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School Notes and News.

Newcomers to the School in September might well have imagined that the buildings had been bombed, or otherwise subjected to some violent explosion, during the holidays. They arrived to a School liberally encased in scaffolding: the new building for the extensions, the old building for re-pointing and the art building for the installation of the memorial clock.

The pointing of the old building is now complete; but though the outer walls of the extension to the science block are now finished, much work has yet to be done on the interior. The War Memorial Clock has been in operation for some time.

We welcome to the School Mr. R. Pentelow, M.A., Exhibitioner of Queen's College, Oxford, who has joined the Classics Staff, and Mrs. N. M. Stephenson, N.F.F., who has joined the staff of the Preparatory Department.

On Saturday, November 10th, we were honoured by a visit from the Rev. Professor Canon C. E. Raven, who gave the Sixth Forms a most illuminating address on "Science and Religion."

Dr. Jecny and Mr. Morgan are again taking a party of boys to Switzerland for the Winter Sports during the Christmas holidays. This time the venue is to be St. Moritz. We trust that they will have as enjoyable and successful a time as in previous years, and that they will be favoured by suitable weather.

We have to thank an eminent Old Hulmeian, who wishes to remain anonymous, for establishing a prize to be awarded annually. The prize is to be associated with the name of Mr. H. R. W. Anderson, for many years Senior English Master of the School and officer commanding the Cadet Force. The prize is to be awarded to the most worthy boy proceeding to the University to study medicine.

A new edition of the School hymn-book has now been completed and issued to every boy in the School. It includes all the hymns incorporated in the first edition, published exactly twenty years ago, and also a further fifty-two hymns.

An interesting exhibition of relics of John Byrom and the Manchester Jacobites has been on show for a month at the Manchester Art Gallery. Mr. W. H. Thomson, who organised the exhibition, has been at considerable pains to assemble manuscripts, cut glass, portraits and other objects of interest connected with them.

The Prefects this term are W. R. Benson (Head Prefect), R. I. Hattrick, R. J. Winfield, M. C. Dickens, W. M. Gould, A. D. G. Gunn, D. R. Hankey, K. Harrop, M. J. Lanigan, D. H. Roberts, J. M. M. Robinson, R. C. Shaw, B. L. Tebbutt, R. E. Jones, B. E. Reeve.

The record number of eight State Scholarships were awarded on the results of the Northern Universities Joint Board Examinations to A. C. Day, K. H. Harper, D. D. Hilton, B. E. Reeve, J. M. M. Robinson, B. Rowson, J. F. Smith, J. Williamson.

Day, Reeve and Smith also won Lancashire Major Scholarships; Hilton and Rowson, Manchester University Scholarships; Robinson and Williamson, Cheshire County Major Scholarships; and Harper a Stockport Major Scholarship.

In addition to the above, Manchester University Exhibitions were won by D. M. Archer, R. E. Jones, G. Lea, E. Willcock; a College of Technology Scholarship by G. B. Lawson and a Cheshire County Major Scholarship by W. R. Lee.

A. C. Day has since been awarded a Hulme Exhibition at Brasenose College, Oxford.

D. Gosling was awarded a Scholarship, tenable at Manchester University, by the Architect's Registration Council.

Leaving Exhibitions have been awarded by the Governors to E. J. Dellow (Durham University), J. H. Ekserdjian and J. Hamson (Manchester University), G. B. Lawson (Manchester College of Technology), K. Wallace (Bangor University College).

Honorary Foundation Scholarships, tenable for one year, have been awarded to Thomas Oliver and Donald Higginbottom.

Foundation Scholarships, tenable for one year, to Richard J. Winfield, David Womersley, John W. Ginger, William M. Gould, Robert I. Hattrick, Roy E. Jones, Michael J. Lanigan, Patrick E. Reeve, Brian E. Reeve, James K. Glover, David P. Easton; tenable for two years to Walter R. Esson and John M. Selman.

Founder's Day Service will be held on Monday, January 28th.

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

Mid-term Holiday will be on February 22nd, 23rd and 25th.

The Lent Term will end on Tuesday, April 8th, at noon.

The Easter Holiday will extend from Tuesday, April 8th, at noon, to Tuesday, April 22nd, at nine o'clock.

The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term and for Scholarships and Free Places, etc., for Primary School boys, will be held on February 13th and March 12th, beginning at nine a.m. each day.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of *The Aldwinian*, *The Elizabethan*, *The Lidunian*, *The Salian*, *The Savilian*, *Ulula*, and *The Waconian*, also the magazines of King's School, Macclesfield, and Manchester Central High School.

Speech Day, 1951.

Despite a typically English summer day, many parents and several Old Boys were present at the Annual Speech Day on Friday, 13th July, over which the Chairman of the Governors, Canon Woolnough, again presided.

The Headmaster began his report by striking a note of sorrow, and yet of pride and gratitude. He referred to the illness last September of Mr. Trevor Dennis, who did not recover. Mr. Bird pointed out that, apart from a fitting and beautiful tribute in the School Magazine, the School itself was a very fine memorial to the old Headmaster. Mr. Bird spoke also of the death of Mr. Bentley, whom he praised for his friendship as well as for his work on the staff.

The Headmaster then presented his report on the achievements of the School during what he described as "a sound, if not brilliant, year." Good results had been gained in the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations. On the results of the latter, two State and several other scholarships had been won, and twenty-five boys had gained admission to Universities.

Speaking of the School's sporting activities, the Headmaster had to confess to the Lacrosse team's first defeat for three years, which had been happily avenged, however, in the Lancashire Junior Cup result. The Rugby and Cricket teams, he said, had been good, the latter having been ably captained by C. S. Smith, whose former successes on the field had been crowned by his selection to play for the Lancashire 1st XI against Hampshire.

Mr. Bird then praised the good work of the C.C.F., drawing attention to the award to two of its officers of the Territorial Decoration.

After commending the work of the Preparatory Department, the Headmaster went on to speak of the Old Hulmeians Association, referring particularly to the appointment of Baron Haden-Guest, who had once attended the School, as Lord-in-Waiting to H.M. the King.

Mr. Bird continued by telling of the pleasant things which had happened during the year. Work had been begun on the new buildings; plans had been made by the Old Hulmeians for the installation of a memorial clock in the gable-end of the Art building; and a generous offer had been made of a new Encyclopedia for the School Library.

The Headmaster described the present age as one of materialism and selfishness, in which spiritual values were decayed. Many excuses were being offered for lack of personal effort. But, he said, boys from the School would go out into the world, taking with them the ideas and initiative gained at the School, and ready to build the future upon honour, trust, and spiritual certainty.

Mr. Bird then thanked the Parents' Association for their friendship and co-operation, and particularly for the generosity in providing funds for the re-equipment of the Music-room.

Welcoming Sir Eric Macfadyen, who was one of the first boys to attend the School, the Headmaster said that, while remembering the School's debt to the past, it must be realised that its task was to build for the future.

Mr. Bird concluded his report by thanking all those who had in any way helped in the smooth running of the School.

After distributing the prizes, Sir Eric Macfadyen recalled some memories of the School's earliest days, and of some of its first masters. He then pointed out two privileges of the boys at the School—that they were born English, and were born Lancashire men. He bade the School be proud of its privileges. "Thank God for William Hulme," Sir Eric said, "and take care never to let him down."

Sir Eric went on to emphasise the importance of building a good character through one's judgments and choices. For, he said, happiness depended not upon what possessions or successes you had gained, but upon what you yourself were.

Sir Eric concluded by wishing everyone at the School the best of luck, and expressing the hope that the School would make as much progress during the next sixty-four years as it had done since its foundation.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

SIXTH FORMS:—

THE VLISS MODERN LANGUAGE PRIZE: R. E. Jones.
THE HEWLETT GEOGRAPHY PRIZE: D. Gosling.
THE LYMER MATHEMATICS PRIZE: I. F. Smith.
THE WILLIAMSON SCIENCE PRIZE: A. C. Day.
THE DORRINGTON LATIN PRIZE: J. H. Ekserdjian.
THE KNOOP ENGLISH PRIZE: K. Hoskinson.
THE DEHN HISTORY PRIZE: E. Willcock.
THE SIR SAMUEL TURNER IMPERIAL HISTORY PRIZE: E. Willcock.
THE H. R. W. ANDERSON PRIZE: D. D. Hilton.
THE POWELL SCRIPTURE READING PRIZE: H. Baker.
THE STONE ENGLISH ESSAY PRIZE: G. Beaumont.
THE WATKINS PRIZE: R. D. Boyle.

FIFTH FORMS:—

THE HEWETT GEOGRAPHY PRIZE: J. M. Dawson, G. T. Denton.
THE HAWLEY FRENCH PRIZE: A. D. Thompson.
THE PARENTS' ASSOCIATION ENGLISH PRIZE: B. A. Taylor.

OPEN:—

THE FORREST WRITING PRIZE: K. Harrap.

FORM PRIZES.

VI. C.M.U.: 1, K. Hoskinson; 2, E. Willcock.
VI. S.U.: 1, A. C. Day; 2, B. Rowson.
VI. C.M.L.: 1, D. W. Latham; 2, G. Heap.
VI. S.L.: 1, R. Swindells; 2, J. C. Parsonage.
Vths: 1, D. L. Chatfield; 2, F. M. Leach; 3, J. D. Phillipson; 4, A. G. Thompson; 5, E. P. Campbell; 6, A. H. Wilcock.
Vy: 1, G. N. Leah; 2, I. J. G. Bryce.
IVths: 1, D. J. Roberts; 2, A. D. Burgoyne; 3, G. F. Rushworth; 4, A. E. Rose.
IVy: 1, B. M. Segal; 2, C. Gee.
IIIrds: 1, R. B. Woolham; 2, J. H. Delany; 3, D. Andrew; 4, G. W. Barrow.
IInds: 1, M. Williams; 2, W. D. Maughan; 3, J. D. E. Rayman; 4, A. E. Backhouse; 5, I. M. Stewart; 6, C. B. Lowe.
Ists: 1, R. D. Williamson; 2, A. F. Pitty; 3, I. A. B. Low; 4, J. M. Temperley; 5, D. B. Taylor; 6, T. V. Jones.

Lower I: 1, D. M. Brierley; 2, J. D. Eccleston.
Preparatory: 1, M. A. Harris; 2, C. R. L. Mark; Progress, C. V. Hickling.

Art: Fifth Forms, E. P. Campbell; Fourth Forms, W. A. Jarvis; Third Forms, D. G. Woodcock; Second Forms, R. E. Hargreave; First Forms, P. J. Allport.

Manual Work: Fifth Forms, J. G. Burgess; Fourth Forms, J. K. Robertson; Third Forms, D. Andrew; Second Forms, C. B. Lowe; First Forms, I. A. B. Low.

C.C.F. Notes.

At the commencement of the term the following promotions were made, with effect from September 1st, 1951:—

Sgt. W. R. Benson to be Under Officer.
Sgt. E. Willcock to be C.Q.M.S. (with effect from 23rd July, 1951).
Cpl. J. R. L. Hall to be Sgt.
Cpl. D. R. Hankey to be Sgt.
Cpl. R. I. Hattrick to be Sgt.
Cpl. D. R. Latham to be Sgt.
Cpl. P. K. Wheeler to be Sgt.
Cpl. R. J. Winfield to be Sgt.
L/Cpl. R. E. Jones to be Sgt.
L/Cpl. P. M. Womersley to be Sgt.

L/Cpls. A. C. Day, J. N. Hopwood, K. R. Mackenzie, J. C. Parsonage, A. Potter, D. M. Roberts, R. C. Shaw, A. Shields, J. M. Smethurst and R. Swindells, to be Cpls.

Cdts. R. D. Bishop, S. B. Boaler, E. P. Campbell, J. N. Clarke, A. O. Dyson, D. P. Easton, W. M. Gould, B. S. Gribble, K. Harding, J. Leeder, J. Lord, J. M. Pott, G. S. Preston, B. E. Reeve, P. E. Reeve, D. C. Robertson, B. L. Tebbutt, R. B. Pilling, B. B. Wallwork and M. R. Walker, to be L/Cpls.

Thanks to the untiring work of Mr. Gatley, so many new recruits have been received in the Contingent this term that it has been necessary to extend the number of platoons to ten. Nos. 9 and 10 platoons are composed of the 48 new recruits received to date.

This increased influx, however, has not deterred the Armoury Staff, who, ably led by C.Q.M.S. E. Willcock, work untiringly every dinner-time to keep the Corps well equipped.

The Cadre Platoon (No. 3) under Sgt. A. D. C. Gunn have given several very instructive and entertaining demonstrations this term, but these have been curtailed by the early lighting-up times. It is to be hoped they will continue in this vein when the nights become lighter.

No Certificate "A" examinations have yet been held, but those for both Parts I and II are due on December 11th and 12th.

Unluckily, Field Day this term was cancelled owing to inclement weather, but we hope that next term we shall have better fortune and a chance to exercise our knowledge of fieldcraft.

Under-Officer W. R. Benson and seven Sergeants were chosen to act as stewards at the Dedication Service of the Manchester Regiment Chapel at the Cathedral, attended by Her Majesty the Queen on Friday, November 16th.

W. R. B.

C.C.F. Camp.

Sixty-five Cadets attended the Annual Camp at Poulton Airfield this summer. For training purposes the contingent was divided into three groups: a complete Battle Platoon of cadets training for Cert. "A," Part II, a junior section of cadets training for Part I, and a signals section.

A well arranged programme, organised by the Officer-Cadets of Eaton Hall, O.C.T.U., enabled the senior cadets to gain much practical experience in fieldcraft and battle procedure. The main value of this work lay in the exercising on suitable ground of the theory which the cadets learn at School.

Two items on the training programme deserve special mention. These were the day and night patrol operations. Besides providing excellent practice of the full range of fieldwork, two important points were proved. The operations demonstrated how the safety of the Section depends upon the efficiency of each individual, and following from this, how essential it is that the Section must work as a team. The reliability of each cadet was tested, especially in the night operation where supervision was made almost impossible by the darkness.

The programme for the Junior Section was similar to that of the Senior Platoon, though modified for obvious reasons. Mention must be made of their cheery keenness throughout the camp period in spite of the limited amount of sleep which nights spent under canvas allow junior cadets. Their spirit was reflected in an excellent turn-out for the Church Parade and March Past on Sunday.

The Signals Section worked independently of the rest of the contingent. They too did a considerable amount of fieldwork and reported a satisfactory "night op.," in which they laid a complete battalion network. The Section as a whole is to be congratulated on the success of every member in the Ack. I, and Classification Tests.

The recreation arrangements were similar to previous years and the cadets took full advantage of them. Two members of the contingent gained "firsts" in the Camp Sports. The weather, which had been unsettled before camp, improved considerably and added further enjoyment to a camp which could be considered satisfactory from every point of view.

R. I. H.

The Entertainments.

The 1951-52 entertainments began on the first Tuesday after half-term. The plays so far performed have drawn large and appreciative audiences. The new stage pelmet, for the construction of which we are indebted to Messrs. Barnett and Foulds and their helpers, has added considerably to the finish of the stage by obscuring the somewhat unsightly curtain-tracks from the view of the audience.

For some time Mr. Lowe has been busily rehearsing Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer," for Christmas. It will be performed on Wednesday, December 12th, and the three following evenings.

On Tuesday, November 6th, the new season of form plays opened with 2A's production of "Rory Aforesaid," by John Brandane. The action takes place in a court-house in the West Highlands, and deals with the successful scheme of the old rascal Rory and his legal adviser to defeat the ends of justice. The play ends with Rory completing a morning's successful business by outwitting his solicitor over the question of payment.

The play was commendably audible throughout, and I. M. Ross, as Rory, moved and spoke with confidence, although he failed to capture the cunning roguery of the part. B. W. Wilson gave a very sound performance as the lawyer, and C. J. Chesney acted well as a crofter-woman. A. C. Edwards did well as Mr. MacCallum, the plaintiff, who, in conducting his own case, hopelessly confuses the elderly sheriff. This difficult part was taken by F. R. Hopkinson, who did not quite succeed in bringing out the full humour of the character, mainly because of a tendency to speak too quickly. F. J. McMellon made a suitably impressive Court Officer, while other parts were played by D. S. Armstrong, A. N. S. Guthrie, J. W. Fearon, and D. L. Watkin.

The play was produced by Mr. Fearon.

On Tuesday, November 13th, 6 l.m.s. presented "Something to Talk About," by Eden Phillpotts. The play deals with the visit of the notorious

cracksman, the Wolf, to the stately home of the Sydneys, one of England's oldest, and dullest, families. The interest with which the members of the family follow his attempt to force the safe indicates their delight at having the monotony of the centuries disturbed. But their interest changes to dismay as they see their magnificent Christmas presents disappear into the Wolf's "swag-bag." Fortunately the Bishop puts forward an alternative plan with mutual benefit to the family and its "guest," and the Wolf departs, leaving them "something to talk about at last."

It was a pity that the cast as a whole failed to put over the full humour of the situation: there was too little attempt at acting, although W. Blairs, as the Wolf, showed some vigour, and the ability to point a line, while I. J. G. Bryce moved and spoke well as the young son of the family. The female parts are always difficult to fill in 6th Form plays, and although P. Marlton and J. B. Robinson tried hard, they were not altogether convincing. P. D. Kyffin showed some promise as the butler, while B. S. Knowles as the head of the house occasionally struck the right note of aristocratic benevolence. J. A. Harrison gave the Bishop a certain dignity of presence but was not sufficiently sonorous in his speech.

It was unfortunate that the producer, B. D. Linley, received little assistance from the drab and uninspiring scenery provided for him: the safe, which was the centre of interest for most of the action, was so placed that it was quite invisible to part of the audience.

It was Orson Welles who, after "fluffing" a line in "Othello," made a curtain-speech in which he spoke of the humming at Stratford indicating where Shakespeare was turning in his grave. If the citizens of Moscow are still afflicted with buzzings in the ears, the noise must surely come from the grave of Anton Chekov, whose body is still revolving after the Upper 6th's production of "The Proposal" on November 20th. Not that their production was a failure—the three actors extracted every scrap of humour from the situation, and added more of their own invention, but the result could scarcely be as Chekov intended—nor, one imagines, as the producer had planned.

D. H. Roberts as the elderly, eccentric land-owner gallantly refused to allow his sketchy knowledge of the part to interfere with his conception of the play as a farce. Unfortunately he spoke too quickly and too quietly, and in his duologues with the prompter, he came off second best. D. P. Easton, as the neighbour come to woo the daughter of the house, had a firmer grasp of his part, and at times he showed real ability; but acting honours must go to A. M. Vessey, whose performance as

the daughter covered a wide range of emotions, each well portrayed and well-defined.

The producer, R. S. Bowden, broke away from the traditional methods of form-play production by the use of "the fourth wall." That the innovation was not completely successful must be ascribed to the inaudibility of the actors who could not overcome the handicap of having their backs to the audience. Nevertheless the attempt was well worth making, and Bowden is to be congratulated on his production, and the members of the cast on their lively interpretation of the play.

The Library.

Ordinary work goes on, but re-organisation awaits the completion of the building. A few new books have been received, more will shortly be ordered, and we have to express our appreciation once more to Mr. N. Shields for a varied and useful gift of about a dozen volumes.

C. M.

The Music Society.

The Annual General Meeting was held on 23rd September, when the Headmaster presided. J. N. Hopwood was elected Chairman, K. Harrop and R. G. Bowden re-elected to their offices as Secretary and Treasurer respectively, and R. C. Shaw, B. L. Tebbutt, P. C. Baguley and A. O. Dyson elected to the Committee.

So far the Society's only activity is a prospective attendance at a Youth Concert given by the Hallé Orchestra in the Free Trade Hall on November 28th. We hope for an increase in the Society's activities in the future.

K. H.

The Debating Society.

On September 17th, the Annual General Meeting was held, at which J. N. Hopwood was elected Deputy Chairman for the first part of the term and R. S. Bowden was elected Secretary for the year.

On the following Monday, September 24th, two impromptu debates were held. The first proposition was "That School Examinations are not necessary to the progress of education." It fell to A. Shields and M. S. Blackburn to defend the motion, and D. H. Roberts and W. S. Williams to oppose it. The House supported the motion by 9 votes to 4.

The second debate was, "That the male costume is in need of radical reform." D. A. Hilton and G. N. Leah proposed the motion, and J. Faichney and D. R. Latham opposed it. The Chairman's casting vote carried the motion.

A full-scale debate was held on September 30th, at which the House considered "That Scientists should confine their activities to this Earth." D. H. Roberts and A. D. G. Gunn proposed the motion, whilst R. B. Pilling and A. Shields opposed. Roberts, in opening, adopted a philosophical attitude, while Pilling contented himself with giving examples of the uses that the sun's energy could be harnessed to, if we could reach other planets. On voting, the House rejected the motion by 8 votes to 6, with one member abstaining.

The following Monday saw an experiment in the form of a play-reading of G. B. Shaw's "The Dark Lady of the Sonnets." Mr. Lowe read the part of Shakespeare and D. R. Latham read the part of the Beefeater, while the women's parts were read by J. Ainsworth and R. Cheek. Although it was not too well attended the meeting proved a great success and will form a milestone in the Society's history.

The main event of the term was the Mock-Election, which took place on two Mondays, October 15th and 22nd. Much interest was aroused as the meetings more or less coincided with the General Election. W. R. Benson stood for the Conservative Party, D. H. Roberts for the Radical Socialists and R. C. Shaw for the Bevanites. At the second meeting the audience, which was the largest the Society has ever known, saw Roberts give an amusing demonstration of one of the workers he represented. After a secret ballot had been counted it was found that Benson had polled 60 votes, Roberts 19, and Shaw 12.

The last meeting before this article went to Press was a General Meeting at which J. N. Hopwood was re-elected Deputy-Chairman. This was followed by a Poetry Reading given by I. Ainsworth, J. N. Hopwood, D. R. Latham, and D. W. Latham. The poets represented were Lord Byron, T. S. Eliot, W. G. Duncan and Gerard Manley Hopkins.

Up to the present the term has been very busy, but the Society could do with a much larger membership and it would be a welcome sight to see more Lower Sixth formers and Fifth formers supporting our meetings.

R. G. B.

The Science Society.

The General Meeting was held on Monday, September 10th, and a new committee was elected as follows:—

Vice-Chairman.—W. R. Benson.

Secretary.—J. M. M. Robinson.

Treasurer.—B. E. Reeve.

Committee.—From the Modern Sixth: D. R. Hankey, D. R. Latham.
From the Science Sixth: B. L. Tebbutt, R. J. Winfield.

B. B. Wallwork was elected as leader of the Photographic Section.

Owing to the staging of the Form Plays, the Society's activities have been somewhat curtailed as yet. Two functions have, however, taken place.

On Tuesday, September 18th, a lecture and film show by a representative of Tate and Lyle Ltd. on "Sugar" was to have been given. Unfortunately the film was mislaid in transit and the meeting had to be postponed until Tuesday, 2nd October, when it proved to be a great success.

The enthusiasm with which we were received last year encouraged the arrangement of further visits to a newspaper office on the evenings of Tuesday, 25th September and Thursday, 27th September. This time, the visits were to Kemsley House and were again found very interesting and instructive by all who went.

The Photographic Section have been continuing their developing and printing in the dark-room. An enlarger has been borrowed, but the Section are still without one of their own. One of the members, A. Hodgson, gave a talk entitled "Enlarging Technique" on Monday, November 12th, which was well received.

The recording of meteorological data has been begun and a Stevenson Screen is being constructed, but its site has not yet been settled.

It is hoped that meetings will become more frequent after the Christmas holidays. J. M. M. R.

The Hulme Lads' Club.

We offer to the Club our hearty congratulations on the outstanding success of the various teams during the last year. In football, cricket, boxing, net-ball, and table tennis they have proved themselves the best in Manchester, and we are proud that our Club has achieved this success.

The annual collection is now being made, and it is of course impossible to forecast the result. We hope that the new financial crisis in our national affairs will not lead to a serious reduction in the

amount collected, but rather will lead to a greater effort. The cost of running the Club is still increasing, so the need is greater than ever.

The collection will not be closed until the first week of next term, so if any Old Boys would like to help, there is time for them to send their contributions to me at School.

D. M. W.

Cricket, 1951.

The results for the season are as follows:—

All Matches.—Played 15, Won 9, Lost 1, Drawn 4, No result 1.

School Matches.—Played 9, Won 6, Lost 0, Drawn 2, No result 1.

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Inn.	Total Runs.	H'gst Score.	Not out.	Aver- age.
C. S. Smith	13	311	73*	5	38.9
G. B. Lawson	14	315	117*	3	28.6
R. J. Winfield	14	252	41	4	25.2
D. Cooper	14	278	80	1	21.3
D. M. Archer	8	139	36	1	19.8
W. Cartwright	7	49	13	3	12.2*
D. A. Hilton	7	45	29*	3	11.2
R. C. Shaw	11	97	59	2	10.7

Also batted:

J. K. Glover	3	22	22*	2	22
J. N. Clarke	3	12	6*	2	12
B. L. Tebbutt	2	16	10	0	8
G. S. Preston	2	12	12	0	6
K. Hoskinson	3	16	7	0	5.3
A. A. Rainford	1	18	18*	1	
F. M. Mee	1	1	1*	1	

*Not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av'ge.
C. S. Smith	163.4	51	358	55	6.5
J. K. Glover	136.4	29	376	38	9.8
K. Hoskinson	61.1	15	136	10	13.6
G. B. Lawson	23.3	5	85	4	21.2

Also bowled:

G. S. Preston	10	1	49	5	9.8
D. A. Hilton	12	1	28	1	28
B. L. Tebbutt	4	0	21	0	
D. Cooper	3	0	17	0	
R. J. Winfield	4	0	11	0	

The season has been a successful one, but not wholly satisfactory. The opening bowlers have been so successful that the others have been short of match practice, and many of our opponents have made such small scores that our batting has often lacked concentration. The team has been all out only twice, and only six of our opponents have made more than 100 runs against us.

The long drawn-out General Certificate Examination, coming immediately after the Whitsun holiday seriously cut down the opportunities for net practice, and this was probably one of the causes of our dismal failure at Old Trafford.

The fielding has improved during the season, but too many slip catches have been missed. We hope that Lawson's good work in repairing the slip cradle will bear fruit next season.

C. S. Smith again played in the Public Schools Matches at Lords, and did well in batting, bowling, and in the field. Against the Combined Services he made 51 not out and took four wickets, after taking five of the Southern Schools wickets in the previous match. The *Times* critic considered that he was "about the best all-rounder in a very strong side."

Smith also played frequently for Lancashire 2nd XI, and three times for the County 1st XI. Against Middlesex he helped to rescue Lancashire from a difficult position by making 67. He has been awarded his County 2nd XI Cap.

G. B. Lawson, the Vice-Captain, played for Lancashire Young Amateurs against Middlesex and Derbyshire. In the latter match he made 52, the top score.

Colours were re-awarded to C. S. Smith, G. B. Lawson, R. J. Winfield, D. M. Archer, D. Cooper.

New Colours were awarded to J. K. Glover, W. Cartwright, K. Hoskinson, J. A. Hilton, R. C. Shaw.

The following matches were played after the July number of the *Hulmeian* went to press.

June 23rd v. MANCHESTER C.C. at Old Trafford. Lost by 8 wickets.

Manchester paid us the compliment of turning out a strong side containing only three amateurs, but we gave our worst display of the season. Their bowling was good but there can be no excuse for thoroughly bad batting.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, b Stone	0
R. C. Shaw, b Hilton J.	0
G. B. Lawson, b Hilton J.	5
C. S. Smith, st Parr b Booth B.	10
R. J. Winfield, b Hilton J.	0
B. L. Tebbut, st Parr b Booth B.	6
D. A. Hilton, c Ranft b Booth B.	5
W. Cartwright, lbw b Whiteley	8
D. M. Archer, st Parr b Booth B.	4
K. Hoskinson, b Ranft	7
J. K. Glover, not out	0
Extras.....	6
Total.....	51

Bowling: Stone 1 for 2, Hilton J. 3 for 5, Booth B. 4 for 25, Whiteley 1 for 2, Ranft 1 for 11.

MANCHESTER C.C.

A. Booth, run out	11
P. Hough, b Glover	5
W. Dodge, not out	29
P. G. R. Tingley, not out	6
Extras.....	4
Total (for 2 wickets).....	55

G. Ranft, R. Alderson, J. Hilton, D. Stone, P. Whiteley, J. D. Parr, and B. Booth did not bat.

Bowling: Glover 1 for 12.

June 28th v. OLD HULMEIANS XI. Home. Match drawn.

The game did not start till 5-30, and as the Old Boys had a strong side, there was little chance of a decision.

Barnes and Godson gave the Old Boys a good start, but when Smith, who had been detained by an examination, came out, they lost wickets quickly. Eight were down for 53, but J. Buckland and Appleby made a good stand, and the total reached 117.

We had only ninety minutes to get the runs, and the Old Boys' bowling was good, but we made a good attempt to force the pace, and were in a strong position at the end. Mee played instead of Hoskinson.

OLD HULMEIANS.

E. Barnes, c Archer b Glover	13
A. Godson, lbw b Smith	18
R. P. M. Bond, b Smith	0
G. A. Royle, b Smith	0
A. Salmon, run out	3
A. V. Tune, c Shaw b Smith	15
E. G. Widdows, b Smith	0
D. Buckland, c Archer b Smith	0
J. Buckland, c Smith b Hilton	32
G. B. Appleby, c and b Lawson	26
W. W. Land, not out	6
Extras.....	4

Total..... 117

Bowling: Glover 1 for 45, Hilton 1 for 15,
Smith 6 for 27, Lawson 1 for 20.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, c Godson b Tune	3
R. C. Shaw, c Bond b Widdows	11
G. B. Lawson, c Barnes b Tune	18
C. S. Smith, b Land	33
R. J. Winfield, not out	18
F. Mee, not out	1
Extras.....	13

Total (for 4 wickets)..... 97

Bowling: Tune 2 for 17, Widdows 1 for 22,
Land 1 for 15.

June 30th v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home.
Won by 8 wickets.

Hoskinson returned in place of Mee, and Preston was tried instead of Tebbutt. They won the toss and batted first on a good fast wicket, and we again had to start without Smith. However, Glover took two of their wickets before lunch, and when Smith joined in the attack, wickets fell even more rapidly. Preston was given a turn, and his slow leg-breaks were very effective. They were all out for 59, and we hit off the runs for the loss of two wickets.

WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

W. K. Ridge, lbw b Glover	3
R. M. McHerrie, c Archer b Smith	20
J. G. Howard, c Hoskinson b Glover	2
J. S. Smith, b Glover	6
J. Westlake, st Archer b Preston	7
D. C. Williams, b Smith	1
R. J. Butler, c Hoskinson b Smith	1
J. Walker, st Archer b Preston	2
N. H. Woods, st Archer b Preston	0
J. Wood, c Cooper b Smith	11
J. Costain, not out	1
Extras.....	5

Total..... 59

Bowling: Glover 3 for 20, Smith 4 for 10,
Preston 3 for 11.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, not out	31
R. C. Shaw, lbw b Wood	0
D. A. Hilton, c Walker b Woods	4
D. M. Archer, not out	32
Extras.....	9

Total (for 2 wickets)..... 76

Bowling: Wood 1 for 11, Woods 1 for 19.

July 1st, v. THE STAFF. Home. Won by 67 runs.

We began rather lightheartedly, but the Staff bowling was very good, and had it been supported by safer fielding, would have caused us even more trouble. We were able to declare at 110 for 6, and Smith, perhaps relieved at the end of his last exam., which had kept him away from our innings, made rather short work of the Staff.

SCHOOL.

R. C. Shaw, run out	9
D. Cooper, c Watkins b Morley	15
D. M. Archer, c Bird b Morley	4
K. Hoskinson, lbw b Morley	5
G. B. Lawson, c Robinson b Morley	0
R. J. Winfield, b Bird	30
D. A. Hilton, not out	29
W. Cartwright, not out	12
Extras.....	6

Total (for 6 wickets declared) 110

Bowling: Mr. Bird 1 for 36, Mr. Morley 4 for 30.

THE STAFF.

Mr. Morley, c Shaw b Smith	0
Mr. Simpson, b Glover	15
Mr. Bird, not out	15
Mr. Martin, c Winfield b Smith	1
Mr. Foxcroft, b Smith	0
Mr. Watkins, b Smith	1
Mr. Thornton, b Smith	0
Mr. Robinson c and b Smith	9
Mr. Jones, b Smith	0
Mr. Lowe, b Smith	0
Mr. Woolfenden, c Shaw b Smith	2
Extras.....	2

Total..... 45

Bowling: Smith 9 for 20, Glover 1 for 19.

July 3rd, v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM.
Away. Won by 96 runs.

They won the toss and put us in on a wicket which was drying in a strong wind, and we made a very bad start. We lost 6 wickets for 51 runs, five of them to a medium pace left-hand bowler who kept a length and swung the ball considerably in the wind. Then Winfield and Archer made a stand and took the score to 116. Both batted well, and while Archer relied mainly on hard driving, Winfield scored well all round the wicket. Both got out after a stoppage for rain, but Glover and Preston put on 36 for the last wicket, and our total reached 157.

Lytham lost wickets steadily to good bowling by Smith and Glover, who were supported by very keen fielding. Archer did very well behind the wicket.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, b Conchie	8
R. C. Shaw, lbw b Conchie	2
G. B. Lawson, lbw b Conchie	11
C. S. Smith, b Conchie	14
R. J. Winfield, c and b Cartmell A. E.	41
D. A. Hilton, c Booth b Norris	2
W. Cartwright, c Peak b Norris	0
D. M. Archer, c Cartmell J. b Conchie	36
G. S. Preston, st Peak b Norris	12
K. Hoskinson, c and b Conchie	4
J. K. Glover, not out	22
Extras.....	5

Total..... 157

Bowling: Conchie 6 for 48, Norris 3 for 20, Cartmell A. E. 1 for 17.

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL.

J. A. Booth, lbw b Glover	1
D. J. Peak, c Winfield b Smith	0
A. E. Cartmell, b Smith	24
J. Chapman, c Archer b Glover	1
J. Cartmell, b Glover	13
R. Pilkington, not out	14
C. Wiggans, c Archer b Glover	2
J. M. Sykes, b Smith	0
J. Conchie, lbw b Smith	0
R. T. Norris, b Glover	1
M. H. Cavendish, st Archer b Glover	4
Extras.....	1

Total..... 61

Bowling: Smith 4 for 26, Glover 6 for 34.

July 4th, v. WHALLEY RANGE C.C. Away. Won by 2 wickets.

Conditions were very difficult, as the wicket was wet, and the light was very bad, but both sides were determined to make the best of things, and we had a most interesting and exciting game. As the ball rose most awkwardly from a length at one end, both sides kept their fast bowlers away from that end.

Whalley Range batted first, and made every effort to score quickly, but our bowling was good and our fielding excellent, and it took them an hour and a quarter to make 50. Then Edwards and Price began to hit out, and they finally declared at 128 for 7, made in two hours.

We had exactly the same time, and Cooper and Lawson gave a very good start by scoring 72 in 55 minutes. Lawson batted particularly well against accurate bowling. It was still necessary to score quickly as the light was getting worse and rain seemed imminent, and we lost several wickets through taking risks, but we got the runs in the last over.

WHALLEY RANGE.

R. Shawyer, b Smith	14
E. Barnes, c Smith b Hoskinson	21
E. Withington, c Cartwright b Glover	14
J. C. Edwards, c Lawson b Smith	28
A. Godson, c Lawson b Glover	0
D. J. Price, c Hilton b Hoskinson	32
J. Buckland, run out	5
W. B. Stansby, not out	9
Extras.....	5

Total (for 7 wickets, declared) 128

B. C. K. Ballinger, C. Brookes, and W. Thornton did not bat.

Bowling: Smith 2 for 26, Glover 2 for 46, Hoskinson 2 for 34.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, c Withington b Brookes	28
G. B. Lawson, c Crookes b Thornton	50
D. M. Archer, b Shawyer	12
C. S. Smith, c Godson b Thornton	8
R. J. Winfield, lbw b Shawyer	11
D. A. Hilton, run out	0
J. K. Glover, c Buckland b Shawyer	0
G. S. Preston, c Edwards b Thornton	0
W. Cartwright, not out	12
R. C. Shaw, not out	6
Extras.....	2

Total (for 8 wickets)..... 129

Bowling: Shawyer 3 for 52, Thornton 3 for 33, Brookes 1 for 21.

July 9th, v. THE PARENTS. Home. Match drawn.

We put them in on a wet wicket, and as the light was poor made little use of our fast bowlers. The Parents had a strong and experienced side, and they attacked our slow bowlers very cheerfully. Several good catches were taken, but the fielding was not up to standard, and two chances were missed in the slips which might have changed the course of the game.

They declared at 138 for 7, and we had only 70 minutes. There was little chance of getting the runs against very good spin bowling, and after losing several good wickets in trying to score quickly, we had to be content to play out time in the gathering gloom. Rainford took the place of Cartwright who was absent.

THE PARENTS.

W. Williamson, c Hilton b Glover	3
B. F. J. Yerbury, c Shaw b Lawson	34
G. F. Lawson, c Cooper b Hoskinson	34
E. G. Widdows, c Cooper b Lawson	18
S. Smith, c Smith b Preston	19
K. B. Hilton, c Smith b Hoskinson	10
F. A. Roberts, not out	10
A. N. Haslam, c Archer b Preston	2
E. Morris, not out	2
Extras.....	6

Total (for 7 wickets, declared)... 138

Attack and Birch did not bat.

Bowling: Glover 1 for 27, Hoskinson 2 for 33, Lawson 2 for 25, Preston 2 for 21.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, lbw b Widdows	4
G. B. Lawson, c Roberts b Widdows	2
D. M. Archer, b Smith	10
C. S. Smith, b Widdows	19
R. J. Winfield, b Smith	8
A. A. Rainford, not out	18
R. C. Shaw, not out	0
Extras.....	3

Total (for 5 wickets)..... 64

Bowling: Widdows 3 for 20, Smith 2 for 9.

July 11th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Home. No result.

We batted first and made a very bad start, mainly because we refused to attack slow spin bowling. Excessive caution allowed them to bowl many maiden overs, and not until we had lost three wickets for 24 did anyone attempt to jump out and drive an overpitched ball. Smith, Winfield and Archer improved our position, but a severe thunderstorm followed by heavy rain made further play impossible.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, b Ward	10
R. C. Shaw, c Norburn b Robinson	2
G. B. Lawson, b Robinson	12
C. S. Smith, not out	25
R. J. Winfield, c Mathias b Rimmer	13
D. M. Archer, lbw b Heppard	23
D. A. Hilton, not out	0
Extras.....	4

Total (for 5 wickets)..... 89

Bowling: Rimmer 1 for 25, Ward 1 for 29, Robinson 2 for 24, Heppard 1 for 7.

July 12th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD. Away. Won by 7 wickets.

They won the toss and batted first on a slow and easy wicket, but were unable to cope with the bowling of Smith and Glover, and were all out for 48.

Their bowling was better than their batting, and we lost three wickets cheaply, but Lawson and Winfield soon hit off the runs.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S.

D. Glazebrook, b Glover	11
A. Jubb, b Smith	3
J. Dyson, b Glover	1
R. Hinchliffe, lbw b Glover	3
J. A. Robertson, lbw b Glover	0
J. P. Riley, b Smith	3
C. J. Littlewood, lbw b Smith	0
J. Ramsden, b Smith	3
I. L. Nichols, b Glover	0
A. P. Green, not out	3
C. Fuller, b Smith	12
Extras.....	9

Total..... 48

Bowling: Smith 5 for 19, Glover 5 for 20.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, b Fuller	2
R. C. Shaw, c Hinchliffe b Riley	0
G. B. Lawson, not out	36
C. S. Smith, lbw b Riley	4
R. J. Winfield, not out	10
Extras.....	2

Total (for 3 wickets)..... 54

Bowling: Fuller 1 for 33, Riley 2 for 13.

2ND XI.

The final results for the season were as follows:—

Played 9, Won 1, Lost 2, Drawn 6.

Despite the presence of some useful players, the 2nd XI found victory very elusive, and they did not gain their first win till the last match of the season when they tried to make belated amends by winning by 8 wickets.

There seem to be two main causes of this inability to win matches; first, the fielding was usually bad, so that the excellent bowling of R. E. Jones was not so effective as it might have been; secondly, the

team lacked aggressive spirit. Thus when batting they often seemed afraid to lift their bats, move their feet, keep their heads down and hit the ball; and even if they captured for a moment the spirit of aggression they usually omitted one of these vital steps. Rainford was a cheerful exception when he batted against King's School, Macclesfield, but he later fell victim to the general paralysis.

McLoughlin and Hopwood were the best batsmen. Although McLoughlin's scoring shots were rather limited he played with a faultless style which the rest of the team would have done well to copy. Hopwood was top scorer with 114 runs scored in 7 completed innings.

Colours were gained by the following:—

E. J. Dellow (Capt.), J. N. Hopwood (Vice-Capt.), D. G. Robertson, A. A. Rainford, J. N. Clarke, R. McLoughlin, R. E. Jones, G. S. Preston, F. M. Mee, D. Heffer.

RESULTS.

June 16th, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Home. Drawn. School 112 (Rainford 37). King's School 103 for 5.

June 23rd, v. S.W. MANCHESTER C.C. "A" XI. Home. Drawn. S.W. Manchester 100 (Dellow 8 for 41). School 3 for 0 wickets (rain stopped play).

July 7th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL. Home. Drawn. School 114 (Hopwood 29, McLoughlin 22, Robertson J. K. 21). Merchant Taylors' 107 for 8 (Jones 4 for 21).

July, 11th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Home. Drawn. School 70. Birkenhead did not bat (rain).

July 12th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD. Away. Won by 8 wickets. Queen Elizabeth's 73 (Jones 7 for 22). School 77 for 2 (McLoughlin 27).

UNDER 15 XI.

At the end of the season the team had won 2 matches, lost 3, and drawn 3. In addition to those recorded last term, caps were awarded to D. F. Borland, C. E. Bryans, J. H. Delany, H. M. Greenhalgh and K. R. Mercer.

RESULTS.

Saturday, June 16th v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Away. Match drawn. Macclesfield 131, School 92 for 7 wickets (B. M. Oakes 36, T. W. Warnes 19, C. Gee 18).

Saturday, June 30th, v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Lost by 10 runs. Wallasey 115 (T. W. Warnes 7 for 27). School 105 (I. Jameson 31, B. M. Oakes 20).

Saturday, July 7th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL. Home. Match drawn. School 107 (J. H. Delany 25, C. Gee 33 not out). Merchant Taylors' 98 for 9 wickets.

Wednesday, July 11th, v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Away. Won by 9 runs. School 118 (T. W. Warnes 34). Lytham 109 (R. N. Colling 5 for 21).

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1ST XV.

We started this year with only three old Colours, and in consequence the side has been young and inexperienced. The tackling of the side was poor at first but has improved slowly during the season.

Owing to injuries there have been constant changes in the three-quarters and they have not been able to settle down properly. The forwards, though they have lacked polish, have always played hard.

The regular team has been:—

G. F. Rushworth, A. A. Rainford, R. E. Jones, R. I. Hattrick, G. K. Davies, I. Jameson, M. C. Dickens (Vice-Captain), J. M. M. Robinson, A. O. Dyson, B. L. Tebbutt, W. R. Benson (Captain), A. Potter, B. B. Wallwork, J. R. L. Hall, W. M. Gould.

R. J. Winfield was a regular member of the side at centre until he was injured. He will be unable to play again this season.

The following have also played: J. N. Clarke, J. K. Glover, K. Harrop, W. Newey, R. B. Pilling, B. E. Reeve and J. K. Robertson.

Colours have been awarded to A. O. Dyson, J. R. L. Hall, R. I. Hattrick, A. A. Rainford, B. L. Tebbutt, B. B. Wallwork and R. J. Winfield.

Wednesday, September 26th v. WILMSLOW R.U.F.C. SCHOOLS XV. Home. Lost 3—45.

In their first game of the season the School was outplayed in every department of the game. The forwards were outweighed and outhooked by a far more experienced scrum, whilst the three-quarters were weak in defence. M. C. Dickens was outstanding in his play throughout the game.

Wednesday, October 3rd, v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Home. Lost 8—14.

The three-quarters, without Rainford and Winfield, did not settle down at all, whilst the forwards played well, gaining most of the ball from the set and loose scrummages. G. F. Rushworth scored a very good try by making the extra man in attack.

Saturday, October 6th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Won 17—16.

Once again a new attack was tried, this time with fair success. I. Jameson was brought in at fly-half and R. I. Hatrick moved into the centre. The forwards did well in the set scrums but were slow from the loose mauls.

Wednesday, October 10th, v. KING'S SCHOOL, Macclesfield. Home. Won 16—5.

A game in which the forwards were once more the power in attack and also much improved in defence. The three-quarters showed a tendency to crowd and spoilt several chances for their wingmen. R. B. Pilling was injured early in the second half. W. M. Gould scored an intelligent try from a line-out.

Saturday, October 13th, v. SALE R.U.F.C. SCHOOLS XV. Home. Lost 0—27.

The Sale team was faster in all divisions than the School side. Our backs were outpaced in defence and were given too little of the ball to settle down in attack. The forwards worked hard as always, but were not effective.

Saturday, October 20th, v. HULME HALL R.U.F.C. Home. Won 11—0.

The ball was kept too much amongst the forwards and the School three-quarters were given little chance to develop many attacks. R. E. Jones and J. K. Glover scored tries, and W. R. Benson kicked a penalty goal.

Wednesday, October 24th, v. BROUGHTON PARK R.U.F.C. SCHOOLS XV. Home. Lost 0—31.

The School were mesmerised by their opponents' very experienced half-back division and never got accustomed to them, offering little opposition to their movements. A game in which much was learnt but little achieved. R. J. Winfield was badly injured in the second half.

Saturday, November 10th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 5—3.

Once again Cheadle provided far stronger opposition than was expected. School fought hard and were unlucky not to win by a bigger margin. The three-quarters played well together, though crowding was still noticeable when they were rattled. B. B. Wallwork played a good game at wing forward and B. L. Tebbutt was once again outstanding for his line-out play.

Wednesday, November 14th, v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Lost 6—24.

A very fast and open game in which Wallasey were far quicker to make use of our mistakes than we of theirs. The margin of defeat does not give a true impression of the School team's performance. R. K. Davies and A. A. Rainford, who was playing

his last game before joining H.M. Forces, ran very well. Rainford scored both tries.

W. R. B.

2ND XV.

The second fifteen have had a very successful season, losing only one game out of seven, to King's School, Macclesfield. In this game, J. A. Austin was unfortunate in breaking a finger and has not played since.

In general, the standard of play has been good. Despite many changes among the forwards, they have worked hard with good results. The main weakness, that of not binding in the loose, has been remedied, especially in the last two games. The hooking of P. C. Baguley and the wing forward play of B. E. Reeve and D. G. Robertson has been particularly notable.

The three-quarters have proved their worth in defence and attack, although several promising movements started by R. C. Shaw and G. A. Preston have faded out due to bad handling. B. A. Craven, at full-back, has been inclined to trust his kicking too little, but should improve with experience.

The regular team has been:—

K. Harrop (Capt.), B. A. Craven, K. Glover, J. K. Robertson, W. Newey, R. A. Gibson, G. A. Preston, R. C. Shaw, R. B. Pilling, P. C. Baguley, G. Heap, D. R. Hankey, A. Shields, B. E. Reeve, J. N. Clarke, D. G. Robertson.

The following have also played: J. M. M. Robinson, G. F. Rushworth, W. M. Gould, B. B. Wallwork, P. E. Reeve, J. N. Hopwood, M. Sutcliffe, I. Jameson, D. Wilde, J. A. Austin.

RESULTS.

Sept. 29.—v.	Y.M.C.A. Colts	A	W 11-3
Oct. 3.—v.	King Edward VII School, Lytham	H	W 25-3
„ 6.—v.	Cheadle Hulme School ...	H	W 33-3
„ 10.—v.	King's School, Maccles- field	A	L 8-15
„ 13.—v.	Stockport G.S. 1st XV ...	H	D 3-3
Nov. 10.—v.	Cheadle Hulme School ...	A	W 27-8
„ 14.—v.	Wallasey Grammar Sch....	H	W 6-3
			K. H.

UNDER 15.

Though neither as big nor as effective as last year's side, the new Under 15 team is not without promise. D. F. Borland and G. T. Skelding are playing hard and well as forwards, and the backs are fast and occasionally constructive. An easy victory early in the season allowed careless habits

to develop which have been difficult to eradicate. Passing is inaccurate and the forwards are inexperienced in the loose, though quite effective in the set scrums. H. M. Greenhalgh has fielded and kicked well at full back.

Colours have been awarded to G. T. Skelding, D. F. Borland, I. J. G. Bryce, E. A. Royle, C. E. Bryans, P. J. Richards, W. R. F. Brindle, P. F. Wilde, R. B. Woolham, K. V. Cooper, I. H. Munro, H. M. Greenhalgh and J. D. E. Rayman. Others who have played several times are K. L. Kilbey, F. Martin and M. Lord, while J. G. Kerrey, D. W. Archer, E. G. Wilcock, T. W. Warnes and R. E. Williams have also played.

Of the matches so far played, 3 have been won and 3 lost.

RESULTS.

Oct. 3.—v.	King Edward VII School,			
	Lytham	A	W	3-0
„ 10.—v.	Cheadle Hulme School ...	A	W	62-5
„ 14.—v.	King's School, Maccles-			
	field	H	L	9-32
„ 17.—v.	Stockport Grammar Sch. A	L		9-12
„ 24.—v.	Denstone College	A	L	3-8
Nov. 10.—v.	Cheadle Hulme School ...	H	W	25-0

Four away matches remain to be played.

House Games.

This term we have been very fortunate as regards the weather—for games have been cancelled on only two occasions to date.

At time of going to press, Gaskell are leading in the House League, with Heywood and Dalton second and third respectively. There is some competition between Fraser and Whitworth for fourth place but Byrom seems to be complacently settled at the bottom of the table.

The success of Gaskell is well deserved and their teams are keen and fast, if not outstandingly skilful. Heywood and Dalton both have fairly good senior teams and the Dalton backs, when at full strength, are the best attack in the School. The Juniors are keen, but somewhat inexperienced.

Fraser seniors have few outstanding players, but when the whole team has worked together they have pulled off some surprising victories. The juniors must learn to handle correctly—although, strangely enough, they usually do well on a wet afternoon.

The Whitworth teams are both rather weak behind the scrum, but when it has been muddy they have usually given a good account of themselves. Byrom seniors are weak although the side contains some potentially good players. They are handicapped, however, by a certain lack of enthusiasm in the rest of the side. The juniors are a small team but have been doing better of late, and when they learn to tackle hard, low and often, they will lose very few matches.

The first round of the “ Knock-outs ” was played off on Wednesday, 17th October. The results were as follows:—

Seniors: Fraser 20, Byrom 0; Dalton 31, Whitworth 0.

Juniors: Gaskell 9, Heywood 6; Dalton 25, Byrom 0.

In the seniors, Heywood and Gaskell drew byes and Fraser and Whitworth in the juniors.

This term, special games have been provided for the first forms, in order that they may learn the basic principles of good football. This should eventually result in a rise of the standard of play throughout the School. The 1B team is particularly good.

A word of thanks is due to those masters who have acted as referees on games afternoons, and to those boys who have assisted in coaching during the term.

M. J. L.

Three Thousand Miles in Retrospect.

The white cliffs were behind us, ahead the French coast and a fortnight on foreign soils. Our destination was Copenhagen—thirteen hundred miles away. During these miles we were to pass through France, Belgium, Germany and finally Denmark.

We docked at Dunkirk, and as soon as we had been through the passport control, we sped towards the Franco-Belgian frontier. Then on we went towards Ostend through the poplar-lined avenues, typical of France and Belgium. On we sped through the Belgian Riviera past the one-time German gun emplacements, grim reminders of the war. Now we struck inland towards Bruges, our resting place for the evening.

Bruges is the soul of medieval Flanders. It has the usual winding, narrow cobbled streets which are found wherever one goes about Belgium and France. Around the "Grand Palace" were the pavement cafés with their gaily coloured awnings of reds, greens and blues. In these cafés old men sip their wine watching the world pass by with sagacious contemplation. Bruges is dominated by the "Beffroi" or the Gothic Belfry, which houses the most magnificent chimes in Europe. Enough of Bruges, now on to Hamburg.

From Bruges we passed through Brussels, capital of Belgium. The Belgian-German frontier was crossed at Aachen—a town pocked by the scars of war, on through East Germany to the Rhine—the majestic Rhine, slowly rolling on towards the open sea. On the banks sheep grazed and drank from its waters. Passing through the industrial Düsseldorf we reached the "Reichsautobahn," which straddles Germany from Düsseldorf to Berlin.

When we arrived in Hamburg it was just growing dusk and in the half light of evening we could see the devastation of war. The following morning we were to see more of the bomb damage. As we drove for two miles through a plain of rubble, on either side lay devastation caused by our bombers. During three weeks, over seventy-five per cent of Hamburg was laid flat, fifteen square miles were razed to the ground. Such was the appalling damage.

As our visit was brief we could not do or see everything so we decided to see some night life. Firstly we went to a "Biergarten," complete with its steins and Tyrolean band. With the saying "when in Rome do as Rome does" in our mind, we sampled the national drink of beer and a Schnapps "chaser." From the "Biergarten" we went to Hamburg's Montmartre, St. Pauli, where the more sophisticated night life was to be tasted. Another sight to be seen was the beautiful Alster, with the thousands of lights reflected upon its still waters.

The next day we were still heading north towards Flensburg and the Danish frontier. On our way north we passed over the Kiel Canal, which makes our own Ship Canal look "rather" small. To test the canal, the German Emperor asked the British Home Fleet to sail up it—and they did! The Danish frontier was crossed and our destination was Odense—a miserable place. Its only claim to fame is that it was the birthplace of Hans Andersen, so it was one of those places one just has to visit. Dutifully paying our krone we were admitted to the venerable gentleman's house, where we saw the bed he had slept in, his pipe, his slippers, etc., etc.

That night we were to be in Copenhagen, our destination. En route we visited Roskilde Cathedral,

where the Kings of Denmark lie in state and where our own King Canute lies. Small world, isn't it?

After six days on the road and covering over eighteen hundred kilometers, we arrived in Copenhagen. With so much to see and so little time to do it in, we had our meal and were out again admiring the beauties of this northern capital. My first port of call was the Tivoli Gardens. In these wonderful gardens one can listen to symphonies, while just round the corner one can get "hep" to the latest jazz tunes. Within the space of fifty yards one can see ballet, or watch acrobats daringly hurling themselves from trick to trick. The next day we walked about craning our necks to see the copper roofs of the municipal building, which have turned green with age. There was the beautiful Copenhagen china to be contemplated, Danish silver to be admired.

One day we visited "Kronberg Slot"—better known as Elsinore Castle, home of Hamlet. There we saw the spot where Hamlet is reputed to have seen his father's ghost. The castle in itself was rather disappointing. It is not a castle to our way of thinking. It has no battlements or any of the other things one associates with our English castles. To us English, it would look more like a "stately home." Few seem to realise also that its walls are washed by the cold waters of the Baltic. If producers of "Hamlet" could only see this unromantic and uninspiring sight they would be dismayed.

Having seen as much of Denmark as we could, we had to turn south now and head for home. We retraced our steps through Denmark and back to Hamburg, where we turned eastward towards Holland. Amsterdam was our goal. Bremen loomed large and passed us, so did Groningen. To reach Amsterdam we had to cross the Zuider Zee. This we did along the dyke road, which divides the waters of the North Sea and the Zuider Zee.

Amsterdam, the "Venice of the North," is a spider's web of canals and bridges. Of the former there are forty and the latter four hundred. A tour of the harbour was taken in a launch before retiring to the luxury of the American Hotel for dinner, which was concluded by ice-cream brought in alight. A truly remarkable sight! Rembrandt's "Night Watch" was a "must," and after admiring the wrong picture for half an hour I found it eventually, resplendent in all its glory, and wondered why it was so priceless.

Antwerp was our next stop. The only thing Antwerp is known for is its mosquitoes. Now we were nearing the end. Ghent passed by, so did Bruges and Ostend, until once more we reached the battle-scarred Dunkirk and the car-ferry which was to take us home to England.

A. SHIELDS, 6 cml.

Rostherne Mere.

The smooth, grey lake spreads far away,
But quite close by two tufted swim.
With pitch-black back and dazzling side;
He drifts apart, she follows him.

A flock of small, black, white-faced coots
Disperses as we draw too near.
And mallards rise up from the reeds,
With many an angry call to hear.

A mob of reckless, screaming gulls
Descends upon the placid lake.
But still the friesians quietly feed;
And still the rushes gently shake.

A disused bird-trap, on its side,
Significant of former days.
A battered wooden summer-house
Still stands, but gradually decays.

While walking by the boggy bank,
The moorhens rise from 'neath our feet,
But best of all to marvel at—
The crested grebe—so bright, so neat.

What wet decaying mass of weeds
Is needed by the grebe for nest,
Securely fastened to the reeds,
For there the chalky eggs will rest.

The village church stands on a hill,
Presiding o'er the lovely view
Of woods and water, field and farm,
The ploughman, and the furrows true.

The ancient clock strikes half past four,
For all around to see and hear.
We must away, both homeward bound,
And say goodbye to Rostherne Mere.

J. D. S. HARROP, 6 cml.

On the Run.

Yesterday's was, I suppose, the last run with the hounds I shall have this year, and, as was fitting, it was a good one.

A dull, calm morning for the meet, at Silverbridge; the rooks were very busy in the tree-tops; two black-birds were fighting in the ditch; chaffinches were singing their spring song, and a very early chiffchaff sang in a wayside spinney.

There was a big field assembled in the Silverbridge Court. At last we moved off in an echoing cavalcade under the sweeping beeches.

Chaffinches flew up "pinking" at us. A grey squirrel peeped out of a beech trunk, though few people noticed him.

We crossed the main-road, and then plunged into Silverbridge Woods, bursting with reddish buds, and angry carrions went flagging away, cawing harshly. A fox left as soon as the hounds entered and he slipped away gracefully towards the lakes. Here mallard and widgeon rose, circling, and moorhens scurried for shelter, silver spray rising at their feet. Four indignant swans swore hissing at these disturbers, and finally took threshing wing towards the park.

Hounds and riders were reflected in the lake, as they pounded up the muddy slope, and the earth shook with the tattoo of hooves. Now they passed a black pool, where a somnolent heron, suddenly roused, flew off lazily. Out of a small clump of trees by a small cottage, where frantic pheasants darted for shelter. Past a farm where the arrogant, bullying turkeys ran like hens under the farm-gate. Everything in sight seemed to be running.

From the pond, a grave line of ducks marched, talking in low tones. Suddenly the fox dived through them. They burst like a bomb and flew to sanctuary. No sooner were they there, than the hounds broke through the reeds. When they came to the place where the ducks had been, they faltered, but the pack-leader, casting wide, picked the scent. On to the Hiweigh road, but here, a motorist, gaping by his car, turned the fox back and it made for a rabbit warren near the windmill.

As we cantered up the slope, the sun came out and gilded the fields, throwing, on the bed of leaves, lovely, intricate patterns; a solitary owl, woken from his sleep, flew to another roost.

A fan of starlings rose from a small meadow dead ahead and I knew we were gaining on the fox. The bustle of the hunt passed like a sudden gust through the countryside, setting even the static cows in motion.

The warren was only three fields away, but I doubted if our gallant pilot would make it. But he did. He beat his pursuers by a short head and went to earth in a badger's set, near the warren, where we left him.

J. DAVIES, 5Y.

The Last Night.

"Yes," said the Astronomer. "The Earth and all upon it will be utterly destroyed at precisely 11-43 p.m. on Tuesday, the 11th August. It is not, gentlemen, merely a supposition as suggested, but a concrete and indisputable fact."

"But," queried one of the listening scientists, "is there no way to divert the path of this star, and turn it away from the earth's orbit?"

"Or protect at least some people by sending them underground?" said another.

"Or—"

"There is not the slightest hope of the Earth itself even surviving," said the Astronomer. "It will be blown to dust by the impact of its collision with this star, and the particles will float in space for ever!"

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The terrible and unbelievable news that the Earth would be destroyed in less than a week's time, was relayed all over the Earth's surface, to every human being in the world. By radio, by telegraph, by cable, and by every method of communication, the world was warned. Life was to come to an end at 11-45 p.m. (the time had been calculated brutally accurately), on August the eleventh. Man, beast, bird, and every living thing on Earth had six more days to live!

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The world was united at last—united in all its hopelessness. All the futile arguments of the nations were forgotten. The foolishness of all the squabbles between countries was revealed. Every human was in this thing together. Not a soul on Earth could do the slightest thing to avert the disaster. Enmities, however deep, were forgotten and men began to see the utter futility of arguing against the inevitable.

It was August the eleventh. For once, for the first and the last time, the people in London, in Moscow, in Paris, in Washington, and in Berlin, did the same things. On every man's mind lay the question—what would it be like?

The star had been actually seen two days before. How small it had looked then. How enormous it looked now. Nobody took the trouble to shelter. Everyone knew it was useless. Men everywhere were, however, showing the strain. Men were going mad, as their nerves cracked. Men were thinking about the end and others were dying already. No men really wanted to die. Even those who had never before been afraid of Death were afraid now—now that Death was a reality and would be on them in a few hours.

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The world was silent. There was an hour left to live. The sky was already dark, even though it was summer, with the enormous shadow of the great star rushing into its inevitable collision with the Earth. The radio stations had been closed for ever, and men sat in complete silence, and . . . waited.

The clocks were still ticking—there was half an hour left. As the hands on millions of clocks sped round, men found themselves praying inwardly, with a fervour they had never known before. But the star sped on relentlessly. Five minutes were left. Many of the older people had died from heart attacks by now, and from attacks of fear; a fear, too, they had never known before—the fear of Death. The sweat rolled down the faces of men. A great wind, as if goaded by the thunder and the lightning of the storm, tore at their helpless little houses, and then . . . the Earth was blasted into eternity . . .

B. SEGAL, 5Y.

Still the Wind Blows.

Eric Thaler paced the upper deck of his destroyer engaged, although not at this moment, in warfare in the North Sea. He was musing over the surprising, yet welcome command that the captain had just given to him. "Return to base. Weather conditions threatening."

He looked up. He had been three winters in these waters, and how well he knew that the clear visibility and inky black clouds spelt snow, and bad too!

It came sooner than he expected, a soundless whirling sheet at first but working up to a perpetual roar. Sight became useless and space and feeling were snatched away by that shrieking fury of snow and frozen spray, driven by the wind, thrashing pitilessly against the grey hull and the men who clung to the reeling decks. The salt was in your mouth and up your nose; it stung your face and hands like a thousand needles. The great seething seas raced alongside, and as speed was reduced to half speed, then quarter speed, ran on and overtook the ship.

Suddenly the grey white cloak was ripped aside for an instant and Thaler saw in the fraction of a second, a towering black cliff streaked with snow, with a fringe of white at the bottom where the breakers had beaten themselves to froth in trying to push back the immovable black mass.

Then they struck. The grinding and groaning of the doomed ship was horrible to hear as they slithered back to the depths, the hull and bottom smashed to pieces.

Then, only then, did Thaler experience real fear, the sweat ran off him in small rivulets in spite of the cold, as he stood there, on that tilted deck, petrified by the horror and by fear. All at once he burst into action; as he ran he let out a hysterical yell, which was choked to a gurgle as a sea broke over the deck. He was whirled away at a dizzy

speed which was checked with a suddenness which knocked all the breath that he had in him, out of him. It was the funnel stay. "The" because it was the only one that remained intact. He climbed as high as he was able and just clung there like a waterlogged straw. The ship was going down, the upper deck was just going under. His funnel stay parted and as the funnel tilted over he fell into the grey, cold brine below. He tried to swim, but no swimmer can defy nature, least of all wind and sea in their worst temper. So he ceased to struggle and felt himself being borne towards the cliff at speed. He thought his end had come and wondered whether the rocks would hurt, but no! there he was rolling over the shingle, very wet and cold, and only slightly bruised.

He picked himself up and set off feeling very lucky but only slightly surprised. He had always been lucky. The cliff began to curve gently at first, butting sharper and sharper until it ended in a great black spur jutting out into the thundering sea. He felt his first pang of doubt, and ran back the other way. Yes, his fears were confirmed; he was trapped in a small bay with a storm which was definitely not abating. A huge wave pounded itself on the beach and ran up it until it washed around his ankles. The tide was coming in.

He had cheated death once and he was determined that it should not catch him up. There was only one way out. He looked up, and to him, standing down below sheltered by two great boulders, it did not look easy, but it did not look difficult. The first six feet were easy enough, but when he felt the wind clutching at him he became frantic, for now it seemed impossible. Another half dozen feet. The wind tore him away from the cliff face and flung him, cold, too cold to imagine, sick, and now terribly bruised to the bottom. There is one thing a man will not lose if he can help it and that is his life. A man, an average man, will lose his limbs, money, honour, anything to save his life. So poor Thaler, with no energy in him but driven on by sheer will-power, scrambled up the cliff, the terrible wind causing him to be on the brink of death many times. Halfway up there was a broad ledge on which he collapsed and lay for two hours, his fingers with no nails, his hands and knees raw and bleeding.

The highest wave of the tide washed over him and he revived much rested to continue his mad climb. The wind abated, and he reached the top triumphant but very, very, weak.

It began to sleet, and with the sleet came the wind again, it had lulled as if it took pity on the survivor, the only survivor. It had decided to be cruel again and Thaler, benumbed, could not even crawl, so he just lay there and died.

Killing the crew of a mighty warship had quenched the wind's thirst for blood but for one brief while. It had looked around and slain the only survivor. And still it blew on.

C. GEE, 5Y.

The Castle.

The castle in its glory stands
Upon the distant hill,
It overlooks the country plain
And watches o'er the mill.

If all the stones of which it's built
Could speak like humans can,
What stories and adventures strange
They could relate to man;

Of heroes bold and tournaments
Of doughty deeds of old,
Of siege and raid and bitter strife
And knights in cloth of gold;

Of feasts and joyous banquetings
Where wandering minstrels came,
Of pedlars with their precious packs
For dainty maid and dame.

The ancient castle ruined lies,
Its crumbling walls now bare,
But still retains its dignity,
Its calm and noble air.

N. A. BOYLE, 2Y.

My Wish.

I wish that I could go to sea,
In a fine sailing boat
I'd choose to be a bosun's mate
And spend my life afloat.

I'd sail away to foreign lands
And carry cargoes rare,
Of gold and silver, precious stones,
And wealth beyond compare.

And when I am an old, old man,
Contented then I'll be
To buy myself a cottage small
Beside the rolling sea.

J. WOODHEAD, 1B.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News.

It has been suggested that at some future date, when conditions are more favourable than at present, a History of the School should be compiled. It is felt, however, that it would be well to begin at once to compile a file of useful data, impressions, records of experiences, anecdotes, etc., which would be of value to the future historian. Any contribution which former masters and Old Hulmeians are good enough to make will be gratefully received by the Headmaster or the Editor.

The Rev. Dr. Harold Roberts has been elected to the important office of Vice-President of the World Methodist Council.

Mr. F. Bancroft Turner, for thirteen years Stipendiary at Salford, has recently been appointed to the same office at Manchester.

The Rev. R. C. Gaul was the Liberal candidate in the Louth division of Lincolnshire in the recent General Election. His failure to secure election solved the difficult problem of the validity of his being both an M.P. and a minister of the Church of England. However, we congratulate him upon his energy and enterprise.

Arnold Wilson, B.A., of the University of Manchester and Lincoln Theological College has been ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Manchester.

D. W. Bowett has been appointed to an Assistant Lectureship in International Law at Manchester University.

We offer the undermentioned hearty congratulations on their examination successes.

F.R.C.S.: A. H. C. Ratcliff.

A.M.I.C.E.: S. Gill.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY:—

B.C.L., Class II: F. A. Stone (Brasenose), P. W. Watkins (Lincoln).

M.B.: L. Robertson (Brasenose).

Physics, Class II: G. Wilkinson (Brasenose).

Modern History, Class II: D. Ogden (Brasenose).

Modern History, Class III: J. W. N. Glover (Brasenose).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY:—

LL.B., Class I: D. W. Bowett (Downing).

National Science Tripos, Part II, Class II: G. R. Macleod (Christ's).

National Science Tripos, Part I, Class II: J. V. Gosling (Gonville and Caius).

Mathematical Tripos, Part I, Class III: V. Edkins (Pembroke).

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY:—

M.Sc.: R. M. Appleby, B. S. Berry.

Honours School of German, Class II, Division II: P. W. Derbyshire.

Honours School of French, Class II, Division II: B. A. Ratliff.

Honours School of History, Class II, Division I: B. Mead.

Honours School of Geology, Class I: F. M. Broadhurst.

Honours School of Physiology, Class II, Division I: A. J. Benson.

Honours School of Mechanical Engineering, Class II, Division I: D. K. Partington.

Honours School of Municipal Engineering, Class II, Division I: R. M. Threlfall.

B.Sc. (Ordinary), Class II: B. G. Allen, A. M. Bell, J. J. Nesbitt, P. M. Wanless.

B.A. (Com.): J. M. Gilliat.

EDINBURGH UNIVERSITY:—

B.Sc. (Hons.), Chemistry: R. Mahomed.

BIRTHS.

NUTTALL.—On June 15th, to Margaret (née Jones) and P. Anthony Nuttall, a son.

BURNSIDE.—On September 10th, to Kathleen Mary (née Westbrooke) and Colin Alan Burnside, a son.

PURSGLOVE.—On September 10th, to Doris M. (née Dixon) and Denis W. Pursglove, a daughter.

ALLMAN.—On October 18th, to Marion (née Brimelow) and Alec Allman, a son.

HESFORD.—On October 27th, to Mary and Arthur Hesford, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

DENNIS—DOWN.—On June 14th, ANTHONY, youngest son of the late Mr. Trevor Dennis and Mrs. Dennis, to PATRICIA, third daughter of the late Mr. Graham Down and Mrs. Down.

ROURKE—BERRY.—On July 7th, BRIAN, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Rourke, to BRENDA, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Berry.

ELBOURNE—MCGUFFIE.—On July 14th, HAROLD STANLEY, youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Elbourne, to JOYCE YEO, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McGuffie.

BELL—BRIDGES.—On July 28th, WILLIAM JOHN, B.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bell, to ELSIE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Bridges.

WATKINSON—GRAINGER-WHITEMAN.—On July 30th, DENNIS WATKINSON, second son of Mr. D. and the late Mrs. Watkinson, to RUTH GRAINGER-WHITEMAN, elder daughter of the late Mrs. D. Whiteman.

WHITEHEAD—HOLDEN.—On August 1st, ANTHONY WHITEHEAD, B.A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead, to BETTY HOLDEN, B.Sc., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. K. Holden.

CARMICHAEL—HUNTER.—On August 16th, ANGUS CARMICHAEL, B.A., elder son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lachlan Carmichael, to AGNUS WYLLIE FISHER HUNTER, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James P. Hunter.

NESBITT—SLATER.—On August 18th, PETER SIMS, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Nesbitt, to NELLIE, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Slater.

DYE—WARDLE.—On August 25th, KENNETH HARRY, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Dye, to DOREEN HERMIONE, daughter of Mrs. E. Wardle.

ROBERTS—PRICE.—On August 29th, ELWYN, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Emrys Roberts, to MARGARET BLODWEN, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. G. Price.

GLOVER—GATENBY.—On September 27th, JOSEPH WILLIAM NIGEL, only son of Mrs. L. W. Glover and the late Mr. J. Glover, to JUNE MARGARET, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gatenby.

RYDER—DANIEL.—On September 15th, ARTHUR P. RYDER, to LILIAN EDITH DANIEL.

Old Hulmeians Association.

Mr. J. A. Barber has, for the second time, been elected President of the Old Boys' Association, in recognition of his long and excellent service both to the School and the Association. In June, 1952, he completes fifty years service at the School, a superlative and unparalleled achievement, on which all members will wish to congratulate him. Mr. Barber previously held the office of President in 1932/3. Only during the war years has the same President held office on more than one occasion.

The Memorial Clock, presented by Old Boys to the School, is now in position. A suitable tablet is being made, which will be appropriately inscribed and fixed below the Clock in due course.

The Old Boys Cricket team, once again under the captaincy of Eric Barnes, drew their match with the School on 28th June. Mr. D. M. Williams deserves our thanks for his valuable help in raising a good Old Boys' side. C. S. Smith, the School Cricket Captain, also deserves our congratulations on being the first boy from the School ever to be selected to play for his County first team. He has played in three championship matches for Lancashire.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Wednesday, September 19th. It was again poorly attended, only 69 being present. The President, Officers and Committee were duly elected. Their names will be found on the usual fixture card sent to all members.

The Annual Dance is to be held at Longford Hall on Friday, January 25th, 1952. The owners of the Hall have made considerable improvements, so members and friends who attend are assured of a pleasant evening. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. W. T. Curtis, 6, Ellesmere Road South, Chorlton, Manchester 21, after Christmas. The usual circulars will be sent out.

The Annual Dinner will again be held at the Midland Hotel, Manchester. The date will be Saturday, March 8th. It is hoped that better support will be given to this excellent function.

K. R.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

An increase in the Lacrosse Section's membership has at last enabled us regularly to turn out three full sides with but little assistance from the School. This is both timely and encouraging, and has been achieved in spite of the retirement of such loyal stalwarts as J. G. Rickards, L. M. Hartley and M. W. Flinn, an injury which has deprived us of F. M. McClinton's help and the fact that R. E. Howard and J. Mark have not yet turned out. E. Barnes has been away on an Australian business trip and has also not yet been available.

Our main source of new members has been the universities, and we welcome to the Club J. W. N. Glover (Oxford), D. W. Bowett (Cambridge), R. M. Threlfall, D. Watkins and J. J. Nesbitt (Manchester), and I. R. Duncan (Sheffield). Former members who have returned to us are A. V. Tune, C. A. Smith, J. S. Marsden and R. Heywood, from the Forces, F. D. Bell from the Mercantile Navy, and M. Hazell from the injured list. In addition, D. M. Archer, when on vacation from Aberystwyth University, and A. M. Blight, whilst on army leave, have given us valuable assistance.

The first team's real strength, at the time of writing, has yet to be seriously tested. Our hardest matches, against Mellor and Old Waconians, are immediately ahead of us. Unfortunately, for these games, we shall be without our captain, H. A. Whatley, who has been transferred to France on business. His accomplished play will be a serious loss to the defence which has not yet shown itself really steadfast against penetrative combined attack play. There is, at the moment, a lack of determination in depriving the opposition of the ball and an indecision in backing up and securing possession off the ground which gives away far too many goals. These shortcomings, induced though they may be by the attack's scoring ability, must be cured if we are to have a strong well-balanced side. B. C. K.

Ballinger, who has taken over the captaincy, brilliantly though he has played in goal, cannot retrieve all the defensive errors and must be given more reliable cover. Threlfall has proved himself thoroughly deserving of an immediate place on the defence, but Appleby, Price and Coe have still to show their best form. D. B. Flunder has again played well at centre and worked tirelessly in midfield. The attack can be temperamental, but as a combination is in the top class and has been strengthened by the inclusion of Tune on the left wing. His value will be even more enhanced when further experience enables him to find an unmarked colleague after having drawn an extra defender with his strong run. His accurate and hard shot is already a great help to the side. Although Buckland and Gill are still our most penetrative attacks, the chief reason for our scoring capacity is an all-round improvement in shooting ability.

The team's visit to Oxford University was again most enjoyable and our warmest thanks are due to those Old Hulmeians in residence, particularly G. Wilkinson, the University captain, for their kind hospitality. Following the game the team had tea at Christ Church, and the majority then dined in Hall at Brasenose where the memorial plaque to William Hulme was of considerable interest.

The "A" team, still most ably captained by A. Jones, started the season with hard games and took time to settle down. The defence, on which C. A. Smith and J. W. Bell have done well, is the better part of the side. J. T. Emery has had some good games in goal. The attack has not always been as thrustful or as accurate in its shooting as it might have been. This may be due to the fact that it is largely a new combination. With improved understanding between Plaskett, Bowett, Duncan, Curtis and Bullivant, the attack should be the equal of any in the second division.

The Extra "A," benefitting from the larger membership, has recovered all its old enthusiasm, and at the moment holds first place in the third division. Given an absence of cry-offs, which will enable it to turn out a full side each week, the side can look forward to a successful season. The most promising members of the team are Glover, Plant and Ratliff on defence, M. W. Barber at centre, and P. R. Donovan, D. W. Stone and W. A. Jackson on attack, but all are now well capable of filling a vacancy on the "A" team very adequately. The credit for this is due to the patient work of E. S. Thelwall and J. F. Caldwell in holding the team together in good times and bad.

The Section's dance in the Whalley Range Pavilion on November 3rd, was attended by over ninety and was a most enjoyable and well organised function.

N. A. B.

FIRST TEAM.

1951.			
Sept. 29.—v.	Heaton Mersey	A	W 13-9
Oct. 6.—v.	Cheadle Hulme	H	W 15-1
„ 13.—v.	Stockport	A	W 13-2
„ 20.—v.	Cheadle	H	W 18-6
„ 27.—v.	Offerton	A	W 26-3
Nov. 3.—v.	Old Mancunians	H	W 24-9
„ 10.—v.	South M/c. & Wythenshawe	A	W 14-6
„ 17.—v.	Oxford University	A	W 16-6

"A" TEAM.

1951.			
Sept. 29.—v.	Old Waconians "A"	H	W 5-4
Oct. 6.—v.	Old Stopfordians	A	L 8-9
„ 13.—v.	Boardman & Eccles	H	L 8-11
„ 20.—v.	Cheadle "A"	A	W 10-8
„ 27.—v.	Urmston	H	W 12-4
Nov. 3.—v.	Old Mancunians "A"	A	W 14-3
„ 10.—v.	Manchester University	H	L 2-3
„ 17.—v.	Nottingham University (1st round Junior Flags)	A	W 16-5

EXTRA "A" TEAM.

1951.			
Sept. 29.—v.	Cheadle Hulme "A"	H	W 13-5
Oct. 6.—v.	Stockport "A"	A	W 19-4
„ 13.—v.	Rochdale	H	W 18-5
„ 20.—v.	Offerton "A"	A	W 8-4
„ 27.—v.	M/c. University "A"	H	L 6-11
Nov. 3.—v.	Offerton "A"	H	W 6-5
„ 10.—v.	Old Stopfordians "A"	A	W 19-1
„ 17.—v.	Disley "A" (friendly)	H	W 13-1

Old Hulmeians Football.

Report for Season 1951-52.

The present season started with an encouraging number of new members from School, an improved fixture list, and our newly-seeded pitch in good condition. Further good news was forthcoming when the General Committee of the Association approved the plan and expenditure needed to complete the toilet accommodation at the Clubhouse, and it is hoped that by the time these notes appear in print, the work will be well on the way to completion.

As a final improvement it is proposed to make the double gate into the ground give access direct to the Clubhouse block, thus enabling tradesmen to deliver their wares without making tyre ruts in the in-goal area, and also enabling members and visitors to park their cars on the old asphalt tennis court adjoining the buildings.

This will mark the completion of the work planned when first we were fortunate enough to secure a lease at Brantingham Road, and it is hoped that it also marks the end of heavy capital expenditure.

The 1st XV has won a higher proportion of its matches than in any post-war season. This raises hopes of still better fixtures in the near future and suggests that some really good Rugger will soon be a regular, instead of a spasmodic, achievement. The forwards are light but lively, and are capable of struggling very gamely. It will pay them to remember that a forward rush is only a good proposition until it is stopped. Once the rush is stopped the ball will go to the first side to get a foot over and heel—it is useless trying to force the ball over the opponent's line every time. Tries come when a rush is followed by a clean heel and some neat handling and straight running by the backs.

At the time of writing, the 1st XV is suffering from the lack of an experienced hooker. Beazley, who served well in this capacity in the early matches of the season is now at the University, and McGhee, who has had some good matches, is unable to play regularly. Arnold, who seems to have a boundless store of energy, has been a match-winning wing-forward.

The backs show some reluctance to open out the game. It is a waste of chances to ask the forwards continually to "Take on." Once the opponent's half is reached, the normal play should be to get the ball back and give the backs a chance. Only in very bad handling conditions should the attacking be left mainly to the forwards.

Peter Harrison has directed operations with his usual vigour from the vantage point of full-back, and the introduction of his younger brother, John, at stand-off, has enabled Fletcher to give valuable added strength to the centre.

But most encouraging is the way the team is settling down as a side. The way fourteen men won and held the lead against Toc H was good to see.

The "A" XV has been less successful. Its main weakness is a tendency either to run alongside an opponent without tackling him, or else of making a woefully high tackle. This mainly explains the high scores against them in some games. Individually some encouraging things have been done, and when cry-offs have necessitated promotion to the 1st XV, the latter would be the first to admit the sterling performances of those brought in from the "A" team, amongst whom Cronchley and Firth should be mentioned.

The Extra "A," ably and practically exhorted by Worthington and Onions, continues to lead an "up

and down kind of existence," sometimes winning, sometimes losing, but always giving the impression that it is enjoying life. It is rumoured that the forwards hold a very conservative view of changes in the scrummage rule, but that "if only someone would put the ball in straight" all would be well.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	POINTS	
					F.	A.
1st XV	10	7	1	2	121	48
"A" XV	9	2	1	6	64	162
Extra "A" ...	6	1	0	5	31	61

Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

Michaelmas Term is the delight of Oxford's innumerable secretaries. Society memberships rise; student-magazines increase their circulation; games-captains see visions of high places in league-tables. All this is largely due to the transfusion of new blood into the body undergraduate.

We welcome our particular infection in the form of H. Davidson and A. W. Sedgwick, both of B.N.C. and G. S. Hall (Saint Catherine's). The former are reading Bio-Chemistry and Law respectively, while the latter is reading for a Post-Graduate Diploma of Education. Sedgwick we are told is training to cox a B.N.C. eight. He has also created something of a precedent by joining the French Club, in spite of being a "Lawyer," G. S. Hall has joined O.I.C.C.U. and the Labour Club.

Those already established are still spread across the years. J. Wilkes (B.N.C.) and a freshly hirsute S. S. Wilson (B.N.C.), now safely off the ice, continue to teach undergrads a thing or two. G. Wilkinson (B.N.C.) reads for a Diploma of Education and captains the Varsity Lacrosse side, while his brother wields a 'crosse in the same team and a Badminton Racquet for the "Woodpeckers." Old Boys in their third year, D. Read (University), J. N. MacManus (S.E.H.), F. S. Sutcliffe (St. Catherine's), and A. Wilkinson (B.N.C.) seem to be intent upon "Schools." However, MacManus continues to beat out hot-rhythm in the Jazz Club, and Sutcliffe continues to make a different music on Manchester College Organ.

Of the second year, K. Carter, a new recruit to the whiskered battalions, has performed in B.N.C.'s production of *Jonah and the Whale* (Version II), or is it III?

J. G. Wood (B.N.C.) reveals an interest in wild-life and an ambition to found an orchestra. D. Ginever (Pembroke), happily recovered from his illness, still dazzles elegant Oxford. B. T. Gibson plays on the wing in the Saint Edmund Hall XV. L. Robertson (B.N.C.), preserves his anonymity in the Radcliffe Infirmary.

On Saturday, 17th November, we had the pleasure of entertaining the Old Hulmeians Lacrosse team. After dining our guests in the halls of various Colleges, we assembled in J. G. Wood's rooms for an evening's entertainment, which appears to have been enjoyed by all. We hope that this tradition is now firmly established.

All Hulmeians visiting Oxford are assured of a warm welcome.

B. T. G.

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge.

The new academic year in Cambridge opened in October: once more there were a few Old Hulmeians in residence. Apart from the two "dons," Dr. Evans (St. John's) and Dr. Parry (King's), there have been two senior Old Boys up, both of whom seem well established. J. P. Chilton (Clare) has returned for a fifth year; but is now, unfortunately, unable to play representative lacrosse owing to his seniority. He is to be seen encouraging University lacrosse trials from time to time. G. R. MacLeod (Christ's) has returned for a fourth year, as he intended.

The writer of these notes is much more in touch with the undergraduate population, and can say things about the other Old Hulmeians with greater confidence—if not greater accuracy. In the last 12 months, Stephen Potter and Evelyn Waugh have been two of the most popular authors in Cambridge: their advice and information have become things largely practised and experienced. Hence it was a pleasing omen that the four freshmen arriving from Hulme this year all seemed, within their first few weeks, to have learned something of the gentle (and deadly) art of "bon mot." We congratulate therefore H. R. Gooddie (Emmanuel), D. Hood (Peterhouse), A. B. Wilkinson (St. Catherine's), and J. F. Wyatt (St. John's). They seem determined to enjoy their stay; and what more laudable desire exists for a freshman?

Gooddie (who is reading Estate Management) plays on the University lacrosse team, and in the future should join the School's roll of half-blues. Wyatt also plays lacrosse, and spends much time reading, walking and (apparently) breathing Geography.

D. Hood is a man of high principle. After perhaps a certain indecision, he has taken up rowing for Peterhouse, and is regularly seen on the Cam in a blue and white rugger vest. Towards the end of term, he entered for a Choral Exhibition in the College, but has not yet heard the result. Wilkinson showed (or so it seemed to the writer) dangerous and heretical tendencies in his views on the pundits of the Cambridge English School: but lack of exercise cannot have been responsible, for after a wild canter on the lacrosse field, he has taken to chasing round with the Hares and Hounds. (All this emerged in the course of a very short conversation.)

Three Old Hulmeians remain, all in their second year. M. E. Coops (St. John's) has returned modestly to rowing for L.M.B.C., still overawed by the club's recent successes. For the rest, he is rarely seen out of college; having found that in a group of 600 students, there can be as much variety of the *genus homo sapiens* as in a university of 6,000. V. Edkins (Pembroke) has made good progress in his own rowing world and hopes to row in his college 1st boat before the end of term. He has changed (we are told) from Mathematics to Engineering studies: which must be at least as useful on the river. D. M. Schlapp (Pembroke) still likes playing rugger, and has interests in Science and Music—particularly in string quartets.

In conclusion, we must offer once again our good wishes to scholarship candidates from School. If any boys, old boys, or even Oxonians, are ever passing through Cambridge, we hope they will consider it a duty to call.

M. E. C.

Old Hulmeians at Manchester.

The number of Old Hulmeians at Owens is now so great that it is possible to keep track of only a few of them. Moreover those whom we do not often meet show a remarkable, but perhaps understandable, unwillingness to disclose their principal activities.

The chief centre of contact is the Lacrosse Club. R. P. M. Bond is captain this season and R. M. Bale assistant secretary. G. B. Lawson, A. W. Crowe, B. Hawthorne, A. G. Shuttleworth, G. Macdonald, G. E. Cusick and G. A. Oldham also play.

We discover, with great concern, that some of our people will be held responsible for the Rag this year. M. H. Orr is Rag Secretary, J. S. Nesbitt again editor of the "Rag Times," and R. P. M. Bond is Rag Processions Officer. We hope to dissuade him from including Spring Bridge Road in the itinerary.

The W.H.G.S. Debating Society has again had its effect upon University politics. In the Mock Election the Conservatives were returned and B. J. Stone given a minor government post. They were defeated on the first occasion parliament sat. The debate was opened for the opposition by R. Calderwood, who recently had the distinction of being sent to the Labour Party Conference at Scarborough as delegate for the Withington Division.

Like several other Old Hulmeians, B. J. Stone and R. Calderwood are reading Law. D. W. Bowett has this term joined the staff as Assistant Lecturer in International Law. A short time ago, Stone and Nesbitt spoke on opposite sides in a "moot"—whatever that may be—discussing, Stone tells us, a very tricky point of law.

The Faculty of Medicine also contains a large contingent of Old Hulmeians. A. G. Macdonald, A. J. Ralston and E. A. G. Hamilton can often be heard discussing, over lunch, the lancing of ulcers.

G. V. Chivers is still business manager and an active member of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society. On the two occasions this term on which we have spoken to W. R. Lee, he has been asking to whom he should apply to play a fiddle in the "Gondoliers." G. J. Oldham, in spite of vulgar abuse from all and sundry, still perseveres in the Drama Group's productions, but is finding that work interferes somewhat.

Other Old Hulmeians whom we often see are B. B. Taylor, who does not believe in letting University life affect his usual activities, J. M. Beazley, who complains that his hooking talent is not yet appreciated, and C. P. Love, who tells us that he "does Ordinary Arts, plays rugger and messes around."

As yet there is no official Association of Old Hulmeians here at Owens. An Annual Dinner is constantly urged by at least one member. Eventually his hunger may be satisfied.

G. J. O.

Parents' Association.

A Social Evening was held at the School on October 10th, some five hundred parents being present. Mr. Bird gave an interesting and instructive talk on the School Curriculum, and all parents

who heard this talk, gained great insight into the organisation of the School.

Mr. Bird also dealt with a number of questions submitted by parents regarding educational matters and general School affairs.

On October 18th, a dance was held at the Fallowfield Hotel. The Entertainments Sub-Committee again nobly responded to the occasion, and the result was a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

The response to appeals for donations in aid of the Music Room Fund has been rather disappointing, but nevertheless, a grand piano and a quantity of chairs have now been purchased, and will be officially handed over to the School in the near future. In addition, a few private gifts of musical instruments and gramophone records have already been made to the School. We would like to take this opportunity of expressing gratitude and thanks to all who have sent gifts to the Fund.

Early in February next, we hope, with Mr. Bird's permission, to hold another social evening at the School. It is not yet decided exactly what form this should take, but it is likely to be a continuation of the "Careers Quiz" held in February this year. Full details will be circulated in due course.

The Annual Supper will again be held in Manchester some time in March, and it is hoped that good support will be forthcoming.

The Parents' Association Prize for the best Fifth Form English Paper was awarded last Speech Day to B. A. Taylor. The Committee extends its hearty congratulations and best wishes to him.

Parents may not be aware that grants are usually made towards travelling expenses of boys journeying to and from School, by the local Education Authorities. Such grants, however, do not in general, apply to boys attending Preparatory Schools. Full details can be obtained from the Secretary.

The Committee sends greetings to all parents, the School Staff, and the boys, for Christmas and the New Year.

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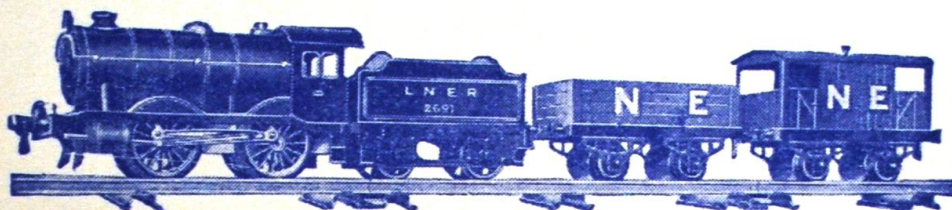
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