were forgotten, it had no other value.

During the past year the School had won a record number of 10 State Scholarships. Of the 60 boys leaving the Sixth Form, 46 were going to the universities. There were 660 boys in the School, excluding the Preparatory Department; of these, 190 were in the Sixth Form. He urged those who were leaving to join the Old Hulmeians Association; those who remained to join the C.C.F. if they had not already done so.

The Headmaster congratulated Canon Woolnough, the Chairman of the Governors, who presided over the meeting, on being awarded the O.B.E. He commended the Parents' Association for their splendid effort in raising nearly £2,000 for the new tennis courts and other facilities. He thanked Mr. J. M. Faulkner, the Senior Science Master, for all the work he had put into the design and equipment of the new building, and Mr. Watts and Dr. West, who were leaving the School Staff to take up other appointments, for the work they had done for the School. Mrs. Taylor was thanked for the successful way in which she had taken over the catering in the School Dining Hall in an emergency and N. V. Barber for the manner in which he had carried out his duties as Head Prefect.

After distributing the prizes, Sir Graham Savage, referred in his address to the days when he used to visit the School as His Majesty's Inspector. He then alluded to his own boyhood, when, looking back on English History, he regretted being born in such a dull period. But now, with the new ideas in science, a new world had opened up. The whole world was in ferment and what happened depended in a large measure on the part played by the boys and girls of today. It was an age of great opportunities for scientific education. There were tremendous opportunities overseas, so he urged boys not to be afraid of going abroad.

He had some misgivings, however, about the sudden impetus given to the teaching of science. Some subjects would suffer in the future because of this. Some people worried lest by teaching more science we should become more barbaric. Science, however, was one of the humanities. He stressed the importance of reading and what one read. It made for success; but success could not be guaranteed. Success at the university was no guarantee of success in life.

At the conclusion of his address, the platform party moved to the entrance of the new building, where Canon Woolnough pronounced the prayer of dedication, "In the name of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit we dedicate this Building to the advancement of learning, the benefit of mankind and the coming of His Kingdom upon earth, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord." Sir Graham Savage then formally opened the door to the new building and proceeded to inspect the additional premises.

PRIZES

SPECIAL PRIZES—Watkins: N. V. Barber; Anderson English Essay: G. A. M. Wood; Powell Scripture Reading: B. W. Derbyshire; Aspinall Religious Knowledge: J. Hewitt; Forrest Writing: J. Davis.

THIRD YEAR SIXTH—Knoop English: P. Clark; Dehn History: J. E. O. Screen; Hewlett Geography: A. F. Pitty; Vlies Modern Languages: E. R. Birch; Dorrington Latin: E. R. Birch; Greek: J. Hewitt; Lymer Mathematics: I. R. MacCallum; Williamson Chemistry: G. C. Hayes; Physics: D. B. Taylor; Biology: J. M. Temperley.

SECOND YEAR SIXTH—English: P. T. C. Gutteridge; History: J. D. Marsden; Latin: A. Belford; French: J. M. Wilson; German: H. M. Davis; Physics: D. M. Brierley; Chemistry: D. M. Brierley; Biology: J. R. Baker; Mathematics: G. B. Brundritt.

LOWER SIXTH—English: P. J. Killan; History: D. W. Whitehead; Geography: D. W. Whitehead; Latin: D. Wallace; Greek: C. F. Beattie; French: R. A. Lloyd; German: D. Wallace; Chemistry: P. I. Bowler; Physics: J. B. Parkinson; Biology: P. Marsden; Mathematics: A. G. Lees.

FIFTH FORMS—Parents' English: D. G. Wood; History: G. Pomfret; Hewlett Geography: G. N. Bromiley; French: G. N. Bromiley; German: G. Henshall; Latin: G. Henshall; Mathematics: A. Thomson; Chemistry: D. G. Wood; Physics: T. G. Nevell; Art: G. Mainwaring; Handicraft: D. C. Howarth.

FOURTH FORMS—English: B. J. F. Foulsham; History: S. E. Scully; Geography: A. G. Chesworth; French: D. P. Swain; German: J. G. Lee; Latin: D. L. Thorneley; Greek: S. E. Scully; Mathematics: P. P. Constantine; Chemistry: I. Cunningham; Physics: I. W. Goodall; Art: D. L. Carden; Handicraft: M. R. Hall.

THIRD FORMS—English: P. J. Wood; History: R. T. Johnson; Geography: I. R. Stone; French: A. R. Anderson; Latin: P. J. Wood; Mathematics: L. Curry; Chemistry: I. R. Stone; Physics: P. J. Wood; Art: A. R. Anderson; Handicraft: M. R. M. Turner.

SECOND FORMS—English: C. L. Crowther; History: P. F. Roberts; Geography: R. Richards; French: D. Poole; Latin: T. B. Burton; Mathematics: C. D. Cooke; Science: A. R. Wood; Art: C. J. Parkes.

FIRST FORMS—English: M. G. W. Ray; History: J. Oldham; Geography: R. G. Bardsley; French: B. S. Searle; Latin: P. H. Turner; Mathematics: J. G. Freeman; Handicraft: J. S. Torkington.

PREPARATORY SCHOOL—First: J. D. A. Kay; Barber Merit: P. W. Grossman; Progress: B. G. Gazzard.

C.C.F. Notes

At the end of last term fifteen cadets passed in the Certificate A, Part II examination. This, although not yet up to the required standard, is an improvement on previous results and encouraging for the future.

The Annual Camp was held this year at Buckenham Tofts, Norfolk, where we were fortunate in enjoying fine weather during the whole week—apart from a few 'showers' on the final night which we rather suspect were not forecast by the Meteorological Office !

The training areas were varied and gave plenty of scope and our training programme, while rigorous, was thorough and most interesting. Demonstrations, open range firing, field firing, a 'night op', an assault course competition and a map-reading competition against other schools were among the highlights.

On the Sunday, after Church Parade, the contingent visited Cambridge, where, while some were shown round the Colleges by the officers, others amused themselves on the river and its banks!

The excellent spirit of the camp was helped by the high quality of the food and amenities provided by the 1st Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's), and by the thoroughness of our training. It was unanimously agreed that this was one of the most successful camps within memory; it only underlined its importance and necessity in C.C.F. training.

On arrival home in Manchester, we bade a sad farewell to Capt. West, whose work both at the camp and throughout his four years with us was highly appreciated by all. We should also like to thank the Rev. A. H. Ginever once again for his valued presence as Camp Chaplain and for his organisation of the trip to Cambridge.

Promotions since these notes were last written have been as follows:—

From 20th May: Cadet J. L. Williams to L/Cpl.
From 10th July: Cadet A. C. Clarke to L/Cpl.
From 1st Aug.: L/Cpl. T. Craven to Cpl.
From 13th Sept.: C/Sgt. B. W. Derbyshire to Cadet C.S.M.; Cpls. E. R. Birch. K. Corcoran, M. J. Cotton and A. I. A. Smith to Sgts.; L/Cpl. J. B. Barnes to Cpl.

From 11th Nov.: Cadet D. L. Watkin to L/Cpl.

On October 9th, a Field Day was held at Holcombe Brook Ranges, near Bury. Unfortunately fog and mist obscured the training area for much of the day, but when this did eventually lift, some useful field exercises were possible.

The Donner Union

THE DEBATING AND LITERARY SOCIETY

With a speed truly astonishing for the Society, wallowing as it does in years of tradition, the machinery of the Donner Union swung into action. The Annual General Meeting was held only three days after the term commenced.

An unusual feature of this term's programme has been that no political debates have been held. We are pleased to notice this aesthetic trend, which is probably caused by the large numbers of fifth-formers attending meetings.

On September 30th, the House refused to be incited to sedition by E. R. Birch and I. Sargen, who declared that they did not believe in examinations. J. G. Banks and P. Dykes had no difficulty in defeating the motion.

On October 7th, the House mounted its soap-box, and again in incredulous vein, it refused to believe in racial segregation. I. A. Winnington and J. K. Roberts together painted a very gloomy picture of racial intolerance. D. Wallace, leading the opposition, tried to lighten the debate by leading his own applause. He was seconded by H. Nicholls.

The motion was eventually upheld by 31 votes to 1. We understand a certain secret society is still looking for The Opponent.

October 16th saw us reading, in an unaccustomed bachelor state, *Journey's End*, by R. C. Sherriff. The chief parts were read by D. D. A. Lamb, B. W. Derbyshire, I. A. Winnington, D. W. Grindey and R. E. Smith.

In an effort to keep pace with modern science, a *Satellite* debate followed. S. A. Hall, representing Malcolm Muggeridge, and D. J. Dixon, representing Gilbert Harding, were both dubbed as 'personalities' by D. W. Grindey, speaking for the Director of the Third Programme. At the time of going to press, the victor, the Director of the Third Programme, is still barking away in space.

The last meeting of the first half-term was a joint debate with Whalley Range High School. B. W. Derbyshire and Miss A. Smales tried to convince a dubious and large House that they intended to stay single. However, even their graphic warnings were of no avail against the cold logic of Miss M. Scott and H. Nicholls. Floundering in bad grammar and complex suggestions, the House decided to marry by 72 votes to 20.

The final meeting to be reported was *The Theatre Today*—a discussion led by D. D. A. Lamb. This was a lively and controversial meeting.

The officers elected this term are:—

Deputy-Chairman: D. D. A. Lamb; Secretary: I. Sargen; Assistant Secretary: E. R. Birch; Committee: I. A. Winnington, P. I. Bowler, D. K. Swindells, R. E. Smith, D. J. Dixon, A. H. Nugent and E. L. Jones.

Stage Notes

APPOINTMENTS

Stage Manager—O. Sharpe

Assistants—M. J. Cotton, R. F. Linford

Chief Electrician—M. A. Harris

The work on the reconstruction of the grid and the rewiring of the stage is now almost complete. This has involved a tremendous amount of work by the stage staff and electricians, but we all feel it has been worth it.

Owing to the influenza epidemic the form plays had to be cancelled this term, thus enabling us to proceed with work on the set for the School production. The main constructional work is now finished and now only painting remains to be done.

It is hoped, in the near future, to purchase some new curtains to add to the rather drab collection which we have. This will help in improving the sets for the forthcoming House plays.

The Science Society

Mention must first be made of several events which occurred after July's *Hulmeian* had gone to press.

The first was a visit to the Laboratories at Christie's Hospital, Withington, on Friday, July 5th, where Dr. Massey and his colleagues kindly received us for yet another afternoon.

Four days later, a dozen members of the Meteorological Section visited Ringway Airport Meteorological Office where Mr. Band, the Station's Meteorological Officer, showed us the instruments used and how the weather forecasts were made. The visit concluded with the releasing of a hydrogen-filled weather balloon.

The next day was a major event for the Society, as it comprised a visit to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority's Establishment at Calder Hall, Cumberland. The twenty-eight members travelled by 'luxury coach' to Windscale for lunch. Afterwards, we continued on to the power station itself, and having all had to sign the book at the security gate, we began a most interesting tour. The works also kindly provided tea before we left.

The next week, on Tuesday, July 16th, the Society visited the Exide Battery Works at Clifton Junction. There accumulators, etc., were seen in the making, and once again the afternoon was successfully concluded with a magnificent tea.

There were three more visits that week; to Petrochemicals Ltd. (Carrington), to Mather & Platt's Engineering Works, and to the Colgate-Palmolive Soap Factory.

At the first of these, we were shown how various chemicals were extracted from petroleum naptha, and how they were separated from each other by fractional distillation. At Park Works

(Mather & Platt) we were conducted round the workshops, and saw many types of electric motors in various stages of construction. A very impressive demonstration of fire-fighting was laid on for us, in which we saw vast quantities of blazing oils rapidly extinguished by sprinklers. At the soap works we were shown soap being made, cut, moulded, and packed; tooth-paste tubes being filled; hair cream being mixed, etc. Each member afterwards received a free sample of tooth-paste.

These visits were all most enjoyable, and I am sure that last season's members received full value for their subscriptions.

This year's activities began with a General Meeting on Tuesday, October 1st, with Mr. Faulkner in the Chair. Unfortunately, no reports could be read as all the previous year's officers had left School, and so the House immediately passed on to the election of officers, which was as follows:—*Vice-Chairman* I. A. Winnington. *Secretary* G. L. Cooke. *Treasurer* P. I. Bowler. *Committee* P. F. Wood, A. J. Wintringham, K. Kingham, P. A. Gee, F. A. Richards.

It was decided to leave the arrangement of meetings to the Secretary and the Committee.

On Thursday, October 17th, 1957, Mr. Wintringham of Geo. Salters & Son Ltd., gave an informative lecture on *Spring Balances*. He illustrated his talk with a film entitled *The Weigh of the World*.

Nearly a month later, on November 12th, the Society had a fascinating demonstration of glass-blowing given by Mr. Hughes of the Shirley Institute, Didsbury. He moulded a small duck and a dog among the many things we were shown. He brought his own air compressor, for which transport was very kindly provided to and from the meeting by Mrs. Cooke and M. I. Hemmerdinger. Members afterwards asked several questions about adapting vacuum cleaner motors to compress air! Refreshments were provided after both meetings.

Both sections of the Society have been very active this term. The Meteorological Section began its activities by taking readings daily soon after the School re-opened. At the time of going to press, however, they are both in the midst of their activity, and so they hope to present a full report in next term's issue.

The Society has two more meetings coming soon; the first being a visit from a representative of the British Oxygen Gases Company Ltd., and the other a visit to the works of Magnesium Electron Ltd., at Clifton Junction, on Wednesday, December 11th.

The Badminton Club

At the Annual General Meeting, D. Paton was elected Treasurer and I. H. Cottrell, Secretary. It was decided that the Club should meet in the Gym. on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, and at Wednesday lunch-time.

Up to the time of writing only one match has been played. This was against Swan Lane Badminton Club and resulted in a close contest which we lost by 11 games to 7. We were, however, without some of our regular players owing to this match being played during half-term. We hope therefore to do better in our future matches.

There are still a few vacancies in the Club for fifth and sixth-formers. Those interested should contact one of the officials.

The Table Tennis Club

The Annual Meeting this year resulted in the re-election of E. R. Birch to the post of Secretary, K. P. Geddes to that of Treasurer, and I. A. Winnington to that of Vice-Chairman. The Committee was completed by B. A. Jackson (Middle Sixth), and J. D. Topalian (Lower Sixth).

The Club this year has once again a membership of just over twenty—it is regretted that fifth-formers and below cannot be admitted. Obviously there is great enthusiasm and a higher standard of play than last year.

It is hoped that a singles tournament will be held in the near future. A fixture has been arranged with Urmston Grammar School. The Club is now receiving for the first time in its history, *Table Tennis*, the official magazine of the English Table Tennis Association. This is appearing monthly on the Gymnasium notice-board.

The Music Society

At the Annual General Meeting, the following elections were made: *Chairman* P. Clarke. *Treasurer* and *Secretary* H. Nicholls. *Committee* G. P. Mainwaring, R. L. Brian, D. Hyde, A. G. Lees.

So far there have only been two meetings this term. On October 5th, H. Nicholls gave a talk about Russian music, with illustrations from the

works of Balakirev and Tchaikovsky. Particularly interesting were his references to the different styles to be found in the music of Russia.

Unfortunately the good attendance of the first meeting was not maintained, when on October 26th, D. J. Edwards introduced a recorded performance of Brahms' Fourth Symphony. It should be emphasised that ALL boys are invited to our meetings which are usually held during the Saturday lunch-hour.

Several other talks are planned for the remainder of the term.

The Photographic Society

The members of the Society were not immune from the influenza epidemic in the School, and the General Meeting of the Society did not take place until October 22nd.

To a full house, Mr. Haynes opened the meeting in which A. Brooks and A. J. Wintringham were re-appointed Vice-Chairman and Treasurer respectively, while P. F. Wood was appointed Secretary.

Colour with the 35 mm. Vito B camera was the title of a lecture given at 4 p.m. on October 29th, by A. Brooks, and was well attended. After a short talk illustrating the main points about this camera, he showed the excellent results obtainable with it.

At the time of going to press, several future meetings have been arranged, including a lecture from Mr. S. E. King of Metropolitan-Vickers P.S. on November 26th.

Finally, our thanks are due to J. M. Spence who has performed the task of painting the posters, often at very short notice, with unfailing skill.

The Leonardo da Vinci Society

The first meeting of the School year was held at Dr. Jecny's house where E. R. Birch read a paper on *The Violin*. He outlined the history of the instrument, described and pointed out some of its features, and illustrated its capabilities by some well-chosen records. The ensuing conversation touched upon the difficulties involved in the recording of music as well as other musical topics in general.

In October, we welcomed the return of F. Cosgrove who addressed the Society at the Headmaster's house on *The Theatre, Actors and Plays*. The growth of the theatre and its relations with society provided a most interesting paper which was illustrated by some amusing drawings and readings. The talk occasioned a lively discussion about the modern theatre and modern arts in general, ultimately turning to a wide range of controversial subjects.

We look forward to further meetings before the end of term and would like to thank once again Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Jecny for their kind hospitality and refreshments.

The Christian Fellowship

So far this term we have had a meeting nearly every week. The majority of the meetings have been Bible Studies, led by members of the Fellowship, and they have proved a great help to both those giving the talks and those listening.

It has been planned to have an outside speaker each month and the first was the Rev. Dick Rees on October 17th. This was a most interesting and informative meeting and it was gratifying to see quite a large number of boys present.

A Brains Trust was held on October 31st when the team dealt with various aspects of Christian Life. We are indebted to the team for providing most of the answers.

It has been most encouraging to see so many Juniors attending the meetings and it is hoped that we shall see more Seniors coming to them in the future. A warm invitation is extended to all members of the School to come to our meetings, which are held in the Donner Library on Thursdays at 4-0 p.m. We also have a Prayer Meeting on Mondays in Room 27 at 1-0 p.m.

Cricket

FIRST XI

The 1957 side was rather more successful than the teams of recent years, but the standard cannot be considered worthy of the School. The chief weakness was the batting, which was very inconsistent. Many of the team were apt to get themselves out by unorthodox strokes, and nearly all lacked confidence. M. P. Robinson was the most successful, with G. S. Phillips, J. D. Marsden and P. Bardsley not far behind.

The bowling was better, and K. S. Williams, G. S. Phillips and H. Bibby had several good performances. J. M. Temperley bowled his slow left-hand spinners intelligently, but our own totals were often too low to allow us to use him.

Colours were awarded to:—

K. S. Williams (Captain), G. S. Phillips, M. P. Robinson, H. Bibby, P. Bardsley, J. D. Marsden, A. F. Warrell, J. M. Temperley, J. D. Hague, J. Davis and J. L. Williams.

July 3rd, v. OLD HULMEIANS, Lost by 6 wickets.

We played 12 a side, and the School made a reasonably good start, as the fourth wicket fell at 69. The later batsmen could not cope with Tebbutt's off breaks, and Grindey was run out before he had a chance to score. Only some hard hitting by Warrell and Davis took our score to 109.

The Old Boys lost four wickets cheaply, three to good balls from Bibby, but Rayman and Buckland scored the last 50 runs in 25 minutes by good aggressive batting.

SCHOOL

M. P. Robinson st. Buckland b. Lawson	...	12
P. Bardsley ct. Winfield b. Tebbutt	...	15
J. D. Marsden ct. Lawson b. Tebbutt	...	10
G. S. Phillips b. Hilton	...	15
J. D. Hague b. Tebbutt	...	7
K. S. Williams st. Buckland b. Tebbutt	...	1
D. Grindey run out	...	0
J. L. Williams b. Hilton	...	4
A. F. Warrell ct. Rayman b. Tebbutt	...	9
J. Davis ct. Delany b. Tebbutt	...	14
H. Bibby not out	...	1
J. M. Temperley ct. Oakes b. Tebbutt	...	0
Extras	...	22
Total	...	109

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
J. Delany	5	1	10	0
D. A. Hilton	12	4	16	2
G. B. Lawson	6	4	12	1
B. I. Tebbutt	13.4	2	49	7

OLD HULMEIANS

R. J. Winfield b. Bibby	...	6
C. Gee ct. Warrell b. Bibby	...	13
B. C. K. Ballinger lbw. b. Bibby	...	3
J. D. E. Rayman not out	...	32
D. F. Borland ct. Warrell b. Phillips	...	7
B. M. Oakes ct. Davis b. Robinson	...	15
J. Buckland not out	...	27
Extras	...	7

Total (for 5 wickets) 110

G. B. Lawson, J. Delany, E. Barnes, D. A. Hilton and B. I. Tebbutt did not bat.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
K. S. Williams	6	1	26	0
H. Bibby	9.1	0	42	3
G. S. Phillips	6	0	26	1
M. P. Robinson	2	0	9	1

July 10th, v. THE STAFF, Won by 93 runs.

The Staff side was satisfactorily trounced. The School batting order was changed, with Bibby and Warrell promoted to numbers 2 and 3. Robinson and Bibby put on 54 for the first wicket, and Robinson and Warrell 44 for the second. Later Grindey and J. L. Williams batted soundly, and the School declared at 160 for 7. The Staff missed the bowling of the Headmaster, but Mr. Watkins, brought on near the end of the innings, took two wickets in three overs.

The Staff quickly lost five wickets to good bowling by R. S. Williams and Bibby, but Mr. Morley and Mr. Watkins batted well, and with a patient innings from Mr. McCulloch nearly saved the game.

SCHOOL

M. P. Robinson run out	...	55
H. Bibby st. Haynes b. Pentelow	...	27
A. F. Warrell lbw. b. Morley	...	22
J. Davis ct. Watts b. Morley	...	1
D. Grindey b. Watkins	...	14
J. L. Williams not out	...	15
J. D. Hague ct. Watts b. Watkins	...	10
J. D. Marsden ct. Watts b. Morley	...	0
G. S. Phillips not out	...	4
Extras	...	12

Total (for 7 wickets declared) 160

K. S. Williams and P. Bardsley did not bat.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Mr. McCulloch	3	0	7	0
Mr. Smith	5	0	26	0
Mr. Pentelow	12	0	44	1
Mr. Morley	12	1	53	3
Mr. Watkins	3	0	18	2

THE STAFF

Dr. Waller ct. Robinson b. Bibby	1
Mr. Peat ct. Phillips b. K. S. Williams ...	2
Mr. Pentelow b. Bibby	6
Mr. Evans ct. Grindey b. K. S. Williams ...	6
Mr. Watts b. Bibby	2
Mr. Morley b. Marsden	18
Mr. Watkins ct. Warrell b. Bibby	20
Mr. Clews b. Marsden	3
Mr. McCulloch b. K. S. Williams	7
Mr. Haynes lbw. b. K. S. Williams	0
Mr. Smith not out	0
Extras	2
Total	67

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
K. S. Williams	10	2	14	4
Bibby	8	1	22	4
Phillips	3	0	4	0
Marsden	5	1	12	2
Bardsley	2	0	13	0

July 17th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL, Match abandoned.

The wicket was slow and easy, but they bowled steadily, and nobly went on for three hours in steadily increasing rain. We declared at 202 for 9, our highest total of the season, and then a really heavy and continuous downpour made further play impossible. It was pleasant to see so many of our team making runs. Marsden batted with great vigour, and Phillips, Hague and K. S. Williams played perhaps their best innings of the season.

SCHOOL

M. P. Robinson ct. Youd b. Taylor	20
H. Bibby b. Woolley	8
P. Bardsley run out	14
J. D. Marsden ct. Taylor b. Macpherson ...	31
G. S. Phillips b. Taylor	33

J. D. Hague run out	28
K. S. Williams ct. Roberts b. Youd	24
J. L. Williams not out	17
J. Davis ct. Swift b. Woolley	11
A. F. Warrell b. Taylor	8
Extras	8

Total (for 9 wickets declared) 202

J. M. Temperley did not bat.

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Macpherson	6	3	6	1
Brearey	11	1	48	0
Taylor	24	4	76	3
Twidale	7	2	10	0
Woolley	9	1	37	2
Youd	3	0	12	1

July 18th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD, Lost by 31 runs.

Our defeat was due to our deplorable batting, a sad contrast with the previous game. Our opponents reached only a moderate total, owing to the excellent bowling of Phillips and the steadiness of Temperley, but our batting failed badly. Bardsley batted carefully, and Phillips and K. S. Williams hit with some courage, but the others mainly came and went.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL

T. Cass lbw. b. Phillips	12
R. A. Dyson ct. Temperley b. Phillips	20
W. J. Scott lbw. b. Phillips	0
F. Green ct. Hague b. Phillips	1
J. M. Bromley b. Temperley	6
A. B. Holdsworth b. Phillips	0
J. R. Bassown not out	29
D. Pryor b. Bibby	1
D. Impey ct. and b. Phillips	12
J. H. Holt b. Bibby	2
K. M. Young ct. and b. Temperley	3
Extras	4

Total ... 90

BOWLING

	O	M	R	W
Bibby	7	0	32	2
K. S. Williams	4	1	12	0
Temperley	12.1	2	32	2
Phillips	9	3	10	6

SCHOOL				
M. P. Robinson b. Young	...	...	...	6
H. Bibby b. Young	...	...	...	2
P. Bardsley b. Holt	...	...	...	18
J. D. Marsden b. Young	...	...	...	0
G. S. Phillips ct. Young b. Holt	...	...	...	9
J. D. Hague hit wicket b. Dyson	...	...	...	0
K. S. Williams not out	...	...	...	15
J. L. Williams lbw. b. Dyson	...	...	...	1
J. Davis lbw. b. Holt	...	...	...	5
A. F. Warrell ct. Impey b. Holt	...	...	...	0
J. M. Temperley st. Impey b. Dyson	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	3
Total				59

BOWLING				
	O	M	R	W
Young	8	3	15	3
Holt	13	2	27	4
Dyson	6.3	0	14	3

BOWLING				
	O	M	R	W
Glover	6	0	17	3
Shaw	6	2	7	2
Cannell	7	0	25	3
Barritt	6	0	20	2

ERIC BARNES'S XI

B. C. K. Ballinger b. K. S. Williams	...	...	...	7
C. Gee lbw. b. K. S. Williams	...	...	...	0
M. D. R. Land b. K. S. Williams	...	...	...	0
G. B. Lawson b. Bibby	...	...	...	6
J. D. E. Rayman ct. Hague b. Bibby	...	...	...	6
D. M. Archer b. Temperley	...	...	...	20
J. K. Glover b. Temperley	...	...	...	3
H. Shaw b. Phillips	...	...	...	5
D. Cannell not out	...	...	...	13
P. Barritt run out	...	...	...	2
E. Barnes b. Phillips	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	10
Total				72

BOWLING				
	O	M	R	W
K. S. Williams	7	2	20	3
Bibby	7	0	17	2
Phillips	7	1	15	2
Temperley	6	1	12	2

July 23rd, v. ERIC BARNES'S XI, Won by 1 run.

This was a most exciting match, which the School did very well to win. The School batting was not very distinguished. In fact, if it had not been for a stand of 33 runs between K. S. Williams and J. L. Williams, with a later fling by Warrell and Bibby, the School total would have looked very sorry indeed. However, the School struck back. K. S. Williams took two wickets in his first over, and we took a grip on the game which we never relaxed. The four School bowlers shared the bowling and the wickets almost evenly, and Phillips produced a particularly good ball to finish the game.

SCHOOL				
M. P. Robinson ct. Rayman b. Glover	...	...	...	8
P. Bardsley ct. Gee b. Glover	...	...	...	0
J. D. Marsden ct. Cannell b. Glover	...	...	...	8
G. S. Phillips b. Shaw	...	...	...	0
J. D. Hague b. Shaw	...	...	...	0
K. S. Williams st. Archer b. Barritt	...	...	...	20
J. L. Williams ct. Lawson b. Cannell	...	...	...	14
J. Davis ct. Land b. Barritt	...	...	...	2
A. F. Warrell not out	...	...	...	8
H. Bibby b. Cannell	...	...	...	9
J. M. Temperley ct. Lawson b. Cannell	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	4
Total				73

SECOND XI

The team had a rather poor season, and was not up to the standard of recent Second XI's. One can only hope that with more experience a rather young side will overcome its main faults.

The root failure was a lack of attack and poor judgment in all departments of the game. In the batting, mediocre and bad bowling was often treated with an infuriating respect, whereas when a good ball came down wild swings were too often attempted. Defence is only necessary against good bowling.

The bowling was a good deal better than the batting, though we could have done with more variety and more bowlers. It was seldom attacking for long periods because of errors in length and direction.

Though there were several examples of individual brilliance in the field, there is much room for improvement here. Again, the fielding was not aggressive, and the throwing to the wicket-keeper often wild.

The running between wickets and backing up was very poor indeed. This is surely the most obvious and easiest fault to improve. In cricket one must always be thinking, always ready to attack, even if, for the time being, it is necessary to defend.

RECORD: Played 7, Won 2, Lost 2, Drawn 3. 3 Cancelled because of rain.

RESULTS (not previously reported).

June 26th v. PARENTS 2nd XI (Home). Parents 87 (A. Brooks 4 for 39). School 88 for 2 (M. Billcliff not out 37, A. F. Pitty not out 29). School won by 8 wickets.

July 18th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S., WAKEFIELD 2nd XI (Away). Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Wakefield, 76 (D. Hallard 4 for 11, D. Paton 4 for 27). School 31. School lost by 45 runs.

Batting Averages

	No. of	Not Highest			
	Inns.	Out	Score	Runs	Avg.
Kynaston ...	5	1	27	57	14.25
Green	6	1	28	68	13.60
Billcliff ...	6	1	37 n.o.	65	13.00
Yale	6	2	22	51	12.75
Pitty	6	1	29	60	12.00
Paton	3	1	13 n.o.	21	10.50
Grindey ...	5	0	34	46	9.50

Bowling Averages

	O	M	R	W	AVGE.
Brooks	72.1	15	156	19	8.21
Paton	36	10	68	7	9.71
Hallard	36.4	7	90	9	10.00
Kynaston	59.2	14	163	15	10.86

Colours were re-awarded to:—

A. F. Pitty, A. Brooks, D. Hallard, J. S. Hilland and F. A. Kynaston.

Colours were awarded to:—

D. Paton, D. W. Grindey, A. A. Green, M. Billcliff and W. D. Yale.

UNDER 15 XI

Despite an early defeat and heavy rain in July the team had a very successful season. Six matches were won, two drawn, one lost and one abandoned. In almost every game the runs were scored by the later batsmen. In the final innings against Birkenhead, for example, five wickets were down

for six runs, but J. S. Litherland and I. R. Lyons batted with force and judgment, J. Hill hit several sixes, and the total reached 166. The bowling was adequate, but affected by injuries and illness. The fielding improved during the season.

RESULTS

June 19th, v. CHETHAM'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL (Away). Won by 3 wickets. Chetham's 65 (J. Hill 5 for 28, R. W. Welsby 4 for 12); School 67 for 7 (J. S. Litherland 17 not out).

June 22nd, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD (Away). Won by 16 runs. School 109 (M. R. Kay 27, P. A. Ruler 14); Macclesfield 93 (J. G. Mitchell 6 for 32).

July 3rd, v. HULME LADS' CLUB (Home). Won by 34 runs. School 102 (I. R. Lyons 34 not out, J. S. Litherland 29); Hulme Lads' Club 68 (R. W. Welsby 4 for 20, K. Maddock 3 for 8).

July 13th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL (Away). No play.

July 17th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL (Home). Match drawn. School 166 (J. S. Litherland 69, J. Hill 48, I. R. Lyons 25). Rain.

HOUSE CRICKET

In spite of a long spell of fine weather in the middle of the term, the 1957 cricket season was in many ways disappointing. This was due mainly to the unsatisfactory condition of the House pitches—a dry spring followed by days of hot sun meant that pitches could not be rolled, and consequently neither batsmen nor bowlers could be certain of what the ball would do, and good stroke play became impossible. Nevertheless, the league matches were played with keenness and enthusiasm, and each afternoon brought its story of close finishes. Final League positions:—

Gaskell	66 points
Heywood	56 "
Byrom	54 "
Fraser	46 "
Whitworth	35 "
Dalton	35 "

The Junior Knock-Out competition was on the whole uneventful, the greatest excitement being provided by Fraser and Gaskell, who, in their first round match, managed to lose 19 wickets in scoring 35 runs. Heywood, with good victories over Dalton and Byrom, thoroughly deserved to win the Prefects' Cup.

In the Senior competition, the first-round draw brought together the four strongest Houses and provided the best games of the competition. Fraser's strong and varied attack proved too much for Gaskell, and Heywood kept up their reputation as 'giant-killers' by beating Byrom—a last wicket stand of over 20 runs by two Heywood 'League' players against School team bowlers contributed to Heywood's victory. In the second round Fraser had little difficulty in beating Dalton, while Whitworth, relying on several 'back-woodsmen' who had long retired from active cricket, created something of a sensation by defeating Heywood. Unfortunately, Whitworth lost their touch in the final and were no match for the strong and competent Fraser team.

RESULTS

JUNIORS

1st Round: Dalton (52 for 3) beat Whitworth (51)
Gaskell (18 for 9) beat Fraser (17)
2nd Round: Byrom (29 for 1) beat Gaskell (28)
Heywood (68 for 4) beat Dalton (67)
Final: Heywood (54 for 3) beat Byrom (53)

SENIORS

1st Round: Fraser (75 for 6) beat Gaskell (74)
Heywood (107) beat Byrom (89)
2nd Round: Whitworth (77 for 6 decl.) beat Heywood (25)
Fraser (56 for 4) beat Dalton (55)
Final: Fraser (76 for 1 dec.) beat Whitworth (19)

The first forms played regularly on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, and during the term over fifty first- and second-formers were given coaching in the nets by masters in charge of School teams.

Finally, our thanks are due to the groundsman and his assistant for their work on the field and their care of the kit.

Rugby Football

FIRST XV

With only six old colours remaining from last season the First XV, by good teamwork and by playing attacking football, has achieved the following result: Played 8, Won 7, Lost 1, Points For: 165. Points Against: 40.

The forwards, led by K. S. Williams, have compensated for their lack of weight by their speed in the loose and by the 'fire' with which they have played. Good hooking and sound packing have enabled them to win a good share of the ball though outweighed. Two weaknesses of a light pack, sluggish heeling and a weak defence against attack from a line-out, have to some extent been remedied in later games.

A. F. Pitty has been preferred at scrum-half to D. L. Mather, who, despite a short service, has played well, particularly in defence. At outside half, M. A. Catlow has proved quite an effective link and has improved in confidence, game by game.

Much of the success of the team must be attributed to its captain, M. Lord, who has worked unselfishly and untiringly on the field and off. Despite occasional lapses in kicking, his play has always been of a high standard and the other three-quarters have followed his example and attacked strongly, H. M. Stockwell being particularly prominent.

After an initial tendency always to attack from the full-back position, T. Craven has settled down well. In his games for the First XV, F. A. Kynaston has proved himself a useful reserve.

The Major Watkin's XV match was found to be impossible to play as such, and, after a drastic reorganisation of available players, those who had escaped the 'flu epidemic played on to an 8-8 draw.

Oct. 5th, v. Stockport Grammar School A W 14-3

The School attacked from the start and, on two occasions D. L. Watkin on the left-wing was brought down when he seemed clear of the opposition; but he scored later, after M. Lord had drawn several Stockport players. M. Lord scored himself, converting his own try, and H. M. Stockwell went over in the corner, after T. Craven had run through from the full-back position. The other try came from a line-out, P. M. Bagguley forcing his way through to score.

Oct. 9th, v. Manchester University Freshmen
H W 16-3

B. A. Jackson returned to the wing for this match, and D. L. Watkin to wing-forward.

The Freshmen were strong individually, but as a team seemed rather disjointed, particularly outside the scrum. Two tries were scored by B. Wienholt, one of particular note included a side-step at top speed, and R. H. Eldridge scored after a twenty-yard dribble. The other try was scored by M. Lord who converted two; the Freshmen replied with a penalty goal.

Oct 12th, v. Hulme Hall
H W 42-0

For this match A. F. Pitty was moved to scrum-half and M. A. Catlow was brought in outside him; considering that this was their first match together, they combined well. As the score suggests, the game was very one-sided, perhaps because several

of the opposition had been recent 'flu victims. All the School three-quarters scored, helped by weak tackling by Hulme Hall, and K. S. Williams added a try after a forward breakaway.

Oct. 19th, v. Old Hulmeians A W 11—0

This match was played on the Old Boys' ground on the occasion of the opening of their new pavilion.

The School forwards won the ball hardly at all from the set scrums against heavy opposition, but they played with vigour in the loose, A. N. S. Guthrie and I. H. Birtwistle being prominent. The Old Boys showed little power in attack and on occasions their passes were intercepted by the School backs, who, nevertheless, failed to penetrate a strong defence. Playing opposite his brother, T. Craven kicked well. M. Lord scored all the points, converting his own try near the posts and kicking two penalty goals.

Oct. 23rd, v. King's School, Macclesfield H L 8—11

Poor tackling enabled the opposition to score two early tries after strong running by the Macclesfield stand-off half. The School improved and until a few minutes from time were leading 8—6, following a try from the base of the scrum by A. F. Pitty and one from B. Wienholt after a dribble by H. R. MacCallum. A fumble under the posts allowed Macclesfield to score a try which was converted.

Oct. 30th, v. King Edward VII School, Lytham H W 26—3

The School was helped to a convincing victory by Lytham's indifferent tackling and all the three-quarters were able to score. On one occasion, A. F. Pitty cross-kicked for H. M. Stockwell to touch down and another try was scored by T. Craven after a defence-splitting run from his own twenty-five yard line.

Nov 6th, v. Cheadle Hulme School A W 20—11

After a few minutes, the School was ten points up but several more scoring chances were wasted through bad finishing. This was the first occasion on which the light pack had to play on a heavy ground and, as they began to tire, Cheadle Hulme came more into the game. One try was scored after sustained pressure on our line and the other came from a kick ahead which found T. Craven out of position. H. R. MacCallum, P. M. Bagguley and H. M. Stockwell (2) were the scorers of the School tries which were all converted by M. Lord, a welcome return to goal-kicking form.

Nov. 13th, v. Birkenhead School A W 14—9

Against heavy opposition, the pack won a good share of the ball, the School hooker, J. S. Wright, having a particularly good afternoon. A. F. Pitty, playing with increased confidence, kicked and ran well from the base of the scrum and M. A. Catlow, a much improved player, did well. Birkenhead's attack rarely looked dangerous, their score consisting entirely of penalty goals. B. A. Jackson scored twice, once after a good individual run, and H. M. Stockwell, after being brought down just before the line, recovered quickly to touch down. Birkenhead found themselves unable to cope with M. Lord, whose drawing of the opposition has been a feature of every game this term, and he evaded several tackles to score near the posts.

SECOND XV

So far this term the Second XV have won six and lost one of their School matches, drawn with Oldham R.F.C. Colts and lost to the Old Hulmeians. With few outstanding players, they have played well as a team. The forwards have packed tightly in the loose scrummages throughout the term and their set scrummages have gradually improved so that they have been able to obtain frequent possession of the ball. They must now learn to heel it more quickly if the backs are to be able to make full use of it.

The backs did not settle down as quickly as the forwards, but they are now improving both their passing and positional play, and have shown that they can run strongly and make the occasional break. Against strong tackling, however, they have not learned to vary their mode of attack.

A. Brookes has captained the team throughout the term with quiet efficiency, and F. A. Kynaston and K. P. Geddes have both led the scrum with equal success though differing styles. In the forwards K. Hollands has been outstanding in defence and attack. At fly-half P. Bardsley has shown himself a very elusive player with a good kick, and J. L. Williams at centre has run well and has done some very useful goal kicking.

RESULTS

v.—Oldham R.F.C. Colts XV ...	H D	6—6
v.—North Manchester G.S.	H W	15—0
v.—Stockport G.S.	H W	17—11
v.—Old Hulmeians	A L	15—22
v.—King's School, Macclesfield...	A L	6—17
v.—King Edward VII G.S., Lytham	A W	25—3
v.—Cheadle Hulme School	H W	11—8
v.—Birkenhead School	H W	16—8
v.—Manchester Grammar School	A W	12—0

THIRD XV

The Third XV, which is restricted to members of the Sixth Form, has played five matches so far this term. The first which was against Moseley Hall Grammar School 1st XV produced a fast game of good rugby and ended in a draw 3—3. On 26th October we met a strong Old Hulmeians Extra 'A' XV who beat us 14—11. On 2nd November we defeated Burnage Grammar School 2nd XV 27—0. Our return fixture with Moseley Hall 1st XV at Cheadle had to be played with a weaker team because injuries to members of the School 1st and 2nd XV's had led to the 'promotion' of several players, and we lost a hard-fought game 17—5. In our return match with Old Hulmeians Extra 'A' the forwards played excellently and we were leading until the last five minutes when the Old Boys scored a try from a five yards scrum and thus won 8—6.

The team has played with great keenness and the forwards especially have shown determination and vigour. The backs have not been able to settle down because of frequent changes, but several individuals have tackled hard and kicked accurately.

The following have played for the team in the various matches: K. P. Geddes, J. N. C. Wilford, D. Hallard, A. I. A. Smith, S. Billcliff, V. H. Lucas, D. L. Mather, W. D. Yale, R. S. Tattersall, N. M. Parr, O. Sharpe, T. W. Batley, J. M. Crook, C. T. Jackson, J. K. Roberts, R. S. Lurie.

UNDER 15 XV

This year the Under 15 XV has been distinctly promising. The team has played with determination, particularly in defence where the covering, tackling and falling have been very sound. This has resulted in their line being crossed only three times in the last six matches. The centres have run hard and straight in attack, but have sometimes been too fast for their wings. The forwards have packed well in the 'tight', but have sometimes been a little hesitant in the loose. With more 'fire' they could become a very good pack. J. S. Litherland has captained the side well and led the forwards by example. J. H. Dixon and J. Hill have been outstanding among the 'backs'.

The team has usually been: J. S. Litherland (Capt.), J. H. Dixon (Vice-Capt.), R. Richards, C. D. Townsend, J. Hill, R. G. Ruler, D. W. Ogden, A. R. Lyons, D. W. Hughes, J. H. Heaton, D. G. Murray, A. F. Thomas, R. W. Welsby, D. P. Swain, M. R. Kay, R. T. Johnson, R. M. Dakin, S. G. Wood have each played more than once.

RESULTS

v.—North Manchester G.S.	A	L	0—14
v.—Stockport G.S.	A	W	24—0
v.—Moseley Hall G.S.	A	W	21—0
v.—King's School, Macclesfield	H	L	0—14
v.—King Edward VII G.S., Lytham	H	W	20—0
v.—Denstone College	A	D	0—0
v.—Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	12—6

UNDER 13 XV

RESULTS

v.—Moseley Hall G.S.	H	W	6—0
v.—North Manchester G.S.	H	W	8—3
v.—Moseley Hall G.S.	A	W	8—3
v.—King's School, Macclesfield...	A	L	5—6
v.—Cheadle Hulme School	H	W	12—0

Points For, 39; Points Against, 12

TEAM: M. R. Frost, S. R. Ebbage, A. S. Burgess, J. S. Torkington, B. S. Searle, S. R. Sunman, C. W. Beaumont, N. Craven, P. M. Swift, J. S. Edwards, B. Yates, C. R. Holmes, B. L. Andrew, J. Dennis (Captain), P. R. Radcliffe.

Also played: M. D. Rayburn.

Touch-judge: D. A. Ranson.

The team's success this term has been largely due to the excellent pack, ably led by Dennis. They have played with verve and remarkable control of the ball both in the tight and in the loose scrummages. Being much heavier than any other pack they have yet met, and thanks to good hooking by Swift, the only member of last year's team still eligible to play, they have been able to keep the backs well supplied with opportunities.

The service from the base of the scrum has been very good and several tries have been scored as a direct result of a quick appreciation of the position by Beaumont who has also kicked well in defence. That the team has not scored more tries is due to the failure of the backs to run straight and pass the ball once they have drawn their man. Many good individual runs have been wasted by refusal to part with the ball.

At full-back Frost, playing his first season in this position, has covered and tackled well, his handling has been safe and he is rapidly improving his kicking for touch.

House Notes

BYROM HOUSE

This year, A. F. Pitty (*Head of House*) and B. W. Derbyshire, start a second year as School Prefects. I. H. Birtwistle, A. N. S. Guthrie and J. D. Marsden have also been appointed to that office. The House Prefects are T. Craven, R. S. Lurie and H. M. Stockwell.

The standard achieved this term, in most aspects of School activity, has been very high.

In the academic sphere, two of the five State Scholarships won by the School were awarded to J. S. Baker and A. F. Pitty.

Colour-Sergeant Derbyshire is to be congratulated on his promotion to C.S.M.

The position of Byrom in the House League does not reflect favourably, at first sight, on the sporting prowess of the House. This, however, is mainly due to large demands made by School teams. No fewer than six regular 1st XV places are commanded by I. H. Birtwistle and A. F. Pitty (Old Colours), T. Craven, A. N. S. Guthrie, H. R. MacCallum and H. M. Stockwell. D. Marsden plays for the 2nd XV as did B. W. Maurice until he sustained an arm injury. From the U.16 D. Paton (captain), I. M. Case, A. G. Jones, M. A. Kerr, J. B. Parkinson and J. Temple complete a formidable list of seniors playing for School teams. Unfortunately, of the Junior House team, only S. G. Wood has played on the U.15, and then only occasionally. Although they lack weight and experience the Juniors nevertheless try to make amends for this by playing with bursting enthusiasm, but rarely with success. N. Craven and J. S. Edwards are the U.13's prop forwards, the former forsaking a traditional association of his name with House and School XV full-backs.

So far only the 1st Round of the Knock-outs has been played. While the Juniors had a bye, the Seniors beat a strong-tackling but inexperienced Heywood team 23-0.

DALTON HOUSE

Head Prefect and Head of House—K. S. Williams.

School Prefects—A. Brooks, I. R. MacCallum, J. S. Wright.

House Prefects—J. B. Barnes, S. Billcliff, J. D. Eccleston, R. H. Eldridge, D. A. Price.

Senior Cricket—In the 2nd round of the Knock-outs we met Fraser House. The standard of play was both excellent and enjoyable, although our

first few batsmen contributed very little to the score. A. Brooks (vice-captain 2nd XI) played a worthy innings in his own inimitable manner. The House lost by 7 wickets.

Junior Cricket—Against Heywood in the 2nd round, the House team played soundly, but were beaten by a stronger side.

Rugby—The House is extremely well represented on all School teams. M. A. Catlow, R. H. Eldridge, K. S. Williams, J. S. Wright play regularly for the School 1st XV and A. Brooks (captain), J. B. Barnes, J. D. Eccleston, D. A. Price for the 2nd XV. J. S. Litherland (captain), J. Hill, R. Richards, R. W. Welsby represent the House on the U.16 and M. R. Frost shows great promise on the U.13. V. H. Lucas and S. Billcliff alternate between the 2nd and 3rd XV, and M. Billcliff has played for the U.16s.

The Juniors fought an extremely keen battle against Heywood in the 1st round of the Knock-outs. R. Richards promises great things for the future and was ably assisted by M. R. Frost and D. A. Uttley. One general fault must be overcome—the inability to tackle low.

The Seniors have drawn a bye into the 2nd round of the Knock-outs and are quietly confident of final victory.

We give our best wishes to I. R. MacCallum who will be leaving this Christmas.

FRASER HOUSE

School Prefects—C. H. F. Turner, D. L. Watkin, B. A. Jackson.

House Prefects—T. W. Batley, M. J. Butterworth, K. Corcoran, F. A. Kynaston, A. J. A. Smith, D. K. Swindells.

At the end of the Summer term the Senior House Cricket team, under the captaincy of H. Bibby were successful in beating Whitworth (17 all out) in the Knock-out Final. This was due to the brilliant bowling of H. Bibby, who took six wickets for seven runs, and F. A. Kynaston who took three wickets for three runs. M. P. Robinson scored an excellent 50 not out.

In the first round of the Rugby Knock-out competition the Seniors beat Gaskell 17-0. All the team played extremely well and thoroughly deserved their victory. The Juniors lost 19-0 to a superior Whitworth team.

B. A. Jackson, D. Mather and D. L. Watkin play for the 1st XV; F. A. Kynaston, P. Bardsley and D. K. Swindells for the 2nd XV; T. W. Batley, K. Corcoran, D. Hallard, C. T. Jackson, N. M. Parr,

M. P. Robinson, A. I. A. Smith for the 3rd XV; J. S. Gallagher for the Under 16 XV and C. Townsend for the Under 15.

Despite this large number of School players, Fraser House Seniors, captained by K. Corcoran, and Juniors by M. C. Hedgman, at the moment of writing head the league table with 58 points to Heywood's 52 points.

The House play will be on Tuesday, January 21st, and it will be produced by C. H. F. Turner. We wish him every success.

GASKELL HOUSE

Head of House—M. Lord.

School Prefects—J. M. Temperley, P. Clark, K. P. Geddes.

House Prefects—J. N. C. Wilford, J. S. Hilland, J. L. Williams, O. Sharpe, G. Geary.

We have started off this term as the smallest House and are finding it difficult to field strong Junior and Senior House teams regularly.

We should like to congratulate P. Clark on being awarded a State Scholarship on the results of last summer's examinations.

M. Lord has been appointed captain of the 1st XV, and B. Wienholt has played regularly in the centre. J. L. Williams, K. P. Geddes, G. Geary and J. S. Hilland have all gained their places on the 2nd XV.

In the first round of the House Rugger Knock-out competition the Senior team lost 17—0 to Fraser. Despite sound work forward by Geddes, Sharpe and Wilford, Fraser's scrum proved too strong. Shaky tackling on our own line allowed Fraser to score two opportunist tries in the first few minutes, and we never regained the initiative. The Junior House drew a bye.

The House play is due to be presented on Tuesday, January 28th, and the task of producing it has been placed in the hands of P. Clark. We wish him luck, and hope that he and his cast will go one better than last year.

HEYWOOD HOUSE

The appointments for the year have been made as follows:—

Head of House—J. V. M. Rubin.

House Prefects—A. Belford, R. Bee, D. J. Edwards, A. J. Wintringham, J. O. Woodhead, W. Wolstencroft.

A. Belford has been appointed Head Librarian and D. J. Edwards as Assistant Librarian.

The following are playing for school teams:—

J. V. M. Rubin and K. E. H. Hollands are members of the 2nd Rugby XV, and D. W. Yale has also played twice for it.

R. N. Tattersall and D. W. Yale play for the 3rd team.

M. R. Hall and E. L. Jones are members of the U.16.

A. R. Lyons, D. W. Ogden and M. R. Kay play for the U.15.

The House is well represented by the Juniors on the U.13 on which J. Dennis (Captain), B. L. Andrew, C. R. Holmes, P. R. Radcliffe and S. R. Sunman all play.

D. W. Grindey, J. J. Reich, D. J. Sudlow and E. L. Jones are all in this year's School play *Sweeney Todd*.

The last magazine went to press before the results of the Cricket Knock-out finals were known. Under the captaincy of M. R. Hall the Heywood Junior Cricket XI beat Byrom by seven wickets in a most interesting match. In the cricket league the House finished second, being deprived of a chance of winning it owing to rain on the day of the last match.

The Juniors are continuing with their success for they have beaten Dalton 5—0 in the first round of the Junior Knock-outs. The Seniors, however, did not fare so well, losing to a strong Byrom side.

In the league Heywood lie second in the League table, six points behind the leaders.

WHITWORTH HOUSE

Last July's edition of *The Hulmeian* left Whitworth Senior Cricket XI partly boasting of their miraculous victory over Heywood, but equally fearful of the conflict with a strong Fraser team in the Final . . . their fears were fully realised! However, despite that defeat, we in Whitworth can be proud of the fact that on Speech Day we were able to display the Swimming Shield, the Dramatic Trophy, and the Manchester Regt. Cup, amongst other things. Everybody in the House is to be congratulated for their various contributions and for following the fine example set by N. V. Barber.

This year E. R. Birch is Head of Whitworth and a School Prefect. The House Prefects are D. M. Brierley (whom we must not forget to congratulate on winning a State Scholarship), I. Sargen, P. M. Bagguley, J. A. Hurd, D. D. A. Lamb, D. Wallace, F. F. Wilde and I. A. Winnington.

P. M. Bagguley plays regularly for the 1st XV and A. C. Clarke for the 2nd XV. F. F. Wilde, I. M. Lawless, A. G. Chesworth and A. K. C. Rodgers are on the U.16, while the U.15 team includes J. H. Dixon (vice-Captain), D. P. Swain, J. H. Heaton, R. H. Dakin, P. G. Wood, J. H. Wilde and J. N. Lawrence. S. Ebbage, B. S. Searle and B. L. Yates play for the U.13.

The Senior House team has maintained a high standard of play, and has also been fortunate enough to draw a bye in the 1st Round of the Knock-outs. But it is the Juniors who are mainly responsible for our high position in the League Table. They are almost unbeatable, as was proved by their easy 19-0 victory in the Knock-out over Fraser, they can look forward to the 2nd round with every confidence.

Whitworth is also strongly represented in the various Societies of the School, especially the Donner Union, the Science Society and the Table Tennis Club.

As regards Dramatics, D. D. A. Lamb and D. Wallace have major rôles in the School's Christmas production. We also look forward to January 14th, when we are sure there will be a 'Full House' to watch the Whitworth Stage Company set the House Drama competition off to an excellent start; D. D. A. Lamb, supported by I. Sargen, has the matter thoroughly in hand; the parts have been cast; but meanwhile a veil of secrecy has been drawn over the activities of the members of the Company!

The Hulme Lads' Club

The annual collection is again in progress, and we are hoping that our efforts will again meet the needs of the Club. We shall welcome any help which Old Hulmeians can give us, and we hope their interest did not end when they left School. Subscriptions may be sent to the Treasurer (Mr. G. A. Norris), at the Club, or to the School.

The death of Mr. Hough last year made necessary a good deal of reorganisation at the Club. A new leader, Mr. F. Martin, has been appointed, but we also require new helpers. One of the main reasons for the past success of the Club has been the work done by Old Hulmeians who have been willing to give one or more evenings a week to help the boys in their activities. This atmosphere of friendly co-operation has been invaluable, and we are anxious that it shall continue. Some of our Old Hulmeian officers have left the district, and

others, who have given many years of service, are finding that increasing years and responsibilities are a handicap. We therefore invite new volunteers from among the younger Old Boys. The work is interesting and of great social value, and volunteers will find that they make good friends among the members.

If any Old Boys who are willing to help, will get in touch with me, I shall be very glad to introduce them to the Club.
D.M.W.

Jubilee Jamboree

In 1957 the Scout Movement celebrated its fiftieth anniversary and also the hundredth anniversary of the birthday of its founder, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell. To mark the occasion a World Jamboree took place in Sutton Park, Warwickshire, which proved an ideal setting for the assembly of 35,000 boys from all parts of the world.

Preparations at the site were started three years ago, and some idea of the extensive organisation required for these occasions is gained from the fact that the daily menus were prepared eighteen months ago. This ensured that the varying tastes of all nationalities and races could be catered for satisfactorily and that the monumental quantities of food arrived at the time and place required.

At this ninth World Jamboree the administration endeavoured to provide amenities better than ever before and indeed the site resembled a small town, with a shopping centre, fire service, hospital, telephone exchange, postal service, theatre, and its own daily newspaper, the *Jubilee Journal*. All cooking was, however, done by the scouts themselves on open wood fires.

The camp was divided into five sub-camps, named after previous jamborees, and in these sub-camps contingents of different nationalities were grouped together. The scouts thus had an easy opportunity of meeting their brothers from other lands and benefiting greatly from the exchange of ideas and friendship.

Each day a display was given by the scouts in the vast arena. Each country endeavoured to show something of its national character on these occasions—Canada, for instance, gave us "Pioneering", Thailand folk-dancing, the Australians a pageant of the growth of their country, and from London a Skiffle Group amongst other things! Many impromptu performances took place in the sub-camps; amongst these we remember a Swedish rendering of the "Grand Old Duke of York", and the instruction of Germans in the mysteries of cricket.

H.M. the Queen and H.R.H. Prince Philip visited the camp. Other guests of honour included the Duke of Gloucester, Lady Baden-Powell, the Prime Minister and Sir John Hunt.

The weather on the whole was kind, but one heavy cloudburst showed the visitors what can happen in an English summer.

The closing ceremony, performed fittingly by Lady Baden-Powell, was made particularly memorable by her bearing on an occasion which to her must have been particularly moving. Her theme 'The end is only the beginning' was brought home to us all.

On the departure of the main body of scouts, Sutton Park soon returned to its normal appearance. The twelve days' jamboree was over, but the world brotherhood of scouts, which was the founder's dream fifty years ago, had given its most successful demonstration.

R. BEE U6s, K. KINGHAM M6s, J. M. CROOK M6s.

A Caunterbury Pilgrim

With us there was a man of Brighton toun
Who was a famed fellwe of high renowne,
He rood upon a motor scooter reede,
And wore a skidlid stepe upon his heed.
Of double worstede was his dufflecote,
Of Harris Tweede was his whit sportscote,
And on the cope right of his nose were worne
A pair of glasses with thikke rims of horne.
He was a lord ful fat and was not smale:
Of his array telle I no longer tale.
Of pekenese hadde he that he fedde,
With tinned food, or ale, or jam and bredde.
He was a lusty bachelor what's more,
And wives he hadde noon at chirche dore.
This ilke man let newe thynges pace,
And wished not to travel into space,
He yaf nat of sputniks a pulled hen,
Nat of these satellites or Martian men.
His opinioun was ful forthright, sooth,
Outspoken was he eek, but nat uncouth.
A techer hadde he been in times of pees,
And eek an officer of the police,
But soon his fame hadde sprede throughout
the lande,
And nowthe forsoothe he was in greet

demande:
Therto on 'What's My Line' was he oft seen,
On 'Twenty Questions' eek hadde he been,
And medicants wel advertised he,
With greet success, on I.T.V.
This man was born to Harding familie,
And, cleped Gilberd, joined our compaignye.

P. J. KILLAN, 6MM.

Anchors Aweigh! 1957

The prompt arrival of six (or dare I say seven!) scruffy Hulmeians in holiday mood on Central Station helped Mr. Woolfenden considerably in the frustrating task of mustering his unseamanlike Norfolk Broads crew.

Armed with fishing-rods, ukeles and cases, our motley crowd boarded the train and at half-past nine pulled out of Manchester. The seven-hour journey was uneventful and after four hours of cards we settled down to observing the flat landscape of the Fen Country.

On arrival at Norwich, provisions were collected and once more we were off again by train to Wroxham and thence to Horning by taxi.

Seconds after disembarking from the latter form of transport, the crew had manned the sturdy vessel *Désirée*.

An hour later, we cast-off and our skipper-cook, deciding that it would soon be time to moor, sent look-outs on deck. After spending a quarter of an hour trying to get into a fairly wide dyke, we eventually moored in the reeds. The crew turned in for the evening meal and so to bed. Incidentally, the food throughout the voyage was noteworthy.

The forward compartment was rudely awakened when J. H. Dixon decided to join A. F. Thomas on a 4 a.m. fishing-trip. D. J. Higginson, being intrigued, accepted the offer of casting them off in the dinghy.

The first mishap occurred when R. B. Taylor decided to show off his long-jump by doing a special dinghy-to-*Désirée* leap; his penalty: a below-the-belt soaking.

After getting under way, we decided to leave the River Bure and take the vessel up to Barton Broad. The obstacle that we had not reckoned on was the treacherous Ludham Bridge; a minute arch which is inhospitable to large motor-boats. About two miles from the 'cataract', our 'be prepared' skipper ordered, "All hands off upper deck, lower the canopy!" This we promptly did, and emerged unscathed.

Having moored at Ludham, four of our company left for a row in the dinghy. The wind proved too strong when returning, so we attempted to land and tow the dinghy home. Dixon volunteered to jump to the shore, and, giving a mighty 'push-off' from the dinghy, landed in a five-foot deep patch of water and appeared beaming all over his face, despite being very, very wet. Later, K. H. Rivett did his act, by falling in up to his waist.

Sunday afternoon was spent in fishing and sailing the gunter-rig dinghy within the pleasant

reaches of Barton Broad, and after our skipper had showed how he excelled in seamanship by running us aground at Ludham Bridge, to the amusement of other crews, we moored for the night in a little dyke near the quaint village of Upton.

During the next four days, we steadily made our twisting way from Stokesby to Oulton Broad. Everybody taking a spell at the wheel, we travelled through Yarmouth, across the saline Breydon Water and at last into the "Gem of the Broads".

But I doubt if many of us considered Oulton Broad to be a gem; of course, Dixon and Thomas, our fishermen, who were 'hooking' at the rate of five-an-hour, might think so. We 'lazed' around in the 'built-up' Broad; sailing, fishing, swimming and drinking (with the exception of one, we drank "Corona" fruit-squashes) occupied our two days.

Early on the crisp, sunny morning of the Thursday, we cast-off, to begin our winding voyage back to Horning.

Our only stop came when a few of us, led by the Roman expert, visited Burgh Castle a very interesting Roman fortress near Yarmouth.

Retracing our outward trip, we slugged our way past the many 'dead' windmills, which are so characteristic of East Anglia, and late on Thursday afternoon we moored in Thurne Dyke, by a minute mill.

Friday, our last full day, bloomed perfect in weather prospects, but our course could now only lead homeward. Nevertheless, the morale was kept up by the strains of Thomas's ukelele 'music'.

All the morning, we coasted through the lovely Broadland scenery up to Horning Ferry. Having picked up a gallon of petrol from our boat-yard (Mr. Woolfenden had calculated our final consumption to the last drop), we found our seventh mooring-place just above Wroxham. Here, all our last river activities were participated in to the full; Dixon 'hooked' two fish at once, Thomas caught his fiftieth fish, Rivett, Fewster and Higginson found a swamp, and Taylor fell in.

The last night was to Mr. Woolfenden like a master's first day at school; all in a good spirit of course.

In the morning, four of us took the luggage to the station, while the other three returned *Désirée* to her home-port, after running out of petrol on the way.

So our holiday ended; a brief peep in Norwich Cathedral and then we bade farewell to the Fens. A holiday into which had been packed fun, enjoyment and teamship under the tolerant supervision

of Mr. Woolfenden. Articles lost in the murky waters totalled a towel, a pair of gym-shoes, a pair of spectacles and a fishing-float; articles taken out totalled one hundred and twenty-nine bream, eels, perch and rudd.

D. J. HIGGINSON, 5A

The End of the Journey

Demetrius Tongiloski was a Polish woodsman who, the people said, was the best tree feller in the country. For this reason he earned good wages, as much as any of the so-called Russian experts; and although he lived and worked a long way from home he always sent all his wages, except for a few marks, home to his parents. He had been working in the forest nine years now, so he decided to go home for a month or two. His Russian comrades had shown him how to work the new-fangled electric saw and felt that he would be back in time to be issued with one by the state.

After Comrade Schwardenski had given him a period of leave, Demetrius made his way to the railway station at Kolomea, the nearest town. Having bought a ticket and shown his papers to a V.O.P.O. police officer, he boarded the crowded train. Fifteen hours later he arrived in Warsaw, where he had resolved to spend the night. It was the cold winter of 1953 and snow was falling steadily, adding to the already deep snow-drifts. No one would take him in. He tried here and he tried there, but his haggard bearded face and strange clothes made him look like a robber or tramp. He could not go to sleep in the road because it would kill him. His train was not due for eight hours. Then he suddenly saw a sheltered archway and he headed for it. It was beautifully warm because the other side of the wall was the fire of a Soviet Army Officers' mess and they had a roaring fire.

He awoke seven and a half hours later. Instinct seemed to tell him he had better get up for a train. He walked painfully through the now melting snow as fast as his stiff legs would allow him. He arrived at the station to find he was almost too late. He ran after the train, and by some luck got into an empty compartment. He then went to sleep again.

"Ianöw splatz kie! Ianöw splatz kie!" shouted the station porter. Demetrius jumped up and bustled out of the train. The snow had fallen very deep around here, his hometown, but even after nine years' absence he could find his way through the dark streets. Ah! here was Gustavus Adolphus Road—his own street. He looked at the door numbers, looking for his own, 34. 24—26—28—30—3 . . . a gap, one house was missing, instead there was a broad expanse of white snow. His house was

on the other side of the gap. There was the house where his mother and father lived. His heart beat harder within him. He stopped and stared at the number of the house—36. His eyes misted up. He walked back to the deserted station and asked the sleepy porter when the train for Warsaw came in.
E. C. GLASS, 5A

The Dawn in Slate

Those bloodless hours
At the end of the night-shift,
Gas-lamps, bleached, against a limp sky;
This is the dawn.
With mugs of tea awaiting the sun.
Cold, fresh, gray air, always near—
Near and cold, in the dawn,
Those bloodless hours
Are death of death
Awaiting Life.

We are shuffling about;
Shuffling, while the Universe swings.
Good!—the Day.
Things, all the things
Melt into their old outlines,
And reassure us.
The slate-gray grandeur,
Of spires against sky
Melt, humanly into our sphere,
Where steel is steel, and stone, stone;
And one sees
'John Bradford & Co., Stockport',
On the bottom of the lamp-post:
Good! the Day.

No human could have entered
That slate-gray print,
Those bloodless hours,
For they are not of humans,
Or by humans.
It is destiny, that it should be so,
And it is so.
The Universe swings,
The Death—the Life.
The Life—the Death,
And the moment is made
For all eternity,
To stand without humanity:
It is made
When the air is fresh, and gray, and cold,
Before the Day treads
The trodden paths
Of newspapers and brooms.

M. J. LYNCH, IV A

Ode to a Canine Communist

Sputnik, Sputnik, burning bright,
In the blackness of the night,
What bedevilled hand or eye,
Has framed thy fearful symmetry?

Twinkle, twinkle little dog,
High above the Chorlton fog,
Up above the world—so high
Lonely kennel in the sky.

Lonely, lonely little beast,
Ordered by a bell to feast,
What do you feel—O can it be,
That he who made Sputnik made thee?

Piping, piping little bleep,
When will Jodrell get its sleep,
Bleeping, bleeping all day long,
Barking soon shall tune your song.

Sputnik, Sputnik, burning bright,
In the blackness of the night,
What bedevilled hand or eye,
Has framed thy fearful symmetry?

D. ROBINSON, 4A

The Hunt

The hunt had been on since dawn. During that time David, his father and a group of natives with them, had covered ten miles with very little to eat or drink; and in a couple of hours' time the grasslands of Kenya would be flooded in darkness. Now, Abdi, the eldest of the natives, turned his wrinkled face up to David, and indicated a clump of trees and bushes that stood like a small island upon a sea of long waving elephant grass. David checked, and the whole party halted.

Only the tall grass moved, with ever so faint a rustle, as though an eddy of breeze stirred it. But David's father (and indeed David himself, though he was barely seventeen, had no mean knowledge of hunting big-game), knew that no breath of wind caused that movement—it was the lion.

"What's the plan?" David asked his father, Major Anderson. Both of them glanced first at the thicket, and then at the surrounding ground.

"We've got to dislodge him from that bit of cover," said Major Anderson. "Or, if he won't leave it, we'll have to shoot him there."

"I'll go in after him," said David. "I'll work round and go in from the other side. He may scent me and come out."

"Take care, Dave," said the Major, "and take Sam and the spare gun with you."

For half an hour David crawled, silent as a shadow and with intervals of absolute immobility. He was working round the other side of the thicket. When he judged he was to the windward of the lion, with the thicket between him and the rest of the hunting party, he paused again to wipe the beads of sweat from his face and get his bearings. Then he moved towards the lair; he went more quickly. Speed was essential, for the lion must soon be aware of his presence. Now he was under the welcome shade of the trees, and now gliding silently but swiftly over the bare earth beneath them, where no grass grew. As he peered through the tangled undergrowth he was aware of the foul, warm smell of lion. He must be very close to the lair now, and he held his rifle up, ready for instant action.

David himself did not see the lion break from cover, but he heard the shot, and that told him that the man-eater had moved into range of the waiting rifles. At once David ran in the same direction, automatically reloading as he did so, just in time to see the beast bounding in heavy, cat-like leaps towards Major Anderson.

By now the animal was a full hundred yards from David—a long shot under the circumstances, but it does not do to rely on a single shot, from however a good marksman, when a lion is charging. There was one chance for David to help without endangering his father and the rest. He took it.

He sank on one knee, brought his rifle up, and waited a second, till the charging lion rose high in its final magnificent spring. It was horribly late, but his shot at the lion would also be in the direction of the other man. Only by firing above them could he fire with safety. And only for a split second did the lion offer him a chance.

So it was that the two Andersons, father and son, fired almost simultaneously from the front and rear of the springing lion. David heard the other shot, like an echo of his own, but he could not see his father. His eyes were on the lion, and he saw it stiffen with a jerk in mid-air. Then it crashed to the ground, and was still.

The lion was dead. But lying half under it, with his right side crushed beneath its weight and his head only a few inches from its gaping jaws and vicious teeth, lay Major Anderson. David ran up and helped to drag the body aside. After a careful examination of his father's body, David declared that there were no bones broken, but that the Major's arm was torn.

"Have a look at the lion, David," said Major Anderson, "I'd like to know who hit hardest."

David studied the dead animal.

"You got him just as he sprang. Smashed his shoulder," he reported.

"That didn't stop him," said his father. "It must have been your shot. Where did you hit him?"

With Sam's help, David turned the lion over to show where a bullet had raked its spine from rear to front. His father nodded his head and measured the distance to the thicket with his eye.

"Not a bad shot, old man," he said. "It saved my life."

David sent Sam back to the camp to fetch the jeep, and, by dusk David was driving his father over the twenty miles of Savanna, to the house of Doctor Murray, the local surgeon.

N. J. HANDLEY, 3B.

The Monarch of the Glen

Among the bleak and windswept moors,
Among the mountains, old;
Among the lakes and mountain springs,
Among the wind and cold;
Among the forest trees and flowers,
Far from the haunts of men;
There stands a figure strong and tall,
The Monarch of the Glen.

He stands untouched among his herd,
A stag above his kind,
Those horns, he knows killed many foes,
When fighting for his hind;
He fights and fights the seasons through,
Without defeat, but then;
No stag on earth could ere defeat,
The Monarch of the Glen.

He does not fear the huntsman's horn,
Ne'er does he take to heel;
And as for men and baying hounds,
No fear of them he'll feel;
Farewell to you, you mountains old,
Farewell to field and fen;
Farewell to you above all things,
Brave Monarch of the Glen.

G. R. COLLINS, 2Y

Left Luggage

What lovely guesses you can have,
What fine plots you can weave,
About the things that might be found
In luggage people leave.

In someone's case there might be found
A pearl from Chinese seas,
Some chopsticks, or an eastern charm,
Worn by a Japanese.

Perhaps you'd find a rajah's robes,
Or Arab's praying-mat,
A traveller's samples neatly wrapped,
Or else a bishop's hat.

You might discover football kit,
Or perhaps some pots of jam,
A pair of bed-socks or a cake,
Or spices from Siam.

'Twould be such fun to try to guess,
What each trunk held so tight,
Then peep inside and have a look,
To see if you were right.

T. H. COTTRILL, 2B.

Strange but True

Roddy Macleod, a young lad of seventeen, was nearing the end of his walking holiday in the Scottish Highlands. Towards dusk, tramping through Glen Dochart, between Tyndrum and Killin, he became aware of the rising wind and the dark storm clouds gathering overhead. The mist swirled around the pines on the mountain side, hiding the mass of Ben More. He knew a storm was about to break and looked around anxiously for shelter.

At last he saw an old house, standing alone and deserted on the edge of the loch, but by this time it was so dark he could hardly see. As he drew nearer he saw that the shutters on the windows were swinging freely and the whole place was festooned with cobwebs; but he knew he would have to spend the night here. He went in and used his cigarette lighter to see to lay out his bedding, as he had no torch, but the dim glow of the flame hardly penetrated the darkness.

By the time he was in his sleeping bag the thunder had started and it was three hours before he fell asleep.

He must have been asleep for about two hours when suddenly he woke up; he sat up; what had wakened him? He knew it was not the thunder or a rat running over his bed. What was it? He felt

his forehead; it was hot and clammy, his hairs were bristling on end; a cold chill ran down the back of his spine. Suddenly he heard a voice out of the darkness. It said, "Roddy Macleod, get out of here!" Roddy did not wait any longer. He just stumbled to his feet and ran as far away from the house as he could.

It was not until a few days later that he learned from the newspapers that in the very room he had slept, and only a few feet from where he lay, a man was found hanging from the rafters, dead.

Whose voice gave the warning? How did the voice know his name? I don't know, do you? This is a strange story, but it's true. It happened to a relation of mine.

I. T. CAMPBELL, 1A.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News

We regret to announce the death of Messrs. J. M. Fairweather and F. J. Hilton. Before his retirement two years ago Fairweather was a knitwear manufacturer in Manchester. He went to live, however, at Southport 40 years ago. A keen sportsman he divided his time between golf and tennis. While at school he was captain of the lacrosse team. F. J. Hilton was also a very prominent member of the Old Hulmeians' Lacrosse team.

The death of T. E. Mair, in his 29th year, the youngest of four brothers all of whom attended this school, will be a matter of profound regret to all his friends. He was on the Staff of Hampton House School, Tarporley. He met his untimely fate as the result of a motoring accident.

We congratulate D. R. Wood, M.A., B.Sc., B.M., B.Ch. (OXON), sometime Head Prefect at the school, on his appointment as Associate Professor of Pharmacology at McGill University, Montreal, Canada. He took up his new duties in September.

K. Hoskinson has been appointed to a post at St. John's High School, New Brunswick, to teach English and music. He is shortly to conduct a three choirs' festival rendering of *The Messiah* there.

A. C. Day (Brasenose College, Oxford) has been appointed to a Senior Hulme Scholarship.

J. P. Chilton, M.A., PH.D. (Clare College), has been appointed to a University demonstratorship in metallurgy at Cambridge.

J. B. Roberts (Royal College of Music, London), has been awarded the Moulton Mayer Prize, offered by Sir Robert and Lady Mayer. The prize is open to candidates from the four major colleges of music in the British Isles and enables the winner to hold a recital at the Wigmore Hall, London. We

are glad to record that Roberts's pianoforte programme received favourable press notices.

His brother B. C. Roberts is now back in England after six years oil-prospecting in the Middle East. However, he expects to go abroad again in the near future.

Another Old Hulmeian returned from overseas is D. A. E. Chambers, who has temporarily relinquished his dental practice in Jamaica, and has now taken a practice in the Isle of Man. He called at school when visiting Manchester in connection with the opening of the new University Union by Mr. Macmillan, to which, as a former President of the Union, he received a special invitation.

Our attention is drawn to the fact that there are now five resident Old Boys on the Staff of the Manchester Royal Infirmary. Mr. D. Lloyd Griffiths and Mr. A. H. C. Ratliff are surgeons in the Orthopaedic Department, Mr. J. Patrick is working there as a Senior House Officer. A. J. Ralston is a Resident Clinical Pathologist, G. Macdonald, D. D. Hilton and W. R. Lee are Housemen working on medical and surgical units respectively. Our correspondent suggests that this is a record number of Old Hulmeians on the Infirmary Staff, but would be interested to know if there have ever been more than this number.

H. R. Gooddie, B.A., A.R.I.C.S., A.A.I., has been awarded the Diploma in Town and Country Planning of Manchester University and with it the Heywood Silver medal, given yearly to the student attaining the highest all-round standard. He is now the junior partner in Messrs. B. P. Lancashire and Co.

G. R. Lamb has recently translated *Sound of a Distant Horn* by Sven Stolpe, which has been published by Messrs. Sheed and Ward.

A list of University Examination results follows. Whilst every endeavour has been made to make this list as complete as possible, the ever-increasing number of old boys going up to the Universities, and a steadily widening range of Universities too, makes this an exceedingly difficult task, especially as in some cases National Service has intervened between school and university. Any help towards making these lists as complete as possible will be appreciated.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY—

Mathematics, Class I: B. R. Heap (St. John's).
Literae Humaniores, Class II: D. R. Hankey (Oriol).

Modern Languages, Class II: R. E. Jones (B.N.C.).
Natural Sciences (Animal Physiology), Class III: W. R. Esson (Univ.).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY—

English, Part I, Class II, Division 2: A. H. Brazendale (Christ's).
History, Part II, Class II, Division 1: E. Willcock (Selwyn).
Law, Part II, Class II, Division 2: G. Denton (Peterhouse).
Mediaeval and Modern Languages, Part II, Class III: M. C. Dickins (Fitzwilliam).
Mediaeval and Modern Languages, Part I (French), Class II, Division 2: A. O. Dyson (Emmanuel).
Mediaeval and Modern Languages, Part I (German), Class II, Division 2: A. O. Dyson (Emmanuel).
Natural Sciences, Part II, Class III: J. M. M. Robinson (Trinity).
Mechanical Sciences, Part I, Class I: K. H. Harper (Peterhouse).
(Harper was awarded a Senior Scholarship on this result).

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY—

M.Sc.: M. J. Lanigan.
M.Sc. (Tech.): F. B. Mayo.
B.D.: R. C. Shaw.
LL.B. (Hons.), Class II, Division 2: J. Clough.
LL.B. (Ordinary): H. G. Rhodes, J. D. Sanders.
B.A. (Com.): H. R. Crewdon.
B.Sc. (Chemistry), Class II, Division 1: N. Flitcroft.
B.Sc. (Chemistry), Class II, Division 2: D. S. Norbury, P. Marlton.
B.Sc. (Ordinary), Division 2: D. J. Pilkington, B. W. Robinson.
B.Sc. (Pharmacy): W. A. Baker.
M.B., Ch.B.: G. Beaumont, W. R. Lee, G. Macdonald.
B.Sc. (Tech.), Chemistry: A. M. Sinclair.
B.Sc. (Engineering), Class III: H. W. Morrell, J. Lord.
B.Sc. (Electrical Engineering), Class II, Division 2: K. S. Lunt.
B.Sc. (Municipal Engineering), Class III: J. E. Thackray.
Diploma in Town and Country Planning (Post Graduate): H. R. Gooddie, E. A. Rose (both with distinction).

LEEDS UNIVERSITY—

B.Sc. (Civil Engineering), Class I: E. G. Schumacher.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

BIRTHS

KING.—On May 20, to Dr. and Mrs. J. G. King, a daughter.

KETTLEWELL.—On July 11, to Lorna (née Spittle) and John, a son.

McCULLOCH (Staff).—On July 23, to Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch, a daughter.

SUTCLIFFE.—On August 9, to Olwyn and Frank S. Sutcliffe, a daughter.

DAVIES.—On August 18, to Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Davies, a son.

BOWMAN.—On August 20, to Renée (née Booth) and Keith Richard, a son.

HERZ.—On August 21, to Patricia (née Israel) and Antony, a son.

WILLIAMS.—On September 3, to Hilda Mary (née Heald) and Brian Meredith, a daughter.

EVANS (Staff).—On September 4, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Evans, a son.

MOTLEY.—On September 10, to Eileen (née Kennedy) and John, a son.

DAVIES.—On September 15, to Suzanne (née Braka) wife of Gordon L. Davies, a daughter.

PURDY (Staff).—On September 23, to Mr. and Mrs. P. D. G. Purdy, a daughter.

ROBERTS.—On September 25, to Irene (née Boylan) and J. B. Roberts, a son.

CLARKE.—On September 29, to Barbara (née Jarvis) and Gerald Clarke, a daughter.

CASEY.—On October 29, to Jane and Michael, a daughter.

THRELFALL.—On November 15, to Rachael (née Moore) and Malcolm, a daughter.

BATTY.—On November 26, in Hongkong, to Hesalene, wife of Donald Gordon, a son.

MARRIAGES

BELL—KING.—On July 24, Frederick David Bell, B.Sc., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bell, to Dorothy, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. King.

SULEY—ARNOLD.—On July 20, George Alan, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Suley, to Barbara Mary, only daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Arnold.

MILGATE—ROWLAND.—On July 27, Peter, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. V. A. M. Milgate, to Blanche, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Rowland.

WILSON—OSTERSEELTE.—On July 27, Alan Wilson, M.B., CH.B., only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wilson, to Frieda Alyn Osterseelte, only child of Herr and Frau Osterseelte.

SEDDON—WILLIAMS.—On August 3, Brian Seddon to Eryl Margaret Williams.

THOMPSON—TAYLOR.—On August 3, Peter Thompson (Staff) to Barbara Taylor.

CAIRNS—LONNON.—On August 17, John Harper Cairns, M.Sc.(TECH.), only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cairns to Monica Mary Lonnon, B.A., elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lonnon.

WALTHO—PANCRED.—On August 24, Barry Waltho to June Pancred.

BRYANS—GEE.—On September 18, Christopher E., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Bryans to Marion Pamela, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Gee.

EDWARDS—ROTHWELL.—On September 21, John Charles, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Edwards to Jean Wilma, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Rothwell.

HOUGHTON—HAMES.—On September 21, Ian Robert Houghton to Aileen Elizabeth Hames.

WILSON—MOSS.—On October 12, Robert Michael Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson to Melinda Mai, youngest daughter of Mrs. Moss and the late Mr. Moss.

WALES—MCKAY.—On November 9, Brian Wales to Mary McKay.

DEATHS

HEWLETT.—On August 4, in a West Kirby Nursing Home, Ernest Godfrey Whitworth Hewlett, aged 92 years (for 34 years Master at William Hulme's Grammar School, Manchester).

FAIRWEATHER.—On August 31, suddenly, Jack, devoted husband of Holly Fairweather, of Southport.

HILTON.—On September 8, Francis James Hilton, dearly loved husband of Phyllis, of 12 Park Road, Southport.

MAIR.—On October 5, the result of an accident in Birkenhead, Thomas Edward Mair, in his 29th year.

Old Hulmeians Association

The most important item of interest is undoubtedly the building of the new Club House on the Rugby Ground in Brantingham Road.

It was formally opened on Saturday, October 19th, by A. H. Allman, the retiring President of the Old Hulmeians, F. Ashworth, this year's President, presided over the occasion.

This attractive building, designed by O. R. Dennis, was erected from start to finish in nine weeks, and the builders and architects are to be complimented on this very good achievement. There is still a large amount of money owing and only approximately an eighth of the members of the Association have subscribed towards their own Club House. Those of you who, on reading these notes, have not sent a donation are earnestly requested to send one immediately to the Treasurer of the Association. All members of the Association are cordially invited to visit the new Club House and see for themselves what an attractive building has been erected.

The attendance at the 38th Annual General Meeting held at School on the 11th September, was very poor, only 58 members being present. The Treasurer, unfortunately, was obliged to report a further loss of £13.

The Association won the Annual Cricket Match against the School by five wickets.

The Association of Old Hulmeians in London held its Annual Dinner at the Berners Hotel, on Saturday, 2nd November. The Association was represented by the President, and the School by Mr. C. Morley.

The Annual Dance is to be held at the Longford Hall on Friday, 24th January, 1958, and the Annual Dinner will be at the Midland Hotel on Saturday, 8th March, 1958.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. E. G. W. Hewlett, who was a prominent assistant master at the School early in the century. He will be well remembered by Old Boys who had the pleasure of being taught by him.

It is interesting and encouraging to see that more young 'Old Boys' are taking active parts in the life of the Association, and it is to be hoped that they in turn will attract still more members from the boys who recently left School.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse

Once again the First Team has made a good start to the Lacrosse season and at the time of writing is undefeated. The Club as a whole, however, has not had as promising an opening to the season as in

recent years and both the 'A' and Extra 'A' teams have had to struggle on many occasions. The Extra 'A' team, in fact, has had an exceptionally difficult time and only one League point has so far been secured. Loss of players, illness and injury have all taken their toll and, as usual, the side, which has suffered most, has been the junior side of the Club.

The First Team shows some changes from last season. B. T. Plaskett is the new captain and has been glad to welcome back A. E. Marsland, who has been in good form on attack. F. D. Bell and G. Price of last year's defence have not been available and have been replaced by G. D. Arnold and N. C. Cuthbert, who has been playing at centre, D. B. Flunder having reverted to wing defence.

A glance at the playing record will show that the First Team is in good form this year. G. B. Lawson, F. M. McClinton and C. A. Smith have played consistently well on defence, whilst only on two occasions so far, has the attack failed to reach double figures. During the season, illness has frequently necessitated team changes and both R. M. Threlfall and R. Heywood have deputised capably, when called on to the side as reserves.

The 'A' team is somewhat weaker this season than in previous years, especially on defence, despite the return of R. M. Threlfall. As with the First Team, illness, injury and non-availability of players have made it impossible to field a consistent side and the numerous changes have made it difficult to develop a real understanding and cohesion. The Club has been glad to welcome J. D. Hague from School and his form is improving with every match. It is on defence, however, that the side is weakest and the loss of P. W. Carnie, who has had to retire from the game owing to injury, will be sorely felt. The 'veterans', N. A. Barber and H. A. Whatley, have played consistently well, whilst the return of R. M. Threlfall and J. J. Nesbitt has been most welcome.

The Extra 'A' team, again under E. S. Thelwall's captaincy, has had an extremely difficult season to date, but there are hopes for improved results in the future with the recruitment of some promising new players. The necessity of supplying men to the 'A' team as a result of cry-offs on senior teams has played havoc with team selection. The situation is now becoming more stable, however, and the return of some of the more experienced players should also contribute to an improved playing record and ensure the retention of the team's Third Division status.

The Section Annual Dance will be held on Saturday, February 15th, 1958, at the Association Clubhouse, Brantingham Road, and tickets will be available early in the New Year.

RESULTS

FIRST TEAM

1957					
Sept. 28	v. Stockport	H W	14—4		
Oct. 5	v. Old Stopfordians	A W	29—2		
Oct. 12	v. Old Mancunians	H W	14—4		
Oct. 19	v. Offerton	A W	13—3		
Oct. 26	v. Heaton Mersey	H W	6—4		
Nov. 2	v. Mellor	H W	7—1		
Nov. 9	v. S. M/c. & Wythen-shawe	A W	19—4		
Nov. 16	v. S. M/c. & Wythen-shawe	H W	10—0		

1957

'A' TEAM

Sept. 28	v. Old Mancunians 'A'	A W	11—6
Oct. 5	v. Old Waconians 'A'	H W	11—4
Oct. 12	v. Old Grovians	A L	4—12
Oct. 19	v. Cheadle Hulme	H L	4—7
Oct. 26	v. Heaton Mersey 'A'	A W	10—3
Nov. 2	v. Urmston	A L	2—16
Nov. 9	v. S. M/c. & Wythen-shawe	H W	9—1
Nov. 16	v. Old Waconians 'A'	A W	14—8

1957

EXTRA 'A' TEAM

Sept. 28	v. Cheadle 'A'	H L	0—1
Oct. 5	v. Stockport G.S.	H L	7—8
Oct. 12	v. Boardman & Eccles 'A'	A L	5—12
Oct. 19	v. Mellor 'A'	H L	5—14
Oct. 26	v. Stockport 'A'	A L	7—17
Nov. 2	v. Old Stopfordians 'A'	H L	8—15
Nov. 9	v. Ashton 'A'	A D	4—4
Nov. 16	v. Heaton Mersey Guild 'A'	H W	13—3

(1st Round—Lancashire Junior Cup).

Old Hulmeians Rugby

The opening of the Old Hulmeians' Association Clubhouse at the Brantingham Road ground on October 19th this year is an event which is recorded elsewhere in the magazine, but a report on the Rugby Section's activities would not be complete without a comment about the new building. We now occupy changing accommodation and enjoy club facilities which cannot be bettered anywhere in this district, and we hope that boys who have left and who are leaving school will make full use of these excellent quarters.

The match against School which took place on the day of the opening resulted in a well deserved victory for our visitors; not a good start for the Old Boys, but a good opening game nevertheless!

The playing records of the teams so far this season are not at all impressive, and it does seem that the Club has been passing through a bad patch. The 1st XV has not shown the co-ordination that is necessary to win matches, and has been beaten mainly by teams who have worked together far better. The ability to do this is certainly latent in our own side, as was proved by the team's play in the last game before going to print. On that occasion both backs and forwards played an open attacking game, blended together well, and yet still provided a good defence.

The 'A' has suffered from the common complaint of all reserve teams by losing players every week to the senior side; consequently they have been unable to settle down and play together as we would like. The popular disease from the East having departed, we hope for better fortunes, and a more well-knit side. The junior side in the Club has improved steadily through the weeks, particularly since Peter Harrison took the reins. With his arrival on the scene a good spirit has infected the side, and a regular, fully-manned team seems to be well on the way to establishment. It is essential for the Club's well-being that the Extra 'A' can turn out a full side; and to guarantee this new members are always welcomed. Anybody who would like to play should contact Peter Harrison at 19 Sylvan Avenue, Manchester 16, Telephone MOS 3822.

The results so far have been:—

1957

1st XV

Sept. 7	v. M/c. Y.M.C.A.	H D	8—8
Sept. 14	v. Kersal	A W	6—3
Sept. 21	v. Toc H. (M/c.)	A L	3—19
Oct. 5	v. Leigh	A L	10—22
Oct. 12	v. Old Salians	H D	6—6
Oct. 19	v. W.H.G.S.	H L	0—11
Oct. 26	v. Leyland	A L	0—12
Nov. 2	v. Manchester 'A'	H L	6—9
Nov. 9	v. Kersal	H W	16—3

1957

'A' XV

Sept. 7	v. M/c. Y.M.C.A. 'A'	A W	11—8
Sept. 14	v. Kersal 'A'	H W	10—3
Sept. 21	v. Toc H. (M/c.) 'A'	H L	5—9
Oct. 5	v. Leigh 'A'	H L	11—41
Oct. 12	v. Old Salians 'A'	A L	5—21
Oct. 19	v. W.H.G.S. 2nd XV	A W	24—15
Oct. 26	v. Old Rochdallians 'A'	H L	3—18
Nov. 2	v. M/c. Extra 'A'	H L	0—31
Nov. 9	v. Kersal 'A'	A L	0—31

		EXTRA 'A'		
1957				
Sept. 7	v. M/c. Y.M.C.A. Ex. 'A'	H	W	19-11
Sept. 21	v. Toc H. (M/c.) Ex. 'A'	A	L	6-15
Oct. 12	v. Old Salians Ex. 'A'	H	L	11-41
Oct. 26	v. W.H.G.S. 3rd XV ...	A	W	14-3
Nov. 2	v. Manchester 'B'	H	L	0-15
Nov. 9	v. Burnage 'B'	H	W	8-0

Old Hulmeians Motor Club

Our monthly events continued with a "Treasure Hunt" on July 7th, which was basically a shortest route competition, with entrants having to prove that they had visited certain set points en route to the finish at the Royal George, Knutsford. The winners were the Austin Clarke team, who took one tenth of a mile less than Messrs. Batty, Davies and Gilliat, and second place was decided in favour of Gordon Davies for producing the most novel proof of visit, namely a bottle of Buxton Spa Water. Fortunately, nobody thought of asking him to drink it forthwith.

The yearly Social Run in July was unfortunately marred by chilly weather, and probably this was the reason for only 17 people turning out.

September 15th saw a good entry endeavouring to beat the watch with some complex evolutions in the Annual Driving Competition consisting of five separate tests, which were completed before the showers re-commenced.

The best six competitors were as follows:—

	Marks lost (aggregate)
1. JIM CHAPMAN	40.4
2. D. M. COOPER	44.2
3. J. L. WILLIAMS	46.4
4. W. T. CURTIS	47.3
5. P. A. T. CLARKE	47.5
6. Mrs. AUSTIN CLARKE	47.7

A certain member of the Committee who devised some of the tests, made some exciting runs, but completely muffed two of them by missing a chicane on each, which all goes to show

It was pleasing to see D. M. Cooper who had only just joined, finish so well up in his very first competitive event. Mrs. Austin Clarke drove consistently in each event, and finished ahead of a number of "Mere Males". We learned later that she only entered for fun, and so we are now wondering what will happen if she takes it seriously!

Once more we supplied a number of marshals to assist the Lancashire & Cheshire C.C. at another of their most enjoyable Race Meetings on October 12th.

The Film Show which was to have been given by a Motor Company of repute was very nearly a fiasco, as they failed to send the promised films, but honour was saved by the Bloor family, who, within less than an hour, produced sufficient films of a motoring character to keep the enthusiast happy until midnight.

We should like to have more members to replace those who have left the district, and if anyone would like information re membership, the Hon. Secretary: Allan Smith, 39 Athol Road, Manchester 16, Tel. CHO 6156, would be pleased to help.

Old Hulmeians at Oxford University

Frustration is an ugly word. A facile, flexible, flagellatory word. But it was bred by Progress out of Necessity, and we must all bear the burden of being civilised. If inhibitory tendencies are assumed to develop as a negative growth function, and to summate algebraically with excitatory tendencies, then this process of discrimination becomes simply an extension of the interaction between incremental and decremental processes to include generalised reactions.

It would do us well to remember how Aeschylus, when dropped on his head by his mother at the tender attic age of 39, picked himself up from the floor of the Coliseum (all prices), conceived in situ the idea for his 'Frogs in Modern Dress', and called to mind an old Latin tag from his school-days:

*Et enim cogito ergo sum
Per astra ad absurdum.*

Let us not forget, too, that Pope, while yet a child in coats, was kicked by a wild cow, and that Ben Jonson lay awake a whole night looking at his toe. If these have done it, why not others? Let us take heart; Rome was not burnt in a day.

At B.N.C.—the Mancunians' Mecca and the New Orleans of Banbury's shallow south, rejoicing and rampaging in its new beer cellar, struggling hard to keep the accolade for being the most climbed-in college—here, where thirds are got for the slacking, you will still find Roy Jones if you look in the right places. The mystical Jones formula for high-intensity, last-minute meditation—as enshrined in the last report—procured for him the top second of his year. No mean achieve-

ment, as we come to realise. See the next report for our special feature: How to knit yourself an M.A. gown while doing forestry prelims. There's nothing else new from Roy—you probably know the one about the two female skeletons in the cupboard. Here too find David Bamber, who to his eternal confusion, behaved himself commendably in his recent exams. Now he has a car, which explains a lot, cost a lot, and stands around in the rain a lot. If challenged, he will admit to being happy.

The only time I spoke to Colin Gee he was in bed, not many hours after midnight, when he expounded certain doctrines of True Love. Captain of University Lacrosse, he once more looks forward to a long-dreamed-of victory over our sister-spring of learning.

The only time I spoke to John Baker he was eating sauerkraut and sausages. I couldn't hear all he was saying. But I gather he is still rowing (could have been crowing) and that—(I didn't catch the name) was the curse (or was it nurse?) of his life.

Dudley Harrop I see occasionally. He says he is carrying books in his trumpet case—in his last year a man can be driven to these extremes of scholarship. He is often seen wearing jeans, and tends to whistle.

Keble has quite a collection, too. Tom Oliver, the alchemist, when we last heard, was trying/intending to smoke a pipe. Maybe already he spends his breaks in the fume-cupboard.

Graham Ellis, always awake to the unusual and the O.K., sacked his landlord early in the term and removed to Berkshire. There he intends to establish the Select Society of Berkshire Dwellers—organising visits to the shire's beauty-spots, an annual all-night rite (informal dress; bring your own candles) celebrating the return of the Spring, and friendly broolly-swinging competitions with neighbouring counties. Michael Blackburn raised one finger to a friend of mine the other day. Could have been worse. This is his second year and I can't think what he's doing with it.

The baby in these battered bulrushes is Norman Barber. I believe he did say he was reading something. But rugger was the word that seemed to slip out. John Rayman, at Wadham, is preparing to meet his mods. Playing rugger the other day he picked up a very black eye. Our infrequent meetings are chatty little explosions, where the intellectual fall-out is negligible. Had we but world enough and time!

New College has been favoured with the arrival of Jack Robertson and John Rimmer. Jack Robertson reads logic and plays lacrosse on Fridays. Some of those who play lacrosse on Fridays read

Maths. Are these two statements compatible? If so, why not? And what does he do on Thursdays? There are tales of terrible teas at St. Hugh's that cannot even be mentioned.

Hwaet, hafast thu ne gehierd hu John the Rimmer, thaet sturne athel, hath in geardagum gespraec his gilpworda inon an R.A.F. radio-stationa? But from giving WAAFs nightmares with his short stories, he comes to torture his tutor with his more academic effusions. He is still a committed pragmatist, an enthusiastic debater, and fairly free with his biscuits. Ian Graham-Bryce is still about. No-one ever seems to leave the place. Nostalgia, or the evils of a government's charity? He has stayed to do research; plays lacrosse, and serenades the team on his guitar at away matches.

The unplucked pears are withering in Trinity; the chapel walls are flaking; the lawn lies damp and sparse where the bowls clattered and rolled last summer. But this does not worry Chris Priestley. He's up here to read theology and sing Bach in the college choir, and no doubt somedel twiddle his thumbs.

Thus with our parade of Oxford worthies stretching out to the crack of doom, and with the standard of civilisation gently sinking in the West, we take our humble leave of you. If you're passing through, notice the new stone in Merton Tower, the new fish in Christ Church fountain, and, if you will, the new Woolworth's. Nothing's as new as a wakeful eye, nor as old as a sleeping thought.

J.D.S.H.

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge University

To find anybody these days, you have to look in the really unlikely places: this does not include dons, who can never be found anyway, as one innocent discovered when sent to an interview with his new Director of Studies who, reasonably enough (as his secretary pointed out) turned out to be living in Jericho, Pa. (as the Americans say). However not to worry, the good doctor would be returning perhaps in December and our bewildered earth-bound boyo humped his gown more warmly round his shoulders and shambled into the dusk.

Of course, it helps if you know where to look, more or less. Indeed, there could be few simpler espials to make if you have a well-known theological don for supervisor, as this gentleman delivers himself of his comments plauditory or otherwise from a wholly supine posture, rotating himself on the carpet when wrestling with some particularly knotty *dubium*.

Thus, when the bottom drawer of this capacious and inexplicable chest is opened and a thousand and more little gowned figures tumble out like a burst packet of aniseed balls, one has an awful job to pick them up and put them in their rightful place again, because lots roll under the settee or the dresser and then they're gone forever.

Rambling ubiquitously is maybe the only way, if you are out to spot the select crowd of Old Boys. One goes to Fenners' and observes track-suited men racing sputnik-wise on their cinder orbit. Amongst these athletes and other nuclear devices, G. N. Leah can sometimes be plotted and further information is lacking as even the Mullard Radio Observatory don't know where his 'digs' are.

J. Delaney has proved an elusive quarry, although your correspondent has conscientiously and at all hours visited the hives of buzzing bibbing with (almost) no other end in view.

A. O. Dyson waves his net effectively and although he still claims the M*rr*r is superior journalism to the T*m*s, is certainly on the way to becoming one of the Laccers Top People—if he's not careful.

C. S. Smith is often in College and we understand still volunteers his services in the French-Canadian cause above-mentioned, while W. D. Maughan pursues an endurance test of mixed cross-country and rowing: this information probably holds good only for the first term: we hope he will soon see the error of his ways and join the pitifully decadent ranks of the termly squash-players and other crumpet-toasters.

Apart from knapping flints and scouring skeletons, A. H. Brazendale's non-anthropological activities include ejection from bicycles and work on a new book, *Hangover* (Arnold Bennet re-valued), or *How to Drink Vodka and Influence People*.

J. E. O. Screen has cemented his position in his luxurious Peterhouse flat, by being decidedly engagé; the form of his commitment is a society encouraging footplate feats and single-track sallies. One trusts that locomotive engineers (or whatever name engine-drivers go by today) will welcome the devotees to their science with befitting enthusiasm: still, *one* undergraduate intends to play safe, and go down this Christmas by helicopter! A.H.B.

Old Hulmeians at London University

It has been proved beyond all doubt that every third undergraduate of London University has been caught in the doors of an underground train, and that every seventeenth undergraduate has been unable to bear daylight after leaving University College Library.

These stirring facts open the first report of Old Hulmeians at London University. Patient research has found that there were three Old Boys already in residence at the beginning of the year. C. Burrows, University College, is studying statistics, and kindly supplied the information contained in our first paragraph. Burrows has been questioned by the writer as to the variety of statistics which interested him, but declined to answer. It is rumoured that M. R. Cheek is somewhere engaged in medical research, whilst B. M. Segal, isolated at Imperial College in the wilds of Kensington, is said to be 'working very hard'.

More is known concerning the four young offenders who commenced this year. J. Davis is doing Geography at the School of Economics. He has already been elected an Assistant Secretary of their Athletics Society, but, housed in the L.S.E. hostel, he is known to have often pursued knowledge into the early hours of the morning in the cellar of his hostel. Another wanderer from Kensington is I. A. B. Low, engaged in studying mining. The London Old Hulmeian's Dinner caused him to return to the surface, and he was gratified with a glance at the West End before going off to his hostel near the garden city of Brixton.

Many people who visit London complain that the students act like normal human beings, compared to those who reside in the provincial institutions on the Cam and the Isis. It is not realised that no one has yet had the courage to travel in from Golders Green to Goodge Street in a lavender suit at 9 a.m., whilst the cultural and social influences of the Capital demand conformity. Even the last two on our list have been civilised to some degree.

D. B. Taylor, doing Physics at University College, can only express his individualism by wearing red pullovers of a particularly startling shade, and by uttering pious hopes that he may yet go sailing on the sheltered stretches of Brent Reservoir. He stays in a Hampstead Theological College, and finds it very quiet, sometimes being in bed before 2 a.m. Isolated in the unexplored tracts of Finchley, G. A. M. Wood is the only Old Hulmeian studying an Arts subject. He is engaged in English, also at the University College. It is rumoured that he is finding life in the capital extremely invigorating, and speaks highly of Euston Station as providing the silence necessary for preparing his Old Icelandic and Anglo-Saxon Irregular Verbs.

All the above recommend London to those who wish to receive their further education in a modern university and not a medieval institution.

G.A.M.W.

Old Hulmeians at Manchester University

For many ages man has struggled in desperation to advance in knowledge of how he may arrive one day on the moon, just as the frustrated student at Manchester University tries as hard to procure a dinner in 'Caf' at about 12-30 to 1-30 each day. In this respect his knowledge is increased, for while he stands he observes—which fact is the basis of all learning and hence knowledge.

Owing to the number of members—especially my opponents in the Law School that have tried to sue me for writing what I have observed in this way—I must confine the script within restricted limits and speak politely of 'the honourable gentlemen'. I therefore have to ignore without further comment, those various characters who have taken up the idea of never shaving until the celebration of Guy Fawkes's most noble action.

Early in November a plaque was erected in the School's name to take its place with many others of public and local schools—why it has not been done before is a mystery baffling every Hulmeian. The shield, of course, may be seen to the advantage in the more social studies. In these P. D. Kyffin compensates and complements his studies in Metallurgy. Here also—a member of staff could tell us—Mr. Kyte exercises full command on Saturday nights as an aid to better and more efficient service. N. W. Hopwood—a visitor from the place of higher learning—is now working in the city and is sometimes to be seen, when the lights are low, complimenting people on their hair style, especially if it happens to be of the athletic type.

Here also Dave Wilde prefers the coolness of the top landing, while J. O. Tatham who has divers connections further afield, is sometimes seen travelling his 150 miles a week for the same purpose.

At the moment a spotlight is being thrown on to demonstrations and exhibitions for the Manchester Arts Festival. M. C. Johnson tells me he is busy taking part in the production of *Hassan*, as an usher selling potato crisps at the door. Despite his initial visits to practices of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society, Stan Paine prefers to return to his old hobby dealing in second-hand bicycles and cats—and is trying to work furiously. The Society is rehearsing a musical play *Susan Constant* written and composed at Manchester. In this Dave Woodcock plays the part of Coffin rather in the vein of a Long John Silver. Both *Hassan* and *Susan Constant* one might have seen at the Free Trade Hall in the Manchester Arts Festival week by one who is lucky enough to live in the city.

John Broadbridge this term has contributed much to the vigour of the Debating Society by explaining how students should be shot 'en masse' by the *Daily Express* on the steps of the new Union. His name cannot escape notice of those who read the University paper. H. M. Cummings has joined the Liberal Society and supports them in mind and spirit rather than in person.

On the sports field we are well represented in lacrosse, for example by Rob Williams, Don Borland, and Dave Tredwell who has done his National Service before coming up. Pete Ray has been playing lacrosse also and lost three teeth. Now he feels it safer to play hockey—disillusioned? Bunt Dearden plays soccer for the Freshers. Pete Mitchell and John Gutteridge are still keen on cycling—although what is this I hear of J. P. R. taking hair-pin bends in a 'Riley nine' at sixty mile an hour? Eric Dickinson prefers to ride fast too, but on his scooter. He is a steadfast supporter of the Gramophone Society.

Frivolity has run its course and now we must return to matters more serious. Bill Gould and Barry Blakeley are most loyal supporters of the M.I.F.C.U. Barry is their secretary and from time to time has conducted meetings in an appropriate manner.

And so there are many more things to tell, but the time is short. There have been one or two fires in the Union buildings for which we do not hold Hulmeians responsible. People collect our money for football draws at sundry times—no doubt for a noble cause—but enough, the owls have fled and all is dark. The nights become longer, more dense with fog and we cannot see from one school to the next; but we are cheered by the not unfamiliar remark that 'it will soon be Christmas!'

D.L.S.P.

Old Hulmeians at University College of North Wales, Bangor

Amongst the mountain mists of Snowdonia, spread between two small hills, lies the city of our dreams—Bangor. Mingling amongst its Bards and undergraduates is a colony of Old Hulmeians, exiles from their native land, residing far from the swirling 'smogs' of Manchester. W. Cartwright and R. Hall have now left us to face reality in the

big evil world and they leave the paradisaical life of University with our best wishes, which also go to C. E. Bryans on his recent marriage. To replace them, our Ivory Tower welcomes B. E. Grieve and rumour has it that R. Hannah and B. Cartwright have entered the sanctuary of unspeakables down at Aberystwyth. No doubt they will realise their foolishness during the Rag celebrations.

Whilst B. E. Grieve is residing in a remote housing estate, with the dubious name of 'Maesgeirchen,' most of us have chosen the imposing modern hostel (once described as the Ex-Serviceman's Home) called Neuadd Reichel as our habitation and can be seen padding nightly to the Gyp Room for coffee (just like mother used to make!). There is one notable exception namely the Hulmeian captain of the Harriers, who has chosen a cottage in the foot hills around Bethesda. He descends on us from out of the clouds each morning and, believe it or not, has even been seen by our roving reporter running to College in full kit—the cross-country bug gets them all in the end. If this continues for long we will be meeting him with fresh snow on his boots, or perhaps the snow will provide the best excuse yet for missing 9 a.m. lectures. C. E. Bryans, for those of you who are still bewildered as to whom I am writing about, has also been elected to the ranks of S.R.C. and to harmonise with the profile of a truly representative student he is growing his beard again. Many more of us may do the same even if it's just to gain recognition of our genius by winning the N.U.S. beard contest—entry fee one shilling payable in monthly instalments of one penny.

A. C. Morris, not wanting to become a 'Creep', has continued running with the Harriers and perhaps it's his muddy things that litter the drying room each weekend. While taking an active part in College life, including staunch resistance to the coffin raiders of November 5th, he has also managed to think about his studies which include amongst other things, Physics, Maths. and Chemistry, and he works in the Chemistry Department continuously stirring a variety of wicked brews which he strongly denies are a new form of intoxicant.

The desire to become master of the mysterious has also led P. Gabbott into reading Chemistry in preference to Botany. Spare time wanderings for him have included a trip as far afield as Bristol with the fixtures of the Basketball Club and I caught him the other day aimlessly strolling from Reichel with his climbing gear. On waking him from his daze, I was told that his destination was the quarry below St. Mary's and I can only think there must be easier ways of getting up there.

Probably the easiest person to find is G. Hardman, who wears out pack after pack of cards, playing Bridge in the common-room, but we are not sure whether it is this, or his Agricultural studies, that give him the furrows on his brow. As well as playing Rugby, he has become a proficient supper maker and we can all recommend a visit to his room at the appropriate time, but cannot accept any responsibility if he isn't 'in the mood'. M. A. Royle, now cultivating an interest in Agriculture, takes a year's respite from Bangor at the end of this session and is looking for a suitable farm on which to do his year's practical—so if any of you have a spare farm, please send it to him via Union letter-rack. He is still seen carrying an out-sized rowing boat across the mud of the Menai Straits and is Secretary of the Christian Union this year.

We hear of others who would like to join our truly motley company. Do not hesitate to write to the Registrar for further information, or be distracted by the larger smoke-bound nine till five type Universities said to exist elsewhere. From *Y Coleg Ary Bryn* we send our greeting.

P.D.G.

Association of Old Hulmeians in London

Kenton 20, Old Hulmeians (London) 10. So ended the first recorded sporting activity of the London Association. This game of lacrosse was played on the Kenton ground on Saturday, 16th November, for a challenge trophy (which unfortunately, did not arrive in time to be presented). After a 2—0 lead the Old Boys' side later pulled up to 3—4, but thereafter were usually six of seven goals to the bad. M. W. Flinn (6), Norman Pearson (2), I. J. Smith and A. Wilkinson were the scorers, and others taking part included G. Wilkinson, G. Edwards and C. G. Dennis. Norman Pearson, incidentally, is believed, at 67, to be the oldest playing lacrosse member in the country.

We hope that this match will be the first of an annual series in London for the Challenge Cup, and possibly that teams of London Old Mancunians and London Old Waconians will take part.

The second Annual Dinner in London took place at the Berners Hotel on Saturday, 2nd November. We were honoured by the presence of distinguished guests from Manchester in the persons of the President of the Association, Mr. F. Ashworth, and from the School Staff of Mr. C. Morley. Unfortunately, the Headmaster was unable to join us

this year. This is clearly an annual event now and we hope that it will in future receive greater support from members in Manchester.

There were twenty-five altogether at the Dinner, at which the President proposed the toast to the London Association. The President of the London Association (Mr. R. H. Pearson) responded. Mr. Morley responded to the toast to the School, which had been proposed by Mr. B. M. Forrest. The toast to the guests was proposed by Mr. C. G. Eastwood, and Mr. O. R. Dennis replied. The Loving Cup, presented to the Association before the War by C. G. Dehn, made its reappearance after nineteen years, and was passed round after the Ritual (and the mixture) had been explained by T. Short.

The second Annual General Meeting on the 25th September was attended by twelve members, including a very welcome, and surprise, appearance of last year's President, Mr. A. H. Allman. The longest debate was devoted to the frequency and form of future meetings, and it was eventually decided to have some sort of meeting, or social or sporting event, every three months. Mr. R. H. Pearson was re-elected President, T. Short Hon. Treasurer, and the Hon. Secretary is C. G. Dennis.

After some show of diffidence, almost everyone else was elected to the new General Committee, which consists of: D. M. Archer, G. W. Creasey, B. S. Doff, J. C. Edwards, E. G. Hall, H. S. Kierman, J. B. Reid and I. J. Smith.

We have now compiled a list of eighty-six members in the London area and in our six functions since the Association re-started eighteen months ago, we have seen some forty-eight of these members.

The Hon. Secretary (15 Silverthorn Gardens, Chingford, E.4.) will be delighted to hear from any other Old Boys in the London area who would like to join us in any of our activities.

C.G.D.

Parents' Association Notes

The Autumn Term, at the time of the writing of these notes, has only run its middle course, but the four events which have taken place have all been most highly successful.

The Headmaster's Autumn meeting, on Wednesday, September 18th, was a most enjoyable occasion and the subject *Science in Schools* most engrossing. Our warm thanks are due to Mr. Bird

for a very delightful evening and our further thanks are due to Mrs. Taylor and her helpers for the very efficient way they arranged the refreshments in the dining hall.

The 'Stag' party and men's supper of Sausage and Mash, to say nothing of Cheese and Pickles, and 'Housey-Housey', went down very well on October 4th, and once again our thanks are due to Mrs. Taylor and her ladies for providing the 'vitals'.

The dance at the Fallowfield Hotel on the 18th October confirms the view that we should have to go a very long way before a more pleasant evening could be spent, and we have already booked our date for the October dance in 1958. As a contrast to the night before, a most successful Jumble Sale was held on October 19th at St. Edmund's Hall, where £40 was raised towards our £2,000 target.

We believe, at the time of writing, that the Dinner Dance at the Embassy Rooms in Sale is destined to be a tremendous success, both financially and socially, and in anticipation we thank all those who are contributing to its success.

Our last social gathering this term will be a Christmas Party at the school on Wednesday, December 18th, and, if this *Hulmeian* reaches you in time and you have no ticket, please do not let that stop you coming. There will be very good fun to be had and a very pleasant evening to be spent at a nominal cost of five shillings.

There are two dates for the Spring Term which should please be noted. The first is Wednesday, February 19th, at the school, when we anticipate a debate between parents and boys of the upper school on a subject yet to be chosen.

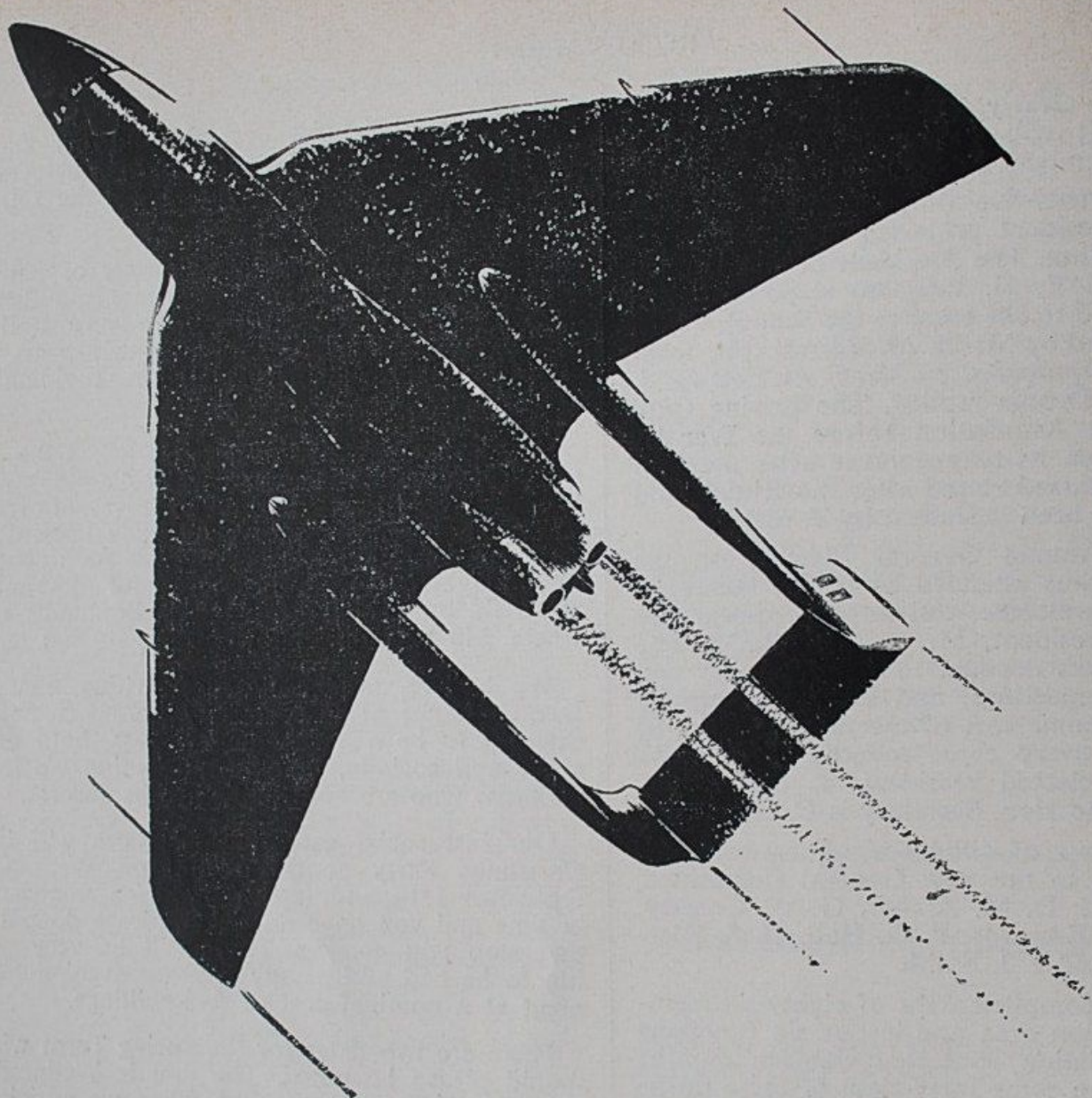
The second date to reserve is Friday, March 28th, the last day of the Easter Term, when we shall have the annual Staff and Parents' Supper Social at the Fallowfield Hotel.

As the year draws to its close and our target nears completion, we wish to place on record the very generous support we have received from members inside and outside our organisation. We hope the tangible results of our efforts will soon be in evidence and all our boys have the benefit of our united endeavours.

Finally we close these notes, wishing all members of the staff, the boys and our associates and friends a most pleasant Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year.

S. V. HICKLING, Hon. Secretary.

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