



The Magazine of William Hulme's Grammar School

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Notes and News.

Mr. J. G. Geary, B.A., Balliol College, Oxford (Classics), Mr. W. L. Bonnick, M.A., Oriel College, Oxford (Modern Languages), and Mr. R. A. Noble (Handicraft) joined the Staff at the beginning of this term. We welcome them to the School.

Miss L. Whitaker leaves us to take up an appointment at the Girls' Grammar School, Keighley. We are sorry to lose her services, and wish her every success.

F. A. Stone has been awarded the Hulme Scholarship, tenable at Brasenose College, Oxford.

At Leeds University F. D. Bell has passed the Final examination for the degree of B.Sc. (Engineering).

The Rev. T. Davies, B.A., has been appointed Rector of Christ Church, Bradford, Manchester.

J. Kershaw (O.H.) has been admitted a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

To fill the place of B. Mead, who left to join H.M. Forces, F. A. Stone was appointed Head Prefect at the beginning of the term, and A. Wilkinson was made a Prefect. Since half-term F. A. Stone and J. F. Kay have been called up. D. Watkins is now Head Prefect, while F. G. Halliwell and J. W. Appleby have been appointed to the vacant Prefectships.

First Team Lacrosse Caps were awarded to J. F. Kay, A. F. Crowther, N. I. Cross, P. W. Howard, F. M. McClinton, C. F. F. Dunn, J. S. Robertson, R. M. Threlfall, E. W. B. Ward.

Second Team Colours to C. G. Gregory, B. P. G. Adams, B. M. Wood, D. Macpherson, J. C. Edwards, E. B. Price.

The following were chosen to represent the Lancashire Schoolboys against the Cheshire Schoolboys on March 30th:—D. Watkins, I. A. Carter, P. W. Howard, F. M. McClinton, J. F. Kay, A. Wilkinson, D. A. Robertson, A. F. Crowther.

At the invitation of the Worcester Agricultural Committee preliminary arrangements are being made to hold another Harvest Camp at Eastham this summer. The Committee point out that, though the war is over, the need for workers is, if anything, greater than ever. It is hoped that every boy who is able will attend the camp for as long a period as possible.

The National War Savings this term amounts to £82 18s. 0d. The Grand Total is now £14,096 12s.

Calendar for Midsummer Term:—

The Term will begin on Tuesday, April 30th, at nine o'clock.

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Thursday, June 6th, at noon, to Tuesday, June 18th, at nine o'clock.

Midsummer Term will end on Friday, July 26th, at four o'clock.

BIRTHS.

CHAMBERS.—On January 11th, 1946, to Sydney Barbara, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad W. C. Kernahan, of Trinidad (British West Indies), wife of Surgeon Lieut. (D) D. A. E. Chambers, R.N.V.R., a son.

COE.—On Saturday, January 12th, to Phyllis Joyce Coe and Dr. Conrad Desmond Coe, a daughter.

MARK.—On January 14th, at Burnham-on-Sea, to Mary, wife of Major James Mark, M.B.E., twins (son and daughter).

MARK.—On January 20th, to Dorothy and John Mark, a son. 62, Broad Walk, Wilmslow.

HOWARD.—On February 3rd, to John Russell and Ruth Howard, of Welwyn Garden City, a daughter.

DANDEKER.—On February 15th, at Torquay, to Yvette and S/Leader Krishna Dandeker, D.F.C., a son.

JACKSON.—On February 28th, to Margaret, wife of W. G. Jackson, of 13, King's Road, Cheadle Hulme, a daughter.

POLLOCK.—On March 25th, at Carlisle, to Margorie and Eric Lorimer Pollock, B.A. (late of Brooklands), a daughter.

BARNES.—On March 26th, to Irene, wife of Eric Barnes, of The Hollies, Gatley Road, Gatley, a son.

DAVIES.—On April 3rd, at St. Mary's Hospital, to Joan, wife of the Rev. Thomas Davies, B.A., a son. Christ Church Rectory, Bradford, Manchester 11.

MARRIAGES.

WRIGHT—MAIR.—On June 9th, 1945, at Edinburgh, JACK, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright, of Heaton Moor, to JESSIE, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Mair, of Edinburgh.

JAKEMAN—BATEMAN.—On January 26th, 1946, at Hull, Sergeant (T.I.F.C.) WILLIAM HAROLD JAKEMAN, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Jakeman, of Northenden, to JOAN CAROLINE, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bateman, of Hull.

DOCKERAY—HUNTER.—On February 7th, at Christ Church, Clapham, London, Sub-Lieut. CYRIL PATRICK DOCKERAY, R.N.V.R., elder son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. Dockeray, to CONSTANCE HUNTER, W.R.N.S., eldest daughter of Mrs. Hunter and the late Captain John Hunter.

BRUNDRETT—JAMBLIN.—On February 8th, at Christ Church, West Didsbury, Sub-Lieut. (A.) A. BRUNDRETT, R.N.V.R., to PATRICIA, only daughter of Mrs. Jamblin, of Crouch End, London, N.8.

MADDOCKS—ANDERSON.—On March 1st, at St. Peter's de Mervyn, Bedford, Capt. ALAN B. MADDOCKS, formerly of Manchester, to Miss E. E. PEGGY ANDERSON, of Bedford.

WRIGLEY—BANKS.—On March 19th, ALAN, second son of the late Mr. J. Wrigley and Mrs. Wrigley, of 16, Wallace Avenue, Rusholme, to FRANCES MARGARET, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Banks, of Birchfields Road, Fallowfield.

BATTERSBY—MAYBIN.—On March 27th, at Capetown, Surgeon-Lieut. J. S. BATTERSBY, R.N.V.R., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Battersby, of Fairfield, Manchester, to EVE, younger daughter of the late Mr. J. P. Eldred and Mrs. J. A. Maybin, of Capetown.

DEATH.

STANSBY.—On January 27th, 1946, at 42, Pit Lane, Widnes, EDWARD HENRY, aged 42 years (formerly of Chorlton-cum-Hardy), the dearly loved husband of Marjorie Stansby.

Roll of Honour.

NORMAN WRIGHT WOOD (1935), F/Lt., R.A.F.V.R. His plane was hit while he was flying over Norbeck during the battle of the Falaise Gap. He was seen to bale out and land in a field, but did not move or attempt to free himself from his harness. This was on August 19th, 1944. A few months ago word was received that he was buried by the enemy at a small village near where he fell.

Old Hulmeians serving with H.M. Forces.

Many Old Boys have already been demobbed, but some of the younger Hulmeians are being called up for service. We should be glad to hear particulars of all these. This term three boys have gone direct from School to the Forces.

Bickerton, D. (1945), L/Cpl., South Manchesters.
Bowett, D. W. (1945), R.N.V.R.
Cochrane, J. A. (1932), Flight-Sergt., R.A.F.
Hooley, J. R. (1945), Royal Marines.
Jones, G. (1945), R.N.V.R.
Kay, J. F. (1946), R.N.V.R.
Mead, B. (1946), Intelligence Corps.
Ratcliff, B. A. (1942), Educational Staff, Lancashire Fusiliers.
Robinson, T. K. (1943), R.N.V.R.
Rodgers, R. (1945), P.T.W.
Short, T. (1926), R.A.P.C.
Stone, F. A. (1946), P.T.W.
Tomlinson, G. P. (1942), O.C.T.U., R.E.M.E.
Watkins, P. W. (1944), R.N.V.R.
Wilkinson, G. (1945), R.N.V.R.

PROMOTIONS.

Barnes, D. (1937), to Major, R.I.A.S.C.
Burt, J. A. (1941), to Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R.
Clay, C. (1942), to Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
Deakin, T. H. (1944), to 2nd Lieut., Royal Artillery.
Dye, J. H. (1943), to Sergeant, R.A.F.V.R.
Gibson, W. G. (1944), to 2nd Lieut., Lancashire Fusiliers.
Griffiths, P. G. (M.C.) (1935), to Major, R.A.M.C.
Hirst, D. (1942), to Corpl., Central Command Signals, India.
Moore, E. (1939), to F/Lt., R.A.F.V.R.
McCready, N. G. (1937), to Lieut., R.N.V.R.
Robson, J. D. (1941), to Capt., R.E.M.E., India.
Rodgers, A. R. (1941), to Capt. and Adjutant, Northamptonshire Regiment.
Sparkes, G. J. H. (1940), to Lieut., R.A.S.C.
Williams, E. G. (1944), to Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R.

HONOURS.

Kershaw, H. (1934), Cheshire Regiment, awarded the Military Medal.
Norris, G. A. (1931), Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.M.E., has been awarded the O.B.E.

The Hulme Lads' Club.

The collection this year amounted to £509, which just passed last year's record of £504, and we hope that this new standard will be maintained. All parts of the School have shared in the increase, and there are again some new records.

The Preparatory Department, with £53 4s. 9d., have just beaten their previous best, and Form 1 A, with £45, have made the best Form collection ever made by any Form except Lower I.

The Headmaster has received a letter of thanks from Sir Joseph Nall, President of the Club, and we are glad to know that the increased collections of recent years are doing much to help the Club through the difficult and expensive period of reconstruction.

D. M. W.

Form totals and averages per head:—

Form	Total.		Average per head.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
6 C.M.U.	9	18 0	.....	7 7
6 S.U.	5	11 0	.....	6 2
6 C.M.L.	12	5 0	.....	13 7
6 S.L.	10	0 0	.....	10 6
5 A	21	1 0	.....	14 0
5 B	13	12 0	.....	12 10
5 C	11	8 6	.....	6 2
4 A	25	14 8	.....	15 6
4 B	18	17 4	.....	12 2
4 C	20	0 0	.....	12 1
3 A	22	9 3	.....	13 3
3 B	25	10 6	.....	14 7
3 C	19	13 9	.....	11 3
2 A	29	1 6	.....	17 1
2 B	19	18 9	.....	12 1
2 C	19	1 0	.....	11 11
1 A	45	0 0	.....	1 8 1
1 B	34	4 3	.....	1 1 5
1 C	28	5 0	.....	17 8
L 1	50	12 8	.....	1 8 11
Prep.	53	4 9	.....	11 4

The Library.

Although the Library has had few new additions to its shelves this term, it has once again proved invaluable to the Sixth Forms in study periods; the books, too, have had considerable use. We should, however, ask borrowers to be certain of replacing any books on the correct shelves after use and to co-operate in every other way in keeping the room in order.

We are greatly indebted to B. Mead, F. A. Stone, and J. F. Kay for their presentation of books to the Library.

H. M.

J.T.C. Notes.

The chief event of this term has been the Annual Inspection carried out at School on Thursday, 28th February, by Colonel A. A. E. Chitty, D.S.O., Chief Inspector of Training Corps for the War Office. With snow falling heavily during the morning things had cleared and conditions became more tolerable, though the ground was rather slippery on the surface, and a cold wind blew over the field. In spite of these handicaps, however, the Corps acquitted itself well, and, though the report has not yet come to hand, Colonel Chitty expressed himself as well pleased with what he saw, and added that he had much enjoyed his visit to the Corps.

At the time of writing preparations are being made to hold the War Certificate "A" examination, which will take place before the end of the term.

The Signals Section is working steadily, and it is hoped that, when the Qualifying Tests come, last year's record of 11 passes out of 13 will be at least equalled.

A Field Day in Derbyshire at half-term for Certificate "A" candidates was attended by about 80 N.C.O.'s and Cadets when some useful tactical exercises were gone through with a view to bringing out important points for the examination.

Since the beginning of the year we have had several visits by specialists sent by Western Command. The Travelling Wing have attended on four occasions, while the Command Camouflage School gave us an interesting lecture with demonstrations. About a month ago Command Signals put on an exhibition of signals equipment with lecturers to demonstrate the various instruments at work.

Following notification that we were to have additions to our present supply of arms we have just received 118 short Lee-Enfield Service rifles, 10 Bren guns, and 10 Sten guns. All this should enable every senior Cadet to have his own rifle, while the other weapons should make it easier to carry out the lectures and demonstrations in weapon-training. As we have already been issued with 5,000 rounds of .303 ammunition, we hope to resume the qualifying tests on the open range at Stalybridge, which has been put at our disposal by the Territorial Association. Firing on the miniature range goes on steadily, but, with the limited capacity of the range, this is bound to take a long time. We should like to see an increase in the number of first-class shots, but this can only be achieved by practice. We have a large supply of .22 ammunition and, when once every Cadet has fired his Empire Test, opportunity will be given for practice to those who wish it.

During the Easter holidays a number of Cadets will be attending courses in R.E.M.E., P.T., and Signals.

Sergeant-Major F. A. Stone and Quartermaster-Sergeant J. F. Kay have left to join H.M. Forces.

The following promotions have been made: To date from January 1st, 1946. To be Sergeants: Corporals N. I. Cross, L. T. P. Wood, Lance-Corporal H. Morgan (in charge of Armoury). To be Corporals: Lance-Corporals S. H. Burling, A. F. Crowther, B. A. Maguire, D. A. Robertson, J. S. Robertson, D. H. Tune, P. M. Warburton, A. Wilkinson. To be Lance-Corporals: Cadets J. W. Appleby, F. M. Broadhurst, J. P. Chilton, C. F. F. Dunn, D. R. Gibson, F. G. Halliwell, P. W. Howard, D. Ogden, B. E. Peers, A. Salmon, A. G. Saunders, D. F. Walthew, A. Wilson, B. M. Wood. To date from February 26th: To be Sergeants: Corporals B. A. Maguire, D. H. Tune, A. Wilkinson. To be Corporals: Lance-Corporals J. W. Appleby, F. G. Halliwell, D. F. Walthew. To be Lance-Corporals: Cadets P. I. F. Cunningham, G. R. Macleod, J. N. McManus. To date from March 12th: To be Company Sergeant-Majors: Sergeants D. Watkins, C. G. Gregory. To date from March 20th: To be Company Quartermaster-Sergeant: Sergeant J. F. Kay.

The Christmas Entertainment.

The Christmas Entertainment (December 18th, 19th and 20th) confined itself to four items of moderate length—two one-act plays, with carols for prelude and epilogue.

The Head Master and Sixth Formers presented "The Will," by J. M. Barrie; a sort of sentimental charade, it was particularly suited to the time of year. Its three scenes, spanning thirty years, illustrate the evil consequences of self-seeking. The atmosphere of a solicitor's office was well caught, and the changes of fashion conveyed with economy and ingenuity. D. Watkins played the increasingly successful, but finally unhappy, Philip Ross. It was an unusual part for him, but, as usual, he brought to it briskness and vivacity, a firm grasp of the material, and an unfaltering memory. Mrs. Ross (J. V. Gosling) was first of all amusing as the ingenuous young wife, and then, if anything, over-harsh as the mature social climber. Wisdom and stability resided, as was appropriate, in Mr. Dennis; he played the senior partner of Devizes, Devizes and Devizes, and accomplished most convincingly the transition from the prime of life to senility. D. F. Walthew was a likeable Devizes Junior, though the

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years touched him so lightly as to call to mind another Barrie character. The office was staffed at different times by the clerks, B. A. Maguire, C. A. A. Hughes and R. M. Threlfall.

Under Mr. Barnett's supervision, the Junior School followed with "The Reluctant Dragon," by Kenneth Grahame. This is a story of the type written presumably with an eye to children which finds more acceptance among adults. In his stage-adaptation Harcourt Williams spreads the simple plot over seven scenes. It is to the credit of the producer that these succeeded each other without serious loss of continuity and interest. In plays of this sort the most successful parts are generally those in which children are portraying adults and not themselves; even so, one could have had a less happy choice for the rôles of the Boy's Mother and Father than H. Baker and D. M. Archer. The more difficult task of playing a Boy of his own age fell to G. Edwards; he gave us a satisfying normality. J. E. Pepper was an extremely polite dragon, clear and careful of speech even when in a recumbent posture, evidently one of the best type. J. K. Glover was a mild knight, whether by accident or design: his scenes with the dragon were good, and his fight on the downs provided welcome action. Villagers were played by S. L. Beckett, K. Deverell, D. H. Drysdale, D. Gosling, D. H. Ogden, J. G. B. Rhodes and J. E. Shipton.

The carols, chosen mainly from modern British composers, were sufficiently attractive in themselves, but their effect was enhanced by the authentic atmosphere of frosty blue light, flickering lanterns, and muffled figures stamping their feet and chattering between items. There was the air of informality without the all too-frequent amateurishness; the band, for instance, was far more competent than is so often the case in real life. The choir, whose members were too numerous to mention individually, was directed with gentle persuasiveness by Mr. Pritchard.

"Iolanthe."

The outstanding success of "Ruddigore" last year encouraged the School to put on "Iolanthe" for five nights this February, between Thursday the 14th and Tuesday the 19th. The venture was completely justified by the large and appreciative audiences at every performance. Comparisons with "Ruddigore" were inevitable; but the only proper question is, which is the better Gilbert and Sullivan? The opinion seems general that in "Iolanthe" there are fewer strongly individualised characters and a less effective concentration of events, particularly in the second act.

Nevertheless, this was a very good production. To the musical director and producer, Mr. Williams, all praise is due, not least for his sheer hard work and for the energy and enthusiasm he imparted to the large cast and maintained to the final curtain. Team work on and off stage was excellent. The orchestra in particular was an astonishment to many, both in its whispered accompaniment to the fairies' dances and its clangorous attendance on the Upper House. There is no doubt that this year's standard of playing and chorus-singing is a challenge, and should be an incentive, to future productions.

In one respect at least "Iolanthe" is particularly suited to the resources of a boys' school. When the female chorus is fairy, their diminutiveness is in order, and impressive stature is all the more acceptable in Peers of the Realm; so that what is sometimes a defect became in this case a virtue. It must be admitted, however, that when the opposing teams were both in the field, the stage was near to overcrowding. The peers, even when in sole possession and indulging their protracted parade, were often right over the footlights, so that one rather wearied of lordly legs and Orders of the Garter. At the same time the contrast between full and nearly empty stage had a positive value, as, when the curtain, falling at the end of Act I. on a turbulent scene of distracted noblemen and triumphant fairies, rose again to spontaneous applause night after night—applause for the Palace Yard set, dim lighting, a star-studded sky, and the soldierly silence and immobility of Private Willis (D. Ogden).

In their contest with the real world the fairies were ably led. Miss Whitaker made an imperious Queen, exacting the just deference of her out-spoken subordinates Celia (J. M. Beazley), Leila (A. W. Sedgwick) and Fleeta (J. F. Wyatt), and even of the peerage, yet commanding, too, a tenderness in song which gained an encore for her moving appeal to Capt. Shaw. Iolanthe herself (J. A. Shepherd) was a graceful figure and sang with pathos and charm. Perhaps through consciousness of his dual nature, her son Strephon (A. Morley) had the air of communing with himself when speaking his lines, though his singing manner was more forthright. He and Phyllis (D. Heffer) were true to the Arcadian type in dress, and blended their voices well; Phyllis was also heard to good effect in the quartet in Act II. G. H. Clarke, the Lord Chancellor, was legitimately chief of the mortals, and master of his part in all its intricacies of speech and song, enriching it with telling details which had every appearance of spontaneity. The Earl of Mountararat (Mr. Dennis) and Earl Tolloller (J. F. Patrick) were well-matched rivals, gentlemen not less in dance than in disagreement over the Ward in Chancery. Mr. Dennis sang forcefully and memorably in praise of "good King George's glorious days."

F. W.

Lacrosse, 1945-46.

FIRST TEAM.

This term the team has been included in the weekly list of Club fixtures, and we have met most of the Clubs that have played in the Manchester area.

Under the excellent captaincy of D. Watkins, this year's School team is perhaps the best that has represented the School since 1939. With a fast and solid defence, in which I. A. Carter, P. W. Howard, N. I. Cross and F. M. McClinton have only once failed to subdue opposing attacks, our attacks have been able to develop a winning scheme.

Watkins and A. Wilkinson on the attack wings have provided plenty of opportunities for the "homes," and, with the exception of one match, some very good goals have been scored.

J. F. Kay has been an indefatigable centre, and has generally outrun his opposing centre besides scoring some remarkable goals.

E. W. B. Ward has not quite kept up his early season form, but has always been very difficult to hold; D. A. Robertson and A. F. Crowther have both become clever and penetrating "homes," but one first-class "shot" would have improved the team.

I. A. Carter has been our best defence player, and has been ably supported by the rest of the defence.

RESULTS: Played 12, Won 10, Lost 2.

January 10th, v. CHEADLE HULME. Home. Won 9-6.

Three of the team were away on a J.T.C. course, and both the teams played one man short. We established an early lead and managed to keep it. Ward's shooting was good.

January 17th, v. OLD HULMEIANS. Home. Won 14-9.

The Old Boys fielded a strong side, but with the School team at full strength, we were able to hold them. Carter on the defence, and Ward on the attack, played very well.

January 27th, v. MANCHESTER G.S. Away. Won 14-7.

An improved Grammar School team gave us a closer game. Many easy chances were missed, but we did not need to extend ourselves.

February 2nd, v. STOCKPORT. Home. Won 18-3.

February 16th, v. MANCHESTER G.S. Home. Won 13-5.

With the recent improvement shown by the Manchester Grammar School we had to play much harder in this match, but we won by a good margin. Both Robertson and Watkins had to retire with knee injuries.

February 23rd, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Lost 1-3.

With a team weakened by injury, we never really settled down. Cheadle Hulme started by scoring three quick goals, and, although they did not score again, they prevented our rather aimless attacks from scoring more than once.

March 2nd.—v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY. Home. Won 7-2.

March 9th, v. STOCKPORT S.S. Home. Lost 3-16.

The Sunday School played good 'crosse. Watkins had to retire due to a recurrence of knee trouble, but the School tried hard and their three goals were all good ones; the Sunday School, however, proved too fast and skilful.

March 16th, v. MANCHESTER G.S. Away. Won 21-4.

With a full team again, everything went right for us. The attacks worked very well, making use of every opportunity, and the defence were sound. Crowther played well, scoring six goals, and making many others.

March 23rd, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 19-6.

We were determined to avenge our former defeat, and, although Cheadle Hulme scored first, we replied with three quick goals, and they never recovered. The outstanding player on the attack was Robertson, who scored seven goals, and gave some excellent passes.

The team has usually been: D. Watkins (captain), I. A. Carter, J. F. Kay, D. A. Robertson, A. Wilkinson, A. F. Crowther, N. I. Cross, P. W. Howard, F. M. McClinton, C. F. F. Dunn and R. M. Threlfall.

The following have also played: A. A. C. Darroch, J. S. Robertson, A. Salmon, D. W. Booth.

SECOND TEAM.

Four matches have been played this term, two against Manchester Grammar School and two against Cheadle Hulme School, and all have been won. Changes have again been necessary, but not on the same scale as during last term, and we have not called on more than four reserves at a time.

The team is playing better 'crosse now, though the handling should be improved, but the shooting is apt to be very wild, and we seem able to miss an open goal from the shortest range. The attack has become quite dangerous, and the defence is strong and fairly sound. Throughout the season they have never had more than four goals scored against them in a game.

Salmon succeeded Stone as Captain when the latter joined the Forces, and the usual standard of keenness and efficiency has been maintained.

RESULTS.

February 16th, v. MANCHESTER G.S. Away. Won. 6-3.

February 20th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 5-3.

March 16th, v. MANCHESTER G.S. Home. Won. 13-3.

March 23rd, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Won. 6-4.

The team has usually been: F. A. Stone, A. Salmon, B. A. Maguire, M. J. Delany, M. C. Cousins, S. H. Burling, I. R. Duncan, H. Gallagher, A. A. C. Darroch, G. Price, D. W. Booth, A. G. Shuttleworth.

The following have also played: C. G. Gregory, B. P. G. Adams, B. M. Wood, D. Macpherson, J. C. Edwards, E. B. Price.

UNDER 15.

We lost by five goals to six in the last game of the season at Cheadle Hulme. This is the first time in many years that a Colts team has not had an undefeated record. Nevertheless, the team has never played better than in the second half at Cheadle Hulme, when every man played hard and well.

The team has usually been chosen from: G. B. Appleby, R. P. M. Bond (captain), J. A. Gilbert, A. Godson, J. Fleming, I. R. Houghton, D. A. Kinghan, G. B. Lawson, A. E. Marsland, J. H. McCClinton, A. Morley, C. S. Smith, A. V. Tune. The following boys have also played: J. H. Dean, C. A. A. Darroch, J. S. Marsden, J. G. Oldham, A. A. Rainford, J. A. Shepherd, C. A. Smith.

House Games.

This is the term of House Lacrosse, and the rivalry between Houses for the Flags is very keen. One or two House prefects have taken the trouble to hold practices with their teams, and, although the standard of play is still a trifle unskilled and vigorous, there has been a marked improvement recently. The present order in the League is (1) Dalton, (2) Whitworth, (3) Byrom, (4) Fraser, (5) Heywood, (6) Gaskell.

Dalton have managed to secure the lead in the House League largely due to the fact that the standard of keenness is far above the average. In the first round of the Knock-outs both their Seniors and Juniors survived.

Whitworth are indebted to their Juniors for a large share of their points. The Seniors are rather uncertain at times, but have won a fair share of the matches.

Byrom Senior House team is moderately good in defence, but its attack is unable to pass accurately. It is fast, and keenness makes up for lack of experience. The Junior team is strong, and it was a surprise when Heywood defeated them convincingly in the Knock-outs.

The main cause of Fraser's failure to reach a high position in the League is a dearth of talent, for which keenness and vigour have failed to compensate. The Juniors, although more talented, show a tendency to go to pieces in an emergency.

The low position of Heywood is explained by the number of defeats which the Junior House has suffered, due to the fact that the side is small and inexperienced. They put up a good performance, however, in the Knock-out against Byrom. At full strength their Senior team is almost unchanged from the side which won the Knock-outs last year.

Gaskell has not come up to its usual standard for the 'crosse season. Lack of enthusiasm has not been the cause, but rather lack of experienced players. Although their Senior team is knocked out their Juniors have a good chance of winning the Junior Knock-outs.

First Round Knock-out results, played on Wednesday, March 13th:—

SENIORS.

Dalton beat Gaskell 8—3.
 Heywood beat Fraser 10—3.
 Whitworth and Byrom drew byes.

JUNIORS.

Heywood beat Byrom 7—2.
 Whitworth beat Fraser 3—2.
 Dalton and Gaskell drew byes.

A word of thanks should be given to all the masters and boys who have given up their time to referee on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

D. W.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The revival of the Association proceeds apace. A General Meeting held at the School on January 25th, 1946, was attended by some sixty members, among whom none was more welcome than Major N. A. Barber, R.A.S.C., home at last after being in the hands of the Japanese since the fall of Singapore. G. N. E. Gilliat (President) and S. Whittingham (Treasurer) remain in office, while K. Rains and Eric Barnes were elected Joint Secretaries until the Annual General Meeting in September.

A Reunion at Parker's Restaurant on April 5th, 1946, proved to be popular, and the most gratifying feature was undoubtedly the high percentage of younger Old Boys. The interest of the younger generations cannot fail to have a stimulating effect on the Association as a whole, for its immediate future is in their hands. Negotiations are going on to resume the Annual Dinners and Annual Dances from 1947, and a cricket match against the School has been arranged for Saturday, June 22nd.

An important item on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be the Endowment Fund. The main policy and a smaller subsidiary one have matured, and all Old Boys are asked to consider the most suitable means for which this money can be used. It would seem that our ultimate aim should be the acquisition of our own ground capable of providing home grounds for the Lacrosse and Rugby Sections, the creation of a Cricket Section and the building of a pavilion large enough to accommodate the Dramatic Section. This is an ambitious plan, and it would take years to materialise, but a start should be made now.

E. B.

Oxford Old Hulmeians.

The group of Old Boys here, all at B.N.C., continues to increase; this term saw the return of S. S. Wilson, who has been doing research work for the Admiralty—playing with toy ships we gather. This would appear appropriate as he is still an ardent member of the yacht club. He also spends time demonstrating in the engineering laboratory.

L. Robertson has represented the College at squash, and, though not a member of the boat club, took a full part in the bump supper held to celebrate the magnificent achievement of the two Brasenose eights in Torpids who made no less than thirteen bumps.

J. Wilks, who lives in the depths beyond Magdalen Bridge, is occasionally seen, sometimes with a camera, though he much regrets he did not have it with him on the Sunday morning he met Wilson pulling his motor bike to pieces on the road at Ilfley.

Finally, our congratulations to F. A. Stone for his helping to swell our numbers up here.

J. W.

Cambridge Old Hulmeians.

G. B. Warburton left Peterhouse at the end of the term, after four years of residence. He has secured a post as assistant lecturer and demonstrator in Engineering at Swansea. He leaves with our good wishes and regret.

Reading Law again at Peterhouse after four years of war service, A. L. Dennis has now been back for two terms. He has played rugger and soccer for his College.

At Trinity, B. C. Roberts reads Natural Science with avidity, being now in his second year. His spare time is occupied by hiking in blizzards.

A. Ogilvy is also reading Natural Science, at Peterhouse, and finding time to be an active member of the College boat club.

It is rumoured that other Hulmeians are lurking in obscure Colleges scattered through the University. We shall be most grateful if they confirm their presence, and they will be welcomed if they visit us.

A. O.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

We commenced the New Year with an excellent game against Ashton, which we won easily. This was a good start, but, unfortunately, we lost the next two matches.

At the time of writing we have played twelve matches, of which we have won six, lost five and drawn one. This is not such a good result as in previous years, but it must be remembered that most of our opponents have stronger teams now that more players have returned from the Forces. No difficulty is now experienced in raising a side, and we have at our disposal a good choice of players.

Next season we look forward to running two teams, but we shall require at least another ten members to allow a sufficient margin for reserves.

J. Buckland is now beginning to settle down since his return from the Forces, and has played some good games on the attack. He has been well backed up by A. K. Westbrook, C. Scammell, and I. M. B. Darroch.

N. R. Coe has played on the defence in most matches, and his skill and experience have proved invaluable. He has received good support from L. A. Angell, G. V. Oddy, J. D. Bell, and H. A. Whatley.

Two inter-County matches have been played since our last report, and N. R. Coe (Captain), J. Buckland, and I. M. B. Darroch were selected to play.

P. B. M.

RESULTS.

1945.			
Dec. 8,—v, M.G.S.	A	W	11-7
" 15,—v, Old Mancunians	H	L	5-12
" 22,—v, Heaton Mersey	A	L	7-14
1946.			
Jan. 5,—v, Ashton	H	W	15-8
" 12,—v, Stockport Sunday School	H	L	6-17
" 19,—v, William Hulme's School	A	L	9-14
" 26,—v, Old Stopfordians	H	W	17-7
Feb. 2,—v, Cheadle Hulme	H	W	13-11
" 9,—v, Cheadle	A	L	5-11
" 23,—v, South Manchester	H	W	11-3
" 9,—v, Ashton	A	D	12-12
" 16,—v, Cheadle Hulme	H	W	11-4

Old Hulmeians Football.

Of the six matches played since the Football Section resumed activities in December, five have been won and one drawn. This encouraging start has been made despite the absence of practice result-

ing from the lack of a ground and the considerable team changes which have been necessary.

The forwards have consistently worked hard, both in the loose and in the set scrums, and a heartening feature of recent games has been the large share of the ball which the backs have been given from set scrums, due to the excellent hooking of J. S. Blackburn. The three-quarters have shown themselves to be speedy and aggressive in attack, but the chief fault of the side has been slowness in getting back to defend.

The side which played the School differed considerably from that which we have since fielded, as many Old Boys on Christmas leave were able to play. The superiority of the Old Boys in the first half was reflected in their half-time lead of 15-0, whilst that of the School in the second half was equally well shown in the final score of 15-10.

Since the first club game, the team has been strengthened by the return from the Services of J. S. Blackburn, A. Hesford, P. N. Knight, J. B. Swarbrick, and F. W. Cooper. C. H. Neshitt captained the side until he was called back to his unit, when J. S. Blackburn succeeded him.

After a narrow win over a Manchester University XV, convincing victories were gained over Heaton Moor "A" and Oldham "A." The game at Rochdale was a keenly fought contest, played in a high wind and on a heavy ground. Our score came from a try by P. N. Knight, the result of an excellent three-quarter movement, and Rochdale drew level before half-time with a penalty goal, no further score being added. As the second game with Rochdale was cancelled, the next match was not until March 23rd, when, after a rather scrappy first half, many good movements by our backs improved the game, though it was left to a forward, F. W. Cooper, to break through to touch down and convert the winning try.

We invite all Old Boys who wish to play next season to communicate with G. A. Anderson, 190, Parrswood Road South, East Didsbury, Manchester 20. Tel. : Didsbury 2087.

G. A. A.

RESULTS.

Dec. 22,—v, The School	W	15-10
Feb. 2,—v, Manchester University Ex.	W	8-5
" "A"	W	17-10
" 9,—v, Heaton Moor "A"	W	24-3
" 16,—v, Oldham "A"	D	3-3
" 23,—v, Rochdale	W	11-6
Mar. 23,—v, Heaton Moor "A"	L	3-9
" 30,—v, Bowdon and Davenport "A"	L	3-9

Statement of Accounts for the Year ended December 31st, 1945.

J. A. BARBER,
Hon. Treasurer.

H. R. W. ANDERSON, *Camp Commandant.*