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## School Notes and News.

We congratulate Capt. L. H. Watkins, Officer Commanding the School Junior Training Corps, on his promotion to the rank of Major.

By the wills of the late Professor D. Knoop and Mr. C. G. Dehn (Old Hulmeians) funds have been established for the provision of prizes in Modern Studies and History respectively.

R. P. M. Bond has been Captain of Cricket, E. W. B. Ward Vice-Captain.

1st XI Colours have been re-awarded to R. P. M. Bond, E. W. B. Ward, A. Godson, A. M. Blight, C. S. Smith, G. B. Lawson, N. C. Cuthbert.

New Colours were awarded to G. B. Appleby, C. A. Smith, J. Fleming, R. J. Winfield.

The following awards were made by the Governors of the School at a meeting held in May:—

Foundation Scholarships: Jon D. E. Rayman, William Hulme's Grammar School; Malcolm M. Kelsall, William Hulme's Grammar School; Peter S. Thomas, William Hulme's Grammar School; Jeremy O. Tatham, William Hulme's Grammar

School; John W. Howat, William Hulme's Grammar School; Campbell G. McDiarmid, William Hulme's Grammar School; David W. Lomas, William Hulme's Grammar School; Michael Williams, Moor Allerton; Henry M. Cummings, William Hulme's Grammar School; Jonathon G. Walmsley, William Hulme's Grammar School.

Free Place Scholarships at Entrance: Ian M. Stewart, Sharston Junior Mixed; Norman V. Barber, St. Mary's, Reddish; Brian Gaul, Benchill Junior; Alan R. Clarke, William Hulme's Grammar School; David J. Ward, Worthington Road Primary; Jack Davis, Moss Park Junior; George F. Turnbull, Moss Park Primary; William D. Maughan, Davyhulme County Primary; Glynn H. Stockdale, William Hulme's Grammar School; Reginald N. Paxton, St. Mary's, Sale; Alan W. Day, Springfield Primary; David Gill, Prestwich Park Primary; Ian E. McShane, Leigh Street Primary; Barry W. Pitt, William Hulme's Grammar School; Peter E. F. Ribbon, Wellington Secondary School; Peter Gars-ton, Denton West End Primary; Carl Burrows, N. Reddish Council; Peter McBride, William Hulme's Grammar School; Robert E. Williams, Queen's Road Primary; Frank W. Wetton, Oswald Road Primary; Neil R. Watson, Stanley Grove; William

D. West, Wellington Road Secondary; Arnold Medcalfe, Ladybarn Secondary; Brian D. Scott, Audenshaw County Primary; Richard P. Horrocks, Springfield Primary; Peter Bee, Cheadle Primary; James B. Wigglesworth, Victoria Park Primary.

Calendar for Michaelmas Term:—

Michaelmas Term will begin on Tuesday, September 13th, at nine o'clock.

Mid-term holiday will be on October 28th, 29th, and 31st.

The Christmas Holidays will begin on Tuesday, December 20th, at noon.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of *The Crosbeian*.

### Mr. H. R. W. Anderson.

All who had, at any time, any connection with Mr. Anderson must have learnt of his death with deep regret, tempered only by the thought that he who had so gallantly borne so much physical affliction was spared further suffering. An outstanding figure in the School's history has gone from our midst to whose sterling character and dynamic personality it is almost impossible to do justice.

He was born in 1888 and attended the Royal Academy, Irvine, Ayrshire. Thence he proceeded to Glasgow University, from which he graduated M.A. From 1912 to 1919 he held various teaching posts in Glasgow, interrupted by military service from 1915 to 1917. His real life's work, however, was given to Hulme. His entire devotion to the School and its interests are beyond question. Many former members of 5c, especially, will acknowledge with gratitude the salutary influence he exercised on their characters. His exceptional services to the School are recapitulated in the following tributes—to which we wish most sincerely to subscribe—the first from a former colleague, who was for nearly twenty years closely associated with him; the second from a former pupil who has also been to him a most devoted friend.

Mr. Anderson died at his home in Bowdon, Cheshire, on Easter Sunday, April 17th, 1949; he was in his 61st year.

His connection with William Hulme's School began in January, 1920, after war service in France, during which he was wounded, and from which he suffered to the end of his life.

Schoolmastering seemed to be one part of his life only; his interests were much wider than those of the average pedagogue, yet one must hasten to add that in and out of School his expenditure of energy, both physical and mental, were prodigal indeed. In his latter years, it was an invincible courage and a restless devotion to what he conceived to be his duty that made him accept responsibilities that many, situated as he was, would not have undertaken.

He was a strong personality—Hugh Robert Wallace Anderson was well named—with a natural authority which few challenged, yet he was the kindest and most approachable of men; perhaps his generosity was his most embarrassing quality. What repartee he had and how loyal he was!

At School he was for many years Senior English Master, Editor of the Magazine, Librarian, and so on; which jobs, in his prime, he took in his stride, but it was as Commander of the J.T.C. and Leader of Camps (Military and Agricultural) that he revealed an enthusiasm equalled only by his unstinted effort. Many Old Boys will remember with pleasure and with modest heroism what O'Grady said on the Grange camp site through the agency of H.R.W.A.; they will remember, too, what a soccer player he was!

After his retirement, which increasing ill-health had forced upon him two years ago, physically he became less and less able. It was grievous to see his former vigour so curtailed, but what an inspiration it was to visit him! There was no self-pity, but instead, as always, a very real consideration for others; he retained his high spirits; he refused to be conquered, and his last rather typically curt dismissal "Cheerio" still bespoke his very high courage.

Of him one would say with Matthew Arnold:

"O strong soul, by what shore  
Tarriest thou now? For that force  
Surely has not been left vain!  
Somewhere, surely, afar,  
In the sounding labour-house vast  
Of being, is practised that strength,  
Zealous, beneficent, firm!"

D. M. P.

Hugh Anderson, or "Jock" as he was affectionately referred to by us all—not usually within hearing!—has gone from amongst us. Boys who frequent town and all too seldom meet each other have, as the first topic of "news",

referred to him and his doings as we remembered him: a fine character who has left his mark on the School and one that has served as an example to many.

My first clear recollection of "Jock" was, as a very raw "rookie" on Victoria Station, having my belt well shaken and the delightful Scots accent assuring my rather anxious mother that the "slack" would soon be taken up after a fortnight's camp! He was the life and soul of the Old Cadet Corps camps, and till his more recent illnesses, the O.C. of the J.T.C. During the war the School had to abandon its own Corps camps, and all effort be directed to the gathering in of the harvests. Here he was in his element, and Hulmeians who were privileged to attend those Harvest Camps, held at Eastham and Knightwick, despite the hard work and long hours, have many happy memories of his kindness and care of them. He did not experience good health and had several danger warnings, but the difficult war years, with the attendant Staff difficulties, threw undue weight on to a very willing spirit though not always a very robust physique, so that when his activity was suddenly curtailed it came as a particularly heavy burden which he bravely tried to minimise and overcome.

So he became a second "Mr. Chips" thinking, talking and living again through his association with so many "Boys": and nothing did he so prize as the letters, cards and visits from his old pupils either of recent years or of long ago.

No reference to "Jock" and his work would be complete without mention of the devoted help of Mrs. Anderson, not only in her care for him, but also for her interest in and practical assistance at the various camps, and to her we extend our sincere sympathy.

April, 1949.

C. H. J.

## The Easter Concert.

On the last evening of the Lent term the choir, the orchestra, and several soloists together provided musical entertainment of generous variety, and one had but to mingle for a few moments with the departing audience to know that the concert had been greatly appreciated.

Probably first honours go to the choir for the rendering of choruses from Mozart's Twelfth Mass. The singing of the choir was steady and firm; some excellent tone from the trebles was noted in the

Gloria, and one heard remarks about the "grand" basses! A yardstick of success of no uncertain measure was that the choir itself thoroughly enjoyed singing these choruses.

Regarding the other concerted item—a performance by the orchestra of Haydn's G major Symphony (The Oxford)—one must allow for two shades of opinion. On the one hand great credit is due (and is freely given) to all concerned for the hard work at many rehearsals which was necessary for so good a final performance. On the other, it is open to question whether or not it is over-ambitious to attempt the public performance of the whole of such a work; one misses, for instance, the beauty and depth of string tone necessary in the Adagio; and in the more rapid passages of other movements a lack of precision was apt to mar Haydn's intended clarity—even the conductor's strong beat could not always restrain the young instrumentalists in the more exciting moments.

Outstanding among the soloists was J. B. Roberts, whose playing of five Chopin studies showed a promising technique, while his performance of Ravel's Sonatine revealed much musical insight. He delighted the whole audience with Debussy's Golliwog's Cake-walk given as an encore. In the remaining items of this pleasantly varied programme were the aria "Total Eclipse" from Handel's "Samson" sung by A. W. Crowe, and a little suite by Lloyd for clarinet and piano performed by J. T. Littler and Mr. Wharton. We shall hope to hear A. W. Crowe again, for on this occasion he did not seem altogether at ease, and consequently we did not get the full benefit of his voice; he was accompanied by Mr. Wharton. J. T. Littler showed himself a competent young performer on the clarinet, possessing both resource and composure.

Our thanks are again due to Mr. Williams, who conducted the concerted items, and whose untiring energy and enthusiasm was the mainspring both of programme-building and of rehearsal.

## The Athletic Sports.

The School Athletic Sports were held on the last afternoon of the Lent Term, Monday, April 11th. It is ten years since they last took place. Before the war the carrying out of this event was always a matter of some difficulty: frequently because of unfavourable weather, sometimes on account of the brevity of the Lent Term and the claims of other

activities. The outbreak of hostilities put so many further obstacles in our way that the Athletic Sports were suspended for the duration of the war. However, this year a valiant and successful effort was made to revive them.

An observer familiar with our pre-war sports would have noted several changes. The Hurdles and Putting the Shot were introduced for the first time, and Throwing the Cricket Ball was revived for the Under Fourteen Division. There were fewer divisions than before the war as competitors were classified as Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, or Open. However, the enthusiasm for the Sports remained unchanged, or perhaps it would be truer to say was intensified and augmented by the novelty of the event to the present generation of Hulmeians. Some of the spectators allowed their enthusiasm to lead them to stray from their allotted paths, and so they impeded the smooth running of the events and the work of the judges. After so long a lapse that is not unnatural, and no doubt next year the on-lookers will be more considerate.

The outstanding event was Booth's Open 440, although he had produced a better time than 57 secs. in trials. There were, however, several close finishes, particularly in the Under 12 80 yards, when all the runners seemed to arrive at the tape in a bunch. The majority of the events were keenly contested; though the proviso that all the competitors must have achieved a certain standard before being allowed to enter limited the number of participants somewhat drastically in some cases.

Mr. Renny is to be congratulated on the success of the event and to be thanked for the time and energy he put into its organisation.

The results were as follows:—

High Jump.—Under 12: 1, J. R. Broomhead (G) (3 ft. 11 ins.); 2, T. W. Warnes (H); 3, C. E. Bryans (D). Under 14: 1, R. L. Thomas (F) (4 ft. 8 ins.); 2, J. M. Selman (H); 3, J. K. Robertson (F). Under 16: 1, A. Potter (B) (4 ft. 9 ins.); 2, A. A. Rainford (H); 3, W. G. Cartwright (G). Open: 1, B. Hawthorne (G) (5 ft. 1 in.); 2, W. Cartwright (G); 3, D. Shearman (F).

Long Jump.—Under 12: 1, E. A. Royle (F) (12 ft. 5½ ins.); 2, I. J. G. Bryce; 3, I. M. Munro (B). Under 14: 1, K. Harding (B) (13 ft.); 2, R. K. Gibson (D); 3, D. Wilde (W). Under 16: 1, D. D. Hilton (G) (17 ft. 6 ins.); 2, G. D. Arnold (D); 3, A. Potter (B). Open: 1, A. W. Crowe (B) (17 ft. 7½ ins.); 2, W. Cartwright (G).

Hurdles.—Under 16: 1, J. R. L. Hall (H) (19 4-5 secs.); 2, W. G. Cartwright (G); 3, M. D. Hague

(B). Open: 1, D. W. Booth (H) (18 secs.); 2, A. Godson (D); 3, P. R. S. Radband (G).

Throwing the Cricket Ball.—Under 14: 1, J. M. Selman (H) (76 yds. 2 ft. 3 ins.); 2, R. K. Gibson (D); 3, P. T. Welch (H).

Putting the Shot.—Under 16: 1, D. D. Hilton (G) (35 ft. 6 ins.); 2, A. A. Rainford (H); 3, B. B. Wallwork (G). Open: 1, W. R. Lee (F) (29 ft.); 2, B. R. Banton (H); 3, G. B. Mooney (G).

80 Yards.—Under 12: 1, C. E. Bryans (D) (11 4-5 secs.); 2, P. J. Richards (G); 3, G. H. Stockdale (W).

100 Yards.—Under 14: 1, A. G. Hilton (G) (13 secs.); 2, A. H. Wilcock (D); 3, D. A. Rees (D). Under 16: 1, L. A. Logue (W) (11 2-5 secs.); 2, N. A. Moran (B); 3, G. D. Arnold (D). Open: 1, A. Godson (D) (10 4-5 secs.); 2, E. J. Dellow (F); 3, P. R. S. Radband (G).

150 Yards.—Under 12: 1, P. S. Thomas (D) (17½ secs.); 2, E. A. Royle (F); 3, P. J. Richards (G).

220 Yards.—Under 14: 1, A. G. Hilton (G) (30.5 secs.); 2, A. H. Wilcock (D); 3, P. C. Baguley (W). Under 16: 1, G. D. Arnold (D) (28.5 secs.); 2, N. A. Moran (B); 3, E. D. Carson (G). Open: 1, A. Godson (D) (26.4 secs.); 2, D. W. Booth (H); 3, G. B. Appleby (B).

440 Yards.—Under 16: 1, L. A. Logue (W) (63 1-5 secs.); 2, D. D. Hilton (G); 3, N. A. Moran (B). Open: 1, D. W. Booth (H) (57 secs.); 2, A. W. Crowe (B); 3, J. M. Drinkwater (B).

One Mile.—Open: 1, G. B. Appleby (B) (5 mins. 16.8 secs.); 2, D. E. Thornley (H); 3, J. R. Chambers (G).

House Relay.—(4 × 110 yds.) Under 12: 1, Dalton (65 secs.); 2, Gaskell; 3, Whitworth. Under 14: 1, Dalton (59 3-5 secs.); 2, Gaskell; 3, Whitworth. (4 × 220 yds.) Under 16: 1, Gaskell (1 min. 50 3-5 secs.); 2, Dalton; 3, Whitworth. (4 × 110 yds.) Open: 1, Dalton (52 secs.); 2, Fraser; 3, Byrom. (4 × 440 yds.) Open: 1, Dalton (4 mins. 5 secs.); 2, Byrom; 3, Gaskell.

Relay Race.—School v. Old Hulmeians' Teams: School.

The Henry Worrall Athletic Shield was won by Dalton; the Gaskell Cup by A. Godson; the Cartwell Cup by D. D. Hilton; the Donner Cup by N. A. Moran; the China Cup by A. G. Hilton.

## The Preparatory School Sports.

The Preparatory School Sports were held on Thursday, June 30th, in the south-west corner of the School field. The spectators were shielded from the burning sun by the trees immediately behind them; but the competitors must have found the conditions somewhat exacting. However, they did not allow the intense heat to diminish their enthusiasm, and a good afternoon's sport was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Bird kindly presented the prizes.

The results were as follows:—

Chariot Race.—10 years: 1, M. H. Page and C. G. Silcock; 2, I. M. Ross and T. M. Gillibrand; 3, D. G. Wright and A. Brooks. 9 years: 1, T. Craven and R. G. Heaton; 2, A. N. S. Guthrie and G. G. Mitchell; 3, M. C. Roxburgh and W. A. Drapkin. 8 years: 1, M. W. Dodge and B. Wienholt; 2, D. W. Wallace and D. C. Howarth; 3, D. B. Cox and J. P. Bishop. 7 years: 1, D. W. Robinson and A. K. C. Rodgers; 2, D. S. Bowl and P. V. Astbury; 3, J. J. Reich and R. M. F. Linford.

Sack Race.—10 years: 1, F. R. Hopkinson; 2, D. W. Hewitt; 3, K. W. Calvert. 9 years: 1, M. S. Neal; 2, A. N. S. Guthrie; 3, T. Craven. 8 years: 1, B. Wienholt; 2, D. C. Howarth; 3, J. F. Nicholson. 7 years: 1, D. W. Robinson; 2, D. S. Devons; 3, A. K. C. Rodgers. Under 7 years: 1, D. C. Roberts; 2, J. C. Wright; 3, D. W. Ogden.

Obstacle Race.—10 years: 1, I. M. Ross; 2, C. G. Silcock; 3, D. W. Hewitt. 9 years: 1, A. N. S. Guthrie; 2, T. Craven; 3, A. G. Jones. 8 years: 1, D. C. Howarth; 2, B. Wienholt; 3, J. B. Kershaw. 7 years: 1, I. M. Case; 2, A. K. C. Rodgers; 3, D. W. Robinson.

Flat Race.—10 years: 1, K. W. Calvert; 2, C. G. Silcock; 3, M. H. Page. 9 years: 1, T. Craven; 2, W. A. Drapkin; 3, R. G. Heaton. 8 years: 1, B. Wienholt; 2, M. W. Dodge; 3, D. C. Howarth. 7 years: 1, D. W. Robinson; 2, R. J. P. Bird; 3, C. S. Cooper. Under 7 years: 1, D. W. Ogden; 2, M. G. Wildman; 3, C. M. Roberts.

High Jump.—Over 9 years: 1, D. W. Hewitt; 2, T. Craven; 3, M. H. Page. Under 9 years: 1, M. W. Dodge; 2, J. C. Howarth; 3, G. D. Isles.

Potato Race.—Under 7 years: 1, J. S. Roberts; 2, M. G. Wildman; 3, J. C. Wright.

Kangaroo Race.—Under 7 years: 1, D. C. Ogden; 2, J. C. Wright; 3, J. R. Lamb.

Visitors' Race.—1, Jane Bird; 2, Ian Wallace.

House Team Race.—1, Kingsley; 2, Kipling; 3, Barrie.

Shield.—Kipling.

Cups.—

"Twelves" Challenge Cup.—T. Craven.  
Davies Challenge Cup.—B. Wienholt.

## The Library.

A few new books have come in since Easter, but they are for the most part books ordered some months ago and now available owing to reprinting. The prices of books are so much higher than they were before the war that it is difficult to keep the various sections of the Library up to date, while the replacement of books lost or worn out is almost impossible. There is some reason to believe that the Library is becoming increasingly useful, both as a source of books for reference and advanced work, and as a place in which work can be done. Mention should be made at this time of the willing labours of G. V. Chivers as Librarian, and of the noticeable influence of R. P. M. Bond in preserving the quietness and decorum normally characteristic of libraries.

## The Debating Society.

This term is the "close season" of the Society owing to a sudden interest in cricket practices and in examinations. I can, however, report upon the Mock Election and upon the one discussion held this term.

The Mock Election was a fine end to the debating year. There were five candidates, namely, G. Beaumont (Youth Freedom Movement), R. Calderwood (Labour), G. V. Chivers (Communist), B. J. Stone (Conservative), P. W. Walker (Progressive Publican Party). The policies and ideas, if not ideals, were many and not at all stilted. Electioneering occupied one of the last weeks of term and reached its climax on April 4th, polling day. The number of original ideas for attracting every vote from the electorate was amazing. The Progressive Party even employed a brass band and a choir. This seemed to sway a good many votes, for P. W. Walker was returned by a good majority over the Labour and Conservative Parties. These two strange companions agreed for once in polling an equal number of votes.

In a discussion held on the 10th May we viewed politics in a less heated manner, for they were the politics of another age. D. Read gave a lecture upon "The Eighteenth Century and the Present Day". He had evidently spent much time and deep thought upon this subject. His work was repaid by the interest with which his many-sided lecture was received.

Next year we shall welcome new debaters to the Society, and I hope that they will competently fill the places of those who have left this year.

J. F. W.

### The Scientific Society.

Owing to the fact that there were only a few weeks at the beginning of this term before the commencement of the annual Higher School Certificate and School Certificate Examinations, there has been only one lecture given to the Society since the last report was written.

This lecture, entitled "Liquid Air", was given by Mr. J. J. Wharton, and so that the lecture could be illustrated practically, two thermos flasks of liquid air were kindly provided by the British Oxygen Company (Trafford Park).

Many interesting demonstrations were performed, notably the freezing of grapes, flower petals, and rubber stoppers, until they became so solid that it proved difficult to powder them with a hammer.

It is interesting to record also, that, after total immersion in liquid air for some minutes, a piece of ordinary sponge-cake, when ignited, burned furiously.

The lecture was a great success and was delivered to some thirty members, who, judging by the number of questions asked after the lecture, were very interested in this fascinating subject of gases being changed in state to liquids.

F. D. B.

### C.C.F. Notes.

The work of the J.T.C. has been continuing steadily in generally fine weather conditions. The main work up to the Whitsun break was preparation for the Annual Inspection and for Certificate "A", Part II.

The contingent was inspected by Brigadier A. P. W. N. Burden, D.S.O., on Wednesday, May 25th. The report has not yet come through, but we are hoping that the hard work of C.S.M. Ward and all others concerned will have produced a favourable one. The standard of Turn-out and Drill was high, particularly amongst the recruit platoons. The March Past went smoothly, despite one moment of anxiety, and the Training, on the wet-weather programme, was satisfactory. The Armoury was in a state of unwonted tidiness and cleanliness, and the clerical side was better than it has been in past years.

The band, under the command of C.Q.M.S. Walker, and directed by Mr. Williams, more than maintained its high reputation.

The remaining weeks are being used chiefly to train for the Certificate "A", Part II, and Signals Examinations in July, and to bring the eighty Cadets going to camp to a proper state of readiness.

A word of acknowledgment is again due to Mr. Gatley, whose work as recruiting officer remains invaluable. This year he has enrolled over ninety new recruits.

A list of those who passed the Certificate "A" Examination on February 8th, 1949, is given below, as is a list of promotions.

Certificate "A", Part II: B. J. Stone.

Certificate "A", Part I: J. Allen, G. Beaumont, E. D. Bellingall, W. R. Benson, R. J. Bloor, T. D. C. Child, D. M. Cooper, K. Deverall, J. Disley, I. H. Ekserdjian, J. Fieldsend, I. M. Gill, M. D. Hague, P. M. Harrison, C. J. Hind, J. N. Hopwood, C. M. Humphries, D. M. Latham, G. Macdonald, J. C. Parsonage, A. Potter, D. H. Roberts, R. L. Scaddon, J. M. Smethurst, R. Swindells, K. Wallace, E. Willcock, R. J. Winfield. J. C. Parsonage was the best Part I Cadet.

The following promotions were made with effect from April 15th:—L/Cpls. H. Baker, S. B. Foulds, J. F. Wyatt to be Cpls. Cadets W. N. D. Bloor, J. H. Cairns, A. W. Crowe, J. M. Drinkwater, E. A. G. Hamilton, D. W. Hannaford, P. J. Perrin, G. A. Pilling, R. A. Phillips, A. W. Sedgwick, D. W. Stone to be L/Cpls. With effect from June 1st: Sgt. P. W. Walker to be C.Q.M.S. L/Cpls. A. M. Blight, G. J. Oldham, B. B. Taylor, D. Woolfenden to be Cpls. Cadet B. J. Stone to be L/Cpl.

## Cricket, 1949.

## FIRST XI.

This year's side ought to be a strong one, but has not yet fulfilled its promise. The bowling and fielding have been good, but the batting has been most unreliable. Many of the side have good scoring shots, but their defence is so weak that they have not stayed long enough to use them. The basic trouble is the lack of a sound forward stroke, and on fast wickets this is essential. Too many people play forward by bringing up the back foot, thus turning the body and bat away from the line of the ball. In a forward stroke the left foot must go with the bat, and the left shoulder and head be over the line of the ball.

The bowling has been the match-winning factor so far. The pace of Godson and C. S. Smith has been too much for most of our opponents, and when they have been needed, Blight, Cuthbert, and Lawson have also bowled well. The fielding has been keen and generally reliable, and Bond has captained the side with enthusiasm and intelligence.

May 7th, v. WHALLEY RANGE C.C. 2nd. Home.

The opening match of the season proved to be rather disappointing, as we won very easily by 9 wickets, and gained little indication of our true strength. Godson and C. S. Smith bowled well at times, though they were helped by the hesitant batting of our opponents. C. A. Smith took three good catches behind the wicket.

## WHALLEY RANGE C.C.

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| E. Barnes, c C. A. Smith b Godson .....     | 7  |
| C. H. Nesbitt, c C. A. Smith b Godson ..... | 1  |
| S. Gill, c C. A. Smith b C. S. Smith .....  | 0  |
| A. I. Robinson, b C. S. Smith .....         | 1  |
| B. D. Norris, b Godson .....                | 0  |
| B. C. K. Ballinger, b Godson .....          | 0  |
| K. Piggott, not out .....                   | 18 |
| B. M. Lamb, b Godson .....                  | 0  |
| G. Skinner, b Smith .....                   | 0  |
| B. Wood, b Smith .....                      | 0  |
| W. W. Land, b Smith .....                   | 1  |
| Extras .....                                | 3  |
| Total .....                                 | 40 |

Bowling: Godson 5 for 19, C. S. Smith 5 for 18.

## SCHOOL.

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|--------------------------------------------|----|
| A. Godson, b Piggott .....                 | 7  |
| C. S. Smith, not out .....                 | 57 |
| G. B. Lawson, b Wood .....                 | 27 |
| E. W. B. Ward, c Ballinger b Wood .....    | 0  |
| R. P. M. Bond, c Skinner b Lamb .....      | 8  |
| A. M. Blight, st Ballinger b Nesbitt ..... | 43 |
| Extras .....                               | 12 |

Total (for 5 wickets) .....

N. C. Cuthbert, G. B. Appleby, D. Cooper, J. Fleming, and C. A. Smith did not bat.

May 11th, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home.

Manchester were obviously determined not to lose this match, and played with extreme caution, finally declaring at 101 for 9, made in just under three hours. The bowling was good, but the slow play seemed to affect our concentration, and several chances were missed in the field.

We were left with an hour to bat, and most of our early batsmen threw away their wickets in trying to score quickly, while the tail collapsed.

## MANCHESTER G.S.

|                                            |    |
|--------------------------------------------|----|
| Crossley, c C. S. Smith b Blight .....     | 17 |
| McKinna, c C. A. Smith b C. S. Smith ..... | 1  |
| Caro, lbw b Godson .....                   | 26 |
| Percival, st C. A. Smith b Blight .....    | 0  |
| Holloway, lbw b C. S. Smith .....          | 17 |
| Kitchen, lbw b Godson .....                | 12 |
| Peet, b C. S. Smith .....                  | 0  |
| West, b Godson .....                       | 3  |
| Taylor, b C. S. Smith .....                | 3  |
| Whitworth, not out .....                   | 9  |
| Matthews, not out .....                    | 1  |
| Extras .....                               | 12 |

Total (for 9, dec.) .....

Bowling: C. S. Smith 4 for 16.

## SCHOOL.

|                                           |    |
|-------------------------------------------|----|
| A. Godson, b Matthews .....               | 1  |
| C. S. Smith, b Matthews .....             | 10 |
| G. B. Lawson, b Matthews .....            | 0  |
| E. W. B. Ward, b Matthews .....           | 21 |
| R. P. M. Bond, c Matthews b McKinna ..... | 3  |
| A. M. Blight, b Matthews .....            | 7  |
| N. C. Cuthbert, c Crossley b Taylor ..... | 2  |
| G. B. Appleby, c Hitchen b Taylor .....   | 0  |
| D. Cooper, c Peet b McKinna .....         | 0  |
| J. Fleming, not out .....                 | 0  |
| C. A. Smith, lbw b McKinna .....          | 13 |
| Extras .....                              | 57 |

Total .....

Bowling: Matthews 5 for 25.

May 25th, v. R.A.F., HANDFORTH. Home.

On a fast wicket and against weak bowling we had little difficulty in getting runs. Godson played his best innings of the season so far, and was particularly strong on the off. The R.A.F. found Smith's pace too much for them, and it came as no surprise when he finished their innings with a hat-trick.

#### SCHOOL.

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| A. Godson, c Buckell b Brown .....   | 55 |
| C. S. Smith, c Watkins b Brown ..... | 48 |
| G. B. Lawson, run out .....          | 14 |
| E. W. B. Ward, b Watkins .....       | 4  |
| R. P. M. Bond, not out .....         | 7  |
| A. M. Blight, not out .....          | 10 |
| Extras .....                         | 3  |

Total (for 4 wickets, dec.) ..... 141

N. C. Cuthbert, G. B. Appleby, R. J. Winfield, J. Fleming, and C. A. Smith did not bat.

#### R.A.F.

|                              |    |
|------------------------------|----|
| Taylor, b C. S. Smith .....  | 0  |
| Aldred, b C. S. Smith .....  | 0  |
| White, b C. S. Smith .....   | 10 |
| Ashton, b C. S. Smith .....  | 0  |
| Watkins, b Godson .....      | 9  |
| Phillips, b Godson .....     | 0  |
| Bulbeck, b C. S. Smith ..... | 0  |
| Brown, b C. S. Smith .....   | 0  |
| Taylor, not out .....        | 1  |
| Skyte, b C. S. Smith .....   | 0  |
| Buckell, b C. S. Smith ..... | 0  |
| Extras .....                 | 4  |
| Total .....                  | 24 |

Bowling: C. S. Smith 8 for 9.

May 25th, v. WHALLEY RANGE C.C. Away.

For their second match against the School Whalley Range fielded a much stronger side. The School batting collapsed against steady bowling on a slow wicket, and we were all out for 77. Whalley Range, however, failed even more dismally, and Godson saved the day for us with a fierce mixture of good and bad balls which gained him six wickets.

#### SCHOOL.

|                                            |    |
|--------------------------------------------|----|
| A. Godson, c Horrocks b Thornton .....     | 5  |
| C. S. Smith, lbw b Thornton .....          | 7  |
| G. B. Lawson, b Shawyer .....              | 12 |
| E. W. B. Ward, c Maskell b Shawyer .....   | 7  |
| R. P. M. Bond, c Horrocks b Thornton ..... | 7  |
| N. C. Cuthbert, lbw b Shawyer .....        | 5  |

|                                         |    |
|-----------------------------------------|----|
| D. Cooper, c Withington b Stansby ..... | 14 |
| R. J. Winfield, lbw b Thornton .....    | 1  |
| G. B. Appleby, not out .....            | 12 |
| J. Fleming, c Stansby b Land .....      | 2  |
| C. A. Smith, b Thornton .....           | 3  |
| Extras .....                            | 2  |
| Total .....                             | 77 |

Bowling: Thornton 5 for 25.

#### WHALLEY RANGE.

|                                               |    |
|-----------------------------------------------|----|
| R. Shawyer, run out .....                     | 5  |
| O. R. Dennis, b Godson .....                  | 0  |
| W. B. Stansby, c Lawson b Godson .....        | 9  |
| G. Brookes, c Lawson b C. S. Smith .....      | 4  |
| E. Withington, b C. S. Smith .....            | 0  |
| W. Maskell, b Godson .....                    | 1  |
| B. C. K. Ballinger, b Godson .....            | 12 |
| D. O'Donaghue, b Godson .....                 | 9  |
| W. Thornton, not out .....                    | 8  |
| H. Horrocks, b Godson .....                   | 0  |
| W. W. Land, c C. A. Smith b C. S. Smith ..... | 0  |
| Extras .....                                  | 1  |
| Total .....                                   | 41 |

Bowling: Godson 6 for 21.

May 28th, v. KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Home.

Lytham won the toss and decided to bat first on a drying wicket. Their batting failed badly, and when its back had been broken by the pace of Smith and Godson, the spin of Cuthbert and Lawson disposed of the tail. We won easily by 7 wickets.

#### K.E.S., LYTHAM.

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| Booth, b C. S. Smith .....               | 0  |
| Crawshaw, b C. S. Smith .....            | 10 |
| Seed, lbw b Godson .....                 | 6  |
| A. Cartmell, c Godson b Cuthbert .....   | 7  |
| Peake, b C. S. Smith .....               | 1  |
| Laycock, b C. S. Smith .....             | 0  |
| Gregson, st C. A. Smith b Cuthbert ..... | 1  |
| J. R. Cartmell, lbw b Lawson .....       | 2  |
| Conchie, st C. A. Smith b Cuthbert ..... | 0  |
| McTurk, st C. A. Smith b Lawson .....    | 10 |
| Sykes, not out .....                     | 4  |
| Extras .....                             | 8  |
| Total .....                              | 41 |

Bowling: C. S. Smith 4 for 12, Cuthbert 3 for 12, Lawson 2 for 5.

## SCHOOL.

|                                                   |    |
|---------------------------------------------------|----|
| A. Godson, st Crawshaw b Gregson .....            | 11 |
| C. S. Smith, c J. R. Cartmell b A. Cartmell ..... | 45 |
| G. B. Lawson, st Crawshaw b Gregson .....         | 9  |
| E. W. B. Ward, c Seed b McTurk .....              | 7  |
| R. P. M. Bond, c Booth b Gregson .....            | 7  |
| N. C. Cuthbert, lbw b Gregson .....               | 0  |
| D. Cooper, lbw b McTurk .....                     | 0  |
| R. J. Winfield, c Crawshaw b Gregson .....        | 4  |
| G. B. Appleby, lbw b Gregson .....                | 0  |
| J. Fleming, c Sykes, b Laycock .....              | 14 |
| C. A. Smith, not out .....                        | 12 |
| Extras .....                                      | 13 |

Total ..... 122

Bowling: Gregson 6 for 45.

June 16th, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.  
Away.

Once again our batting failed, and only Godson and Lawson played McKinna's inswingers with any confidence. Thanks to C. S. Smith we just managed to win. He bowled really well, and his pace and accuracy earned the splendid analysis of 8 for 9. He had good support in the field, and especially from C. A. Smith behind the wicket.

## SCHOOL.

|                                      |    |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| R. P. M. Bond, b McKinna .....       | 4  |
| C. S. Smith, lbw b McKinna .....     | 0  |
| G. B. Lawson, c West b McKinna ..... | 18 |
| A. Godson, c West b McKinna .....    | 13 |
| E. W. B. Ward, b McKinna .....       | 0  |
| N. C. Cuthbert, lbw b McKinna .....  | 0  |
| G. B. Appleby, b McKinna .....       | 0  |
| D. Cooper, b McKinna .....           | 0  |
| R. J. Winfield, not out .....        | 2  |
| J. Fleming, b Matthews .....         | 0  |
| C. A. Smith, b McKinna .....         | 0  |
| Extras .....                         | 2  |

Total ..... 39

Bowling: McKinna 9 for 14.

## MANCHESTER G.S.

|                                             |   |
|---------------------------------------------|---|
| Crossley, c C. A. Smith b C. S. Smith ..... | 3 |
| Hitchen, b C. S. Smith .....                | 1 |
| McKinna, b C. S. Smith .....                | 4 |
| Caro, b C. S. Smith .....                   | 3 |
| Holloway, b C. S. Smith .....               | 7 |
| Percival, b C. S. Smith .....               | 1 |
| West, b Godson .....                        | 1 |
| Whitworth, c Bond b Godson .....            | 3 |

|                                            |    |
|--------------------------------------------|----|
| Cuerden, c C. A. Smith b C. S. Smith ..... | 0  |
| Taylor, b C. S. Smith .....                | 0  |
| Matthews, not out .....                    | 2  |
| Extras .....                               | 5  |
| Total .....                                | 30 |

Bowling: C. S. Smith 8 for 9.

June 25th, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD.  
Away.

We were without Godson, who was injured, but Blight returned. On a very fast wicket we did well to get them out for 68. C. S. Smith was again the most successful bowler, but Cuthbert, Fleming, and Appleby also bowled well, and C. A. Smith kept wicket very well indeed. When we batted, we lost C. S. Smith almost at once, but Bond, Lawson, Ward, and Cuthbert quickly hit off the runs, and we won by 7 wickets.

## KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD.

|                                                  |    |
|--------------------------------------------------|----|
| J. W. Jones, st C. A. Smith b Cuthbert .....     | 4  |
| M. L. Essayan, c & b C. S. Smith .....           | 0  |
| E. A. Wrigley, c C. A. Smith b C. S. Smith ..... | 0  |
| G. Turner, st C. A. Smith b Cuthbert .....       | 14 |
| P. Shuttleworth, b C. S. Smith .....             | 15 |
| R. H. D. Chapman, c C. A. Smith b Fleming .....  | 16 |
| J. M. North, c Appleby b C. S. Smith .....       | 11 |
| J. C. F. Adie, b C. S. Smith .....               | 0  |
| J. J. Masheter, b Fleming .....                  | 0  |
| P. Broadhurst, c Blight b C. S. Smith .....      | 3  |
| N. Wrigley, not out .....                        | 1  |
| Extras .....                                     | 4  |
| Total .....                                      | 68 |

Bowling: C. S. Smith 6 for 17, Cuthbert 2 for 19, Fleming 2 for 11.

## SCHOOL.

|                                          |    |
|------------------------------------------|----|
| R. P. M. Bond, b Jones .....             | 25 |
| C. S. Smith, c Masheter b Turner .....   | 0  |
| G. B. Lawson, retired hurt .....         | 15 |
| E. W. B. Ward, b Turner .....            | 28 |
| A. M. Blight, b Jones .....              | 3  |
| N. C. Cuthbert, not out .....            | 19 |
| R. J. Winfield, c Turner b Wrigley ..... | 1  |
| D. Cooper, not out .....                 | 3  |
| Extras .....                             | 3  |
| Total (for 5 wickets) .....              | 97 |

G. B. Appleby, J. Fleming, and C. A. Smith did not bat.

## 2ND XI.

The form of the 2nd XI has been inconsistent. Several batsmen have played good innings, but on occasions the whole team has allowed the opposing bowlers to dictate the play, and low scores have resulted. The bowling has been steady, but with the exception of Wright it has lacked hostility. The fielding has improved steadily. Results:—

May 7th, *v.* KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Home. School 117 for 6 declared (Lord 40, Winfield 32, Bale 19), King's School, Macclesfield, 89 for 3. Drawn.

May 11th, *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. School 53 (Bale 23), M.G.S. 54 for 2. Lost by 8 wickets.

May 14th, *v.* KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Away. School 182 for 2, declared (Cooper 81, Bale 66), K. E. VII, Lytham, 55 (Wright 4 for 28, Cooper 3 for 7). Won.

May 28th, *v.* SALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. Home. School 54 (Haslam 15), Sale G.S. 46 (Wright 5 for 29, Hoskinson 2 for 3). Won.

June 16th, *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. School 99 for 9, declared (Royle 32, Lord 21, Child 17), M.G.S. 69 for 6 (Bale 2 for 8). Drawn.

June 18th, *v.* MERCHANT TAYLORS', CROSBY. Home. School 46 (Rainford 18 not out), Merchant Taylors' 116 for 9. Lost by 6 wickets.

June 28th, *v.* KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Away. King's School, Macclesfield, 73 (Wright 4 for 26, Royle 5 for 27), School 128 for 8 (Archer 50, Lanigan 42 not out). Won by 3 wickets.

The following have played for the 2nd XI: B. M. Archer (Captain), G. A. Royle, B. M. Bale, D. Cooper, A. W. Lord, T. D. C. Child, I. A. Wright, P. J. B. Haslam, R. J. Winfield, A. A. Rainford, K. Hoskinson, D. D. Hilton, W. A. Jackson, B. L. Tebbutt, G. D. Arnold, M. J. Lanigan, J. Lee.

2nd XI Colours have been awarded to B. M. Archer and I. A. Wright. 2nd XI Colours have been re-awarded to G. A. Royle, R. M. Bale, D. Cooper, A. W. Lord, and T. D. C. Child.

## UNDER 15 XI.

A young and inexperienced side, seven of whom will be available for next season, started with inadequate practice owing to the lateness of Easter. In addition, four of the first five matches happened to be away matches. It is hardly surprising that most of the games have been lost, but there are signs

of improvement. The fielding is better than it was when the season started, the bowling is steadier, and the batting also is beginning to be effective. J. M. Atkinson, the Captain, is the only player who was awarded a cap last year; caps have been awarded this year to J. M. Atkinson, N. A. Moran, J. G. Rutherford, R. McCloughlin, F. M. Mee, M. W. Ridgway, J. G. Robertson, R. Bradshaw, I. Jameson, C. Gee. The following have also played: G. M. Arrowsmith, K. Jackson, B. McNab, H. W. J. Marston, J. K. Robertson.

## RESULTS.

11th May, *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, at home. Lost by 6 wickets. School 70 (F. M. Mee 22, J. G. Rutherford 16), M.G.S. 71 for 4.

14th May, *v.* KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM, at Lytham. Lost by 4 wickets. School 45 (F. M. Mee 15, N. A. Moran 10), Lytham 47 for 6.

25th May, *v.* MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, at Crosby. Lost by 21 runs. Merchant Taylors' 68, School 42.

28th May, *v.* SALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, at Sale. Lost by 7 wickets. School 23, Sale 25 for 3.

16th June, *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, away. Lost by 17 runs. M.G.S. 46 (C. Gee 4 wickets for 4 runs), School 29.

18th June, *v.* MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, at home. Won by 7 runs. School 70 (J. G. Rutherford 24, I. Jameson 10), M.T.S. 63 (I. Jameson 4 for 24, R. McCloughlin 3 for 18).

## House Games.

Neville Cardus has said of cricket, "It is far more than a game", and nowhere is this better seen than in House Cricket.

School matches may be dour struggles, but House Cricket is always bright. To play on House wickets is a gamble for both bowler and batsman. A long-hop may become suddenly unplayable, and a cow-shot may acquire unexpected elegance.

The Juniors find in House matches a special delight of their own. Not for them polite applause and considered contemplation. No, they prefer the democratic approach, which allows full vocal expression of criticism. And often the voice of democracy can be heard from the other side of the field!

Alas! there are some of the Seniors who are not so enthusiastic, especially, one regrets to say, in Heywood House. The virtues of tennis and club cricket may be many, but their devotees, who are so much concerned with their own convenience, can scarcely expect to be commended as loyal members either of their Houses or of their School. They can hardly be surprised if more thorough-going and reliable boys are preferred to them on School teams next year.

The first round of the Knock-out Competition was played on Wednesday, June 22nd. Heywood and Byrom Juniors won through into the semi-finals, as did Fraser and Heywood Seniors, the latter doing well to beat Gaskell by eight wickets (Nicholson 9 for 17).

D. R.

### Rugby Football First XV Fixtures.

- Sept. 24.—Sale Grammar School, Away.  
 Oct. 1.—King's School, Macclesfield, Away.  
 8.—Sale R.U.F.C. Schools XV, Home.  
 " 12.—Lytham, Home.  
 " 15.—Cheadle Hulme, Home.  
 " 22.—Old Hulmeians, Home.  
 " 26.—Hulme Hall R.U.F.C., Home.  
 Nov. 2.—Broughton Park, Home.  
 " 10.—Wakefield, Home.  
 " 19.—Cheadle Hulme, Away.  
 " 30.—Birkenhead, Away.  
 Dec. 3.—Old Hulmeians, Home.  
 " 10.—Merchant Taylors', Crosby, Away.  
 " 17.—King's School, Macclesfield, Home.

### A Walk in the Country.

Under arches of hanging blossom we strode down the slope towards the village. The sun had just set and the roofs, some in deep thatch, some in slate, were now etched black against the turquoise sky.

We turned off down a cart track, leaving behind us the monotony of main roads, and went across the meadows till we reached the wood. It was very still in the glades, and the harmonies of birds echoed to a roof of branches—the songs were sweeter now that it was spring.

Down in the valley the silver river splashed and tumbled; it thundered on rocks and sucked at the pillars of its bridge; it eddied round its banks, then swept on again and flowed gently, reverently, as it passed through what is, to me, the most secret and almost the loveliest little wooded valley in the world.

A badger was focussed for a while in the moonlight—it looked at us with startled eyes, then padded off quietly and was lost to sight in the ferns.

Between the trees we could see, stark against the skyline, the bold outlines of the hills.

We made our way across the open fields again and round by the picturesque old farm, and chatted as we sauntered down the lane, glancing, now and then, at the moon gliding in and out of the clouds.

Then we saw the lights of the village and strode out on to the main road. We passed the tiny thatched grocer's shop and parted company at the cross-roads.

The invigorating night air, saturated by the sweet scent of wild flowers, fanned my cheeks and ruffled my hair as I walked down to the tail of the rapid and crossed the quaint old rustic bridge. I turned to look, across the tumbling stream, at the great bulk of hills—black even than the sky, but with the broken line of their summit ridges tinted by moonlight. The monument up there on the hill, like a finger laid upon the lips of the sky, bade me not to break the hush.

B. N.

### The Attic.

The light came through dimly in that small attic. The windows were shrouded by cobwebs, and the whitewashed walls were chipped and grey. In the corner opposite the small, old-fashioned bed stood a rickety old table with an oil-lamp burning brightly on it. Its rays fell upon his face as he bent over his work with a pen in his hand.

His weary head looked up for a moment from the treasured work, as though he were looking for inspiration on the bare, dirty wall, in front of him. He rose from out of his chair, and stumbled weakly across to a cupboard, which stood in the furthest corner of the room. The clothes he wore were now almost rags, his shirt was opened, with no collar attached, and covering it was a threadbare sports coat that already had holes in the elbows. Even his frayed corduroy trousers were torn just above the knee, and a blood-stained plaster on his bared leg showed where he had fallen the day before. He shuffled along in a pair of old slippers, that seemed more inclined to come off his feet than stay on. For a moment or two his unshaven face grew even paler, as he supported himself on a post of the bed, and panted heavily for breath.

At last he reached the cupboard, and as it was opened, it creaked on rusty hinges. From out of it, he got the only contents that were there; a dirty, cracked cup without a handle, and a bottle, half

full of brandy. He nearly filled the cup and drank off the contents with great rapidity. This seemed to reinforce his meagre strength, for, as he moved slowly and cautiously back to his chair, he did so without any aid from the bed-post.

He sat down, and after looking through the window at the lights that showed up dimly in the damp night mist, he turned again to his work. He must finish the book! It was all he kept his strength up for! His painfully weak fingers picked up the pen, and began writing again.

When he stopped working for a little while, after about half an hour of continual labour, the stars were twinkling in the patches of clear, night sky, and an icy draught blew through the rattling, cracked window. A mouse scuttled across the floor, followed by a family of four lean, smaller ones, all after something to eat, but all disappointed at the result they got from his room.

For a moment or two he sat upright again in his chair, and with fumbling fingers, drew out his wallet. There was a solitary photograph inside its shabby case, a photograph of a smiling, pretty woman—his wife who had died of tuberculosis scarcely two months ago. He could feel her cheerful atmosphere in the room, her sweet Irish voice that used to laugh and joke at their dire poverty. It was with a heavy heart that he pictured her breathing her last in that bed in the corner; her last faint smile as she bade him farewell, and then just faded away, like an early snowdrop killed by a sudden, unexpected frost.

He sighed, and tearfully replaced his treasured photograph inside the wallet. Then, he returned to his labour, and continued to write with weak, but willing fingers. He bent painfully over his work, and beads of sweat gathered on his forehead as he filled up the lines of his paper. The lamp began to run very short of oil, and the flame grew dimmer. He must work faster! He had only a little to do now! He must finish it before tomorrow. He quickened up his speed a little, and his forehead became wrinkled with concentration. His eyes began to blur, and the room seemed to swim round. He felt a throbbing in his head, and he began to weaken. Only a little more to do now, only a little!

At last, his work was completed, and he put down his pen for the final time. The oil-lamp had burned out now, but the moon streamed through the room, and lit up his desk. The pale blue light from it reflected on his fair hair, as he lay crumpled up over his work.

There was a knock at the door. "Please sir, I've brought you something to eat", a broad Cockney voice called out, "it's only the remains of our dinner, but it'll be better than nothing".

The fat, old landlady waddled in. "Gracious me!" she gasped, when she saw him slumped over the desk, "quick 'Erbert, fetch the doctor!"

As she turned him over a little to feel his pulse she knew then it was too late. The moon's rays showed up a little slip of paper that had dropped to the floor, and as she read it in the dim light, tears filled in her eyes.

"Kindly get this book published. Please bury me by my wife. Thank you."

D. M. H. W.

### Moorland Scene.

Heather has the bleak moor wealed  
With purple; and like a shield  
Of gleaming silver dreams the lake:  
A leafy wood, gloomy and green,  
Sleeps by the waters, calm, serene,  
Where swans glide, trailing cygnets in their wake.

A timid, melancholy breeze,  
Sobs out her sorrows to the trees  
While far above, the least of motes,  
A joyous lark her heart outpours  
In mirthful song; the listening moors,  
Enraptured, drink the liquid notes.

### These I have Loathed.

These I have loathed:  
The smell of paint; and travelling at night;  
Burst waterpipes; fish that won't bite;  
Tight shoes; shoes with an insistent squeak;  
Fanatics; jazz; and tea that's weak;  
Burnt toast; wet Sundays; hot, sticky hands;  
Spiders; eating in trains; and military bands;  
The cheerlessness of grates without a fire;  
And the black despair of youth's thwarted desire;  
Family parties; the raucous rasp of rooks;  
Empty houses; maudlin sentiment in books;  
Knitting-needles' incessant click-clacks;  
Long sermons; the slime of snails' tracks.

All these I have loathed.

D. W. L.

## The Eyam Plague.

The sun sinks down 'neath Eyam's hills  
And darkness cloaks the countless ills  
By innocent misadventure wrought,  
The plague from stricken London brought.

As poison in the human veins,  
Contagion spread through streets and lanes.  
To save their lives they needs must fly;  
To save their souls they chose to die.

As God the sombre scene surveys,  
The village bathed in sunset's rays,  
Is he not stirred that sinning earth  
Can to such selfless souls give birth?

Sole emblem of their deeds unknown  
A tilting, mossy, rain-worn stone,  
Which long years has the storms defied,  
Symbolic of the way they died.

The day in reverence doffs her crown,  
The trees their leafy heads bow down,  
And evening falls with bated breath  
Awed by the glory of their death.

A. M. B.

## Footprints.

Who is to tell in years to come  
What feet have passed this way?  
Who is to cry to all the world  
The glory of this day?

Though our life's turmoil, now in height,  
Is to us all too much,  
Who, when we've passed to endless night,  
Will recognise our touch?

'Tis only Love, that as we go  
From ageless Time to Time,  
Can give the work of patient souls  
Perpetual Life sublime.

A. F. J.

## When in Rome . . . .

It occasionally happens in these, the happiest days of our lives, that we are impressed by some phrase that we come across in our studies. I, myself, can remember having to translate a certain Latin phrase without which I would not be the same person today.

(That that might be an advantage is entirely irrelevant.) This memorable occurrence took place in a Latin lesson. My dreams were rudely awakened by: "Number nine, B—" (Confound the fellow! Couldn't he see I was miles away?) I hastily—and efficiently, for I was used to emergencies of this sort—found the right book and page, and there in front of me was

"I: *Experientia me semper docebit.*"

With not a little murmured help from the wiser brethren of the form—our *esprit de corps* would have been a credit to the Foreign Legion—I translated it, more or less correctly as:

"Experience will always teach me."

The happenings in the rest of the period elude my memory, but this was a moment of profound significance, for equipped with this phrase and a bare dozen quotations from Shakespeare—real or imaginary—I could be sure of blinding a sufficiently unintelligent person into thinking that I was in possession of more than ordinary brains. Think, too, what an electrifying effect the murmuring of the phrase at a suitable moment would have, especially if I substantiated it with "... as Plato said (or 'Catullus' or 'Cæsar', depending on which famous Roman name I could think of first)". My reputation grew at every hour. Indeed, the phrase is one of the sheet-anchors of my life. But to turn from the general to the particular:

I can remember spilling a cup of tea over a clean tablecloth at home. Now, one of my maxims is that if a thing is worth doing at all, it is worth doing well: the present occasion was no exception. As far as the near future was concerned, the tablecloth was unemployable, utterly unemployable. I am not easily surprised, but the amount of liquid that that cup had formerly held would have confounded the most credulous scientist, and even I was made almost speechless. Mothers, when their favourite tablecloths, only recently starched and ironed with a loving hand, are submerged in tea, are not the most friendly or good-natured people, and in the present circumstances my mother conformed to the general practice of mothers. It was, then, obvious that if I wanted to escape untouched, I would have to do something reasonably quickly.

I did.

I murmured in a voice torn with pathos "Ah well! '*Experientia me semper docebit*', as Claudius once said", and lifted my eyes from the damage to observe the effect.

For a moment there was silence, broken only by a rather delicate dripping from the edge of the cloth. Father looked tentatively at mother, who refused to return the glance. I stared somewhat uneasily into the middle distance between the two. After drawing

nervously on his pipe, father looked furtively at me—which gave mother an opportunity to do the same to him, whilst I remained as before. Finally father said in a strangely strangled voice (Was there a bead of perspiration on his brow?): "You-er had [slight cough] better put some newspapers under the-er cloth. The table will get wet"—this last remark was made in all seriousness, for his state was delicate at that moment, but it was quite unnecessary for by this time the table was sodden. I complied without a murmur.

My phrase had succeeded: I had won a glorious victory, and I generously pass it on to you that you also may benefit from its qualities.

Incidentally, it may be worth noting that my Latin dictionary had been disturbed when I came down the following morning. H. B.

### After the Battle.

The golden sun sank to its blood-red death,  
Behind the darkened outline of a hill;  
A breeze began to gather on the heath,  
And all the air was calm and coldly still.

And o'er the battlefield, a grey mist hung,  
In sober mourning for the armies' dead;  
The heavy dew to each man's tunic clung,  
As they lay stiff upon their cold, damp bed.

And as the darkness came, their outlines drear,  
Were faintly seen amongst the blood-stained grass;  
The wind howled forth a wild, hoarse note of fear;  
The darkened clouds once more began to mass.

And as the rain wept from the skies in grief,  
It washed their bodies clean from dirt and blood;  
A nightingale sang for such glad relief,  
But all the trees in solemn silence stood.

D. M. H. W.

### Swings and Roundabouts.

When Grandfather calmly announced at the breakfast-table one morning that he was going to try his luck on the Football Pools we were not unduly impressed. Grandfather was always eager to try new ways of making easy money, and since one of his aged friends had told a gathering of pensioners at the "Local" that he had "come up" on the Pools, Grandpa was all for the idea.

Of course, we all treated it as a huge joke, and when time and again Grandfather put a cross where a nought should have been, or vice-versa, we took it for granted that he would never win anything. We pointed out to him one afternoon that he was merely adding to the losses that he had already incurred on "The Dogs" and that if he had saved the money he would have been much better off. He promptly answered, "'What we lose on the roundabouts we pulls up on the swings'—Hark'ee, lads, I'll win back what I've lost yet!"

Grandpa was as good as his word, and we were all astonished when he came dashing into the room one evening after listening to "Sports Report", and stuttered that he had filled in an all-correct coupon. After a minute or two he quietened down a little, but kept repeating at intervals, "I told ye so! I told ye so! What ye lose on . . . . ."

It must have been about midnight when after a good deal of back-slapping and jostling we decided to tumble into bed. On my way upstairs I happened to glance at Grandfather's raincoat which was hanging up in the hall. Some strange compulsion made me look at the right-hand pocket. The tip of an envelope protruded. I did not have to extract the envelope to find out what it contained—I knew!

It was an unposted Football Coupon!

J. H.

### Souvenirs.

The couple sat in front of the fire on a rather cold evening in late September. The husband, smoking a pipe, was deeply immersed in his library book, while his wife was knitting a pair of red socks for her son, who had been selected to play for his college lacrosse team. There was a knock on the front door and the husband rose from the deep recesses of his easy chair to interview the caller. He closed the sitting-room door (to prevent the chilly draughts from reaching his wife), walked to the front door and opened it.

A momentary silence was followed by a queer gasp from the husband. He was confronted by three strange, fierce-looking characters wearing Swiss "National Costume". The first had beady, black eyes and a long hawk-like nose. An ugly grin stretched across his face, every turn of which suggested evil. Murder looked his business.

The second person was a woman of the lowest order. Her dark, greasy features suggested her to be of gipsy descent. Malice was portrayed in her eyes, and she looked like some wild jungle-cat searching for prey when on the point of starvation.

The third member of this formidable trio had not the fierce countenance of the elder two, but ferocity was replaced by a look of icy contempt. His face, which was pale and haggard, was rendered unsightly by an ugly scar on his right cheek, which reminded one of the opening paragraphs of "Treasure Island", where the old seaman is described. This individual had the looks of one just freed from a long prison sentence. In all three persons it was impossible to detect a single redeeming feature.

The husband was awestruck by this "terrible trio". The thought of telling his wife about them, and the effect upon her nerves, disquieted him. A more pusillanimous person would certainly have deferred the task. However, he decided to inform his wife immediately, so back he walked into the sitting-room and announced, "Dear, the souvenirs of our Swiss holiday have arrived—the photographs which we sent to be developed last week; they aren't very good."

J. N. H.

### Our English Climate.

Listening to cricket is an even more absorbing pastime than playing cricket. Even in England each Test Match has its allocation of hours and minutes in the "Radio Times", and "Down Under" where, I believe, cricket is fought, rather than played, they sit for a whole day (or night) with ears glued to the radio.

During the last Test I was carefully following John Arlott through the morning's play, when the game was held up by the mirroring effect of a spectator's umbrella as he sat in the front of the pavilion. You do, I hope, remember the perfect blue of the sky and the white swirls of dust on the roads? Yet that man, although not in Manchester, had chosen to take his umbrella to a Test Match.

Of course, an "English Summer" is very often a dull, wet, formal affair with a regular drip, drip from the drooping trees in the park, drooping to escape the weight of a leaden sky and the little sodden balls of feathers flying from branch to branch with a weary chirp, when day-twilight deepens into night-blackness, and shining silvery lamps reflect on to the ebony roads.

But there he sat amid this riot of flaming sun and open necks, putting no trust in our fickle summer. Of course, there is a possible explanation. An umbrella makes an admirable sunshade!

S. B. B.

### Old Hulmeians Notes and News.

We congratulate J. K. Winskill on his election to the Chairmanship of the United Commercial Travellers' Association this year.

We were pleased to receive a visit from the Very Reverend J. R. P. Sclater, M.A., D.D., LL.D., former Moderator of the United Church of Canada, and at present Senior Minister of Old St. Andrew's Church, Toronto. Dr. Sclater is an Old Hulmeian, who was Captain of School Football in 1892.

We congratulate D. F. E. Ginever on being placed first in the First Class Division of the recent final examination of the Leathersellers' Technical Institute.

Cambridge University Examination results:—

Law Qualifying Exam. II, Class I, D. Bowett.

Law Tripos, Part II, Class 3: E. G. Hall (Fitzwilliam).

Economics, Part II, Class 3: A. R. Rodger (Trinity).

Natural Science, Part I, Class 2: J. P. Chilton (Clare).

(On the result of the above exam. D. Bowett was awarded an Exhibition at Downing College.)

Manchester University Examination results:—

Honours School of Metallurgy, Class I: B. S. Berry.

Honours School of Geology, Class II, Division I: R. B. Appleby.

Honours School of Architecture, Part II, Class I: D. G. Fenter.

Final M.B. and Ch. B.: G. Kettlewell.

Diploma in Dentistry: G. J. Derbyshire.

Diploma in Architecture: O. R. Dennis.

Honours School of Engineering, Class I: J. E. Cannell.

Honours School of Economics and Politics, Class II, Division I: A. J. Odber.

Honours School of English Language and Literature, Class I: B. Bruckshaw; Class II, Division I: K. G. McGhee.

Honours School of General Science, Class I: J. S. Robertson.

Birmingham University Examination results:—

Honours School of Geography, Class II: J. W. Appleby.

## BIRTHS.

PARKINSON.—On March 3rd, 1949, to Dorothy, wife of Robert Innes Parkinson, a daughter.

VLIES.—On April 5th, to Margaret and Gordon R. Vlies, a daughter.

BARRETT.—On April 6th, to Kathleen and William T. Barrett, a daughter.

BISHOP.—On April 16th, to Hilda Mary, wife of George Edward Bishop, a son.

HARTLEY.—On April 17th, to Margaret and Leslie M. Hartley, a son.

BEVIS.—On April 21st, to Eve and Dr. D. C. A. Bevis, a son.

MC CREADY.—On April 28th, to Joan and Norman G. McCready, a son.

BRADSHAW.—On April 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradshaw, a son.

MCTAGGART.—On June 12th, to Janet and Ian A. McTaggart, a son.

SAXON.—On June 17th, to Margaret and Godfrey Saxon, a daughter.

LINDLEY.—On June 26th, to Lois and Edgar Lindley, a son.

SPOONER.—On June 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Spooner, a son.

## MARRIAGES.

COLLIER—YULE.—On April 2nd, 1949, ERIC, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Collier, of Droylsden, to ELISABETH WOODROW, daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. A. D. Yule, of Arbroath.

DALEY—HIGHAM.—On May 14th, ERIC, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Daley, of Whalley Range, to PATRICIA RUTH, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Higham, of Marthall.

JOHNSON—TOMLINSON.—On May 16th, RONALD HENRY, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. W. Johnson, of Manchester 21, to ALICE, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Tomlinson, of Manchester 9.

CLAY—ASHTON.—On July 2nd, CROSSLEY, younger son of Edward B. and the late Mabel Clay, of Hurst Green (late Chorlton-cum-Hardy), to EDNA MAUD, only daughter of Frank A. and the late Ida E. Ashton, of Stoneleigh, Warwickshire.

## DEATH.

ANDERSON.—On April 17th, 1949, HUGH ROBERT WALLACE ANDERSON, M.A., of Gadley, Stamford Road, Bowdon, Assistant Master at William Hulme's Grammar School 1920—1947.

## Old Hulmeians Association.

During the summer term it has been, strangely enough, the Rugby Section that has taken up most of the General Committee's time. It has been possible to arrange a seven year lease for the ground, and consequently it has been decided that the ground and changing accommodation might justifiably be improved. Approximately half the ground is to be reconditioned, levelled and seeded, and electricity is to be installed in the hut. It is hoped that the Section will continue to increase in numbers and that it will soon be in a position to field four teams each Saturday.

An Old Boys' Tennis Tournament was introduced on June 16th and 17th, and our best thanks are due to the General Committee of the Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club for allowing us to use their tennis courts for the event. E. P. Coslett (Singles) and J. N. Wright and B. T. Plaskett (Doubles) are to be congratulated on being the first winners in what it is hoped will be an Annual Tournament. The arrangements were made by W. T. Curtis, and the thanks of the Association are due to him for properly initiating an additional function in the annual programme.

The Golf Section returned to the Didsbury Golf Club for their annual competition on May 26th. The cups were won by J. Somerfield, H. Budenberg, and C. H. Jones, and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Definite progress has been made with the War Memorial, and it is almost certain that the new plaque will be installed at School in time to be unveiled on November 11th, 1949. Old Boys should make a note of this and endeavour to attend.

Many boys will be leaving School in July, and the Association will be only too pleased to welcome them into their ranks either as playing or non-playing members. The Annual General Meeting of the Association is likely to be held at School early in October, and it is hoped that all "leavers" will attend.

The Old Boys' cricket match against the School is fixed for July 6th, and the result will be known by the time these notes are read. The School is to be congratulated on the extremely high standard of its bowling this season.

The Annual Dinner has been arranged for Wednesday, March 8th, 1950, at the Midland Hotel.

The Association would like at this time—the end of yet another School year—to thank the School and the Headmaster for their valuable help and assistance in many ways during the last year. The strong link between School and Association, built up by Mr. Trevor Dennis, is being maintained by Mr. J. G. Bird.

E. B.

## Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The Lacrosse Section's Jubilee Dinner, held at the Piccadilly Hotel on April 1st, was a memorable function, both for the Club and the lacrosse world in general. Attended by over 150 the occasion was highly successful, not only for the quality of the meal and speeches, but also for the efficiency of its organisation for which the Club earned unqualified praise. Our thanks are due to H. A. Whatley, E. Barnes, A. Jones, W. T. Curtis, and D. M. Arrandale, whose thought and labour produced such a well-run function. Former members, from far and wide, supported us. It was particularly gratifying to have in our midst G. Youatt, whom our records show was the original proposer of the resolution that an Old Hulmeians Lacrosse be formed. We were particularly honoured to have amongst our guests G. H. Bark, the English Lacrosse Union Secretary, who so admirably proposed the toast to the Club, and J. Winkley Heaword, the President of the North of England Lacrosse Association, whose reply to the toast of the guests was a model of its type.

Of our playing activities for the 1948-49 season there is little further to record. The first team followed up their Senior Flags victory by winning the English Club Championship Trophy, the Iroquois Cup, by defeating Cambridge University 12-4 on the School ground. In the Northern Championship match, for the Referees' Trophy they lost 4-9 to Old Waconians on the Mellor ground. The team finished third in the league championship.

The "A" team, who won the third division championship for the third season running, have been promoted to the second division for next season, but the "B" team finished runners-up in the fourth division.

At the Annual General Meeting at Whalley Range on March 28th the officials for next season were elected as follows:—Chairman, J. A. Barber; Vice-Chairman, R. Buckland; Hon. Secretary, H. A. Whatley; Hon. Teams' Secretary, N. A. Barber; Team Captain, E. Barnes; Vice-Captain, H. A. Whatley; "A" Team Captain, A. Jones; Vice-Captain, B. T. Plaskett; "B" Team Captain, E. S.

Thelwall; Vice-Captain, J. T. Emery; Committee, W. T. Curtis, R. Mark, W. J. Bell. The invaluable work performed by J. Buckland during his two years as our Secretary was acknowledged with words of well-deserved gratitude.

We are pleased to record our Chairman's election, for a second year, as President of the Lancashire County Lacrosse Association. In his capacity as an Active Ex-President he also continues to represent the Club on the N.E.L.A. Council. H. A. Whatley has been elected to the County Committee.

Our prospects for next season, which opens on October 1st, are not such as can be viewed with equanimity. Many of our members are of an age for retirement, and we shall also lose some five or six younger members to the Services. Our playing strength for next season is therefore a matter of deep concern. The Committee trust that Old Boys who have finished at the Universities or who have returned to civil life from National Service, and also boys leaving School this term will give the Section their support.

## Old Hulmeians Rugby.

The late season's playing records will bear little more comment than will those of any other of the post-war seasons. The fact that adverse margins were smaller, an uninspired plea in extenuation provides what mild consolation is available; further defence can only be made with the two-edged weapon of prophecy of which, in any specific sense, we must fight shy. But, more generally, we do feel that the future development of the Association lies very much with us, and a wider appreciation of this would be helpful.

Nevertheless, the time for blaming our deficiencies on the war is past. That "Self Help" is out of print merely emphasises the inescapable fact that that is the only prescription. Most of the things that make for success come easily only to the successful, and the problem of where and how to break the vicious circle that lack of it tends to produce, is easy only to the superficial observer. No remedy can be devised, however, or even practised, in the face of an attitude of detachment. It would not be true, or fair, to suggest that the team as a whole suffered from an impositive approach, but there has been a failure to realise that effort alone would often have made the vital difference. It is arguable as to whether a stand-off half or a psycho-analyst would be the more precious, but the one would probably prove to be the other. There has been, too, a belief that physical fitness is a blessing conferred by the deity solely on opposing teams. With this in mind, coupled with the fact that few Old Boys in the Club

have ever had any coaching, a more ambitious and earlier-launched training programme will preface next season. A number of county players are coming down to coach, and we hope to show the film "Modern Rugger".

The fact that we shall return to our own colours may also help. We hope to extend dressing-room accommodation on the ground, and also to provide further social facilities, including a bar, early in the season. A little extra space will enable us to cater for four teams changing and will provide conditions superior to those enjoyed by most of our contemporaries. The Brantingham Road ground is now leased to us, which permits of the consolidation of our headquarters on it, and extensive re-seeding has been undertaken. This operation will restrict us to one pitch during the coming season, but we shall again have two thereafter, one of them, we hope, an extremely good one.

At the Annual General Meeting, held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Chorlton, on April 29th, the following officers were elected for the 1949-50 season:—President, T. W. M. Bland; Hon. Secretary, A. R. Onions; Hon. Team Secretary, B. A. L. Ling; Hon. Fixture Secretary, B. D. Etchells; Hon. Treasurer, E. T. Worthington; 1st XV Captain, J. G. K. Hughes.

The meeting approved some minor changes to the rules, revised copies of which will be circulated to all members. A further meeting will be held in late August.

The season will open on Saturday, August 20th. Before that time we hope to welcome new members, both from School and H.M.F., and thus to keep three XV's constantly in the field. Full representation of this sort is likely to be the speediest of all panaceas.

Intending players are asked to contact the Hon. Secretary at 50, Manley Road, Manchester 16 (MOS 2012).  
A. R. O.

#### RESULTS.

##### 1st XV.

|                                      |   |   |      |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|------|
| Mar. 26.—v. Heaton Moor "A" .....    | H | D | 3-3  |
| April 2.—v. Burnage Old Boys .....   | A | L | 0-25 |
| „ 9.—v. Prestwich .....              | A | L | 3-15 |
| „ 15.—v. Didsbury .....              | A | L | 3-38 |
| „ 18.—v. Winnington Park .....       | H | L | 0-17 |
| „ 23.—v. Kersal (7-a-side comp.) ... | A | L | 0-11 |

##### "A" XV.

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|--------------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| Mar. 26.—v. Heaton Moor "B" .....          | A | Cancelled |
| April 2.—v. Burnage O.B. "A" .....         | H | L 3-36    |
| „ 9.—v. Preston Grasshoppers Ex. "A" ..... | A | L 0-27    |
| „ 16.—v. Winnington Park "A" ...           | A | L 8-26    |
| „ 23.—v. Old Salians .....                 | A | L 3-51    |

#### EXTRA "A" XV.

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|-----------------------------------|---|-----------|
| April 15.—v. Didsbury "B" .....   | A | L 8-30    |
| „ 16.—v. M/c. Y.M.C.A. Ex. "A" .. | H | Cancelled |
| „ 23.—v. Oldham Ex. "A" .....     | A | W 26-18   |

### Old Hulmeians Golf.

The Old Hulmeians Golf Competition was held as usual on Thursday, May 26th. This year the event took place in very favourable conditions in the lovely surroundings of the Didsbury Golf Club, for whose hospitality we are most grateful. Twenty-four cards were taken out. The winners of the Cups and their scores were as follows:—

Bradbury Cup.—Winner: J. L. Somerfield 81-7 = 74.

Vlies Cup.—Winner: H. J. Budenberg 88-7 = 81.

Merchant Cup.—Winner: C. H. Jones 98-20 = 78.

### Old Hulmeians Lawn Tennis.

A Tournament was held at Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club, on Thursday and Friday evenings, June 16th and 17th. The weather was very good, and it is pleasant to report that all those who had entered actually competed.

On Thursday evening a Men's Doubles Handicap American Tournament was played, in which sixteen players took part. This was won by J. N. Wright and B. T. Plaskett.

Friday evening was taken up with a Men's Singles Handicap American Tournament. Fifteen players competed, and a Challenge Cup, very kindly presented by Mr. E. Barnes, was won by E. P. Cosslett.

An excellent supper was provided each evening by Mr. Plaskett, and thanks are due to him and to Mrs. D. Barnes, Mrs. R. Mark, Mrs. S. Gill, and Mrs. W. T. Curtis, who helped. Both evenings were thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part. This was largely due to Mr. D. Barnes who assisted in the running of the Tournament and did all the liaison work with the Whalley Range Club. W. T. C.

## Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

It was with deep regret and a sense of personal loss that we heard of the death of Mr. Anderson. Several of us had been going over to Bowdon to see him during leaves and vacations ever since his illness—we always received a most ready welcome—and left refreshed after swapping and remembering countless little anecdotes about School, the Corps, camps, field days and so on. We shall never forget him; his presence at William Hulme's enriched our School lives; and his bearing and code will always influence the rest of our lives, for Old Hulmeians can have no better criterion than by asking themselves—"Would Jock have approved or frowned?"

Writing these notes at Henley rather hastily after the end of term, it is difficult to remember the details of a most interesting and crowded Oxford summer term. The weather was not very good for the first half of it, but this did not deter the crowds who came over for Eights week. Recently it has improved, and has provided the ideal atmosphere and setting for the many delightful end-of-term activities. We seem to have taken the initiative again in the sporting world, and look forward to a successful climax to the Dark Blue records at Lords in July.

The summer term is always the one in which people seem to scatter and have many varying interests, and the Old Boys here have seen less than usual of each other, apart from occasional glimpses on the river or the towpath.

Our senior member, S. S. Wilson (Brasenose), has attended his usual round of christening parties—and is once more in possession of his violin, which he had lent to Whelan during the year. He never seems to have time to play it himself these days, being as busy as ever with the School of Engineering.

We have seen little of the non-B.N.C. men. W. J. Duerden (New College) will be up here until December working for his B.Litt. P. W. Watkins (Lincoln) disappears fairly frequently to attend legal dinners in Lincoln's Inn, and was missing when his brother and A. Salmon called in to see us on their way to France.

At Brasenose J. Wilks and L. Robertson linger on. J. W. N. Glover has not allowed his naval career to tempt him to any very energetic use of the river; he was among several Old Boys at the very successful B.N.C. Commemoration Ball in the ninth week. Also there was G. A. Stone, who earlier in the term had rowed at bow in the 2nd VIII, and has been elected Secretary of the Ellesmere Society, a most distinguished college lawyers' club. He has decided to live in college again next year, and will be moving into Ogden's room—which is a good thing; an Old Hulmeian base in College each year is most useful.

G. Wilkinson has managed to find time to keep wicket for B.N.C. fairly regularly, but his main concern has been some hard work for exams, at the end of June—and academic progress in the summer term with all its enticing distractions is always very difficult. A. G. Smith has been tucked away at Julianstowe, a B.N.C. Annex, where they seem to organize highly successful parties. Smith will be in College next year, too, but has now, no doubt, left on some fantastic European escapade.

F. J. Whelan withdrew from circulation at the beginning of the term to work, and only emerged to row in the "Schools" VIII, which made six bumps in six nights, which, of course, led to appropriate celebration, where, as usual, he injured himself, but did not end up in hospital this time, merely getting himself knocked out. D. Ogden has circulated fairly freely, and as well as combining with Higgins in the management of various O.U.D.S. productions, rowed with Stone in the 2nd VIII. About the only thing he has not managed to do has been History! F. G. Higgins coxed the 1st VIII in Eights and later at Henley Royal Regatta; and, with the aid of Mr. D. M. Parren, has wangled himself into Aldenham School for next term to do some teaching practice.

One or two of us had a very interesting time at Cambridge when we went over to study form on the last day of their May Races. We were delighted to observe Old Boys rowing for Jesus, Clare and Christ's, and heard all the rowing scandal on the towpath later from Chilton and Macleod. We seem to remember meeting a "high-spirited" Spalding very much later when we were watching, and even helping, Clare to burn down parts of their college in the New Quad, after going Head of the River in the afternoon.

The number of Old Hulmeians up here next year will still be in double figures, which is a good thing; we hope that several boys who are leaving School now will be coming to join us; and we look forward to welcoming D. Read at Univ. and K. Carter at B.N.C.

F. G. H.

## Old Hulmeians at Cambridge.

There is a beauty in the Easter Term in Cambridge that cannot be surpassed and but rarely equalled, and those who visit our colleges cannot but envy those of us who have been lucky enough to spend three years amidst this beauty. Throughout the term the weather has been especially kind though rather more conducive to playing college cricket, rowing for the Mays, or punting up to Grantchester than for revising for the Tripos or Prelims.

This has been, as always, a term in which Old Boys tend to Spring hibernation and are seldom

seen except for the occasional game of tennis or cricket; at least until "forced visits" have been paid to the examination schools, the law schools or Trinity lecture rooms 5 and 6.

Once again lacrosse is to the fore in our news as the annual general meeting was held at the end of term. We congratulate both John Chilton (Clare) and Derek Bowett (Downing) on election to their respective offices for the coming season. Chilton as vice-captain, and Bowett as secretary, should ensure a solid Hulmeian foundation for another successful season for the University XII.

Chilton, though not rowing in the Mays himself this year, was justly proud of his college at the head of the river, a fact that was celebrated with even greater fervour and exuberance by both John Spalding (Jesus) and by a very welcome visitor from "the other place" Geoff. Higgins (B.N.C.). Both these latter oarsmen managed to keep clear of both progs and bullers during their celebrations—indeed, a very necessary precaution. Once again we were glad to see Spalding at bow in Jes' Three and delighted to see that he had overcome the loss of energy expended in the Old Boys' relay race in the School Sports!

We all congratulate Bowett on his "first" and wish him every success for the second part of the Law Tripos. He has worked hard throughout the year, but this term has managed to stroll across the lawns of his college to play tennis when the voluminous legal tomes began to swim and appear more weighty than usual.

Gordon Hall (Fitzwilliam House) has also been applying himself to legal problems, and though he has not rowed this term has found time to continue his work as treasurer of his college Amal. Club and also as secretary of the Law Society.

The two most secretive and secluded of the Old Boys up here are still Graham Macleod (Christ's) and John Gosling (Caius). Both have preferred

work to play, but Macleod has now added yet another oar to a potential Hulmeian eight and has rowed with no little prowess at number two in Christ's third boat.

Philip Slade (Westcott House) is in the fortunate position not only of having a degree (although it must be confessed from the other University!) but of being able to take his theological exams over a long period and not concentrated into one hectic week. This term he parted with his trusty steed, together with eighteen gallons of petrol! and we hope he has now safely reached home by other means.

Your letter writer for the last years, Arthur Rodgers (Trinity), now regretfully leaves his rooms in Great Court for the newer industrial fields. His last term has been as enjoyable as all the rest. He had the honour of being dined and wined by the Master of his college, Professor G. M. Trevelyan, and of having Great Court sketched from his room by the artist, Sir Muirhead Bone. He hopes the comments, if any, of those who see his photographs in an American magazine, in an attempt to induce tourists to "come to Cambridge", will not be too unfavourable. Politics have been quiet this term, and instead of the platform he has preferred, in his afternoons off, to skipper his college XI.

The term has brought back many old friends, and we were especially pleased to have a visit from the Chairman of the School Governors, Canon Woolnough. Two wanderers from Peterhouse also returned for a few days; Geoffrey Warburton came to collect his M.A., and Antony Dennis was seen making a very brave, if not very successful, attempt to persuade his punt to go up the Cam rather than from side to side—he had similar trouble at the May balls!

Once again we all hope that those at School will do their very best to join one of the shades of blues, preferably the light, on leaving School.

A. R. R.

## William Hulme's Grammar School Entertainments Account.

JUNE, 1949.

| RECEIPTS.                  |     |     | £    | s. | d. |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|------|----|----|
| To Balance at Bank, 1948   | ... | ... | 177  | 0  | 11 |
| " " Cash                   | ... | ... | 0    | 6  | 2  |
| " Receipts, Christmas Play | ... | ... | 81   | 8  | 0  |
| " " Shrove Tuesday Play    | ... | ... | 94   | 10 | 0  |
| " Programmes               | ... | ... | 15   | 15 | 6  |
|                            |     |     | £369 | 0  | 7  |

| EXPENDITURE.                 |      |     | £    | s. | d. |
|------------------------------|------|-----|------|----|----|
| By Expenses, Plays           | ...  | ... | 238  | 10 | 3  |
| " Repairs to Instruments     | ...  | ... | 1    | 19 | 11 |
| " Subscription to Manchester | Geo- | ... | 0    | 15 | 0  |
| " graphical Society          | ...  | ... | 0    | 11 | 6  |
| " Bank Cheque and Commission | ...  | ... | 126  | 19 | 3  |
| " Bank Balance               | ...  | ... | 0    | 4  | 8  |
| " Cash                       | ...  | ... | £369 | 0  | 7  |