



The Magazine of William Hulme's Grammar School

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Notes and News.

We welcome to the School Mrs. Lord, B.A. (Hons.), London, whose subject is mathematics.

Mr. M. C. Newell, Exeter College, Oxford, joined the Staff early in the term, but was called up at the end of November.

Mr. A. L. Dennis, Pembroke College, Cambridge, served on the Staff teaching mathematics till he resumed his studies at Cambridge early in October.

Mr. C. R. Darlington left during the summer holidays to take up an appointment as Lieutenant-Instructor in the Navy. We wish him good luck in his new work.

At the end of last term we said good-bye to Miss J. A. Cowie, who was leaving to take up an appointment at Skipton Girls' School. She has our best wishes.

A State Scholarship and a Lancashire County Scholarship, both tenable for three years, have been awarded to S. S. Wilson.

Cheshire County Scholarship, tenable for three years, J. D. Boardman.

Manchester City Scholarships, tenable for three years, G. B. Warburton, M. F. Wood.

College of Technology Scholarship, tenable for three years, J. L. Motley.

At the Higher and School Certificate Examinations, held last July, by the Northern Matriculation Board, the following

successes were gained. Subjects in which distinctions were awarded are shown in brackets:—

Higher School Certificates: A. Whitehead, M. F. Wood, R. B. Herbert (Geography, Geography Scholarship), F. G. Higgins, K. T. Howe, A. R. Rodgers, G. S. Alvey, T. I. Brookes, J. D. Boardman (Physics), P. J. Croxford, C. P. Dockeray, J. M. Gilliat, C. H. W. Hirs (Physics), D. M. Lever, M. E. M. Michael, A. Moores, J. L. Motley, B. P. Topley, G. B. Warburton (Pure Mathematics), S. S. Wilson (Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics).

School Certificates: J. E. Adams, D. H. Appleby (Mathematics), G. E. Bucklow, J. A. Burt, H. R. Callow (Mathematics), J. H. Dye (English Language), H. S. Elbourne (Mathematics), E. H. J. R. Goss (French, Mathematics), L. D. James, R. G. Jenkin (History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), G. E. Marsden, W. P. Metcalfe, R. F. Mottershead, P. S. Nesbitt (Mathematics), A. Ogilvy (English Language, French, Latin, Mathematics, Additional Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), R. A. Onions (English Language), A. E. Papazian, A. W. Peers, H. P. Redfearn (English Language), S. Smith, J. H. Vessey, P. W. Watkins (History, Mathematics), D. Watkinson, H. Billings (History, Geography, French, Mathematics, General Science), M. Broady (English Language, Geography, German, French, Art), T. H. Dakin, R. O. Davies (English Language, General Science), D. F. E. Ginever, A. R. Hall (Mathematics), G. S. Hall (French), G. D. Hanson, P. S. Hewitt, J. E. Kenyon, P. C. McCann, K. G. McGhee (Geography, French), H. Milgate, A. Miller (English Language, French, Mathematics), J. G. Parry, D. J. Price (German, French, Mathematics), P. H. Richards, E. Roberts (English Language, Geography, Mathematics, General Science, Art), J. B. Roberts (Mathematics), T. K. Robinson (History, Mathematics), B. Rourke, G. T. Shirlin

(History, Geography, French, Mathematics, General Science), E. Shufflebottom, A. G. Smith (History), J. F. Spong (English Language, Mathematics), G. Wilkinson, P. Cloughley, E. Collier, R. A. Gardener, J. G. K. Hughes (History), E. Wigglesworth, N. L. Galloway.

The Prefects for the year are:—F. G. Higgins (Head Prefect), F. J. Whelan, G. B. Warburton, P. J. Croxford, J. M. Gilliat, J. O. Spalding, G. C. Waters, L. F. Benson, D. S. Hewet, L. Robertson, P. Cloughley.

P. J. Croxford has been elected captain of Football and Lacrosse, with vice-captains F. J. Whelan (Football), and L. F. Benson (Lacrosse).

The School has again been asked to help the Post Office with the Christmas mail, and already a good many of the senior boys have indicated their readiness to assist in this work.

The School's National Savings this term have reached approximately £600.

The Powell Memorial Fund is still open, but it is proposed to close it early in the new year. Subscriptions should be sent to Mr. J. A. Barber, at the School.

On Founder's Day, Monday, January 26th, a Service will be held in the Cathedral at 11 a.m.

The School hopes, circumstances permitting, to give two Plays and a Concert next term on dates yet to be fixed. The two Plays are "The Case of the Frightened Lady" (Edgar Wallace), and "The Critic" (Sheridan), and it is intended to give one performance of the first play on Founder's Day.

Mr. W. H. Thomson has organized a squad of boys to carry out repairs of classroom furniture and other School fittings, and already much useful work has been done. Two parents interested in the work have kindly provided some new tools.

This year the meeting between parents and Staff extended over two Saturday afternoons, November 15th and 22nd.

In July the Governors of the School made the following awards:—

Foundation Scholarships, tenable for one year, G. Kettlewell, B. A. Ratliff, L. F. Benson, P. J. Croxford, J. M. Gilliat; tenable for two years, A. W. Peers; tenable for three years, B. Mead, N. Fletcher, H. Morgan, G. Lees, P. Shires, P. Grantham, J. M. Mather, J. G. Edwards.

Scholarships for ex-Elementary School-boys, tenable for one year, J. R. Whitaker; for three years, W. G. G. Baird.

Leaving Exhibitions: J. D. Robson, G. S. Alvey, K. T. Howe, C. T. Hough, A. R. Rodgers, M. F. Wood.

Calendar for Lent Term:—

Lent Term will begin on Tuesday, January 13th, at 9-40 a.m.

Mid-term Holiday will be on February 21st and 23rd.

The Lent Term will end on Tuesday, March 31st, at 4 o'clock.

The Easter Holiday will extend from Tuesday, March 31st, at 4 o'clock, to Tuesday, April 14th, at 9 o'clock.

The Examination for Scholarships for Elementary School Boys, Foundation Scholarships, Special Places, etc., will be held on April 10th and 11th, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term will be held at the same time.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following School Magazines:—*The Grammarian* (Tientsin Grammar School, North China), *The Savilian*, and *Esmeduna*.

BIRTHS.

ELDERTON.—On September 1st, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Elderton, Bentham, Vale Road, Woolton, a son.

GOODWIN.—On October 29th, to Major and Mrs. R. B. Goodwin, a son.

GRIFFITHS.—On November 28th, to Nancy, wife of D. Lloyd Griffiths, F.R.C.S., of 7, Meadows Road, Cheadle Hulme, a daughter.

SHAW.—On November 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. K. D. Shaw, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BRIERLEY—PEACOCK.—On July 19th, 1941, at St. James's Church, Birch-in-Rusholme, THOMAS LESLIE, younger son of Mrs. Brierley, of Highcliffe, Hampshire, and the late Mr. T. S. Brierley, to MADGE MARION, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Peacock, of Park Range, Victoria Park.

FORREST—KING.—On July 23rd, at Lower Peover Church, Knutsford, MORTON CRAIG, son of C. M. Forrest and the late Mrs. Forrest, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, to CONSTANCE, youngest daughter of Mrs. King and the late Frederic King, of Brockley, Kent.

SMITH—SAINTER.—On September 17th, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Heaton Moor, ROBERT POLLARD SMITH (2nd Lieut. Manchester Regiment), only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bradbury Smith, of Heaton Chapel, to MARJORIE JOAN, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Sainter, of Heaton Moor.

JONES—HAMPSON.—On September 18th, at St. John's Church, Brooklands, ROYSTON JONES, M.Sc., A.M.Inst.C.E., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, Prestwich, to VIVIANNE CHRISTINE HAMPSON, younger daughter of the late Mr. R. Hampson and Mrs. Hampson, Crumpsall. St. Andrew's, Grosvenor Road, Nestor, South Shields.

RICKARDS — NICOLAS.—On September 20th, at St. Clement's Church, Chorlton-

cum-Hardy, Captain JOHN GOULD RICKARDS, R.A., only son of Mr. and Mrs. Rickards, to G. BETTY NICOLAS, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Bevan Nicolas, both of Meadow Bank, Chorltonville, Manchester 21.

THORP—WILKINSON.—On October 8th, at Priory Chapel, Lancaster, Corporal ALAN THORP, King's Own Royal Regiment, only son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Thorp, of St. Annes-on-Sea, to Corporal JEAN D. WILKINSON, A.T.S., second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Wilkinson, of Lancaster.

MEAKIN—CLAYTON.—At Aldborough, Yorkshire, on November 3rd, Battery-Sergeant-Major N. MEAKIN, Royal Artillery, to BETTY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Clayton, of Aldborough.

DENT — WOOLFENDEN.—On Saturday, November 8th, Trooper WILLIAM HENRY DENT, R.A.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dent, of Denver Park Road, Prestwich, to Corporal BESSIE WOOLFENDEN, W.A.A.F., eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Woolfenden, of 3, Cross Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

FRAZER—KENDALL.—On November 13th, at St. Ann's Church, Manchester, Flying Officer EDGAR STENSON, M.B., M.R.C.S. (R.A.F.V.R.), only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Frazer, of Withington, to QUEENIE (Kay), only daughter of Mrs. Mabel and the late Ernest Kendall, of Stretford.

DEATHS.

PIDD.—On 11th September, 1941, suddenly, at Keswick, LESLIE STUBBS, beloved son of Mrs. B. E. and the late E. W. S. Pidd, of Axholme, Wilbraham Road.

KELSEY.—On November 13th, 1941, at Somerleaze, Seaford, BERTHA ANNIE THERESA, dearly loved wife of Charles Edwin Kelsey, for 34 years an assistant master at the School.

Leslie Stubbs Pidd (1907-1914).

Many Old Hulmeians would learn with regret and surprise of the death of Mr. Leslie S. Pidd, which occurred with great suddenness on September 11th, at Keswick, where he had been spending a short holiday. Mr. Pidd was well known to a wide circle of Old Hulmeians, and was a popular member of the Association. He was keenly interested in both the School and the affairs of the Old Boys at all of whose functions he was to be found present. As a member of the Committee of the Association he was a very regular attender at all their meetings, where he showed he had the real interests of the Old Boys at heart. He had never enjoyed robust health, but this did not prevent him from taking an active interest in such activities as the Motor Club Section and in the Old Boys games. Though unable to play, he served on the Committee of the Lacrosse Section, and, for many years, acted as their goal judge.

Roll of Honour.

[Acting on instructions, we cannot give details of dates and circumstances of the deaths of Old Hulmeians who have lost their lives on active service.]

GEORGE DIXON CLARK (1930—1937), Sergeant, R.A.F., Wireless Operator and Rear-gunner.

DOUGLAS ROWLAND HODKINSON (1923—1930), Corporal, R.A.F. In expressing his regrets at the untimely end of a promising young airman, his Commanding Officer spoke of the great popularity he enjoyed among the men on his station. He had just completed his training, secured his wings, and been accepted for a commission in the R.A.F.

STUART REID (1932—1938), Leading Aircraftman, R.A.F. Before joining up he was in the Civil Service and held an appointment at Whitehall.

EDWARD BREWSTER MASON (1924—1929), Royal Artillery, died in hospital.

Old Hulmeians serving with H.M. Forces.

It is not easy to make contact directly or indirectly with all Old Boys serving with His Majesty's Forces, and, while we are very grateful to those who have already communicated with us, we should be very glad to hear of the many others whose names we have not yet received. It is only by the co-operation of Old Boys, relatives and friends that we can hope to make this record complete. All information should be sent to the Editor or to the Secretary or to any member of the Staff. We publish here our sixth list.

The date given in brackets is the year of leaving School.

Battersby, G. W. (1941), R.N.
 Bray, F. G. (1926), Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 Brittlebank, K. J. (1939), R.N.
 Curry, J. W. H. (1925), Lieutenant, R.A.C.
 Daley, E. (1939), O.C.T.U.
 Demet, N. A. (1938), R.A.F.
 Dennis, A. L. (1940), O.C.T.U.
 Dent, W. H. (1929), R.A.C.
 Flunder, D. B. (1937), R.A.F.
 Ginever, D. F. E. (1941), R.N.V.R.
 Goddard, G. (1937), R.A.F.
 Halstead, K. (1940), R.A.F.
 Hicks, L. (1935), R.N.
 Jackson, W. G. (1930), R.N.
 Jones, P. (1933), R.A.F.
 Joseph, H. K. (1937), R.A.F.
 Knowles, C. (1935), R.E.
 Neale, C. F. (1938), Royal Corps of Signals.
 Platford, J. B. (1935), 2nd Lieutenant, R.A.S.C.
 Rider, R. D. (1937), R.A.F.
 Ryder, A. P. (1925), R.A.F.
 Salisbury, C. G. (1938), R.A.F.
 Seddon, D. R. (1935), 2nd Lieut., Manchester Regt.
 Spring, V. (1939), Leading Aircraftman, R.A.F.
 Till, T. A. B. (1938), R.A.F.
 Young, R. J. (1938), R.A.F.

PROMOTIONS AND TRANSFERS.

Aspinall, W. G. (1934), O.C.T.U. Granted a commission as 2nd Lieutenant, Prince of Wales Volunteers.
 Barnes, D. (1937), O.C.T.U. Granted a commission as 2nd Lieutenant, Royal Indian Army Service Corps.
 Buckley, H. (1930), Sergeant, Pioneer Corps, to be 2nd Lieutenant, R.A.P.C.
 Clarke, F. (1938), O.C.T.U., granted commission as 2nd Lieut., O.B.L.I.
 Dalton, H. E. (1936), R.A.S.C., promoted Captain, R.A.
 Embleton, R. F. (1936), R.A.O.C., promoted 2nd Lieutenant, Pioneer Construction Corps.
 Mosley, A. L. (1934), Lieutenant, R.N., has been transferred from the Cruiser in which he has been serving to a Destroyer, and has been made Chief Engineer in his new ship.
 Neild, E. (1936), R.A.S.C., has been promoted 2nd Lieutenant, and has been posted to the Indian Army.
 Norris, B. D. (1933), has been promoted Captain, R.A.O.C.
 Rickards, J. G. (1928), promoted Captain, R.A.
 Slade, J. H. P. (1931), 2nd Lieutenant, Lancashire Fusiliers, has been promoted Captain and Adjutant.
 Thorpe, A. (1937), Corporal, K.O.R.R., promoted Sergeant.
 Vipond, J. M. (1937), Sergeant, Manchester Regiment, to be 2nd Lieutenant, Indian Army.
 Wood, N. W. (1935), 2nd Lieutenant, Lancashire Fusiliers, transferred to R.A.F.

Speech Day.

The annual prize-giving took place on Monday, July 28th, in the School Hall, when the Chairman of the Governors, the Rev. Canon Woolnough, presided. There was, considering the times, a large attendance of parents and friends, and it was pleasing to note amongst us a fair sprinkling of Old Boys serving in the Forces.

The proceedings were opened by the Chairman calling upon the Head Master to read his report on the year's work.

After a reference to the numbers serving with H.M. Forces, the speaker went on to say that the School had, on the whole,

suffered much more lightly from the war than had, at first, been feared. New entrants, of which there had been many, had brought the number of boys well on the way to normal, in spite of the losses due to evacuation in the first few months of the war. One heartening feature of the year was the enthusiasm displayed by the boys who, with the staff, had maintained fire-watching squads in the School for many months. The Head Master then announced that, as last year, there would be two harvest camps during the summer holidays. He also reported encouragingly on the work and success of the O.T.C., now called the Junior Training Corps, and went on to mention the good work of the War Savings Group which had just exceeded its aim of reaching £2,000 by the end of the term. Seven masters had left to join H.M. Forces, and, in helping to replace them, four mistresses had joined the staff and were doing valuable work. The Head Master next spoke of the position of independent schools which, he thought, were making a valuable contribution to the community. We were fighting that States might be free, so it was not illogical to suggest that schools should retain their independence, and he concluded by expressing the hope that England would not lose the tradition of the freedom of its independent schools. In the course of his report, the Head Master read a long list of achievements and successes of Old Hulmeians.

When Canon Woolnough rose again he explained that Major-General Hudson, V.C., who was to have presented the prizes, had, unfortunately, been prevented at the last minute from attending, and he, himself, would have to deputise.

He opened by saying that the School should be proud of the achievements of its Old Boys, and that he wished, on behalf of the Governors, to congratulate the Head Master and the School. Speaking to those leaving School, he asked them to join the

Old Hulmeians Association. They must be proud of "the old School tie," not as snobs, but proud of the education the School had given them. It was, he said, something of the old school tie spirit, the team spirit learned at School, that was saving civilization at that very moment. Every boy should give of his best in life, for then, and only then, could he get the best out of life. After leaving school every boy entered another school, the school of life, but it was the first school that taught boys the spirit in which to meet the future. The end of school life was not the end of training. We must be fit for the world after the war, for, after victory, the English-speaking peoples would lead the nations in laying a spiritual foundation for the happier world to be.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

THE VLIES MODERN LANGUAGES PRIZE for Sixth Forms : K. T. Howe.

THE C. G. DEHN HISTORY PRIZE for Sixth Forms : A. R. Rodgers.

THE F. DEHN CLASSICAL PRIZE for Sixth Forms : A. Whitehead.

THE WILLIAMSON SCIENCE PRIZE for Sixth Forms : J. D. Boardman.

THE LYMER MATHEMATICAL PRIZE for Sixth Forms : S. S. Wilson.

THE HEWLETT GEOGRAPHY PRIZE for Sixth Forms : R. B. Herbert.

THE C. G. DEHN HISTORY PRIZE for Fifth Forms : H. Billings.

THE DORRINGTON LATIN PRIZE for Fifth Forms : A. Ogilvy.

THE HEWLETT GEOGRAPHY PRIZE for Fifth Forms : H. Billings.

THE ASPINALL PRIZE for Religious Knowledge : 1, A. R. Rodgers ; 2, W. L. Tonge.

THE ODDY PRIZE : F. G. Higgins.

THE GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZE (presented by the Headmaster) : G. B. Warburton.

THE FORREST WRITING PRIZE: A. R. Rodgers.

ART PRIZES: Fifth Forms, M. Broady; Fourth Forms, G. H. Robson; Third Forms, R. L. Pellatt; Second Forms, I. A. Carter; First Forms, D. F. Walthew and A. J. Benson (equal).

FORM PRIZES

VI. C.M.U.: 1, R. B. Herbert; 2, A. Whitehead.

VI. S.U.: 1, S. S. Wilson; 2, J. D. Boardman.

VI. C.M.L.: 1, P. J. Reynolds; 2, H. G. Harvey.

VI. S.L.: 1, L. F. Benson; 2, A. P. Ryan.

V. A.: 1, A. Ogilvy; 2, R. G. Jenkin.

V. B.: 1 (equal), H. Billings and G. T. Shirlin.

V. C.: 1, J. G. K. Hughes; 2, P. Cloughley.

IV. A.: 1, F. A. Spooncer; 2, B. C. Roberts.

IV. B.: 1, B. Mead; 2, D. K. Partington.

IV. C.: 1, P. Grantham; 2, D. Sharples.

III. A.: 1, H. Morgan; 2, E. G. Smith.

III. B.: 1, W. G. G. Baird; 2, D. M. Surry.

III. C.: 1, P. Sanig; 2, E. J. O. Taylor.

II. A.: 1, D. W. Johnston; 2, K. A. Joysey.

II. B.: 1, F. S. Jones; 2, P. M. Warburton.

I. A.: 1, A. J. Benson; 2, B. T. Gibson.

I. B.: 1, D. F. Walthew; 2, A. Wilkinson.

Lower I.: 1, C. L. Brown; 2, A. B. Acton.

Preparatory School: 1, H. R. Gooddie; 2, B. S. Hicklenton. Special Prize: J. R. Chambers.

J.C.C. Notes.

The Corps seems to go from strength to strength, and already a number of records have been created. The membership, including juniors, is 163, the highest we have ever had, and we have started the year with 31 cadets holding Certificate "A"—another record. Mr. Gatley has been busy recruiting and, up to date, 37 boys have joined since September. All these figures will, we hope, be appreciably increased before the end of July. Still another record, though of a different sort, has been made, for this has been the busiest Michaelmas term we have yet had. Soon after School resumed in September, we were notified by the War Office that Col. S. J. Worsley, D.S.O., M.C., the Inspector of Junior Training Corps, would visit the School on Thursday, November 27th. It turned out that this was to be a full inspection, and, as we had thus only a few weeks to prepare, much work had to be done, but, with a few extra parades and a real earnest effort on everyone's part, we soon began to feel fairly confident of putting up a good show. The parade was timed to take place at 10 a.m. Considering the time of year, the weather was good, and everything seemed to go well. The report has not yet been received, but Col. Worsley expressed himself as very pleased with what he had seen, and specially commended the ceremonial part of the proceedings. As usual, a tactical scheme was carried out on the field, and thereafter we had tactics on the sand tray, lectures on the "Tommy" gun, battalion organization, and aircraft recognition, all of which seemed to interest him greatly. A special word of praise is due to the bugle band which, though short of practice, acquitted itself really well.

Another interesting event was the visit of Col. Carter, of the Royal Tank Corps, on Friday, 28th November, when he gave a lecture and showed two "talkie" films illustrating the different types of tanks and

their tactical use in war. Nor was this all, for on Monday, December 1st, we had a visit from a Valentine tank, which showed its paces on the School field just behind the drawing school, and was thoroughly inspected by the members of the Corps. This proved a most interesting and instructive experience.

The attendances at parades have been very good indeed, and the special parades for Certificate "A" candidates have enabled them to cover most of the work. It is hoped to hold the examination in January. A new syllabus for Certificate "A" has been arranged and, after February 1st, 1942, all candidates will have to take the examination on that syllabus.

The War Office has sent notice of courses to be held at Edinburgh and York for senior cadets during the Christmas holidays, and some twenty applications have been forwarded, but, though we hope all will be accepted, it is very probable that only a small—perhaps a very small—proportion will be admitted.

We were very sorry when we learned that 2nd Lieutenant Darlington had left during the holidays to take up an appointment as Lieutenant-Instructor in the Navy: we all wish him the best of luck. So far, no appointment has been made in his place, but the University S.T.C. has come to our aid and have sent from time to time Company-Sergeant-Major Smith, Company-Sergeant-Major D. A. E. Chambers (O.H.) and Corporal N. W. Preston (O.H.) to help, while the East Lancashire Sub-Area have kindly detailed Sergeant Porter, of the Manchester Regiment, to assist with parades when possible.

Sergeant Salthouse has been doing good work on the rifle range, and up to date 35 cadets have completed the Empire test.

It is early to start speaking of such a subject, but already steps have been taken in an effort to arrange a camp for Whitsuntide,

and we hope soon to hear from the Western Command.

A pleasing feature of the term's work has been the visits of past members of the Corps, and we are much indebted to 2nd Lieutenant Branagh, of the Manchester Regiment, Lieutenant R. A. Prideaux, R.A., and Lieutenant E. Neild, Indian Army, for their interesting lectures.

The Annual Inspection last summer took place too late for mention in the July *Hulmeian*. It was carried out on July 24th by Col. E. P. Lloyd, D.S.O., Commanding the Manchester Sub-Area, and we give extracts from his report.

Drill: "A most creditable standard has been attained. Arms drill in particular was good."

Tactical Training: "In a tactical exercise carried out on the field, fire control was clearly understood, and leadership by Cadet N.C.O.s was above the average. The energy and speed of movement of the cadets was most noticeable."

General Remarks: "The contingent is well commanded and organized. There is a nice atmosphere of keenness and general interest. The work showed that N.C.O.s can give useful instruction: their methods are sound and initiative was shown."

This sets a high standard at which the Corps must always aim.

On July 25th and 26th, 19 candidates were put forward for the Certificate "A" examination, and the following 18 cadets were successful: F. D. Bell, J. A. Burt, H. R. Callow, K. R. Cleland, P. Cloughley, G. S. Davis, J. H. Dye, H. S. Elbourne, R. A. Gardener, R. S. Mahomed, P. S. Nesbitt, J. G. Parry, B. Rourke, A. P. Ryan, J. F. Spong, G. P. Tomlinson, G. B. Warburton, P. M. Wilkins.

There is at present a little difficulty in getting new uniforms through from the makers, but it is hoped that this will soon be overcome. Meantime, Mr. Williams,

who has kindly undertaken to look after the clothing, has done some wonderful juggling with what was in store, and has fitted out a good many of those who have recently joined. Great help has also been given by cadets who, on leaving School in July, handed over their uniforms to the Corps, and we here record our thanks to the following: A. Jackson, C. G. Salisbury, P. M. Breton, J. D. Boardman, G. W. Battersby, P. C. Wilkinson, P. R. Cuthbert, R. Newsome, C. A. Wilcock, T. E. Wilson, P. Slade, T. D. Higgins, T. Turner, P. C. McCann, R. B. Herbert. We apologise if any names have been left out, but occasionally uniforms are handed in and no record reaches us of the donor. If ex-cadets will notify us of any omissions, we shall be glad to put them on record in our next notes.

The following promotions have been made:—

To be Company Sergeant-Major: Sergeant F. J. Whelan.

To be Company Q.M.S.: Corporal J. O. Spalding.

To be Sergeants: Corporals L. F. Benson, P. J. Croxford, D. S. Hewet, C. Clay, R. J. Salthouse, J. P. I. Tyas, D. F. E. Ginever.

To be Corporals: Cadets P. Cloughley, F. G. Higgins, L. Robertson, S. R. Souter, J. C. White.

Grange Harvest Camp.

Our second Harvest Camp in the Grange district, under the auspices of the Lancashire War Agricultural Committee, was even more successful than the first, and this in spite of the fact that only one farmer replied to sixty-one circulars asking for labour.

All the boys were in continuous work after the first few days, and there was work for another ten boys for most of the six weeks we were in camp.

This year's camp was held on Humphrey Head in the Camp School belonging to the Keighley Education Committee. The school is ideally situated, and has almost every convenience—hot water was not in every bedroom—so the workers were not troubled by the bad weather, and there were no guy ropes to slacken. The Camp School consisted of a large dormitory, a spacious dining room with lockers for every boy, an excellent kitchen, larder and stores, coal house and ablution room all under one roof. It was quite close to the sea, and an excellent veranda served as a cycle repository.

All kinds of farm work were tackled, and, in addition, twelve boys undertook afforestation with gusto. At the beginning, a number of boys helped to finish off the hay harvest, whilst others weeded mangold, swede and potato fields, cut acres of thistles and docks, and six boys spent five weeks hedging and ditching. The corn harvest, bigger than ever, found work for all, and, when this was over, some boys were turned on to potato picking and sheep washing. Grange, Cark, Cartmel, Holker, Lindale and Field Broughton thanked the boys for some splendid work cheerfully done, and expressed the hope that they would come again next year.

Each boy paid fifteen shillings a week which included his railway fare and the carriage of his cycle; the staff, without whom the camp could not have been run, paid £1 a week. The camp staff consisted of the organizer and Mrs. Barber, Mr. Morley (our Quartermaster) and Mrs. Morley, Mr. and Mrs. Ginever, Mr. and Mrs. Brierley, and Mr. Gatley, and the organizer takes this opportunity of thanking the staff most heartily for all the help they so generously gave. 5,837 hours were worked, and a profit of £111 was divided at the rate of 10/- per working week. Six boys worked six weeks, five worked four weeks; thirty-seven worked three weeks, and three worked two weeks. Our thanks are due to the orderlies, who helped so materially in the

success of the camp, and to the Keighley Education Committee for the use of their excellent Camp School.

The following is an extract from a letter received by the Head Master from the Lancashire War Agricultural Committee:—
"The Committee fully realise that the

success has been achieved in spite of many difficulties, and I am directed to convey to you the Committee's warm appreciation of the great assistance you and your boys have given in the national campaign for increased food production."—Signed, J. J. Green,
Executive Officer. J. A. B.

Grange Harvest Camp Account.

AUGUST, 1941.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank, November 30th, 1940	0	19	4
„ Camp Fees	184	0	0
„ Wages for Labour	145	18	9
	<u>£330</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Transport	54	1	11
„ Food	137	12	11
„ Fuel	4	11	8
„ Camp Premises	15	19	0
„ Medical and First Aid Requisites ...	3	10	6
„ Cheque Book, Commission, less Interest	0	9	3
„ Refund at 10/- per week	111	0	0
„ Cleaning Materials	3	9	7
„ Balance in Bank, November 30th, 1941	0	3	3
	<u>£330</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>1</u>

Audited and found correct,

A. O. GATLEY,
November 30th, 1941.

J. A. BARBER.

Worcester Harvest Camp, 1941.

This year it was decided, early in the Lent term, to hold a second camp on Mr. Walker's estate at Knightwick, during the summer holidays. Captain Anderson made two trips to Worcester to make arrangements about equipment and a suitable site, and the advance party arrived at Knightwick on Friday, August 1st, in the middle of a wet afternoon, with the ground particularly muddy.

The party worked hard and quickly, and had everything ready well before the main body arrived on the following Monday. We had some misgivings about the "square bell-tents," which we heard had been supplied by the Worcestershire War Agricultural

Committee, as well as 150 blankets, 50 ground sheets and 50 paliasses, but we found these tents simple to put up and very roomy.

The plum and hop harvests were late this year, and so, during the first three weeks, the work was very varied. We tackled stooking barley, oats, wheat and beans in various fields round the Manor, wood-hauling on the embankment of the single-track railway between Knightwick and Suckley, hay-making, linseed-binding, dock-pulling at Suckley Court, and thistle-mowing on the banks of the river Teme. Some of the smaller boys enjoyed themselves "leading the horse," pulling and canning carrots, transplanting kale, thinning turnips, picking peas, and sacking and gleaning beans. One party actually hoed 18 miles of mangel-wurzels during the first ten days, and their backs felt every yard of it!

An important and well-paid job of the middle two weeks was the silage work, which we started in pouring rain. This meant following the mower with wooden rakes, "tumping" long, wet grass, and then loading the "tumps" on to the dray, to be taken back to the farm and put into large pits, one of which was dug in a day and a half by two of our "he-men."

During the last three weeks nearly every boy was picking plums and, later, hops. There were two kinds of plums; firstly the yellow egg-plums, which go into plum and apple jam. Most of our "pots" were destined for the large jam factories. The picking from the tall trees in one of the Manor orchards and at Winthill was quite good. Twenty-foot ladders were needed for these trees, and, though these ladders sometimes seemed to be most precariously perched, there was never a serious accident nor any likelihood of one, though occasionally there was a snap, a crash and a graceful landing. The picking from the small trees in the Manor orchard, up near Suckley station, was very good, most of the branches almost touching the ground, so laden were they with ripe, golden fruit. The second kind of plum, the blue Pershore, in this and the Winthill orchards, was not good picking.

Finally, we had hop-picking in the last week in the Manor hop-yards. There were also odd jobs, such as carpentering, building wood-piles near the dining-hut, paint-spraying the hop-pickers' quarters, and cutting bracken.

There were many memorable days. We recall one, the hottest day of the camp, a Sunday, when we were all preparing for church, and a call came from Mr. Walker for volunteers to work all day at bringing in, as quickly as possible, the great corn harvest and stacking it before the weather broke—and then, at 8-30 in the evening, the news that one of the stacks had collapsed, and the return of the tired workers for another two

hours to repair it. Then there was the day when the twelve plum-pickers at the Suckley station orchard broke the record of last year and, working until dark, collected 150 pots or 3,600 pounds of plums.

On the whole, the weather was not very good and could not compare with that of last year. It rained on sixteen days out of thirty-five, and sometimes work, except indoor painting, was off for whole days, whereupon we used to stay in the tents, or the dining-hut, reading and writing, or we took the delightful ride into the neat, clean town of Worcester, through some of the finest countryside in England; the Malvern Hills stood out in the distance, and the Cathedral, overlooking the river, was an impressive sight.

In all fifty-two boys attended the camp, including three Old Boys, and there was an average of 35 there each week; 3 boys stayed for 6 weeks, 7 for 5, 6 for 4, 25 for 3, 9 for 2 and 2 boys for 1 week. We worked a total of 5,760 hours; picked a total of 355 bushels of hops, and picked a total of over 25,000 pounds, over 11 tons, of plums.

We are grateful to the twelve members of the Staff, who worked so hard and cheerfully for our success. Captain Anderson again organized and arranged the camp; the Headmaster and Mr. Darlington took an active part in every kind of work; Mr. Parren and Mrs. Darlington shared the responsibilities of the cooking in the kitchens until the end of the first three weeks, when Mr. and Mrs. Glasgow arrived to take over. Miss Green efficiently organized and then presided over the dining-hut, and her work was carried on by Mr. Thompson in the last three weeks. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Dennis were able to join us for a fortnight. A special word of praise is due to Mrs. Dennis, who once more undertook the difficult task of catering, and tackled the various ration book and rationing problems for the whole camp.

The following is an extract from a letter received by Captain Anderson from the Worcestershire War Agricultural Committee:—

"I would like to take this opportunity of thanking you and the School for the very fine work you did in helping with the various harvests during your stay here, and I can assure you that my Committee hope to see you here again next year."

And we, sir, sincerely hope to be at Knightwick again next year.

There will be a sum of money to be divided among those who attended this camp, but the Headmaster, who acted as Treasurer, cannot draw up his final balance sheet until he has had certain particulars from the Worcester Agricultural Committee.

F. G. H.

The Library.

The Library has again proved its worth to the senior boys in this term's work, and much use has been made of the books on its shelves. Some 500 volumes have been taken out by borrowers, figures which show a substantial increase over last year's. The art books which had, for convenience, been kept in the drawing school, are now housed in the Library. While some improvement has been noticed, we still find it necessary to remind readers that it is their duty to return all reference books to the shelves when their purpose has been served.

We are greatly indebted to Mr. H. Cardwell (O.H.), one of our Governors, for the very useful gift of Scott's novels, to Mr. R. W. Peers for eight volumes, two of which are by our present Prime Minister, and to the following other donors of books: Mr. A. H. Williams, Mr. H. Sambrook, and C. P. Dockeray, who left at the beginning of this

term. Our thanks are also due to Mr. A. Wrigley (O.H.) for the very useful gift of two guineas for the purchase of science books for the Library.

The Hulme Lads' Club.

The annual collection for the Hulme Lads' Club is now being taken at School, and this year, as is obvious, it is more than ever important that the collection should be good.

On December 2nd Sir Christopher Needham, who has been President of the Club for many years, came to morning prayers at School, and afterwards gave us a talk about it and its many Old Hulmeian helpers.

Social service at the Club is equally important with financial help, and, if there are any Old Hulmeians who, in these difficult days, could give some active support to the Secretary, their help would be much appreciated.

No special appeal is being sent to Old Hulmeians this year for financial help, but subscriptions may be sent to School or direct to the Club Secretary: H. HOUGH, 25, Silver Street, Hulme.

D. M. P.

The Old Hulmeians Association.

During the years prior to the war it was possible at this time to report numerous details concerning the Association—its meetings, social functions and activities of the various Sections. Due to conditions now prevailing, all these have had to be cast aside. It is hoped, therefore, that the reason for such brief notes as are now appearing regarding the Association will be readily understood.

Many Old Boys will have learned with regret of the death of L. S. Pidd, which

occurred suddenly whilst he was on a short holiday in the Lake District. A keen member of the Association up to the time of his death, he was outstanding in his loyal support of all the many activities and functions which took place within the Association. He will be remembered by the General Committee as one who served it ably and with a spirit of real unselfishness. He will be greatly missed by all his many friends.

It is good to know that the 'Crosse Section is carrying on, in spite of the many difficulties with which, in these days, it has to contend.

There seems little prospect at present of holding any kind of function, although the Committee have not overlooked this possibility. It would appear that nothing can be arranged until a return to more normal conditions is made.

As the year 1942 now approaches, we take this opportunity of sending very best wishes to all members, wherever they may be and in whatever capacity they may be serving the nation.

A. I. R.

Oxford Old Hulmeians.

We welcome this term S. S. Wilson (Brasenose), and M. F. Wood (Exeter), the latter being a last-minute arrival. We wish them both every success.

Although academic work remains our main object, we have not neglected games or our National Service obligations.

G. A. Weeks (Brasenose) has regularly played squash for the College, and, even with the prospect of Finals in June, has found time for work in the city A.R.P. services.

D. R. Wood (Brasenose) has again played Rugger whenever possible. He

regards his white S.B. brassard, supplied by the S.T.C. and Home Guard Medical Unit, more as a liability than as a safeguard.

J. Wilks (Brasenose) is in the S.T.C., and has also been encountered in the queue which forms regularly at 1 p.m. outside the J.C.R. stores.

J. D. Robson (Corpus Christi) is College Rugger Secretary, and, as a member of the Home Guard, helps to watch over the local gasworks.

S. S. Wilson (Brasenose) is in the Artillery section of the S.T.C., and has several times been deprived of a game of Rugger by late cancellations.

M. F. Wood (Exeter) has joined the Air Squadron, and is now officially in the R.A.F. but on deferred service. He has played Rugger regularly, and has also found time to fell trees on occasion, and last, but not least, took a section in the Modern Languages School at the end of the term.

G. M. Williams (St. Edmund Hall), who went down at the end of last term, is now in the R.A.F. 2nd Lieutenant K. A. Stark (Pembroke) also wrote to us recently. He is with the R.A.C. overseas.

We hope that present members of the Upper Sixth will remember that the University is still very much alive, and that scholarship examinations are still held, as usual.

D. R. W.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

Once more the few of us who have not yet joined H.M. Forces are able to turn out on a Saturday afternoon for a game of lacrosse.

Our most notable loss this season has been in R. J. Young, now in the R.A.F.,

who saw us out of many a tight corner last season through his great coolness in goal. Fortunately, our supply of goalkeepers has not entirely disappeared—F. W. Cooper plays some good games in this position, backed up by a very good and heavy defence.

Of our other losses in players this season there have been G. Goddard, D. B. Flunder and P. Jones, all having joined the R.A.F. The last, we learn, is being trained in the U.S.A.

These losses, however, have been partially replaced by the timely return of N. R. Coe, who did not play last season owing to his duties in the A.F.S. Moreover, a few new members have joined from the School, sufficiently swelling our numbers to enable us to turn out two teams each Saturday.

There are twenty-nine playing members, a number which leaves rather a small margin when we have to choose two teams. Thanks, however, to the keenness of those twenty-nine, we have not had to cancel any matches, although it is regretted that one or two members have failed to turn up without first notifying the secretary. This, of course, is no doubt largely due to the uncertain times in which we are living.

The season opened with a six-a-side competition at Heaton Mersey, where our two teams were unfortunate in being knocked out in their first rounds.

The first team have had some surprisingly good games, especially with Old Mancunians and the University. At the time of writing we have not lost a match.

Of the attack, S. Gill has been outstanding with his acrobatic way of getting round an opposing defence, and even the goalkeeper has at times found himself on the wrong side

of him. J. P. V. Woollam has been a tower of strength in more ways than one.

The defence has been ably assisted by N. E. Hawley, D. Sherratt and J. Mark, the first of whom has done some excellent forcing.

The second team seem to lack experience, although they have played well on occasions. Considering that they have to play some first teams it is to be hoped that theirs will be a gain in experience in spite of the games they may lose.

Billington, as captain, has been the best defence. Edwards, Raines and Bruce, with the occasional help of Duerden, have played some hard games on the attack.

We have, on occasions, had the pleasure of playing one or two members on leave. Notable amongst these have been M. W. Flinn and J. R. Howard, who added great dash to the first team attack. J. B.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

Oct. 11.—v. Heaton Mersey (six-a-side)	1-2
„ 18—v. Old Waconians	H 10-7
„ 25—v. Stockport	H 6-6
Nov. 1—v. Old Mancunians	H 10-7
„ 8—v. University 1st	A 15-6
„ 15—v. Heaton Mersey	H 22-5
„ 22—v. S.S.S.	A 15-9
„ 29—v. Heaton Mersey	H 16-6

SECOND TEAM.

Oct. 11—v. Old Mancunians 1st (six-a-side)	0-4
„ 18—v. M.G.S. 1st	A 6-10
Nov. 1—v. University 2nd	A 11-8
„ 8—v. N.F.S. (J. Diverson)	H 3-9
„ 15—v. Old Waconians 1st	H 3-21
„ 22—v. M.G.S. 1st	H 3-9
„ 29—v. University 2nd	A 9-6

Parents' Association.

CLOTHING SCHEME.—At the last Committee meeting the ladies' sub-committee reported that the Clothing Scheme was going very slowly, and the committee would be glad if all parents would take advantage of this activity of the Association. The scheme is not a "charity" as some parents seem to think, but should be a boon to parents, and we feel that, in the near future, with the coupon problem, parents will wish to take advantage of the scheme, especially for the younger boys. Will parents who have any kind of clothing, etc., that their boys have outgrown, please send this to the School caretaker, marked "Clothing Scheme," and will those who desire clothing for their boys please make their request to the ladies' sub-committee, who are in attendance every Wednesday afternoon at the School at 3-15 p.m. during term time? There will be no charge, but a box labelled, "Hulme Lads' Club," will be available for any parent who wishes to make a thank-offering.

NOTICE.

An Extraordinary Meeting of the Parents' Association will be held on Saturday, 31st January next, in the School Hall, at 2-30 p.m., when a talk will be given by Mr. Kenneth R. Evans, M.A., A.M.I.Mech.E., of the Education Department attached to the Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co. Ltd., and the committee would be pleased if all parents will endeavour to attend, though we fully realise that we all have other activities and extra duties to perform, necessitated by the war. There was a very poor attendance of parents at the General Meeting in June last. It was a beautiful summer evening after a bad spell of weather, and no doubt some of the parents thought it a shame to attend an indoor meeting. We should like to state that the Association was formed for the benefit of the boys and the School as a whole.

W. H. GRANTHAM, *Hon. Secretary.*

Lacrosse, 1941-42.

With the material at our disposal, the first team ought to have a better record than one win, two drawn, and three lost.

The defence is good, but has given away far too many goals by trying to help a very weak attack, and not getting back quickly enough. Two defence men should never force at the same time, and only those who are sure of taking a pass should try to force.

Poor 'crosse handling is still our chief weakness, and some of our passing is deplorable. A good pass should be hard and straight, at least a yard in front of a man if he is moving, and never below shoulder height if he is standing still. A lobbed pass is never of any use, nor is one to a man running only a few feet away. The 'crosse should always be held firmly in both hands, and, in passing, the ball should lie up against the stick, which should be below the "leader."

We are very well off for goalkeepers, but could improve our clearing; the defence wings must get free to take passes from behind goal.

The attack is slow, lacks confidence, and cannot shoot straight. There is far too much checking without any real effort to get the ball. An attack's first duty is to get the ball, and checking should be left to the defence. When one of the attack has the ball, the others must keep on the move, and away from the man in possession. Long passing from wing to wing—unless a wing man is entirely free—is useless, and generally gives the ball to the defence. Passes to men further away from goal are seldom advisable, as they give a defence time to cover any possible slip. Pass hard and true to men running on to goal, and always keep your eye on the ball, in ground struggles as well as in catching. Every player on the attack

should be used when in a position to take a pass, so that a critical moment will not find some player letting the side down for want of practice.

RESULTS.

October 22nd. *v.* MANCHESTER G.S.
Away. Lost 10—12.

For this game, our first, we were without Hewet, our centre. We started badly, and were two goals down in the first five minutes, mainly because the attack allowed their men to come down the field unmarked. Then we improved, drew level at 4—4, and were one goal down at half-time.

The second half was even, with the defence playing well, and a few minutes from the end the score was 10—10, but Manchester were able to score two more without reply from us.

Team: P. Cloughley, L. F. Benson, P. J. Croxford (captain), A. R. Hall, C. Clay, B. S. Waltho, D. F. E. Ginever, L. Robertson, E. G. Williams, D. J. Price, B. Rourke, N. G. Bullivant.

November 8th. *v.* CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Draw 8—8.

D. S. Hewet returned in place of Ginever, and B. S. Galloway replaced Williams. We again started badly, and Cheadle Hulme scored the first three goals, with our defence too open, and too far up the field to cover each other. At quarter-time we had recovered to 4—2, and Benson helped the attack by good forcing. The catching and passing was little better, but the attack worked hard, and at half-time Cheadle Hulme had only a one goal lead (5—4).

In the second half we led 6—5, 7—6, and 8—7, but our opponents equalised and neither side could score again.

Cloughley did well in goal, and Bullivant was often dangerous on the attack.

November 15th. *v.* MANCHESTER G.S.
Home. Won 11—8.

Cloughley was absent, and P. H. Richards took his place in goal with great success. We opened strongly, scoring in the first three minutes, and held the lead throughout the game.

The passing of the attacks was better than in previous games, and they were cooler and less flurried in the face of a lively defence. Manchester failed to score in the first quarter, but in the second half made a series of determined attacks which brought the best out of our defence. Benson cleared many dangerous situations, and Richards was very sound in goal. At three-quarter time we led 9—8, and scored two more in the last quarter.

Mr. L. H. Nesbitt, O.H., kindly refereed this game.

November 22nd. *v.* CHEADLE N.F.S.
Home. Draw 8—8.

Cloughley returned, but replaced Galloway at wing attack, and Richards was retained in goal. Cheadle scored first, and gained a three goal lead before we replied. The attack was rather slow and hesitant, but the defence held their men well, and at half-time we had drawn up to 4—5.

Cheadle started the second half strongly, and led 7—5, but our attack rallied, and at three-quarter time were only one goal behind. We drew level ten minutes from the end, and neither side could score again.

November 26th. *v.* MANCHESTER G.S.
Away. Lost 5—10.

We lost this game mainly because the defence was too often caught with a man up the field, so that the Manchester attack had a free man. Our attack had many opportunities, but their shots were neither hard nor accurate enough to score. Manchester's goals were scored by quick attacks, and at half-time they had a lead of three goals.

Early in the second half we improved, and at one stage were only one goal down, but afterwards our attack was held, and Manchester were quick to take their chances when the defence tried to help by forcing.

C. H. Nesbitt played in place of Rourke, who was absent.

November 29th. v. OLD WACONIANS.
Away. Lost 3—9.

Rourke returned, but Nesbitt was retained in place of Price. This game was played on the Cheadle Hulme School ground, and though we started with the advantage of the slope, we made little use of it. We could only score once in the first half, while our opponents scored several times by fast and well-timed forcing from the defence. Our attacks were too slow to cover these movements, but Benson, tried at centre for this game, worked very hard. Attempts to force by our own defence usually ended in disaster through a missed pass.

Cloughley and Nesbitt tried persistently on attack, but the pace and experience of the Old Waconians were too much for us.

SECOND TEAM.

Four matches have been played this term, of which three have been won, and, though the team has been frequently changed, there has been a distinct improvement in the standard of play. The defence is learning to play together, and there is less rushing. Cawley has been the most successful so far, and Whitaker has been very steady. Richards played so well in goal that he has been promoted to the first, and his successor has not yet been tested.

The attack is fast and hard working. The handling is far from perfect, and passes are frequently missed, but they are given with sensible intention, and fairly hard. Gilliat and Robinson have always kept the front of

goal open, leaving room for the fast rushes of Ginever, Huxstep and Hazell. Nesbitt, like Richards, has played himself on to the first.

The chief need of the team is more handling practice. They have all the necessary speed and enthusiasm, but too many chances are missed by dropped passes. It cannot be too often emphasised that no one can take a pass unless he watches the ball all the way.

Our first game, against Manchester G.S., was won fairly easily, but our second, at Cheadle Hulme, was a hard fight. Our opponents had a strong side out, and our defence did well to hold them to six goals. Our attack was below strength and, after a good start, was worn down. The return game with Cheadle Hulme was very one-sided, and our score was only limited by the whole of the Cheadle Hulme team playing defence. Stockport School first had neither the weight nor the pace to hold us.

Team: J. M. Gilliat (captain), P. H. Richards, C. H. Nesbitt, J. R. Whitaker, S. R. Souter, D. F. E. Ginever, T. K. Robinson, D. Huxstep, F. Cawley, M. Hazell, G. H. Robson, E. G. Williams.

Also played: B. S. Galloway, D. J. Price, B. Rourke, G. E. Marsden, F. J. Whelan, F. S. W. Gill, K. R. Cleland.

UNDER 15 TEAM.

We began this season with only three of last year's team, all attack players, and our efforts at team building have not yet been very successful. The chief difficulties are that there are so few juniors who can catch and throw the ball, and that those who can do so are very unreliable when there is an opponent near at hand. The ball must be the first consideration at all times. If it is on the ground, it must be picked up, and if it is in the air, it must be caught, even if an opponent is near enough to check. In other

words, juniors must learn to concentrate on the ball, and to play it as though the other team did not exist. In no circumstances whatever should opponents be allowed to get to the ball first if it can possibly be avoided. Nor must the proximity of an opponent be allowed to distract a player's attention from the ball.

Two matches have been played, and both have been won, against Cheadle Hulme School (12—3) and Stockport School (20—0).

The following boys have played: D. Buckland (captain), E. P. Cosslett, A. D. Crompton, I. M. B. Darroch, N. Fletcher, A. M. Flett, W. G. Gibson, G. Jones, J. F. Kay, T. Lawrence, J. T. Norris, D. A. Robertson, F. A. Spooncer.

Football, 1941-42.

We have now four old colours who have been a useful nucleus round which to build a team. The only long distance fixture arranged was that with Rossall, played on December 3rd. The results this year have not been good. This is mainly due to the failure of the forwards to obtain the ball from set scrums. This fault will have to be remedied before we can win regularly. The tackling by the forwards was not good at first, but it has improved. It is not yet perfect, however.

We have no individually brilliant three-quarters this year, but they work well as a line. Though they are not exceptionally fast, their running and passing have been fairly good. Their tackling has improved since the beginning of the season.

With one exception the kicking has not been very accurate; this must be improved, especially the left-footed kicking. There are still two matches before the end of the term,

and we have still to see whether the recent improvement can be maintained. Mr. Newell, who was at School for four weeks, coached the team while he was here. The weather has been good to us this year, as we have not had to play on a soaked ground more than once, and the pitch is, therefore, still in good condition.

The team has usually been:—D. Gibson; A. R. Hall, P. J. Croxford (captain), L. F. Benson, C. Clay; P. Cloughley, N. G. Bullivant; F. G. Higgins, P. H. Richards, R. J. Salthouse; B. S. Waltho, F. J. Whelan; D. S. Hewet, J. R. Whitaker, L. Robertson.

The following have also played:—G. B. Warburton, D. J. Price; J. G. K. Hughes, M. H. Fisher, K. G. McGhee, S. R. Souter.

Mr. Young, of Sale R.U.F.C., has kindly refereed our home games.

RESULTS.

Wednesday, October 1st, v. AN OLD HULMEIANS XV. Home. Lost 5—21.

Though we had had several practices, this was our first match, and the backs had not been tested against a strong defence. The Old Boys won the toss, and with the kick we took the ball into our opponents' twenty-five. We were steadily forced back until Brown scored for the Old Boys. Soon after Breton (Old Boys) scored again. Both tries being converted by Boardman, the score stood at 0—10. By half-time Waltho, for School, scored a try, converted by Cloughley.

Our tackling was poor, although Benson usually got his man. The forwards held a much more experienced pack quite well, but failed to get the ball back from either loose or set scrums. After half-time we worked harder, and the tackling improved. However, we failed to stop the Old Boys scoring three times, bringing the score to 5—21. We missed many good chances throughout the match, and our score should not have been allowed to stay at 5 points.

The following Old Hulmeians played :—
J. S. Battersby, W. Brown, O. R. Dennis,
A. L. Dennis, P. M. Breton, S. Gill, J. D.
Boardman, D. R. Wood, A. Jackson, J.
Erskine, T. A. Yates, D. C. A. Bevis, J.
Kettlewell, M. F. Wood, J. R. Robson.

Saturday, October 11th. v. MANCHESTER
UNIVERSITY "A." Home. Lost 3—36.

We were without Hewet, a wing forward,
for this game, owing to a leg injury.
Dockeray, an old colour, had also left
School, but Whelan was able to play. We
won the toss, and were sent immediately into
our own twenty-five by the kick. We did
not recover, and our opponents scored from
a penalty kick. Our forwards, against a
much livelier pack, failed to get the ball from
either set or loose scrums. This was mainly
due to the inexperience of the front row.
The backs were confused by the unorthodox
methods of our opponents, who scored
several tries.

Before half-time Bullivant retired with a
shoulder injury, and was unable to return.

After half-time, Cloughley scored from a
quick heel from a set scrum, but the try was
not converted. We held our opponents much
better in the second half, and they were not
allowed to score so easily. However, the
final score was 3—36.

Saturday, October 18th. v. MANCHESTER
GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Lost 0—28.

We lost the toss and had to play into the
wind. Owing to the strength of the wind
we could not kick with safety, and many of
our passing movements were spoilt. Man-
chester, using the wind to great advantage,
scored in the first five minutes. Throughout
the first half, Manchester pressed hard, and,
by kicking high over our heads and follow-
ing up hard they scored 19 points by half-
time.

We missed Bullivant at scrum half, Price
being rather inexperienced. The tackling

was not good, several opposing three-
quarters breaking through at one time or
another. The hooking was poor, but the
pack as a whole combined better than in the
previous two matches. They took the ball
from our twenty-five to the half-way line
quite well, but they were unable to follow up
with a quick heel.

In the second half, having the wind, we
played much better; we did not, however,
take as much advantage of the wind as we
might have done. Cloughley broke away
twice, but the rest of the three-quarters
failed to back him up. Manchester scored
nine more points in the second half, bringing
their score up to 0—28.

25th October. v. CHEADLE HULME
SCHOOL. Home. Lost 3—11.

We won the toss and started confidently,
keeping the play in mid-field. The two
scrums were fairly equal, and we got the
ball back often from the set scrums. The
three-quarters, however, were not in good
form, and several promising movements
were fumbled. At length Cheadle managed
to score in the corner. Soon after, Waltho
replied for us, the kick being missed. The
score remained equal for some time, but just
before half-time Cheadle scored again,
bringing the score to 3—6.

Hall and Bullivant were unable to play,
Waltho and Price taking their places. The
passing from the scrum was not very accu-
rate at first, but improved towards the end.

The game livened up after half-time, but
we were unable to score again. The three-
quarters improved, and there were several
good passing movements; the forwards were
still suppressed by a heavier Cheadle pack.
Just before time Cheadle managed to score
again, and converted their try, making the
score 3—11. Waltho scored for us.

Wednesday, October 5th. v. COLLEGE OF
TECHNOLOGY. Away. Lost 0—25.

The game opened badly for us. A determined rush by the opposing forwards soon after the start resulted in a try, which was not converted. After this initial setback we played much harder, but we failed to score, mainly because the three-quarters were too slow. Many chances were lost in this way: we should have scored at least three times in the first half. Our opponents managed to score once more in the first half, making the half-time score 0—6.

Hewet and Waltho worked hard in the scrum, and Whitaker led one or two good dribbles. We failed to get the ball back from loose scrums, and the heavier opposing pack usually managed to overpower ours. Bullivant did not work close enough to the scrum, and consequently there was a delay in getting the ball to the three-quarters.

After half-time we were not so successful, and our opponents scored often, finally bringing the result to 0—25.

Wednesday, December 3rd. v. ROSSALL SCHOOL 2ND XV. Away. Lost 6—17.

After the kick-off we kept the play in our opponents' twenty-five for some time, but Rossall gained ground by several good kicks into touch. Rossall continued to gain ground until they reached our twenty-five, where they scored from a penalty kick. We then took the play into Rossall's twenty-five and kept it there for some five minutes. At length Benson scored for us from a strong three-quarter movement. The try was not converted, and the score remained at 3—3 until just before half-time, when Rossall managed to score again, but the try was not converted.

After half-time the play continued in mid-field for some time, until we were forced back by a long kick. About three minutes later Rossall scored again, making the score 3—9. Almost immediately afterwards Cloughley broke through and passed to Clay, who touched down in the corner (6—9).

About ten minutes later Rossall replied with another try (unconverted), and about two minutes before time they scored again. The final score was thus 6—17.

Our main fault was in the set scrums. The ball was hooked fairly well, but we failed to get the ball out to the backs. In the loose, the forwards were at least equal to those of Rossall, and they worked more as a pack than they have for some time. Our backs were faster and surer than theirs, and if the ball reached them they usually gained some ground. The tackling of the whole team was better than in previous matches.

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SECOND TEAM.

October 18th. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XV. Away. Lost 3—23.

October 25th. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL 2ND XV. Away. Won 15—13.

November 12th. v. ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE 1ST XV. Home. Won 21—16.

November 15th. v. SALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XV. Home. Lost 0—6.

November 22nd. v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD 2ND XV. Away. Lost 0—19.

We began the season with a very inexperienced side, and were unable to hold the heavier forwards and faster backs of Manchester Grammar School in the second half. Against Cheadle Hulme and St. Bede's our forwards were superior to those of the opposition. Our backs started badly in the latter game, but improved greatly during its course. In these earlier matches the tackling of the whole team was weak.

The backs were weakened in the last two matches by the calls of the First Lacrosse team. Still, the tackling in these games was a great improvement, though even now not all the team can be relied upon to get their man every time. In the match against Sale

we were in our own twenty-five for a great part of the game, and it was only due to good team work by the forwards that the score was kept down. Against Macclesfield our forwards were outplayed by a heavier pack, and our opponents gained a great deal of ground by good kicking.

The team is :—F. Cawley; D. Huxstep, G. E. Marsden, B. Rourke, E. Collier; D. J. Price, T. K. Robinson; G. C. Lever, K. G. McGhee, M. H. Fisher, D. K. Partington, J. O. Spalding, J. G. K. Hughes, G. B. Warburton (captain), E. Roberts.

The following have also played :—F. G. Higgins, R. J. Salthouse, D. Gibson, J. M. Gilliatt, D. F. E. Ginever, M. Hazell, G. T. Shirlin, B. P. Topley, J. P. I. Tyas, E. G. Williams.

UNDER SIXTEEN MATCHES.

October 16th. v. SALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
1st XV. Away. Lost 0—29.

UNDER FIFTEEN.

Of the eight games played so far five have been won and three lost. The first game, against Sale, at home, was won in the second half by the speed and passing of the backs, while the second game, against Audenshaw, away, was lost by ineffective tackling. The whole side improved in the match against Manchester Grammar School, away, and on a heavy, rain-soaked ground nearly drew level after being nine points down at half-time. Two home games followed against Macclesfield and Audenshaw. Both were won, but by narrower margins than they should have been had the form shown against Sale been regained. St. Bede's and Cheadle Hulme were beaten fairly easily on their grounds, but Sale, with a stronger side than in the first game, managed to win the return match.

Most of the games have been played against opponents with an advantage in

height and weight. The pack has been particularly fast and active in the loose, the three-quarters have combined well, and the halves have effectively linked the two together. D. Buckland and J. F. Kay have been the scoring wing, backed up by F. A. Spooncer at right centre, and by G. A. Anderson, E. P. Cosslett, A. M. Flett and W. G. Gibson among the forwards.

The teams have been chosen from the following players :—F. A. Spooncer (captain), D. Buckland (vice-captain), J. F. Kay, P. W. Watkins, G. Lees, A. Wrigley, B. A. Grimshaw, N. Fletcher, G. A. Anderson, A. M. Flett, J. N. Brookes, E. P. Cosslett, K. Nuttall, J. C. Unsworth, W. G. Gibson, J. S. Stacey, D. R. Gibson, K. Z. Ord, R. L. Edwards.

RESULTS.

October 4th. v. SALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
Home. Won 32—14.

October 15th. v. AUDENSHAW GRAMMAR
SCHOOL. Away. Lost 10—25.

October 18th. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR
SCHOOL. Away. Lost 8—9.

October 25th. v. KING'S SCHOOL, MAC-
CLESFIELD. Home. Won 14—11.

November 8th. v. AUDENSHAW GRAMMAR
SCHOOL. Home. Won 9—5.

November 12th. v. ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE.
Away. Won 25—8.

November 15th. v. CHEADLE HULME
SCHOOL. Away. Won 17—0.

November 22nd. v. SALE GRAMMAR
SCHOOL. Away. Lost 8—12.

House Games.

We have been exceptionally fortunate with the weather this term, and games have not yet been cancelled once. Perhaps this is

the reason for the very good attendances; there have been, on an average, 296 boys at games each Wednesday and Saturday, and a total of 5,927 boys have played so far this term. In the matter of refereeing the masters have been well assisted by prefects and senior boys, who, when there were no School matches or practices, have turned out and coached and encouraged their junior House and "A" teams.

But it is still difficult to run both good School and good House teams, and the latter have been left rather short when there have been School fixtures. Therefore, the House League, though it seems to have aroused some keen rivalry, is not as representative of the playing strength of the various Houses as the "knock-outs," when members of the School teams play for their Houses.

Byrom are leading at the moment, having a wide choice from many useful players in their first team; several big boys on their junior team have been successful against smaller opponents.

Fraser, who were in the lead until recently, have had the advantage of losing very few of their first and junior teams on School matches, but they have not been so successful in the knock-outs, when each House turns out its full team. They have, nevertheless, a very good attendance record.

Whitworth have done better recently, but, like Byrom, have a lot of players on the School teams; nevertheless their teams have been keen, and Whitworth has the best attendance record this term.

Heywood again started the season well, but have not improved with practice as much as the other House teams, and consequently have lost their good position in the House League.

Dalton are not as good as they were last year, and, though not lacking in enthusiasm, both teams have many small players, who have little chance against bigger opponents.

The junior team worked hard with Hewet at the beginning of the term and improved themselves considerably. But for the black-out House practices could have been organised and would have been useful.

Gaskell have again been unfortunate this term, and are going through a bad time. There has thus been little team co-operation, though no lack of keenness, and the junior team has been very young and inexperienced.

The first round of the "knock-outs," completed early in the term, had some good games, in first teams, Byrom beating Dalton (29—6), and Heywood beating Fraser (32—0), and in the junior teams, Byrom won against Dalton (14—9), and Heywood defeated Fraser (22—6). The semi-final draw is Byrom versus Whitworth, and Gaskell versus Heywood.

The positions in the House League on December 3rd were:—1, Byrom, 146 pts.; 2, Fraser, 126; 3, Whitworth, 111; 4, Heywood, 105; 5, Dalton, 58; 6, Gaskell, 36.

Senior House colours for football have been awarded to the following:—

Byrom: D. E. Bower, G. Cockayne, A. M. Flett, D. Hirst, T. Lawrence, A. W. Peers.

Dalton: G. A. Anderson, A. D. Crompton, W. G. Gibson, W. L. Hodgson, P. Sanig, A. G. Smith, F. A. Spooncer, J. S. Stacey, A. Whitehead.

Fraser: T. H. Dakin, P. S. Hewitt, G. E. Marsden, F. T. Morley, A. G. Pye, B. F. Sayers, P. B. Wightman, B. M. Williams.

Gaskell: D. Buckland, G. S. Davis, M. Hazell, J. C. Unsworth, E. G. Williams.

Heywood: E. H. J. R. Goss, P. A. Nuttall, B. A. Ratliff, B. Seddon, E. Shufflebottom, G. Wilkinson, J. R. Winson, N. F. Worrill.

Whitworth: F. D. Bell, F. Cawley, E. Collier, P. W. Watkins. F. G. H.

Old Hulmeians Association.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st May, 1941.

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1939/40.		1940/41.		1939/40.		1940/41.
£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.
—	To Lacrosse and Rugby Materials ...	1 1 0		18 4 0	By President's and Vice-Presidents' Donations ...	15 2 0
3 2 0	„ Subscriptions Paid ...	0 15 6		52 6 0	„ Playing Members' Subscriptions ...	20 6 0
27 5 4	„ Printing, Postage and Stationery ...	25 5 6		89 17 6	„ Honorary Members' Subscriptions ...	83 8 6
15 12 6	„ Wages ...	16 7 6		3 5 4	„ Gate Money ...	1 9 6
6 18 9	„ Rolling, Mowing and Seeding ...	3 0 0		0 10 0	„ Motor Badges ...	—
5 10 0	„ Gas, Electricity and Water ...	4 10 0		3 17 10	„ Commission on Colours ...	2 9 7
32 11 11	„ Rates and Taxes ...	28 0 5		3 13 7	„ Bar Receipts ...	4 17 6
14 6 0	„ Rent of Ground and Pavilion ...	—		2 2 10	„ Bank Interest, less Charges ...	3 0 11
6 6 2	„ General Expenses ...	8 18 7		0 10 5	„ Profit on Golf Section ...	—
21 1 4	„ Hulmeian—Printing and Postage ...	30 16 1		1 2 0	„ Profit on Teas ...	—
2 16 5	„ Loss on Dinner ...	—		1 6 4	„ Balance from Motor Section ...	—
5 11 2	„ Loss on Lunch ...	8 14 3		—	„ Surplus on Lacrosse Teas ...	0 5 10
141 1 7		127 8 10		176 15 10		130 19 10
35 14 3	„ Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ...	3 11 0		£176 15 10		£130 19 10
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BALANCE SHEET, 31st May, 1941.

1940.	LIABILITIES.	1941.	1940	ASSETS.	1941.
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
14 17 6	Life Members' Subscriptions in advance	12 10 0		Bank Balances :—	
17 18 2	Accounts owing	18 18 6	115 10 2	Deposit Accounts	£169 3 5
	Income and Expenditure Account—		85 12 10	Current Account	28 15 9
	Balance as at 31st May,				197 19 2
	1940	£164 9 4	9 14 11	Cash in Hand	8 19 6
	Add Excess of Income for		4 9 6	Sundry Debtors	5 17 6
	the year	3 11 0		Addressograph at cost, plus	
164 9 4		168 0 4		additions	20 4 10
24 17 9	Rugby Pavilion Fund	24 17 9		Less amount written off...	15 18 9
			6 15 4		4 6 1
				A. L. Powell Memorial Fund, Expenses	
				paid	7 4 4
<u>£222 2 9</u>		<u>£224 6 7</u>	<u>£222 2 9</u>		<u>£224 6 7</u>

S. WHITTINGHAM,
Chartered Accountant,
Hon. Treasurer.

Old Hulmeians Endowment Fund.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st May, 1941.

1940.	LIABILITIES.	1941.	1940	ASSETS.	1941.
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
610 13 3	Accumulated Fund	700 7 6	575 3 4	Endowment Policies—Premiums Paid ...	579 7 11
	Premiums owing	105 14 7		Premiums Due	105 14 7
	Owing to O.H.A.	1 13 10	35 9 11	Cash at Bank	118 8 10
				Units Due	4 4 7
<u>£610 13 3</u>		<u>£807 15 11</u>	<u>£610 13 3</u>		<u>£807 15 11</u>