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School Notes and News.

We congratulate Dr. L. Haden-Guest, M.C., on his elevation to the House of Lords. Dr. Haden-Guest was M.P. for North Southwark from 1923-27 and for North Islington from 1937-49. He has chosen the title of Baron Haden-Guest of Saling.

We welcome to the School Mr. H. W. Collings, M.A. (St. Dunstan's College, Catford, and Emmanuel College, Cambridge), who has been appointed Senior Modern Language Master, and Mr. A. S. Mackintosh, B.A. (Winchester College and New College, Oxford), who has joined the Classics Staff. Mr. Collings, who comes to us from Archbishop Holgate's School, York, obtained his half-blue at lacrosse while at Cambridge.

We have learned with regret that Mr. Caldwell is to leave us this term to return to Manchester University to take up research. He has our very best wishes for a successful future career.

The Carol Service was held on Monday, December 19th, the last afternoon of the Michaelmas Term.

The Annual Founder's Day Service was held at Manchester Cathedral on January 26th. This year the preacher was the Bishop of Middleton, the Right Reverend E. W. Mowll.

Before the final performance of "H.M.S. Pinafore" on Saturday, December 17th, a Tea Party was held in the Dining Hall. This was attended by a large number of those who took part when the opera was first performed at School twenty-five years ago, as well as the cast of the current performances.

On Tuesday, February 14th, Mr. and Mrs. Bird kindly entertained to tea in the Dining-Hall all those who took part in "H.M.S. Pinafore" and "Bird in Hand."

The Christmas Dance was revived on Wednesday, December 21st, the day after the Michaelmas Term ended. The Dance, held in the new Hall, was organised by the Prefects and attended by some two

hundred guests, including Masters, boys and friends. Mr. Morgan acted as M.C.

We congratulate F. D. Bimister on having been awarded a very valuable Kitchener Scholarship in Medicine. To mark the award the School was given a half-holiday on Thursday, February 23rd.

First XII Lacrosse.—The following have been reawarded Colours for 1950: G. B. Appleby, G. B. Lawson, A. Godson, G. S. Preston.

The following have been awarded Colours for 1950: J. M. Beazley, A. M. Blight, A. W. Crowe, P. R. Donovan, E. Hill, W. R. Lee, B. E. Reeve, and C. S. Smith.

The Midsummer Term will begin on Tuesday, April 18th, at nine o'clock.

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Friday, May 26th at four o'clock, to Monday, June 5th, at nine o'clock.

Midsummer Term will end on Friday, July 28th, at four o'clock.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of *The Crosbeian*, *The Waconian*, *The Savilian*, *The Salian*, and *The King's School, Macclesfield, Magazine*.

"H.M.S. Pinafore."

"H.M.S. Pinafore" is not the best opera that Gilbert and Sullivan wrote: it lacks really memorable lyrics, its dialogue and plot are somewhat stilted and need more than ordinary production to bring them into line with their happier creations. This the opera received from Mr. Williams who made the production flow smoothly along, without its faults being too readily conspicuous.

The chorus, inevitably having much to do in establishing the opera, was excellent, not only in the action allotted to it, but also in its stillness in the solo work. Naturally the sailors were more at home on the stage than their younger counterparts in the female chorus. This does not imply that the principals were rendered inconspicuous. Far from it. But their success was undoubtedly aided in no small degree by the active co-operation of the chorus. K. Harrop as the First Lord carried himself with particular ease, and was fully capable of letting the audience share in his happiness. J. M. Beazley has had more experience, and we have come to expect his success in any part. As Little Buttercup he had unhappy material, but the rôle was excellently acted and sung—his use of gesture being particularly apt. The Captain found admirable expression in K. Hoskinson. He has one of the finest voices heard in the School for a long time. Let us hope he will have the chance of using his gift again. Good singing

also came from J. A. Elwin as the villain of the piece. J. D. Hopkinson's playing of Hebe also deserves mention. He was coyness personified, and a better choice could hardly have been made.

One finds oneself almost inevitably apologising for the actors because of the material on which they had to work. Certainly such an apology is necessary in the case of the hero, Ralph Rackstraw. A. W. Crowe carried it off with as much assurance as he was capable of; but when one has little more to do than stand around it is a little unrewarding. The heroine's part is little better, but in it D. T. Hales looked particularly attractive and won the audience by his singing.

The setting hovered satisfactorily between reality and make-believe, as it has to for operetta. Mr. Williams dressed it well and made full use of the different stage levels. The blemishes were small, and in the face of so much that was good can easily be forgotten. The audience came to enjoy the production: and to judge by the enthusiasm of the applause they were not disappointed. H. B.

"Bird In Hand."

On February 8th to 11th the School presented Mr. Lowe's lively production of John Drinkwater's "Bird in Hand."

The play itself is of little dramatic value, for its plot is over-simple and its characterisation unsubtle. The political discussion in a wordy first act was interesting only because of its topicality. The most notable aspect of the play is the study of old Thomas Greenleaf, an inverted snob whose principles about caste and parental control are so deep-seated as to be second in importance only to his love for his daughter.

A. M. Blight's performance as Greenleaf was well-balanced and sensitive. In the second act he reached a high level of emotional acting during a speech of almost poetical quality in which he explained the reasons for his apparently unwarrantable behaviour. Here he captured the audience's sympathy, which he held throughout the play, and strengthened in his very moving surrender to the wishes of his daughter. Blight's accent was sufficiently pronounced to give the impression of belonging to a Southern rural district, and yet was so delightfully restrained as to render his speech neither inaudible nor monotonous.

The other members of the cast also had an excellent grasp of the characters they were portraying, particularly A. F. Johnson, whose faultless and most amusing performance as Mr. Blanquet was a high light of the production. His accent and manner could not better have fitted his lines.

B. J. Stone gave a very dignified and pleasing performance as Ambrose Godolphin, K.C. He was a little inclined to allow unnecessary pauses, but he timed his funny lines admirably. The part of Cyril Beverley was played with good understanding by G. Beaumont, even if at times he did not give the full value to the words. A feature of G. S. Wood's Alice Greenleaf was the apparent naturalness with which he did the household tasks. One might have thought that he had been doing needlework all his life, so adept was he. R. J. Winfield and R. Metcalfe competently handled the lightly-drawn rôles of Gerald Arnwood and Joan Greenleaf. Metcalfe was particularly good in "her" indignant moments, but "her" deportment was not very feminine. B. Seddon was a dignified Sir Robert Arnwood.

The setting, consisting of curtains, was unavoidably bare and drab, although it was quite effective within its limitations. The thunderstorm effects were good, and the lighting was intelligent and unobtrusive. Such difficulties as moonlight, and the carrying of a lamp into a room, were very competently managed. As a whole, the production was polished and moved at a good pace. It had an air of reality about it, and, what is most important, was full of vigour and life. G. J. O.

Tuesday Entertainments.

The following entertainments took place on Tuesdays at four o'clock after the December *Hulmeian* had gone to press.

On November 22nd 6 CML performed "Ebb-Tide" by Robert Lambert. The action takes place on Sir John Hardcastle, K.C.'s private yacht, stranded on the very mud-flat on which a murder, by poisoned sugar-cubes, had recently been perpetrated. Sir John (played with natural and appropriate dignity by D. R. Hankey), who had conducted the successful prosecution for murder in this case, had obtained the poisoned cubes for his crime-museum. The tragedy was very nearly re-enacted when these poisoned cubes were accidentally mixed with the untainted ones, used for sweetening the coffee, served by his manservant, Morley (A. Lord), to his wife and daughter (R. I. Hatrick and G. V. Willis respectively) and his guests, the hysterical Miss Strickland (I. Gilfoyle), his neurotic junior, Raymond (A. Nuttall), and the blundering Derek (P. B. Stansfield). Fortunately, the cool-headed, resourceful Dr. Graham (D. Cooper), who was also of the party, succeeded in isolating the poisoned cubes. If the performance, like the yacht itself, was somewhat static, the conflicting emotions of the various members of the party were very effectively brought out. We congratulate I. Ainsworth on a successful first production.

On November 29th the Preparatory School delighted us with two excellent plays. The first, "The Magic Duck," based on a story by Stephen Southwold, recounted the adventures of the youthful Benjamin (W. A. Drapkin) in search of fame and fortune. Aided by the wise counsel of the Duck (D. W. Robinson) in a series of scenes he climbs the social scale by successively contacting an Old Woman (D. Sharples), an Innkeeper (N. A. S. Carver), a Footman (J. F. Nicholson), two Kings (C. V. Hickling and R. J. P. Bird), and is finally rewarded with the hand of the Princess (C. R. L. Mark).

The second item was a Russian Nativity Play, "Baboushka," describing how the Three Wise Men (B. Wienholt, M. S. Neal, F. D. C. Grylls) came to visit the "Baboushka" (J. B. Wintringham) and his mother (T. Craven) and found them in the company of the children (G. D. Isles, J. D. Markham, M. E. Lambert, D. H. Lurie) and a band of merchants (M. Green, M. A. Harris, D. C. Howarth, A. G. Jones, D. Latimer, J. Slater and A. R. Wildman). Effective costumes and skilful use of our improved stage lighting combined to imprint a Rembrandtesque picture on the audience. Clear diction, natural movements and a polished performance resulted in a most satisfying entertainment. The plays were produced by Miss Viney and Mrs. Jeeny respectively.

The season was resumed, after the Christmas holidays, on January 24th with the performance by 1B of "A Night at an Inn" by Lord Dunsany. We seem to have spent several nights at a variety of inns this term, but at no other hostelry were the events so melodramatic as on this occasion. A. E. Scott-Fortescue, better known as "The Toff" (played with the right measure of aloof superiority by D. R. Crome) and his nimble gang, Bill (C. Wilde, a ready hand with a knife!), Albert (K. J. Hinson) and Sniggers (R. Gaul) stole a large ruby from the head of an Indian idol. Relentlessly pursued by the priests they had robbed (P. Bee, K. S. Williams and B. Thomas) they sought safety in a lonely inn. Though they successfully eliminated the priests, the mysterious voice of the idol summoned them one by one to their inevitable doom. This lively performance was directed by Mr. Winter.

On January 31st 1C presented "Under the Skull and Bones" by Ronald Gow. Considering the dubious accommodation inns appear to offer it was not surprising that two Boy Scouts (A. Medcalfe and G. A. Coleman), out on a somewhat belated patrol, should prefer to spend the night under the stars. After having argued exhaustively the question whether pirates still existed the two fell asleep against a barrel. Their doubts were effectively removed by Captain Cutlass (G. H. Stockdale) and his ruffianly pirate crew. They remained unmoved by the Captain's lusty chanties and the vigorous horn-pipe

dancing of M. J. Booth, D. W. Lomas, and N. Pattinson, but their dreams were shattered by the gentle admonitions of a patrolling policeman (R. Smallwood). This spirited production by Mr. Bonnick was much enjoyed.

The season was concluded on February 14th with the performance by 3A of "The Coiners" by Ernest Hendrie. Once again the action took place at an inn. The trouble with inns is you can't keep out of them; but "The Wild Dog" was sinister enough to deter any but ugly customers. These latter, however, were well represented by the rakish Hon. Charles Carteret (alias Edward Greenwood) and his gang (W. A. Robinson, B. M. Oakes, J. A. G. Rimmer, T. K. Blezard, and E. A. Rose). Owing to the murder of an Exciseman a price has been put on their heads (the Dogs had certainly a bad enough name to justify their being hanged); but this does not unduly disturb the equanimity of the dissolute rake who leads them. However, despite his ruffianly attempts to bluff his way out he is remorsefully pursued by one of the murdered man's colleagues (D. J. Roberts), as resourceful as the rake himself, and his military reinforcements (R. Cummings, G. A. Johnson and R. A. Cheek) with the reluctant help of the Hostess (R. A. Cheek) and her grandson, Mark (G. Standring). The play, which was commendably audible, was produced by Mr. Jecny.

The Debating Society.

On Monday, 21st November last, Mr. Barnett addressed a well-attended meeting upon the subject "The Appreciation of Modern Art." He explained at some length the reasons for the form of modern art partly by showing how it had grown up, and partly by giving descriptions of specific examples. He then suggested the manner in which one should try to appreciate these works, and answered questions in the following lively discussion.

A debate was held the next week on the semi-serious motion "That the time has come for a reform in men's clothing," which was proposed by G. Beaumont and J. M. F. Drake, and opposed by B. J. Stone and J. R. Hopwood. The wishes of the proposers were for changes mainly in colour and pattern, such as the introduction of bright check shirts, boldly emblazoned sweaters, pictured ties and colourful socks; but also, to a lesser extent, in design such as the abolition of turn-ups and the wearing of three-quarter length trousers. The opposition argued that the design of clothes had grown up naturally as the result of necessity, and that loose, bright clothes are the sign of a loose and effeminate character. The motion was carried by 15 votes to 8.

As a conclusion to the Michaelmas Term's activities Mr. Geary related many of his experiences and observations of South Africa to an interested gathering. In this talk, entitled "Memories of South Africa", he brought to light many of the racial problems which face that country today, and answered questions also on the social relationships existing there.

The Lent Term General Meeting was held on 16th January, and attended by a satisfactory number of members. For the first half of the term J. F. Wyatt was elected to the office of Deputy Chairman. B. Seddon was reappointed Secretary.

On 23rd January Adoption Meetings for the various political parties in preparation for the Mock Election created a great deal of interest amongst the fifth and sixth forms. Although no Liberal or Independent nominations were received, Conservative, Communist and Labour candidates "put up." On polling day, 6th February, a large audience heard the speeches of B. J. Stone (Conservative), H. Baker (Communist), and R. Calderwood (Labour), and as a result of the ballot Labour was returned by a majority of one vote over the Conservatives.

The first debate of the term "That a Reform of the English System of Spelling would be a Desirable Innovation," was proposed by H. R. Gooddie and B. Seddon, and opposed by A. W. Sedgwick and J. F. Wyatt. Gooddie emphasised the difficulties confronting both children and foreigners, and prophesied that with phonetic spelling English could become an international language. His opponent, Sedgwick, claimed that a sudden change would isolate our language from all others, both past and present, and he challenged the proposers to suggest a possible system. B. Seddon, seconding the proposer, did this in some detail after pointing out the existing discrepancies. J. F. Wyatt envisaged difficulties with dialects, and reminded the House that all books would have to be translated into phonetic English. The motion was defeated by 14 votes to 2. B. S.

The Chess Club.

Captain: H. Davidson. Secretary: D. Hankey.

Although meetings have been held regularly throughout the term, the activities of the club have been considerably hampered by lack of equipment, and in order to obviate this difficulty many sets of varying and unorthodox design have been pressed into service. Now, however, six new boards and sets have been bought and are in continuous use on Monday and Thursday evenings as members practise for the School Chess tournament and the return match against Stockport Grammar School, who won so decisively last term.

The Library.

Little of importance has occurred since our last issue, apart from one or two administrative changes. At the end of last term the practice of keeping some of the more popular books in restricted circulation was discontinued. This necessitated a stricter application of the rules concerning the renewal and return of books, especially those in constant use. There has been a pleasing response, but the co-operation of the sixth forms is still essential if everyone is to have a reasonable chance of borrowing the more important books in the course of the year. Several new books have been placed on the shelves this term, especially French dictionaries, about twenty science books, and about a dozen of the newer volumes in the Home University Library.

B. J. S.

C.C.F. Notes.

The chief activity this term has been the preparation of candidates for the Certificate "A" Part II examination. There will be a record number of three platoons taking the examination. This large number is due to the fact that at the end of last term forty-two Cadets passed the Part I examination, despite the fact that the candidates had been training for the examination for a very short period and in the restricted training conditions of the winter term. The successful candidates were:—Cadets G. A. Arnold, S. B. Boaler, E. P. Campbell, J. N. Clarke, P. C. Dutton, A. O. Dyson, M. R. Evans, A. Evan-son, A. G. Firth, W. M. Gould, D. R. Hankey, P. R. Higginson, A. G. Hilton, D. A. Hilton, D. D. Hilton, J. D. Hopkinson, B. S. Knowles, J. R. Lilley, B. D. Linley, F. Livsey, J. K. Lord, D. H. Lythgoe, A. I. Maclachlan, P. Marlton, C. A. McGlashan, N. A. Ogilvie, H. Ridgway, D. G. Robertson, I. H. Scrutton, B. A. Taylor, B. L. Tebbutt, B. L. Thomas, J. M. Thomson, D. J. Townsend, B. K. Wales, M. R. Walker, B. B. Wall-work, P. H. N. Webster, D. M. Womersley, N. Wood, G. Wooldridge, A. C. Wright.

Post-Certificate "A" work is also continuing successfully. In addition to the R.E.M.E. and Signals training the Cadets benefit by a "badge" for methods of instruction. Many Cadets attended courses in R.E.M.E., Signals, M.T., and R.A.M.C. work over the Christmas holidays.

The recruits platoon is steadily increasing in strength. The recruits have benefited by visits from an Army Film Unit. The films add a great deal of interest to the work and are especially useful during

this season when practical training is often out of the question. Some practical training should, however, be gained at a Field Day, which will be held at Lyme Park, Disley, on March 1st.

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

In this year's collection all records have been broken. The total was £772, far surpassing the £677 collected last year, and for the first time showing an average of more than £1 per head for all the boys in the main School and the Preparatory Department.

The Prep. total of £67 16s. 10d. is again higher than their previous best, and the steady increase in their contribution is most gratifying. P. J. Richards collected £64, surpassing his last year's figure of £60, and setting an individual record which will be hard to beat.

Last year Form 1C became the first form to collect more than £100, and took from Lower I the form record which, at various figures, they had held since 1929. This year's Lower I has answered the challenge with a total of £109, and thus recaptured the record.

It is extremely gratifying that the heavy costs of running the club, and particularly of carrying out essential repairs and decorations at present-day prices, have been met by such a fine response from the School.

Form totals and averages:—

Form.	Total. £ s. d.	Average per head. £ s. d.
Prep.	67 16 10	 14 7
6 C.U.	15 3 0	 1 3 3½
6 M.U.	9 4 0	 12 3
6 S.U.	20 0 0	 12 1½
6 C.M.L.	13 1 10	 10 5½
6 C.L.	23 11 9½	 14 3½
5 A	17 17 9	 13 9
5 B	21 17 0	 13 8
5 C	20 4 1	 13 11
5 Y	18 13 2	 13 10
4 A	22 18 11	 14 9½
4 B	20 2 6	 14 4½
4 Y	38 11 3	 1 4 1
3 A	22 4 4	 13 10½
3 B	24 15 3½	 16 6
2 A	95 5 0	 3 1 5½
2 B	27 8 10	 17 2
2 C	26 14 1	 16 8
1 A	51 8 4	 1 12 1½
1 B	34 9 2	 1 1 6½
1 C	62 5 8	 1 18 11
L I	109 0 0	 3 10 4

The Headmaster has received the following letter from Sir Joseph Nall, President of the Club:—

"28th January, 1950.

Dear Mr. Bird,

The Committee has asked me to send you the enclosed official receipt and to convey our most grateful thanks for the wonderful amount collected. The figure of £772 is over £100 more than last year's record total.

I am sure that both you and the boys of the School will be interested to know how this money is used. The first result is that we have been able to clear an overdraft at the Bank (which had risen to about £250) and to pay other accounts which had been held up for lack of funds.

Secondly, we have been enabled to go ahead with plans for the Whit-Week Camp at Prestatyn in confidence that we shall be able to afford the heavy overhead costs of this annual event, for which we have already about 160 applications.

Thirdly, it has been decided to get on with the delayed renovation of parts of the Club premises, and we hope that it will be possible to finish at least the large gymnasium. The outside work and the remaining inside part of the Club will have to wait until we see to what extent the rest of our Subscribers follow the wonderful example set by the School. I can assure you that the generous and spontaneous support you continue to give to us is a great inspiration to all concerned in the work of the Club.

With kind regards and grateful thanks on behalf of the Committee.

Yours sincerely,
JOSEPH NALL."

Lacrosse, 1949-50.

FIRST TEAM.

Seven matches have been played this term (including three in the Lancashire Junior Cup Competition) and all have been won.

The team is probably the fastest that has represented the School, and although there are only four Colours from last year's very successful team, the results this year are quite the equal of last year's.

We have a first-class goalkeeper who not only stops shots but clears advantageously, a defence who are all fast, ably led by G. B. Appleby (Captain), who has knit them well together, and an attack which has improved with every match we have played. Godson has taken over the attacking schemes, and C. S. Smith, A. M. Blight, G. S. Preston and P. R. Donovan have backed him up enthusiastically.

There are still members of the team who cannot keep two hands on their 'crosses and will try to get the ball in ground struggles holding the 'crosse with one hand. We also have one or two who take their eyes off the ball when it is being passed to them.

G. B. Appleby (Captain) and G. B. Lawson (Vice-Captain) have taken the keenest interest in the team.

The team has been G. B. Appleby (Captain), G. B. Lawson (Vice-Captain), W. R. Lee, J. M. Beazley, A. W. Crowe, E. Hill, B. E. Reeve, A. Godson, A. M. Blight, C. S. Smith, P. R. Donovan, G. S. Preston.

RESULTS.

14th January, v. OLD WACONIANS "B." Home. Won 19—2. 1st round of the Lancashire Junior Cup.

This was a disappointing start to the season as our opponents failed to field a full side. We could not fail to win even though we gave them an extra man to even the sides. The team saw one change, Donovan was brought in for Hawthorne.

21st January, v. HEATON MERSEY "A." Home. Won 14—9. 2nd round of the Lancashire Junior Cup.

Conditions were good, and from the first face a hard game ensued. Our attack played hard and quite well, Godson being outstanding. The Mersey attack were good and deserved the nine goals they scored. The defence on the other hand tended to stay too far up field and lacked covering power and so we conceded nine goals.

28th January, v. M.G.S. 1st XII. Home. Won 12—6.

We started badly and were far too confident, and it took till half-time to get on level terms with M.G.S. after being 5—1 down. After half-time the defence settled down to their task and the attack showed better combination.

4th February, v. OLD HULMEIANS "B." Away. Won 10—0.

The Old Boys fielded a side rather below their usual standard, and but for good goalkeeping the score would have been greater. The passing and catching in the attack was good, but the defence showed their inability to use the ball fully when forcing.

8th February, v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY "A." Home. Won 16—5.

A strong University side, specially strengthened, presented a good opposition. The attack worked hard and well, resulting in some fine movements, while the defence held a hard-working attack which was supported by a very forceful defence.

11th February, v. OLD MANCUNIAN "A." Home.
Won 16-4. Semi-Final of the Lancashire Junior Cup.

On a very dismal afternoon the game opened briskly. The Old Mancunians attack pressed hard and gained first honours. But our attack soon equalised and gained the initiative, and after half-time constructive play became difficult, due to poor weather conditions. The team as a whole played well and Godson and Donovan worked hard in the attack.

The final of the Lancashire Junior Cup will be played on April 1st, against Old Hulmeians "B."

25th February, v. HEATON MERSEY "A." Away.
Won 12-2.

The defence was sound despite cold conditions, but was not really hard pressed after the first quarter. The attack played together well and showed some good tactical moves, helped by a forcing defence. In the last quarter Mersey packed their goal and marked hard and closely, but to no avail.

SECOND XII.

Five matches have already been played this term and we have won all of them. We have been fortunate in that we have seldom had to make changes in the team, which has played consistently well.

The attack has been fast and the shooting of good standard, with the result that scores have been high. The defence players, except for occasional lapses in trying to "rush" their men, have played a very steady game, while Smith has formed an excellent link between attack and defence, and has helped materially also by winning the "face" very frequently. The team has been very well captained by D. M. Archer, who has not only played excellently in goal but has also directed his team with great efficiency.

Team—The following have played: D. M. Archer (Captain), J. Harrison, K. Hoskinson, A. Potter, L. A. Logue, G. L. Arnold, I. F. Smith, B. Hawthorne, A. A. Rainford, R. G. Winfield, H. R. Goodie, R. M. Bale, D. W. Stone, P. E. Reeve.

RESULTS.

Jan. 14.—v. Manchester G.S.	A	W 25-4
" 21.—v. Stockport G.S.	A	W 15-8
" 28.—v. Ashton "B"	A	W 18-0
Feb. 4.—v. Stockport G.S.	H	W 14-5
" 25.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	W 15-2

UNDER 15 XII.

We started with only two of last year's team, but there is a wealth of material available, and the main need is experience and practice as a team. The handling is quite good, but there are several bad habits which must be eradicated. The most serious is a tendency to throw with the 'crosse below the level of the shoulder. Such a throw is much less accurate than one from the shoulder. The other trouble is that too many people fight for the ball with only one hand on the 'crosse.

The attack will be more effective when they realise that a man is much more dangerous without the ball than with it, and that to hold the ball, without being able to go in and shoot, merely gives time for the opposing defence to draw back and cover.

The defence has been very steady, but is apt to take too long to get the ball away, and has not yet learnt the art of covering. Wing defences, in particular, must be in a position to help if an opponent breaks through in the straight.

Only two matches have been played so far. The first was an easy win over Manchester Grammar School, but in the second, with three reserves in the team, we had to fight hard to defeat Cheadle Hulme.

Six of the team have been chosen to play for the Lancashire Colts against Cheshire on February 25th —J. R. L. Hall (Captain), N. A. Moran, A. O. Dyson, J. N. Clarke, D. G. Robertson, and R. Braddock.

RESULTS.

Jan. 28.—v. Manchester G.S.	H	W 18-0
Feb. 4.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	W 6-4

Team: J. R. L. Hall (Captain), N. A. Moran, A. O. Dyson, J. N. Clarke, D. G. Robertson, R. Braddock, J. K. Robertson, S. L. Beckett, R. K. Davies, B. K. Wales, A. G. Hilton, D. A. Hilton. In the second match A. G. Firth, R. K. Gibson and D. P. Easton played.

Rugby Football.

1st XV.

There were five remaining matches to be played when last term's Magazine went to press; of these two were victories. There was no radical change in the side, and the general standard of play was good. At the end of the season the following received their Colours:—G. L. Arnold, W. R. Benson, G. E. Cusick, L. A. Logue, G. A. Pilling, C. S. Smith, I. F. Smith.

Saturday, 19th November, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL 1ST XV. Away. Won 20—3.

In ideal conditions School started disappointingly and missed several scoring chances. The forwards played well and gave the backs most of the play, but they failed to make the most of their chances. By half-time we were 3 points down, due to a good movement by Cheadle Hulme and our bad covering. After half-time we played with renewed vigour, and with some good combination of forwards and backs we scored all our points in the last 20 minutes.

Saturday, 30th November, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL 1ST XV. Away. Lost 8—16.

In the first few minutes we scored from our own line via Godson and Logue. After leading 5—3 at half-time we increased our lead to 8—3, and it developed into a hard midfield game. The general handling was good, but the forwards did not gain possession of the ball enough times to give the backs much chance. It was in the last few minutes after repeated set scrums that we lost the game.

Saturday, 3rd December, v. OLD HULMEIANS 1ST XV. Home. Lost 3—6.

On a muddy pitch with rain or drizzle continuing for the whole time handling was practically impossible. It developed therefore into a forwards' game, and rushes and kicking ahead became the major part of the play. There was nothing to choose between the two sides, and the result was an enjoyable game.

Saturday, 10th December, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Away. Lost 3—34.

Merchant Taylors kept up their reputation for good football, mainly because of a good pack and good handling in the back division. Our forwards never got on top to dominate the play and we were far too much on the defensive. The score was mounted up by drop goals and penalties.

Saturday, 17th December, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD 1ST XV. Home. Won 14—8.

The last match of the season developed into a hard even game. The forwards gave a good display, always fighting hard, and the handling of the backs was good. The game was very open and we were frequently on their line. It was a fitting close to the season.

The team for the season was: G. B. Appleby, A. Godson, G. L. Arnold, J. M. Beazley, W. R. Benson, J. M. Cairns, G. E. Cusick, M. C. Dickens, E. Hill, W. R. Lee, L. A. Logue, G. A. Pilling, G. A. Royle, C. S. Smith, and I. F. Smith. A. W. Crowe, D. M. Archer, D. W. Hannaford, R. H. G. Gray, B. E. Reeve, and K. Hoskinson have also played.

2ND XV.

RESULTS.

Dec. 3.—v. Old Hulmeians "A"	H	L	3-8
" 10.—v. Merchant Taylors	H	W	10-0
" 17.—v. Macclesfield	A	L	0-9

Colours were awarded to M. J. Lanigan, D. W. Stone, and D. M. Archer.

Since last going to press the following have also played: P. M. Charnley, A. A. Rainford, D. R. Rothwell, F. M. Bramwell, P. B. Stansfield. D. Woolfenden was linesman and a reserve.

UNDER 15 XV.

The season ended more hopefully than it started. At Birkenhead and at Crosby lack of speed and ineffective tackling resulted in heavy defeats, but in two other games vigour and determination led to success. Altogether four matches were won and five lost. The complete list of results is:—

Sept. 24.—v. Sale County G.S.	A	L	0-32
Oct. 1.—v. King's S., Macclesfield....	A	L	9-26
" 15.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	W	25-6
Nov. 5.—v. Denstone College	A	L	0-25
" 19.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	15-6
" 23.—v. King Edward VII School, Lytham	A	W	16-8
" 30.—v. Birkenhead School	A	L	0-25
Dec. 10.—v. Merchant Taylors' School..	A	L	0-38
" 14.—v. King's S., Macclesfield ...	H	W	6-3

Colours were awarded to: D. R. Hankey, J. R. L. Hall, N. A. Moran, J. D. Hopkinson, D. G. Robertson, J. K. Robertson, A. G. Firth, A. G. Hilton, J. G. Rutherford, A. D. Dyson, M. Credland, B. A. Craven, J. N. Clarke, B. B. Wallwork.

House Games.

This term is invariably shorter than the football or cricket terms and, as always, has been characterised by bad weather. This has, however, in no way damped enthusiasm among the juniors. The successes of School teams in past and present seasons have, indeed, brought a resurgence of enthusiasm.

In the Knock-outs Fraser and Whitworth Seniors are in the finals, while Dalton and Fraser Juniors will be fighting for the Junior honour. Byrom and Heywood have consistently hugged the bottom of the House League, and both their Juniors and their Seniors have early lost their way in the Flag competition.

Special commendation must be given to Whitworth House for their consistency in winning, despite the fact that all House teams are more evenly matched in skill and ability than has been the case for some time. Gaskell, also, is doing well in the league despite the calls of School teams. R. C.

First XI Cricket Fixtures, 1950.

May	6.—v. Cheadle Royal, Away.
	10.—v. Hulme Hall, Home.
"	13.—v. Manchester Grammar School, Home.
"	20.—v. Cheadle Hulme School, Home.
June	3.—v. Cheadle Royal, Away.
"	7.—v. The Staff, Home.
"	10.—v. King Edward VII School, Lytham, Away.
"	14.—v. Old Hulmeians, Home.
"	17.—v. Whalley Range C.C., Home.
"	24.—v. Manchester Grammar School, Away.
"	28.—v. Manchester Cricket Club, Old Trafford.
July	1.—v. King's School, Macclesfield, Home.
"	8.—v. Merchant Taylors' School, Home.
"	17.—v. Wallasey Grammar School, Away.
"	19.—v. Birkenhead School, Away.
"	22.—v. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield, Home.

Skiing in Switzerland.

For the second year in succession a party went from School for the winter sports in Switzerland. This time Mr. Jecny and Mr. Morgan took thirty-six boys from the fifth and sixth forms to Flims-Waldhaus in the Grisons district. Accompanying the party were Mr. Caldwell, Mrs. Jecny and Mrs. Morgan and one or two of their friends.

Leaving Manchester late on Christmas Day, we arrived in London early on Boxing Day, very ready for breakfast. For a few of those who had travelled up by train, this proved quite an affair, as they were refused admittance to Lyons' Corner House until it was very nearly time to depart for Victoria Station. However, as usual, things sorted themselves out and within a few hours we were starting to cross the Channel. This crossing was rather upsetting to many, the sea not being as smooth as it might have been. But all bad things come to an end. The next eighteen hours were spent in crossing France, interrupted only by a short stay in Paris. During that time we had a meal and changed stations, and a very small party went to see the Eiffel Tower,

which could only just be seen as it was dark. We arrived at our destination about lunch-time on the day after Boxing Day. Luckily enough, there was some snow about, and so spirits began to rise very quickly when the village was seen to be very pretty indeed.

We soon settled in at our hotel and were even off skiing the day we arrived. Most picked it up quite quickly and "sten-turns" soon became a mere nothing. Rudolf, our instructor, could do almost miracles on ski, which, when tried by anyone else, almost always ended in disaster. At times, when covered from head to foot in snow, one found it hard to understand why one had come at all.

The first trip down from Foppa, which was reached by chair-lift, was, for most people, rather terrifying, as it involved dropping over a thousand feet in about two miles. Often, the only way of saving one's ski was to fall down, and even that was not very pleasant if it happened to be deep snow that received you. The second time down usually proved far easier in every way.

The food turned out to be of a very high English standard. Usually cooked in the English manner, it restocked the body for future exertions very well indeed. Nothing very much new was encountered in this line except for some "Little Meat Balls and Noodles," on which most boys seemed very keen!

The skating rink attracted quite a large number at times, especially when those concerned had spent more of the morning in the snow than on ski. Skates could be obtained on hire. The surface was very good indeed. After a little uncertain practice, a few became proficient enough to try ice-hockey. We thought we were good until we had seen a real match. Although we all set the fashion in cheering, Flims lost 6—2 to Zürich Grasshoppers.

By the time the holiday came to a close, tobogganing had attracted quite a lot of followers. Toboggans could be hired very cheaply at Rudolf's shop. They were used for extremely high speed exploration of hilly paths, and even more so, for races in the village. These were usually carried out in the evenings as the dark seemed to add much more thrill to the game. Perhaps this was because it was rather exciting not to know what you were about to demolish in your path, be it tree or brick wall.

For the gayer spirits of the party there was a little dancing at another hotel in the village in the evenings. Although there was no charge for admission, the cost of refreshments rose to about two or three times the usual price, which served as a very effective way of keeping the numbers down. The New Year was seen in by some in the traditional manner, the others retiring to bed early in readiness for activities the following day.

The deep blue sky and brilliant sunshine forced a considerable number to buy dark glasses or goggles before a few days were over. Although the temperature was below freezing point the sun was so warm that one day lunch was served in the open and sausages were fried on sticks held over camp fires. But we had our share of snow. For about two and a half days it snowed continually and heavily. By the time it stopped, the official depth was about eighty centimetres. Skiing in weather like that is an extremely different matter from skiing when the sun is shining.

Leaving the land of beauty, peace and plenty, on Saturday, the seventh of January, we reached home early on Monday morning, ready for a new term on the Tuesday. It only remains for me, speaking, I am sure, for the whole party, to thank Mr. Jecny and Mr. Morgan for organising such a wonderful holiday, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

D. W. S.

"The Fudgitive."

"Tea?" asked the Squire.

"Er-yes, please," I replied nervously.

I sat staring fixedly at the tea-pot as the Squire poured out my cup. I noted that his hand was as firm as a rock and that not so much as a drop fell into the saucer. He passed it to me and I took it, in which simple process I succeeded in spilling half the contents of the cup into the saucer.

Social occasions such as this were always a source of great embarrassment to me, and as my host, Squire Frazenby, a close friend of my father's, was considering my application for an important post in his business, I was most anxious to create a good impression. The Squire was a former army colonel of long service in India. Consequently he was possessed of a stiff military bearing, the aspect of which was heightened by a tooth-brush moustache and a pair of hard, gimlet eyes. His greying hair was brushed smartly back from his tanned and furrowed forehead to complete a perfect portrait of a stern, domineering personality. His very look seemed to be a mixture of contempt and pity, whilst his voice was of a rich bass tone and seemed to arise from some mysterious place deep within him, for when he spoke the sound of his words was delayed in following the movement of his lips.

In such company as this I found it most difficult to make conversation, and having thought of a topic, I usually found myself making the most stupid and absurd remarks. My embarrassment increased when

I began my meal. Have you ever noticed the peculiar way in which salad greens have a habit of escaping from the jaws of extermination as it were? Soon I found that I had accumulated more on my lap than there remained on my plate, and was at a loss as to how I should dispose of it. Blindly hoping that my host was unaware of my predicament, I seized the mass of erring vegetation and shoved it into my trousers pocket.

Just then the Squire began a conversation.

"Do you play cricket at all?" he asked.

"Well-er-yes, Hm after a fashion," I replied.

"What are you, a batsman or a bowler?" he queried.

"Oh, I'm equally bad at both," I answered. Of course, what I really meant was equally good at both, but I thought it more modest to put it thus.

"Hm! I should keep quiet about it if I were you," commented my host.

I was somewhat taken aback at this and felt myself blush all over. A well-known saying came to mind "It is better to be silent and thought a fool than speak and prove it." In my confusion I returned to my salad and stabbed furiously at a radish. The result was somewhat astounding. The radish shot across the table like a bullet and bounced off the tea-pot with a loud "ping!" There followed an awkward silence.

"Oh-er-sorry," I stammered, feeling very uncomfortable.

"Quite all right, just give me warning when the next bombardment commences" the Squire commented dryly.

Suddenly there came a crunching noise from the far corner of the room. I turned and saw a small, scruffy terrier busy chewing the miscreant radish.

"Looks as if Dr. Barnado's got it," said the Squire.

"Dr. who?" I asked in amazement.

"Oh that's the name I conferred on him" growled the Squire, "his mouth's the ever-open door when there's food in the vicinity."

"Oh!" I exclaimed, and Dr. Barnardo looked up at me, licking his lips, with a pathetic appeal in his eyes. With that canine intuition of when there's "nothing doing" he quickly abandoned the pose and flopped down on the floor with a grunt, stretching his paws out in front of him and burying his soft nose in them.

When I had finished my salad the Squire's maid removed the empty crockery and then returned with two plates, on each of which was a small brown

square surrounded by custard. "This is my own speciality," said the Squire. "Frazenby Fudge I call it. Made it when I was out in India."

I could well have taken him at his word. The so-called fudge was solid and hard as a rock. All my attempts to break it into pieces failed. Fortunately the telephone rang at this juncture and the maid, having answered it, summoned the Squire. I made the most of my opportunity and pushed the "fudge" into the ever-open jaws of the dog. I then bundled Dr. Barnardo unceremoniously out of the door and returned to my seat. Soon the Squire came in again, and observing my empty plate, asked "Well, how d'you like it?"

"Oh, it was fine," I lied.

"Like some more?"

"No thanks! I really mustn't make a pig of myself," I said quickly.

"Hm! you fellows have no appetite for good food nowadays," growled the Squire, digging his spoon into the brown square. To my amazement there was merely a crack! and the fudge was divided into four pieces, whilst the plate remained unbroken. I stared, fascinated, as my host ate them, his jaws moving with a regular motion as he crunched the concrete mass into powder.

The remainder of the evening passed without incident, and soon it was time for my departure. The maid handed me my hat and coat as I stood talking to the Squire.

"Yes, what I want is a good, straight, honest young man for the post," he said. "I think you should fulfil those requirements well enough."

"Thank you, sir," I replied.

"I'll give your father a ring in a day or two and let him know definitely whether you're to have the job or not," said the Squire. "Well, good-night boy," and as he spoke, he gripped my hand with crushing force.

"Good-night, sir," I said and pulled open the door with my sound hand. "By the way, do let my mother have the recipe for that fudge of yours, I must induce her to make some."

"Oh, yes! certainly," said the Squire, laughing. "Give you something to use your teeth on."

Just then there was a soft pattering upon the long flight of stone steps which led up to the house. A small white mass of fur and bones came bouncing up to the Squire. There was a sharp "click!" as it laid something at his feet. My heart rose to my mouth with horror. On the floor was a small brown square of "Frazenby Fudge." A. M. B., 6 C.M.U.

On First Going to School.

A man has during his lifetime many feelings of terror, at one time or another, many feelings of complete and utter helplessness; but perhaps none of these is equal to the sensation felt on first entering within the walls of a Public School. It is a sensation unique in itself, an indescribable and horrible sensation. Father's car has driven away, and you are left standing on the doorstep of a sinister and awful building, a suitcase in your hand, facing a new life of untold terrors and disasters. Left behind is the warm comfort of the sitting-room, the loving embrace of a tender-hearted mother, the little private elementary school where you were the biggest boy and could beat any other chap in a fight. Father has told you that you are going away to prepare yourself for your future life—what a terrible place life must be if it is anything like this!

Trembling with fright, you are ushered into the presence of the Headmaster in his dark, book-lined study, on the carpet of which you tread as if it were holy ground. With what a deep, sinister voice he utters his "Welcome to Greenfield, Brown," and tells you in which House and form you are to be placed! Who is Dr. Green, and what are Tennyson House and the Lower First? How you gaze with awe at the gown-clad tutors who make their silent ways down the corridors and from room to room! With what admiration you behold the tall and heroic senior boys who stroll about with one hand thrust into a pocket and the other supporting a pile of books under an arm! Fancy fellows of that size and age still at school!

In the afternoon you timidly enter the domain of the Lower First and sit down in one of the strange-looking desks. One or two boys about your own age and size come across to ask you your name and where you come from, but they mostly stare at you as if you are a strange creature from another world—which is, of course, exactly what you feel like amidst these strange surroundings. Nor are you made to feel any more comfortable when one of the chaps who has condescended to speak to you tells you that you will "hate Old Greensleeves, he's a terror." It is not long before you find this out for yourself, when the Terror introduces you to Latin and Greek. Preparing oneself for future life, indeed! Of what earthly use are these strange inscriptions—"ὁ παῖς παντὶς"—or what good will it do one when eventually one is plunged into the world to be able to say "amo, amas, amat, amamus, amatis, amant?" And so it is with mixed feelings of inability and uselessness that you get down to your work. O, the futility of Latin and Greek!

The next day, after a very short night's sleep due to the strangeness of sleeping in a room with a dozen other boys instead of in your own cosy room, a little fellow introducing himself as Phillips consents to show you round the school. The more you see of it, the more you begin to wish yourself at home again, and the more you are convinced that it is a huge world and you are a very insignificant small fry. This is the gymnasium with its weird-looking contrivances, such as ropes and ladders and all sorts of strange apparatus. This is the games field, with its tall and stately posts, of a shape hitherto unknown. You have tried a hand at a game of cricket before, and you know there is a game called golf because Father plays it, but what is this strange pastime called "rugger" that Phillips keeps on talking about?

The next day you find out. The School turns out in full force to watch the heroes of the First Fifteen take the field. With what horror you watch the boys hurling themselves at each other, knocking each other over, and sprawling full-length in the thick and uninviting mud! Look at them, all clustered together in a heap, clinging to each other. A "scrum," do they call it? How the School cheers when one of the boys wearing a red Greenfield jersey tucks the egg-shaped ball under his arm and races as fast as he can until he reaches the posts, where he hurls himself on his face and slaps the ball on the ground, while the excited boys shout "Try! Try! Well played, Greenfield! Up School!" When at last the players of this rough and strange game begin to troop off the field, it is with absolute horror that you behold their cut faces or lips, and their bleeding knees. But the strange part about it is that the boys themselves—they are not really boys, are they, such big, strong fellows!—do not seem to mind at all, but are actually laughing and joking with the tough-looking chaps from the other school who have punched at their faces and cut their knees!

And thus you pass your first few days at school. Isn't it strange how soon the feeling of awe and loneliness begins to abate? Old Greensleeves turns out to be quite a decent old chap really, and after a few lessons the Latin verbs become quite fluent and the Greek alphabet becomes not only understandable but quite fascinating. The dormitory becomes a place of revelry and jollity, and the boys soon get to know you and you are welcomed into the "happy families" of which the Lower First consists. And now the game of Rugby Football becomes not only less terrible and less awful to behold, but you actually begin to enjoy a game yourself and revel in the rough and tumble. Your letters home begin to be filled with accounts of your adventures instead of soliloquies on your home-sickness. A new world of fun and adventure opens out before you, and soon you are working feverishly to get at the top of

your form, and playing your hardest to be able to play for the Tennyson Juniors at Rugger. Even the lagging for that huge fellow Smith becomes quite pleasant, for Smith has always a helping hand for your Latin prep., and many useful tips to give on the art of kicking goals and scoring tries. Dare you hope that one day you might be a prefect yourself, and play for the Fifteen? Play up, Greenfield!

K. H., 6 C.M.L.

The Release of Buchaille.

Rising at four in the morning is not unusual for a Highland crofter, but to rise at that hour from an improvised bed in an outhouse, breakfast on cold porridge, with skimmed milk, tea from a Thermos flask and a cold hard-boiled egg would make any man disgruntled. So thought tall, brawny Neil Stewart as he strode down the hill, along the side of the dark fir wood, through the marshy field, over the stile and into the turnip howe.

His troubles, he mused, not for the first time, sprang from marrying a capable and ambitious wife. Here he was a man of thirty-five who dare not enter his own farm kitchen in the morning from June to September lest he disturb the summer visitors who filled each room. An even greater hardship was that he was condemned to smoke his pipe outside in case its "vile stink" should offend the delicate nostrils of the guests. Criticism was stifled by the display of a thickening roll of banknotes, the savings that one day were to purchase a fine farm in the strath.

The narrow glen shimmered in the rays of the rising sun. The fast running burn tumbled over its stony bed. Soon it would vanish in the white mist of morning, but the scowl did not vanish from Neil's brow.

If only he could persuade Janet to let them have the house to themselves all the year round. He disliked the visitors. He guessed rightly that were it not for the excellent food served to them so freely, few would attempt the journey to his isolated home where even such humble modern transport as a child's perambulator became superfluous. Enthusiasm for pram-pushing evaporates on a gradient of one in five.

But Janet would worst anyone in debate. The clerks in the Local Agricultural Office had long ago decided it was better to grant Mrs. Stewart's requests than to deny them. Perhaps they suspected she withheld more oats than she should, perhaps they guessed her hens laid more eggs than she testified, but, as the farm, Buchaille, was like an eyrie few inspectors, as she well knew, included it in their itinerary.

Neil crossed the wooden bridge and made his way to Duncan's farm where he was, neighbour-like, to lend a hand at the threshing. Manual work always dissolved Neil's worries.

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The kitchen at Buchaille was what a kind person would describe as strictly functional, what a critic would say was primitive. The deal table was covered with American cloth, imitating marble. A grandfather enamel teapot sat on the hob. That its original colour was a bright blue could only be deduced from the streak on the lid that had escaped the enveloping layer of carbon.

By the hearth two small, miserable turkeys, emitting their woeful cry, were refusing to be fattened for Christmas, while the sheepdog, Topsy, having upturned her empty bowl, set to work on theirs. A disconsolate hen, nursing a wounded limb, drew up to the smouldering peat fire. The cats, naturally, were in position under the table, waiting for manna to fall.

The guests assembled. Ignoring the diversity of the crockery and the paucity of the cutlery, they savoured the joys of milk porridge with cream, bacon and eggs, hot girdle scones and home-made black currant jam.

After this sumptuous meal, one of the guests, by name John Grant, who spent his working day in a paper mill in the big town sixty miles away, decided that with his brother Donald, he would do something forbidden and enticing.

Addressing his hostess with a winning smile he asked, "Do those guns hanging above the mantle-piece work?"

We shall not attempt a reproduction of Janet's speech. It was in broad Scots for which a glossary would be required.

"Of course they fire. The top one we use for the grouse. We're allowed to shoot any on our own land. The other is dangerous, but it makes such a rowdy clatter I use it for frightening the birds off the blackcurrant bushes."

"Would you let Donald and me have them for today? We'd like to go out on the hill and see what we could bag," said John.

"You'll do nothing of the kind," was the forthright answer. "The hill is the Laird's land. If you were found on it we might lose the farm."

"Your boy told us last night that he was going to beat for the Laird and his party on Sgurr na Bran today. That's miles away. Nobody will see us. We are only after rabbits."

Perhaps it was because Janet saw all the thwarted adventure in John's life that she yielded. She reached for the weapons. For the serviceable one they held a licence. They considered that the age and condition of the other entitled it to go unlicensed, a quite illegal view of course. She insisted on the men being inconspicuous. They must place empty cartridge cases in their pockets. A trail of tangerine cardboard cylinders would lead the keeper to Buchaille.

John and Donald departed. They found the long line of the ridge exhausting. Rabbits would pose in tiny clearings, saying, "Have a pot at me!" But alas! shooting in a range at a fair and at a live rabbit are very different. Up would go the ridiculous tail and in a second it would be out of sight. John assured Donald all would be well when he got his eye in. Donald was not so optimistic. A lethal weapon he surely carried, but lethal to whom? Janet had omitted to mention that her ancient firearm had a vicious kick. Donald now tried his jaw gingerly. It performed its regular function, but only just.

"Not a ——— partridge, grouse or pheasant to be seen," complained John. "Wonder why the precious Laird keeps the place."

They sat in a little hollow.

Suddenly a shirring of wings and the cry "go-back, go-back" of grouse broke on the air. Oh, lovely sight! Across the sky they flew. John and his brother fired. They did not miss. A brace fell. The men went forward to collect their trophies.

To their amazement, from the heather on the far side of the flank, a retriever raced to the spot. As they came up, it stood, a grouse in its mouth. It was intimating plainly that it knew to whom the bird did not belong.

From behind them came the dry crunch of feet on heather. They turned. In a moment a very angry gentleman was demanding:

"Who are you?"

For a moment John considered replying, "Wouldn't you like to know?"

He had found such answers devastating in his own circle, but an inner voice warned him that this was not such an occasion.

They gave their names and addresses, their home addresses.

"Where are you living here?"

"At Buchaille."

"Whose guns are these?"

"Neil Stewart's."

"Oh! Indeed. Does he know you're here?"

"No."

"Did you take the guns then?"

"No. Mrs. Stewart let us have them to shoot rabbits."

"This is very serious. Poaching! Trespassing! Let me warn you the Laird is not likely to take a lenient view."

"Why?" said a twisted voice which John did not recognise as his own. "We've done no harm. The shooting party is on Sgurr na Bran today. We have not interfered with their pleasure. We ———"

"Ho-ho!" So that's it. You thought you'd poach with the Laird six miles away. Cast your eye to the far side of yon ridge and see what's there."

John looked. He could see nothing. Yes, he could. Placed so as to be as unnoticeable as possible was an echeloned line of butts.

"Butts!" exclaimed John.

"Aye, butts. Behind the butts is the Laird's party, and if I'm no mistaken, there's the Laird himself coming."

They made to go.

"Oh, no," said the man who had declared himself to be the head-keeper of the estate. "Let me have the guns."

Whether he had the legal right to demand them the pair did not know. They were sick of them. So they yielded them up without quibble.

It was a drooping couple that entered the farmhouse. It was a long-faced Janet who listened to their tale. Only one fear ever possessed her. It was the dread of having their application for a renewal of their tenancy of Buchaille rejected when the present lease ran out. An incident like this might well earn the Laird's displeasure. Moreover, if he prosecuted the lack of a licence would mean an even heavier fine. The arrival of a messenger with a curt note requesting Neil to wait on the Laird at six did nothing to lessen the shaking of her limbs.

The youngest boy was dispatched with instructions to bring his father home at once. There, Neil heard the story in silence. All the patient work of fifteen years to count for nothing when he was only a few years short of his goal!

Dressed in his good blue suit, flat, grey tweed cap in hand he waited on the Laird's pleasure.

The Laird, of course, was severe. His guests (even the simplest inhabitants of the glen knew the guests paid the owner heavily for their sport) had been

deprived of their enjoyment. After the incident the beaters had failed to send as many grouse into the air again. But knowing the calibre of Stewart he would not prosecute. He would advise him that it would be wiser to concentrate on farming and abandon the business of summer visitors.

It was dark as Neil made his way past the firs, through the upper fields, stumbling once over the bulk of Jess, the Ayrshire, as she lay in the dew-drenched field. But there was a smile on his face. There would be no more cold porridge, no more boarders, and as he strode through the kitchen door his fingers lovingly clasped the pipe lying snugly in his pocket.

W. R. E., 5Y.

Sunset.

The afternoon was far spent, and the busy sparrows in the clustered hedgerows chirped their evening song to the drowsy cows which stood half reposing in the open fields. As I was walking down the small dusty lanes, bordered by the stately birches and mingling chestnuts, a tall, shadowy wood lay ahead, strange, frightening, and dark in the fading light.

I did not enter the wood with haste, but slowly stepped in, and now and again cast frightened glances over my shoulder. Great cool spaces lay about me, and a green roof above, held up by trees like pillars. The softest moss covered the rocks lying about on the ground, and bilberry bushes, jewelled with pink flowers grew by the path. The pale, yellow rays of sunlight shone through the lacy boughs and dappled my face and coat with yellow circles. The air was still, cold, and fresh, like a drink of spring water.

Picking my way through a thicket of sweet-smelling honeysuckle and prickly briar, and then clearing a tiny spring which ran among the trees and short green reeds, I finished up out of the wood and found myself in a small winding lane. Out across the horizon the sun was sinking like a ruby, as though into the quiet earth below. The birds stopped their singing, lights glistened in the far-off cottages and a little crescent moon now hung dimly in the sky. As the sun disappeared completely the little stars winked gaily at the quiet earth from their places in the darkening sky.

An owl hooted, a cricket sounded in reply, from the depths of the wood; so, kicking my heels, I ran to my own home leaving the peaceful wood behind.

P. C. C. B., 2A.

Very Impure Mathematics.

(With apologies to various people.)

Imagine a projectile, *e.g.*, a motor-car moving with uniform velocity $(V + y)$ m.p.h.

Let S = value of the driver's ready cash.

Let PC = an unknown quantity.

Let JP = another unknown quantity.

If $V = 30$ m.p.h. and y is negative, the car will continue to travel almost indefinitely, and PC may be ignored.

If y becomes positive, PC can no longer be ignored and affects $V + y$ so that $V + y = 0$.

Now it may well be that S will depreciate as a result, so that

$$PC + dS = (PC)^2;$$

Where dS is equivalent to $3x$, *i.e.*, xxx .

Thus PC will cease to affect $V + y$.

If PC cannot be squared JP will become significant and, as this quantity cannot be squared, S will suddenly approach 0. Indeed it may actually become negative, and $V + y$ will equal 0 for some considerable time.

E. A. G. H., 6 S.U.

Modernity.

A headless fish with seven tails,
Swallow's wings and scarlet scales,
Swimming through a sea of apple tart:
Modern art.

Murder, vengeance, lust and hate;
Sudden death and cruel fate;
Thieves, blackmailers, gangsters, crooks:
Modern books.

Jarring discord, savage shrieks,
Blaring brass and frenzied squeaks,
Whoever listens surely rues it:
Modern music.

On Reincarnation.

Was I a lobster in that other life,
With a rock ledge for a home and a shell-fish for a wife?
And, is it possible, that it was my sad fate
To end blushing, boiled and naked on a human being's plate?

Perhaps I was a maggot, long, long ago;
Born in the murky heart of a rotten potato;
Did I dwell in Gorgonzola? or in luscious green Gruyère?
Or was my home in the yellow dome of a creamy Camembert?

In the future, a porpoise I should like to be,
Playing hide-and-seek with mermaids and having whelks for tea;
I'd gambol round a coral reef, bask in a limpid pool,
Frisk my tale at a passing whale,—and never go to school.
D. M. L., 5A.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News.

J. Wilks, M.A., Senior Hulme Scholar of Brasenose College, Oxford, has been awarded the Scott Scholarship in Physics at Oxford University.

P. W. Carnie has passed the Final M.B. and Ch.B. of Manchester University.

In the Inter-Varsity Lacrosse match J. P. Chilton, J. S. Robertson and D. W. Bowett played for Cambridge, and G. Wilkinson and A. Wilkinson for Oxford.

In the North v. South Lacrosse match J. Buckland and S. Gill played for the North, J. P. Chilton for the South.

It was with deep regret that we learnt of the early deaths of Peter R. Cuthbert, a student at the Royal Imperial College of Science, London, and of John A. West. We extend to their parents and relatives our sincere sympathy.

BIRTHS.

MARTIN.—On December 6th, 1949, to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. R. Martin, a son.

WOOD.—On December 10th, to Dr. and Mrs. D. R. R. Wood, a daughter.

FITZGERALD.—On January 19th, 1950, to Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Fitzgerald, a son.

EDWARDS.—On February 21st, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Edwards, a daughter.

GILLISON.—On February 22nd, to Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Gillison, a daughter.

FLINN.—On March 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Flinn, a son.

MARRIAGES.

CLARKE—DAVIS.—On January 28th, 1950, HAROLD BRIAN CLARKE, A.C.A., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clarke, to DENISE MADELINE DAVIS, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Davis.

CARTWRIGHT—BRADBURY.—On February 18th, HARRY, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cartwright, to CATHARINE MARGARET CARSON, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bradbury.

CLOUGHLEY—BALLANTYNE.—On March 25th, PETER, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Cloughley, of Cleveleys, to ROSETTA, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ballantyne, of Beith, Ayrshire.

DEATHS.

CUTHBERT.—On August 3rd, 1949, PETER R. CUTHBERT, aged 24 years.

WEST.—On December 21st, JOHN ALLAN WEST, in his 19th year.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The Annual Dance held at Longford Hall on the 20th January once more was the success which we have grown to expect in the post-war years, and 221 Old Boys and their friends were present. The thanks of the entire Association are due to Mr. Kenneth Rains for his untiring efforts on our behalf.

These notes are written within a week of the Annual Dinner, and the number likely to attend is most disappointing. This is particularly unfortunate as several prominent Old Boys are making the effort to attend this year.

The Lacrosse Section is to be congratulated on an outstanding season, and it is particularly to be complimented on the fact that all three teams reached the final of their respective Knock-out competitions in addition to being within the top three places in each of their divisions. It is pleasing also to see the vastly improved results of the Rugby Section's 1st XV.

The Association is spending a great deal of thought and also a great deal of money in improving the changing accommodation and also the playing fields of the Rugby Section, and it is to be hoped that these efforts will be rewarded by an ever-increasing flow of young players from the School.

The Annual Golf Competition will be played on the Didsbury Course on Thursday, 18th May, 1950, and it is hoped that many Old Boys will enter.

The Annual Cricket Match with the School has been arranged for Wednesday, 14th June, and Mr. J. P. V. Woollam has been invited once more to

captain the Old Boys side. It is also expected that the Tennis Tournament, arranged last June, will be repeated at a similar time of the year in 1950.

E. B.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The Lacrosse Section, whatever its final achievement may be, can once again report a satisfactory season. The successes have been earned, not by strength, but by the loyalty and keenness of our members whose numbers, other than at the Christmas holiday period when we welcomed the assistance of University and Service players, exceed the minimum required for three teams by only one. To maintain our reputation in the lacrosse world we must have improved support from School leavers. We cannot recruit our members from any other source.

The most notable success, at the time of writing, has been for all three sides to reach the finals of their respective Knock-out competitions. In the N.E.L.A. Senior Flags the first team, the holders, play Mellor in the final on March 18th. At the first post-war attempt the "A" team, very creditably, reached the Junior Flags final in which the side lost 6-11 to Stockport after a great game. The "B" team, not to be outdone, play the School on April 1st in the Lancashire Junior Cup final.

The Section's congratulations go to the three players who have won representative honours. S. Gill, J. Buckland, and F. M. McClinton (his first cap) have been selected to play for Lancashire in the County Championship game against Cheshire.

The first team's form has improved considerably, both on attack and defence. In addition to the flags success, the side now head the league championship, being level with Mellor on points, but superior in goal average. It was on the Mellor ground that the side produced its best form of the season. To score ten goals before our opponents replied is an achievement worthy of record. The team's constitution has changed little, and it is difficult to assess the reason for our better play. Undoubtedly one of the main factors has been B. C. B. Ballinger's fine goalkeeping, which has repeatedly kept our opponents in check until the team has settled down. His play has inspired the whole side with increased confidence. F. M. McClinton's defence play has improved greatly with experience. Better understanding on the attack, together with skilful individual play, has made J. Buckland and S. Gill our chief scorers.

The "A" team has suffered both from changes and injuries, in spite of which, under A. Jones' inspiring captaincy, the side now holds third place in the

second division. The loss of H. H. Midgley, due to a leg injury, has been a serious handicap on defence. F. D. Bell has fortunately been temporarily available to fill the gap. J. G. Storry and W. J. Bell have both played well. M. Hazell's ability at centre has enabled him to fill an occasional first team vacancy creditably. M. W. Flinn and D. B. Flunder have been outstanding on the attack which latterly has lacked penetrative ability and shooting power. The team which represented the Club in the Junior Flags final against Stockport on the South Manchester and Wythenshawe ground was as follows:—J. T. Emery, W. J. Bell, J. G. Storry, A. Jones (captain), R. E. Howard, J. G. Rickards, M. Hazel, C. H. Nesbitt, D. B. Flunder, W. T. Curtis, M. W. Flinn, G. C. Martin.

The "B" team have so far lost only one competition game and have held the top position in the fourth division throughout the season. To have defeated a third division side in each Lancashire Junior Cup round is no mean performance. The side as a whole has responded finely to J. T. Emery's goalkeeping. J. F. Caldwell and E. S. Thelwall have defended tenaciously. T. G. Bell, defence, and R. B. Marshall, centre, have settled down well and proved most useful additions to the team. On attack J. S. Jackson, J. Fleming and M. W. Barber have shown encouraging form.

The Committee welcome the assistance of University and Service members when available. Those who have helped us this season are D. W. Bowett, J. P. Chilton, A. Wilkinson, G. Wilkinson, J. S. Marsden, A. V. Tune, and C. A. Smith.

N. A. B.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

1949.

Oct.	1.—v. Manchester University	A	W 15-4
"	8.—v. Mellor	H	L 7-8
"	15.—v. Heaton Mersey	A	W 13-8
"	22.—v. Stockport Sunday School	H	L 7-9
"	29.—v. Cheadle	A	W 16-7
Nov.	5.—v. Ashton	H	W 15-2
"	12.—v. Old Mancunians	A	W 7-8
"	19.—v. Stockport Sunday School	A	L 8-9
"	25.—v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe	H	W 9-4
Dec.	3.—v. Old Waconians	A	W 7-3
"	10.—v. Boardman and Eccles	H	W 14-0
"	17.—v. Disley	A	W 15-3
"	24.—v. Manchester University	H	W 14-5
"	31.—v. Mellor	A	W 10-1

1950.

Jan.	7.—v. Heaton Mersey	H	W 15-3
"	21.—v. Stockport Sunday School (Flags 2nd Round)	A	W 12-6
"	28.—v. Cheadle	H	W 12-2

Feb.	4.—v. Ashton	A	W 16-4
"	11.—v. Old Mancunians (Flags Semi-final)	A	W 10-5
"	18.—v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe	A	W 13-5
"	25.—v. Old Waconians	H	W 6-5

"A" TEAM.

1949.

Oct.	1.—v. Leeds	H	W 9-6
"	8.—v. Rochdale	A	W 24-2
"	15.—v. Stockport	H	L 5-10
"	22.—v. Urmston	A	W 7-6
"	29.—v. Offerton	H	W 18-2
Nov.	5.—v. Cheadle Hulme	A	L 6-8
"	12.—v. Oldham and Werneth	H	W 15-2
"	19.—v. Offerton (Flags 1st R.)	A	W 12-2
"	26.—v. Chorlton	H	W 16-5
Dec.	3.—v. Old Stopfordians	H	W 10-5
"	10.—v. Old Waconians "A"	A	W 8-3
"	17.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild	H	W 12-6
"	24.—v. Leeds	A	W 15-4
"	31.—v. Rochdale	H	W 20-1

1950.

Jan.	7.—v. Stockport	A	L 4-8
"	14.—v. Urmston	H	W 14-3
"	21.—v. Leicester (Flags 2nd R.)	H	W 19-2
"	28.—v. Offerton	A	W 6-2
Feb.	4.—v. Cheadle Hulme	H	L 5-12
"	11.—v. Urmston (Flags Semi-final)	A	W 11-8
"	18.—v. Chorlton	A	W 11-8
"	25.—v. Stockport (Flags final)	L	6-11

"B" TEAM.

1949.

Oct.	1.—v. Manchester G.S. 2nd	H	W 9-1
"	8.—v. Old Waconians "B"	A	W 14-4
"	15.—v. Heaton Mersey "B"	H	W 21-2
"	22.—v. Stockport S.S. "A"	A	W 22-1
"	29.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild "A"	H	W 13-3
Nov.	5.—v. Ashton "B"	A	W 28-1
"	12.—v. Offerton "A"	H	W 9-0
"	19.—v. Ashton "A" (Cup 1st R.)	A	W 6-2
"	28.—v. Mellor "B"	A	W 14-4
"	28.—v. Mellor "B"	H	W 20-0
Dec.	3.—v. Disley "A"	A	W 4-3
"	10.—v. Urmston "A"	A	W 7-1
"	17.—v. Stockport G.S.	H	W 8-1
"	31.—v. Old Waconians "B"	H	W 8-1

1950.

Jan.	7.—v. Heaton Mersey "B"	A	W 1-0
"	14.—v. Stockport S.S. "A"	H	W 22-0
"	21.—v. M.G.S. (Cup 2nd R.)	A	W 10-8
"	28.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W
Feb.	4.—v. Wm. Hulme's G.S.	H	L 0-10
"	11.—v. Boardman and Eccles "A" (Cup semi-final)	A	W 6-3
"	18.—v. Mellor "B"	H	W 1-0
"	28.—v. Disley "A"	A	L 7-15

Old Hulmeians Rugby.

The improvement of the 1st XV has been well-maintained, seven of the last eleven games having been won. Performances up to Christmas were, generally, very good; neither defeat was deserved, and a climax was reached when the team, with only thirteen fit men, held on to beat a good Toc. H side. After this, two of our easier fixtures—legacies of lean years—came together and served only to dull the new edge. This has not yet been recovered: a fact indicated by the more recent results. The team has not played really well in any of them, though the forwards were good against Broughton Park; and the R.A.P.C., in particular, were bound over when they deserved a heavy sentence.

The pack is sound enough, despite apathy in the line-out. The great weaknesses are indifferent handling and lack of penetration amongst the backs. Fletcher has shone here, by contrast, with his ability to catch the bad equally with the good, for Bullivant has not passed consistently well from the scrum. But it must be noted that if every member of the Club played with the latter's attack we should have no worries at all.

We are still seeking centre or wing three-quarters, more especially since A. Morley's accident, and once again the versatile Anderson—between times, a very good wing forward—is filling the bill. In the holiday period three boys from School, J. M. Beazley, J. H. Cairns, and A. Godson, staked firm claims to places, and we hope that they, and the boys who played on the "A" and Extra "A" XV's, will soon be full members of the Club.

The "A" XV has made the improvement foreshadowed in the last issue. It has met only one better side—Broughton Park—in nine games, and has played very good football in some of them. The gain has been mainly amongst the forwards, with the increased availability of a number of players with first team experience, and useful recruits in Storry and Reynolds. Whereas the team had been losing games forward it has been winning them mainly in that quarter, for there is little cohesion amongst the three-quarters. There have been some good individual efforts, notably by Totten, but the regular, rather than intermittent, services of G. Carter would be very valuable. Yeoman service has been rendered by Whitham, at full-back; posted to the rear in an emergency he has since done extremely well.

A tendency of new members, who have played—by choice—infrequently, to fall away completely after Christmas has been noted in previous years. Again there have been a few such defaulters. This, and the toll of National Service, have again made it difficult to keep the Extra "A" in the field. It has not

missed often, but victories have been much more elusive. No one could complain that this is unfair, since indifferent play cannot merit good results, but it is disappointing. The keenness of its regular players exceeds that of some first team people, but, failing the happy state in which keenness is the main criterion, we must apparently wait for reinforcements.

A Dance will be held at the Fallowfield Hotel on 6th April, 1950. Tickets can be obtained from any member of the Club.

And finally: will anyone who possesses, and can spare, any pre-war fixture cards, "Hulmeians," photographs, etc., relating to the Rugger Club, please send them to the Hon. Secretary at 50, Marley Road, 16? This would help very much in preserving a record of that period.

A. R. O.

RESULTS.

1ST XV.

1949.			
Nov. 26.—v.	Macclesfield	A	L 0-5
Dec. 3.—v.	W.H.G.S.	A	W 6-3
„ 10.—v.	Ashtonians	H	L 0-10
„ 17.—v.	Buxton	H	W 22-0
„ 24.—v.	Toc. H (M/c.)	A	W 13-8
„ 31.—v.	Manchester Extra "A"	H	W 19-6
1950.			
Jan. 7.—v.	Kersal "A"	H	W 14-8
„ 14.—v.	Broughton Park "A"	A	L 11-17
„ 21.—v.	Manchester Extra "A"	A	Can.
„ 28.—v.	Ashtonians	A	Can.
Feb. 4.—v.	Crewe and Nantwich	A	L 6-19
„ 11.—v.	Calder Vale	H	W 5-0
„ 18.—v.	R.A.P.C.	H	W 22-0

"A" XV.

1949.			
Nov. 26.—v.	Macclesfield "A"	H	W 6-5
Dec. 3.—v.	W.H.G.S. 2nd	A	W 8-3
„ 10.—v.	Ashtonians "A"	A	L 0-6
„ 17.—v.	Buxton "A"	A	Can.
„ 24.—v.	Toc. H. (M/c.) "A"	A	W 24-9
„ 31.—v.	Manchester "B"	A	W 13-12
1950.			
Jan. 7.—v.	Heaton Moor "B"	A	W 13-12
„ 14.—v.	Broughton Park Ex. "A"	H	L 6-21
„ 21.—v.	Manchester "B"	H	Can.
„ 28.—v.	Ashtonians "A"	H	Can.
Feb. 4.—v.	Crewe & Nantwich "A"	H	W 11-6
„ 18.—v.	Didsbury "A"	H	L 6-8

EXTRA "A" XV.

1949.			
Dec. 3.—v.	W.H.G.S. 3rd	A	L 0-14
„ 17.—v.	Davenport "B"	A	W 25-0
„ 24.—v.	Toc. H. (M/c.) "B"	H	W 10-0
„ 31.—v.	Bowdon "B"	A	L 0-18

1950.				
Jan.	7.—v.	Eccles "B"	A	L 6-9
	14.—v.	Broughton Park "B"	A	L 0-49
"	28.—v.	Y.M.C.A. "B"	H	Can.
Feb.	4.—v.	Davenport "B"	A	Can.
	11.—v.	Y.M.C.A. "B"	H	L 3-16
"	18.—v.	Didsbury "B"		Can.

Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

Hilary Term at Oxford is always the least interesting of the three, and this year it has indeed done its utmost to maintain its reputation. It is hardly surprising, therefore, that in such bad weather most of us have been doing far more work than usual. In consequence the writer of these notes has seen but little of a number of the other Old Hulmeians in residence—apart, that is, from the fleeting glimpse of them hurrying to or from their lectures.

In Brasenose S. S. Wilson and J. Wilks continue their researches, though those of the former appear to be primarily devoted to boat-building. A. G. Smith seems fascinated by Military History, whilst another historian, J. W. N. Glover, has read a paper to a college society on "King Arthur" and plays lacrosse for the Oxford Iroquois along with J. N. McManus (St. Edmund's Hall). We wish Glover a speedy recovery from the injury to his nose inflicted by some of his more violent opponents on the lacrosse field. G. and A. Wilkinson have both been awarded their half-blues for lacrosse, and the former had the honour of playing in the South of England Trials. D. Ogden rowed in the B.N.C. 1st Torpid, and has taken to writing articles on rowing in a University magazine. F. A. Stone is depressed by the thought of Schools, but has found time to be President of the Ellesmere Society.

Others in residence are W. J. Duerden (New College), P. W. Watkins (Lincoln), who is working very hard, J. F. Mair (Wycliffe Hall), F. S. Sutcliffe (St. Catherine's Society), and D. Read (University).

D. Odber (Nuffield College) has come up from Manchester University to carry out post-graduate research into "Trade Union Restrictive Practices." No doubt his time will be fully occupied.

F. G. Higgins has left us and is now an Assistant House Master at Christ's Hospital. We wish him every success for the future.

We were very pleased to see J. P. Chilton, who came over to support the Cambridge Eagles Lacrosse Team, and we offer a sincere welcome to any other Old Hulmeians who may be in Oxford, and hope that they will call upon us.

May we conclude with our best wishes for the success of those coming up shortly to sit for Scholarship and other examinations.

William Hulme's Grammar School Parents Association.

A very successful Social Evening was held at the School, by kind permission of the Head Master, Mr. J. C. Bird, on Wednesday, 15th February, which was attended by over 500 parents.

Mr. Bird gave an extremely interesting and informative talk on the new School Leaving Certificates, and we are greatly indebted to him for his clear explanation of the requirements of the new examinations. Mr. Bird also dealt with a number of questions of topical interest regarding University requirements, special coaching, homework, activities for boys outside school, Foundation Scholarships, etc.

After Mr. Bird's talk, refreshments were served in the School Dining Hall, where many expressions of pleasure on the bright decorations and cheerful surroundings were heard on all sides.

Thirst and chatter being satisfied for the time being, the meeting resumed in the Main Hall, to hear an address by Mr. S. V. Hickling, Chairman of the Association. During the course of his address, Mr. Hickling described the work of the Committee, also its hopes and aspirations, and generally outlined the future programme. The Chairman reminded members that a list of Committee Members was published on the invitation letters, and stated that members of the Committee would welcome discussions with parents resident in their particular district.

By the time these notes appear in print, the Supper and Entertainment at the Piccadilly Restaurant will be history. This event is planned to take place on March 22nd, and there is no reason why it should not be a very jolly evening. The flood of applications for tickets has nearly submerged the Secretary! But he's still afloat.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in May at the School. The date and time will be announced later, by means of the usual circular.

A Cricket Match, School v. Parents, is to take place during the Summer Term. When this fixture was mentioned at the meeting on 15th February, a show of hands indicated that about two hundred fathers would be willing to play. Their ardour has soon cooled, however, for up to the present few names have actually been received. So come along, you one-time Tyldesleys and Parkins and prove your

