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School Notes and News.

Manchester University Degrees and Examinations :

Third M.B. and Ch.B. : C. G. Eastwood and M. W. Smith have passed in Pathology.

Diploma in Dentistry, Second Examination : D. R. Dickson has passed in Botany.

B. E. Baldwin who holds an appointment in British Columbia was home on holiday towards the end of last year, and visited the School on the first day of the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Powell is taking a party of 25 of the senior boys a trip to Paris during the Easter holidays.

In football, Honours Caps have been awarded to L. W. Kershaw, C. A. Burnside, and W. G. Jackson, and Colours to F. W. Derbyshire, W. S. Davies, J. H. Hall, N. W. Crawford, H. Barratt, G. A. Clare, S. D. Cleworth, J. Fallows, R. R. Farrell, and F. Griffiths.

Lacrosse Colours have been won by W. G. Jackson, F. Griffiths, H. Barratt, C. A. Burnside, F. W. Drummond, F. Delsaux, L. W. Kershaw, K. W. Watts, G. Ellis, E. C. P. Butler, H. Sambrook, L. S. Walsh, E. B. Mason, and N. Stoddard.

At a meeting of the games committee C. A. Burnside was elected captain of the First XI cricket team for this season with A. R. Merchant as vice-captain.

J. P. V. Woollam of the Old Boys Lacrosse Club again found a place in the North of England team to play against the South.

All Old Hulmeians who take an interest in golf are reminded that the annual competition for the Bradbury and Vlies Cups takes place on Thursday, May 9th, on the Northenden golf links. Further information can be had from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. A. Barber.

Calendar for Midsummer term :

The term begins on Tuesday, April 9th.

Ascension Day Holiday, Thursday, May 9th.

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Wednesday, May 15th, at noon, to Thursday, May 30th, at 9 o'clock.

The School Certificate Examinations will commence on July 1st.

The term will end on Thursday, July 25th, at noon.

For Old Hulmeians the subscription to THE HULMEIAN is 1s. 6d. per annum, payable to Mr. J. A. Barber at the School.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of *Ulula*, *The Buxtonian*, *The Frome County School Magazine*, *The Leigh Grammar School Magazine*, *The Willastonian*, *The Savilian*, and *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*.

BIRTHS.

GOUGH.—On December 28th at "Hollymeade," Dean Row, Wilmslow, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. GOUGH, a son.

ROBINSON.—On February 2nd, at 36 Claude Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, to Mr. and Mrs. E. O. ROBINSON, a daughter.

DEATH.

CLASSEN.—On Saturday, February 9th, at 8 Range Road, Alexandra Park, Geoffrey, only child of Dolph and Blanch CLASSEN, aged 23.

Geoffrey Classen.

The news of the death of Geoffrey Classen was a shock to all who knew him, and caused great regret among Hulmeians, particularly those of the younger generation who knew him best. An attack of influenza developed into pneumonia and, as the trouble proved fatal within six days, few were aware of his illness. He entered the School in April, 1915, and remained till July, 1924, thereafter proceeding to Pembroke College, Oxford, in the following October. On reaching the Upper School he was made a Prefect, an office he held during his last two years at School. His keenness for games and his success in football and cricket won for him a place in the first XI in both these games. After leaving, his interest in the School brought him very frequently to the playing field, and if a referee was wanted for a House game he was always ready to help. He expected to finish his B.A. degree in June when it was his intention to take up teaching as a profession, and to this end he had been taking the honours course in Modern Languages. His father, Mr. H. R. Classen, is a prominent Old Hulmeian, and to him and to Mrs. Classen we express our deep sympathy.

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

The collection this year was quite easily a record, being over £60 higher than that of the previous year.

The most striking feature was the excellent result of the Lower I collection—£73 7s. 10d.—more than double the previous highest form collection made by Va in 1923.

P. Clarke, with his individual collection of £40, has set up not only a new record, but a new standard, which, it is hoped, will have a good influence. Mr. Williams and his form are to be congratulated on the enthusiasm they have shown.

A letter of thanks from Sir Christopher Needham, the President of the Club, appears below.

Form.	Total.			Amount per head.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
VI C.M.U.	6	9	6	11	9	
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VI S.U.	5	12	0	11	2	
VI S.L.	7	4	0	13	1	
Va.	23	18	10	18	5	
Vb.	10	14	10	6	6	
Vc.	17	11	3	11	4	
IVa.	14	5	0	9	6	
IVb.	8	11	0	5	11	
IVc.	9	13	2	6	2	
IIIa.	7	5	8	5	0	
IIIb.	14	8	4	10	4	
IIIc.	15	11	6	10	5	
IIa.	16	2	7	10	1	
IIb.	22	10	0	14	7	
IIc.	20	0	0	12	11	
Ia.	11	16	6	7	11	
Ib.	13	17	1	9	3	
Ic.	11	6	3	7	10	
L.I.	73	7	10	2	8	11
Prep.	12	10	1			
Staff.	5	5	0			

TOTAL £337 19 0

15 Cross Street,
Manchester.
January 21st, 1929.

Dear Mr. Trevor Dennis,

On behalf of the Procter Gymnasium and Hulme Lads' Club, I wish to tender to your School once again our sincere thanks for the financial help which has been accorded. The total contribution this year has amounted to £337 19s. I am informed that form Lower I collected over £70,

which is a remarkable sum, and we appreciate the goodwill which resulted in so marked a success. I wish to assure the School that while we warmly value its financial help, we do very sincerely appreciate also the personal interest which is taken in the welfare of our Club.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

C. T. NEEDHAM.
President.

The Library.

Librarian : Mr. PERRATON.

The library continues to be well used, not only by the Sixth Forms but also, we are glad to see, by the Fifths. This makes it increasingly necessary that members of these forms return books as quickly as possible instead of keeping them for week after week.

Thanks are due to energetic members of VI C.M.L. for a small table on which to put our card index catalogue; we learn that the same workers are promising to construct a notice board on which to post lists of new books, offenders against the rules, and other items of interest.

A few new books have been added this term.

L.H.P.

Cassius.

Although he is usually too lazy and good-humoured to wear that ferocious expression by which he contrives to keep the whole pavement to himself, we still call him Cassius because, on such occasions at least, he "hath indeed a lean and hungry look." He is a dog of parts, and, it might also be said, of departs, for often enough the only trace of him we can find is the broken remnant of his chain, until he steals home next day with the rest of it dangling noisily

from his collar, a mute witness to his prowess and his crime.

When he returns from one of these "French leaves," no one seeing his rolling eyes and piteous gaze as he grovels sorrowfully at the feet of retribution, could guess at the real nature of this hypocritical animal, whose crocodile tears hide a heart full of smug self-satisfaction. He exerts a hypnotic influence even upon those who know him best, otherwise he would never have persuaded us to take him into the country the other day.

Cassius soon explored the carriage in the train for Whaley Bridge, and then he began to grow bored. A stout old gentleman, meticulously neat, seated opposite reading his paper, seemed promising game to the restless eye of Cassius, whose ideas of amusement are as original as they are entertaining. Without loss of time he began to amuse himself. He wiped his muddy paws on the old gentleman's bright shoes; he wiped his wet jowl upon his knees; he undid his bootlaces; and all with an air of tolerant contempt, as one who deigns to amuse a small child. In vain the hapless victim tried to bury himself behind his paper; Cassius insinuated a wet muzzle up his sleeve and blew heartily. When we arrived at our destination we were both red with embarrassment and choking with laughter. Cassius alone, with his head and forepaws through the window, admiring the countryside with a lively interest, was offensively cool.

We got him to the valley of the river Goyt without further difficulty, but he was merely saving his energy till it would be more useful. He found a shabby retriever on the road, and together they explored all the ditches and morasses in the district. They rolled down banks after some unfortunate rabbit, dived into the stream for pebbles, and rolled each other over in the dirt. Cassius eventually came back, grinning like a fiend, with a cargo of mud and

leaves that he generously refused to keep to himself. Despite our polite, nay, emphatic refusal, we got the lion's share of it.

Then we had lunch—if the ordeal which followed can justify the name. We chose a spot near the stream, which, unfortunately, suited our canine friend. There was a convenient boulder at our side on which we placed our water-cups. In less than a minute Cassius, approaching with an obsequious smirk to share our meal, swept both of them over us with a whisk of his tail, and tried to make off with the sandwiches while we were drying ourselves. Foiled in this, he went down to the river to catch the water-spiders in the shallows; I was just lifting a hard-earned sandwich to my lips when his large and muddy person, surrounded by a cloud of mist, burst from the heather at my side; a large paw was implanted on my stomach, a damp tail whipped across my face, and I was floundering on my back while Cassius, trying very hard to look as if he wasn't there at all, was devouring the sandwich near by. We gave him his biscuits, only to see them solemnly dropped into the river, while the shameless animal asked for scones. Need I say that he got them?

When we had finished the scones I turned to the sandwiches, to find Cassius standing over them. By his expression of callous joy I knew that disaster was in the air.

"Here, old boy," I pleaded; he only sneered.

"Cassius!" He grinned solemnly, and—lay down on them!

Mournfully we threw the wreckage into the stream, and resumed our walk in silence. We found a crow's nest later on in a narrow tongue of the pine-woods jutting out into the moor, and Cassius insisted on trying to climb up to it. It was one of those ancient trees with innumerable dry, dead branches, and when he had ascended some ten feet by

a series of frog-like jumps, he stuck. Extricating him would have been easier if he had not sent down showers of broken twigs and lichen into our upturned faces in his struggles to free himself. Eventually we succeeded, however, and with belated wisdom kept to the highroad for the remainder of the day. We managed to find an empty carriage on the homeward journey, but it filled up on the way, and Cassius went to sleep on all the available feet. I think his name will be changed to Polonius if the authorities ever get hold of him.

A.R.A.

The Entertainments.

The season just closed has been a very full one, perhaps the busiest since the commencement of these entertainments. Such has been the eagerness to take part in these shows this term that the usual Tuesday arrangement has not sufficed, and on one occasion an extra performance had to be given on a Thursday. From such enthusiasm, guided along proper channels, good is bound to accrue. The plays in their variety have been such as to suit the most catholic tastes, ranging as they do from farce to the grimmest tragedy. The two principal productions, "Make-believe" and "Gold," proved to be great successes, the former being one of the most popular performances we have ever staged. In speaking of these entertainments it must not be forgotten that all the rehearsing would avail but little were it not for those boys who, under the guidance of Mr. Brierley, Mr. Bentley and Mr. Davies, take upon themselves the ancillary tasks of making properties, painting scenery, and fitting up the lights. They give of their spare time ungrudgingly and can claim not a little of the credit for the success of these entertainments. The chief workers have been:

W. H. Dent, R. C. Dyson, N. B. Jones, E. L. Pixton, G. C. Evans, W. M. Garvie, H. Stephens, G. A. Norris, and J. B. Holt.

PROGRAMME :

PLAY.—December 4th. On this date Form Va gave a good performance of that rather difficult play, "The Thread o' Scarlet" (J. J. Bell). Cast : The Landlord (T. G. Robinson), Butters (G. A. Cooke), Megsworth (E. J. P. Hewitt), Smith (G. R. Adams), The Traveller (E. B. Mason), Breen (F. Kidd). The play was produced by Mr. Powell.

CAROLS.—December 11th. The following programme of carols was sung by the school choir : 1. "The Holly and the Ivy" (Gloucestershire), 2. "Sons of Levi" (Kent), 3. "As I Sat on a Sunny Bank" (Worcestershire), 4. "The Seven Joys of Mary" (Somerset), 5. "On Christmas Night" (Sussex), 6. "Down in Yon Forest" (Derbyshire), 7. "Blessed be that Maid Marie" (William Ballet's Lute Book), 8. "In Dulci Jubilo" (1570, arranged by Pearsall), 9. "Now is the Time of Christymas" (15th Century, arranged by Arnold Bax), 10. "A Christmas Rose" (from Corner's Gesangbuch, arranged by Clive Carey), 11. "The First Nowell" (17th Century). The Choir : Treble—L. Roberts, P. Jones, R. W. Broadey, O. J. Charnock, R. Mark, T. A. Pearson, H. E. Tunstall, G. C. Lockwood, J. S. Shayler, A. White, J. S. Blackburn, O. R. Dennis ; Alto—W. T. Barrett, M. S. H. Caw, C. G. Dennis, E. S. Frazer, A. L. Mosley ; Tenor—A. G. Sidebotham ; Bass—R. Millner, D. O. Muth, P. H. Taylor, E. Lindley, T. G. Robinson. The accompaniment was played by F. B. Mayo (flute), J. I. Gregory (clarinet), J. Mark (i) (oboe), J. Mark (ii) (bassoon).

PLAY.—December 15th, 17th, 18th, "Make-believe" (A. A. Milne). See page 177.

PLAY.—January 15th. "The Native Question," an original play in one act by VI S.L. Scene: Dorrington's flat in a town in some British Dependency. Time: Present day, 5.45 on a Saturday evening. This proved to be an interesting and successful essay in play-writing on the part of a Form. Characters in the order of their appearance: Dorrington, a civil servant (Mr. Dennis), Turner, his junior (H. M. Taylor), Sturdee, an engineer (N. Stoddard), Watson, another engineer (H. J. Widdows), First Native (A. J. H. Scholefield), John Carran, M.P. (P. N. Cantrill), Bryson, his secretary (G. E. Bishop), Conway, a railway engineer (G. Cocker), Dr. Sinclair (A. G. Sidebotham), Second Native (W. M. Garvie), Third Native (H. R. Cayton), Major Hill (J. B. Holt). Producer, Mr. Dennis.

LANTERN LECTURE.—January 22nd. Coming as it did during a spell of cold weather, Mr. Gatley's subject, "The Frozen North," was seasonable. The speaker dealt with his subject in an interesting manner, and showed some excellent slides of the Arctic regions and the people who inhabit them.

PLAY.—January 29th. The Cadet Corps played the one act drama, "Drums of Oude" (Austin Strong), and gave a clever performance. The scene is the interior of a palace in Northern India, occupied by British troops. Cast: Captain Hector McGregor (A. Wilkinson), Lieutenant Hartley (D. O. Muth), Sergeant McDougal (F. P. Harris), Stewart, the sentry (L. W. Kershaw), two Hindustani servants (P. H. Taylor and A. M. Hadfield), Mrs. Jack Clayton (L. Roberts). Producer, Mr. Anderson.

PLAY.—February 5th. Form Ia were our entertainers this week with the production of an original little fantasy, by Mr. Burn, in three acts, called "The Enchanted Wood." Those taking part were:

Thorn (R. W. Tims), Acorn (J. S. Shayler), Dob (A. H. Redman), Robin Goodfellow (H. F. Hill), Wizard (W. R. F. Branagh), Huntsman (D. S. B. Vincent), Hob (A. White), Bush (D. C. Snow), Men-at-Arms (E. H. Gabbott, F. Hodgson, and W. Torkington), Duke Williams (F. L. Davies), John (T. J. Primrose), Peter (D. G. Blair), Mob (G. S. Fry), Imps (J. R. Kent, E. G. Knight, R. H. G. Utting, D. Scott, W. H. Craike, and K. W. Sutcliffe), Oak (R. G. Anderson), Ash (R. Bridge). Producer, Mr. Burn.

PLAY.—February 9th, 11th, 12th. On these dates evening performances were given of Eugene O'Neill's four-act play, "Gold." See page 178.

PLAY.—February 19th. "The Antigone of Sophocles" was performed by forms IIIa and IIa. In a good cast F. Luckman as Teiresias, a blind prophet, and J. Hartley as Creon were outstanding. The others spoke clearly and the chorus was effectively still. Cast: Creon, King of Thebes (J. Hartley), Euridice, his wife (L. Atack), Antigone and Ismene, his nieces (L. R. Halliday and P. Saunbury), Haemon, his son (P. W. S. Brown), Teiresias, a blind prophet (F. Luckman), Guards (F. M. D. Fletcher, R. Innes, and H. R. Hall), Theban Elders (W. Dickson, A. A. Cooper, L. S. Manion, P. R. Bradshaw, P. Jones, T. H. Graham, A. R. Mossman, and N. B. Smethurst), Guide to Teiresias (J. F. Hall). Producers, Mr. Williams and Mr. Brown.

PLAY.—February 26th. "Rory Afore-said" (John Brandane) is an amusing little one-act play with a court of justice as its setting, and a very creditable performance was given by form IIIb. Characters: MacConnachie (R. F. Peacock), MacCallum (T. S. Meehan), MacIntosh (R. A. Prideaux), MacColl (F. Hodgkinson), Sheriff (R. R. Jones), Mrs. MacClean (A. S. F. Keir). The play was produced by Mr. Thompson.

PLAYS.—March 5th. Two plays were given on this occasion. "Cooked" is a drama of the sea written by form Lower I. The opening scene, discovering as it does three dead bodies on board ship, prepared us for the full-blooded mutiny and the murders that were to come. The whole of Lower I took part in the play, but the principals were: Captain John Macpherson of the good ship Griffin (P. Clark), Bob Carter, the cabin boy (E. B. Jackson), the Ship's Cook (R. Hawley), Mutineers (J. S. Battersby, A. S. Brown, E. N. Larner, F. W. Place, and C. W. Travis), Officer of a Destroyer (A. B. Harrison). Producer, Mr. Williams.

The other play on this date was a Latin farce in two acts, "Varam vibia sequitur," and was cleverly performed by form IVa, with the following cast: Umbricius, a Roman lord (A. R. Rogerson), Davus, his slave (J. H. P. Slade), First Poet (F. D. Williams), Second Poet (A. D. Leigh), Third Poet (W. J. Garnett), Cordus (C. G. Dennis), Other Poets (C. G. Ford and T. Hilderley), Andromachus, a carpenter (G. A. Roe), a Doorkeeper (F. Acton), Clients (N. Youatt, R. E. Sutcliffe, B. C. Scammell, A. S. Nesbitt, F. Pemberton, J. P. Hawley, and J. Ashley). Producer, Mr. Brown.

PLAY.—March 7th. "Two Gentlemen of Soho" (A. P. Herbert). The scene is a night club in Soho. As there were no available Tuesdays, this play had to be given on a Thursday, and was performed by form VI S.U. with Mr. Dennis as producer. The play was well done and proved very amusing. Cast: The Duchess of Canterbury (H. C. Dumler), Lady Laetitia, her daughter (G. C. Evans), Hubert, her dancing partner (S. D. Cleworth), Lord Withers (L. W. Kershaw), Topsy (E. Davy), Sneak, a private detective (E. L. Pixton), Plum, a public detective (Mr. Dennis), a Waiter (P. H. Taylor).

"Make-Believe."

"Make-Believe," a play in three acts with a prologue (A. A. Milne), performances of which were given on December 15th, 17th, and 18th, was a happy choice as a school Christmas play. With a Father Christmas, princes, carols, and a Christmas tree, it was, indeed, seasonable fare, and was served up in such a palatable form that it would have made merry the heart of a Scrooge. The play made a wide appeal, and proved to be the most popular performance yet given by the School; so persistent was the applause after the performances, that the producer (Mr. Rayfield), had to appear in acknowledgment each evening. There cannot be much amiss with a production when the only difficulty of the critics is to decide which was the best act, and the diversity of opinion one heard on this point, but speaks further to the excellence of the whole performance. Where attainment was, throughout, so high, it seems invidious to apportion praise, and, as Stevenson says, "where everything is so nice, criticism is out of season." If, however, one were to make distinctions, the island scene, perhaps, might be selected as the one that made most impression, for not only was the acting good, but the setting excelled as a spectacle. Then again, the final scene in the third act which discovered the Christmas tree, "with children disguised as crackers hanging from every branch," was a clever piece of stage-work, and deserved the applause it received. But one could go on through the whole play speaking of scenes and settings in these terms, so much was there that seemed worthy of commendation. As with the scenes, so is it when one comes to write of the players. Where all in such a huge cast did so well, it is difficult to single out individual performances. Some, of course, with prominent and important parts, come more readily to mind than others. The

Pirate Chief (Mr. Brierley), Oliver (W. Harris) the Curate (Mr. Parren), Jill (R. Mark), Miss Pinniger (J. W. Yates), Mr. Hubbard (F. W. Drummond), the King (Mr. Davies), the Queen (H. Buckley), the Woodcutter (J. I. Williams), the Cassowary (Mr. Robinson), Father Christmas (Mr. Powell), the Princess (L. Roberts), by their acting set the standard up to which all the lesser characters played. The dancing and the carol singing, though but minor parts of the performance, were well done, and contributed in their small way to the general pleasing effect of the whole performance. The arranging of the cast of a play is an important first step towards a good production, and in this respect the producer was eminently successful—not an easy matter with about a hundred characters to handle.

The music for the dances and the accompaniments to songs were played by the school orchestra.

"Gold."

After such a thing of fun and fantasy as "Make-Believe," it was a full swing of the pendulum to have as our next evening play the grim melodrama, "Gold" (Eugene O'Neill). To attempt such tragedy, stark and unrelieved, with a school cast, and with less than a month for rehearsals, was making a heavy call on the powers of those taking part.

Remembering these difficulties, we went prepared to look upon the performance with a friendly eye "that would not see the faults," but at the close of the play we departed feeling there had been no call for us to "piece out the imperfections" with our thoughts. The production claimed our applause by its own merits, and praise is

due to producer and cast for this successful essay in the tragic. Based on a story that smacks a little of Treasure Island, and which makes, at times, some demands on our credulity, the plot deals with the gradual unhinging of the mind of an old man who has connived at murder, and suppresses the secret in order to retain a hidden treasure of gold. Haunted night and day by his sense of guilt, and possessed by his obsession for the gold, the end is inevitable, and we watch him overtaken by retribution in the shape of madness and then death. The opening scene shows us the old man, Captain Bartlett, on an island with some of his stranded crew, a hard-boiled gang, whose desperate natures give rise, from time to time, to desperate words uttered occasionally with a suspicious fluency. Mr. Rayfield, as Captain Bartlett, had a difficult part to sustain, and gave it its full value, cleverly marking the slow progress towards complete insanity ending in death. Mr. Parren as Nat, though not quite so happily cast as in "Make-Believe," got through a trying little part with great credit. The parts of Sarah Ann Bartlett, the Captain's wife, and Sue, her daughter, were cleverly and effectively played by J. W. Yates and W. Harris respectively. In spite of his handicap in physique and voice, and a jersey that seemed uncomfortably near bursting point, J. Mark (i), as Silas Horne, boatswain of the Triton, swaggered about in convincing sailor fashion, and in Ben Cates (C. W. F. Deakin), he found a desperado after his own heart. C. A. Burnside, who seems to specialise in "native" parts, gave a good performance as Jimmy Kanaka, an islander; we can only hope that in his state of undress the island felt as tropical as it looked. N. Stoddard who played Daniel Drew looked neat and dapper in his uniform, while H. Hockaday and E. C. P. Butler as ship's boy and cook of the Triton respectively, fitted their parts well. The play was produced by Mr. Powell.

The Scientific Society.

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Vice-President : MR. F. ADAMS.

Secretary : S. T. HARRISON.

Treasurer : S. D. CLEWORTH.

Committee : L. W. KERSHAW, P. H. TAYLOR,
and A. G. SIDEBOTHAM.

Compared with the first half of the season, the activities of the new year have not been very successful. In spite of the fact that several boys joined after Christmas, the attendance at every meeting has been low. The highest number present was at Mr. Harris's lecture, and even then it was barely over half of the total membership, and was lower than the attendance at any of the lectures last term.

This is due, perhaps, more to the increased pressure of other school activities than to lack of enthusiasm among the members.

One lecture had to be cancelled, and one postponed owing to the indisposition of the speakers. The first lecture of the term should have been given by Mr. Stockdale on January 17th, but owing to his absence at the time, it was given at the next meeting a week later, when he spoke on Relativity. The failures of Newton's mechanics and the peculiarities of the velocity of light were discussed ; it was shown how the theory of Relativity arose out of these two points, and, with very little mathematical analysis, the theory and its consequences were explained. Owing to the lack of time the general theory was omitted, and the meeting closed after the verifications of the theory had been described.

The next lecture was entitled " The Solar System," and was given by H. Hammond. In speaking on such a large subject it is difficult to decide what to say and what to omit, and Hammond gave a very interesting

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and well-planned lecture in which none of the important points were left out. The sun was first described, and then each of the planets was treated in turn. The lecture was illustrated by a large number of slides.

Mr. Harris gave a lecture on " Vortex Motion " on the following Thursday. Large vortex rings of ammonium chloride vapour were first prepared, and experiments were done with these to show the properties of vortex rings in general. They do not break up easily, and bounce off each other like balls. Other rings were made in liquids, and then it was shown how they are produced in the preparation of phosphine.

On February 3rd the following short papers were read by members of the society : " Meteors," by Mr. Adams ; " Silicate Trees," by H. C. Dumler ; " Colour Photography," by S. D. Cleworth ; " Internal Combustion Engines," by E. Davy.

The last lecture of the season was given by A. G. Sidebotham, and he took as his subject " The Manufacture of Tea." The growing and the plucking of the tea were described, and lantern slides were shown illustrating the drying and crushing of the leaves. The chemical composition of the tea was discussed and an experiment was performed showing the presence of tannin in the tea.

S.T.H.

Night.

The sun sank slowly, losing all his power,
His last few rays, defeated, sank and died,
While faintly shone the stars. But in an
hour

The stronger fellows of the night had tried
And had defeated his last fleeing guard.
Then slowly rose the moon, that Queen of
Night,
And threw strange ghostly shadows with her
hard,

Cold rays, and paled the weaker fellows'
light.

The gorgeous planet, Venus, brightest 'mong
Celestial bodies for a time, soon sank,
And one by one the others, weak and strong,
Pursued the lead, while new ones filled the
rank.

So this continued all throughout the night,
Till even Luna slowly grew more dim
As she went down towards the West. The
bright

And yellow golden orb just showed its rim
At first, but soon shone gloriously with
state

And Phoebus 'venged his late defeat. Again
His beams lit up the earth without abate
And all was his in indisputed reign.

G.A.R. (IVa.)

The Old Hulmeians Association

The Annual Dinner was held at the Manchester Limited on Saturday, March 2nd, 1929. There were 63 present.

Mr. F. Dehn proposed the toast of "The School" in an amusing speech. In his reply the Headmaster referred to the purchase of the allotments adjoining the school field, and expressed the hope that some benefactor might arise to shoulder the financial burden.

Mr. L. Haden Guest, in proposing "The Association," gave an illuminating discourse on travel, broadening the mind and the spirit of Lancashire and suggested that one of the school dramatists might write an epic drama on the development of industry in the North.

The President, Mr. Merchant, in his reply gave us some sketches of Old Hulmeians who were prominent in the beginnings of the Games Club and the Association, and referred to the activities of the various sections.

Mr. Grahame Adams entertained us very successfully with stories and mysteries, and Mr. Rayfield again earned the best thanks of the Committee by his services at the piano.

The Dance which was held at the School on January 4th was most successful. There were 120 present, and in spite of the excellent refreshments there was a profit of over £7. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. Barnes, is to be congratulated.

The Old Hulmeians Football.

No exhaustive study of the results of the matches played so far is needed to see that this is one of the most disastrous seasons ever experienced by the football section.

Whilst high scores have been registered against us on several occasions, many people will agree that there have been quite a number of matches in which we have been very unlucky to lose; indeed, in some games we quite held our own with our opponents, and at times overplayed them but in that vital matter of scoring goals we seem to be lacking.

Unfortunately the influenza epidemic has made it impossible for us to play the same teams two weeks together, and further, although it is regrettable to say it, enthusiasm is very far from what it should be. Of course, there are many members who are keen and who play football for the love of it, win or lose, but there are the usual few who play when it is convenient, and do not put their whole heart into the game, or else they cry off on a Saturday morning.

Surely it is obvious to everyone that unless enthusiasm is continually at concert pitch the section will never make progress, and it is therefore up to every member to help, and to obtain every possible recruit

from School, so that they in turn may eventually adequately fill the gaps which appear from time to time.

It has been decided to hold the section's Annual Meeting and Hot-Pot on Monday, April 8th, probably at the Shades Restaurant, New Brown Street, Manchester, and anyone who is interested at all will receive a cordial welcome.

Any further information will be gladly given by the Assistant Secretary, C. Bradshaw, 3 Brundrett's Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy. Telephone Central 5563.

C.B.

Date.	First Team.	Ground.	Goals	
			For	Ag.
Dec.	1. v. "Odyssey." L.A.L. Cup.	Home.	0	4
"	8. v. Crumpsall.	Home.	0	2
"	15. v. Old Mancunians.	Away.	0	3
"	22. v. Heaton Moor.	Home.	2	1
"	29. v. Y.M.C.A.	Away.	2	6
Jan.	5. v. Heaton Chapel.	Home.	0	3
"	12. v. Chorlton.	Away.	1	3
"	19. v. Old Boltonians.	Home.	1	6
"	26. v. Blackburn Tech. Coll.	Away.	1	3
Feb.	2. v. Bury Amateurs.	Away.	1	10
"	9. v. Fulwood.	Home.	0	9
"	16. v. Whalley Range.	Away.	3	3
"	23. v. Bolton Wyresdale.	Home.	2	8
Mar.	9. v. Old Margaretians.	Away.	0	5

Date.	Second Team.	Ground.	Goals	
			For	Ag.
Dec.	1. v. Old Margaretians.	Away.	0	6
"	15. v. Old Mancunians.	Home.	5	2
"	22. v. Heaton Moor.	Away.	1	2
"	29. v. Y.M.C.A.	Home.	2	6
Jan.	5. v. Heaton Chapel.	Away.	2	2
"	12. v. Chorlton.	Home.	2	9
"	19. v. Old Boltonians.	Away.	1	5
"	26. v. Blackburn Tech. Coll.	Home.	0	4
Feb.	2. v. Bury Amateurs.	Home.	1	4
"	9. v. Fulwood.	Away.	0	6
"	16. v. Whalley Range.	Home.	0	2
"	23. v. Bolton Wyresdale.	Away.	0	9
Mar.	2. v. Crumpsall.	Away.	4	9
"	9. v. Old Margaretians.	Home.	0	4

The Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The Old Boys have not proved to be quite so successful in the second half of the season as was expected by many of their supporters.

The first team managed to hold their position, bracketed with Stockport, at the head of the league table until the two clubs met at Whalley Range on March 9th. The Cheshire team, as at Cale Green earlier in the season, were victorious and thus relegated the Old Boys to the second place with little chance of recovery, as there now remain only three more matches to be played.

The club's hopes of the Senior Flags were destroyed at the White City on January 19th when they met Boardman in the second round. The game was very brisk throughout, but was not an exhibition of good lacrosse, and the Old Boys were never allowed to get into their stride. The Boardman team are a much improved side, and have every chance of winning the coveted trophy.

The "A" team have lost two league games since Christmas, but should finish up in the first three at the close of the season. Their defeat by South Manchester was due more to the efforts of two of South's veterans than to their usual "A" team, but the game was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, and was probably the best match the "A" team have had this season. The defeat by Lancashire Hill S.S. was, however, far more serious, and placed the team out of the running for the Lancs. Junior Cup, for which it was considered they had such good prospects.

The "B" team have lost only one league match in the second half of the season, and they are a very useful side. Unfortunately, however, they have met the same fate in their knock-out competition as the first and "A" teams.

We have been very fortunate this year with regard to the number of playing members, and have had a very strong and enthusiastic "C" team. The chief difficulty has been in providing a game for them each week, and in this matter many thanks are due to the team secretary, N. A. Barber, who has been untiring in his efforts on behalf of the junior team. Next year we hope to have a stronger fixture list as the "C" team should be in a higher division. If possible we hope to run a fifth team.

L.S.

First Team.		Goals	
Date.		Ground.	For Ag.
Dec.	29. v. Heaton Mersey Guild.	Home.	8 3
Jan.	5. v. Cheadle Heath.	Away.	13 3
"	12. v. Old Mancunians.	Home.	10 7
"	19. v. Boardman. Second Round Flags	White City.	4 7
"	26. v. Eccles.	Away.	9 4
Feb.	2. v. South Manchester.	Home.	9 3
"	9. v. Heaton Mersey.	Away.	6 2
Mar.	2. v. Cheadle Hulme.	Away.	13 2
"	9. v. Stockport.	Home.	5 8

"A" Team.		Goals	
Date.		Ground.	For Ag.
Dec.	29. v. Heaton Mersey Guild.	Away.	4 2
Jan.	5. v. Ashton. Lancashire Junior Cup.	Away.	10 6
"	12. v. Old Mancunians.	Away.	4 5
"	19. v. Lancashire Hill S. S. Third Round Junior Cup.	Away.	7 9
Feb.	2. v. South Manchester.	Away.	5 7
"	9. v. Heaton Mersey.	Home.	13 3
"	23. v. Albert Park.	Home.	7 4
Mar.	2. v. Cheadle Hulme.	Home.	6 4
"	9. v. Boardman.	Away.	3 13

"B" Team.		Goals	
Date.		Ground.	For Ag.
Dec.	29. v. Heaton Mersey Guild.	Home.	17 1
Jan.	5. v. Cheadle Hulme (Friendly).	Home.	14 1
Jan.	12. v. Old Mancunians.	Away.	4 6
"	19. v. Blackley Park 1st (Friendly).	Away.	2 12
"	26. v. Boardman. Third Round Junior Shield.	Home.	1 0
Feb.	2. v. South Manchester.	Home.	11 4
"	9. v. Heaton Mersey.	Away.	1 0
"	23. v. Old Mancunians. Semi-Final Junior Shield.	Away.	7 9
"	9. v. Boardman.	Home.	1 0

		"C" Team.		Goals	
Date.		Ground.	For Ag.		
Dec.	29. v. Blackley Park "A" (Friendly).	Home.	24 5		
Jan.	5. v. Old Waconians.	Home.	1 1		
"	12. v. Heywood "A."	Away.	2 3		
"	19. v. Oldham and Werneth (Friendly).	Away.	8 2		
"	26. v. Eccles.	Home.	1 0		
Feb.	2. v. Cheadle.	Away.	1 0		
"	9. v. Birch "A."	Away.	18 8		
"	16. v. Cheetham "C."	Home.	1 0		
"	23. v. Cheadle.	Home.	1 0		
Mar.	2. v. Cheadle Heath.	Home.	1 0		
"	9. v. Urmston.	Away.	1 0		

The Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

Attention this term has been concentrated on the production of "R.U.R.," which will have taken place by the time these notes appear. Rehearsals have been well attended, and we anticipate a good performance.

The Social section has been active as usual. A very pleasant dance was held at Parker's Rooms, Chorlton, on February 6th, when 57 were present.

Rambles have suffered some interference from the weather, but only the January fixture had to be cancelled. The next ramble is on April 14th, and we shall be glad to welcome any Old Boys on a walk from Buxton to Macclesfield.

D.S.

Cadet Notes.

Forty-three cadets have been enrolled this term—the largest number we have ever had—and the strength of the unit is now four officers and 134 cadets. This is easily a record.

The weather, which has interfered so much with football and lacrosse this term, has been ideal for corps parades, and attendances

have been good, but a lot of work will have to be got through between Easter and Whitsuntide.

Since the miniature rifles were re-barrelled at Christmas, much better cards have been returned on the shooting range and, commencing with the month of January, a silver spoon has been awarded to the cadet returning the best card during the month. Corporal L. W. Kershaw won the first spoon after a tie with Lance-Corporal W. G. Jackson. Cadet W. Sweaney was the winner in February.

The arrangements for our annual camp at Grange-over-Sands at Whitsuntide are now practically completed, and every cadet should make a special effort to be present.

The unit will be inspected as usual on Whit Thursday.

The following promotions have been made to date from February 22nd.

Lance-Corporals L. W. Kershaw and C. A. Burnside to be Corporals.

Cadets N. Stoddard, W. G. Jackson, and J. Midgley to be Lance-Corporals.

J. A. BARBER,
Cadet Major,
Officer Commanding.

Pleasant Memories.

How pleasant seem the morning air, the grass, covered with sparkling dew, the sun—yet low on the horizon—shining across the bay, and making the hills and trees all around seem fresh and bright! How delightful it feels to be alive, when, following the sounding notes of the "reveille," the cadets crawl one by one from their tents, and contentedly stroll about, waiting for the "fall in"! A few bleary eyes there are which are soon brightened, as the pleasant chatter and the morning air produce their

effect. Then cocoa and biscuits are taken, and in a few more minutes a hundred cadets are doubling gently along the esplanade, everyone now wide awake and enjoying the morning canter. The sun, by now, is getting hotter, and by the time the parade has returned and everyone is dressed and ready for prayers, followed by breakfast, all begin to feel the first warmth of a summer's day.

Breakfast over, all is hurry and bustle, and everyone is relieved when tent inspection is over; each cadet feels that he has done something to justify his existence for that day at least, but more is to be accomplished yet. Parade follows, and after a short rest—how pleasant and how much appreciated is that few minutes' repose!—there is parade for dinner.

It is after this meal that the cadets really feel contented with life; they lie about in little groups, make their plans for the rest of the day, and some—alas!—regale themselves with mineral waters; others brush their buttons previous to leaving camp for the afternoon, a few read, a few sleep, but one and all are happy: who would miss camp? Here and there is one who lies gazing across the water, where the sun makes thousands of little ripples glitter as though edged with gold.

Soon there is more bustle, and a few drowsy cadets are urged to move their kits, still lying outside the tents in the sun, out of the way of the guard; on the heavy air come the notes of a bugle call, and the sharp commands of the guard sergeant, the tramp of the guard, the voices of the sergeant-major and then of the officer for the day. The guard is mounted, and then a slow but steady stream of cadets moves out of the camp, and visitors are seen strolling about the ground.

Grange is alive with hundreds of gaily-dressed holiday-makers, amongst whom can

be seen a fair sprinkling of khaki-clad figures. The cafés are soon filled, and ices and drinks in demand.

A finer sense of enjoyment have those who take out a boat for a row—or a shower-bath, as the case may be—on the sun-bathed water ; or those who go for a pleasant stroll and an idle chat, along the winding, tree-shaded country roads.

At tea-time many weary but happy cadets toil up the hill to camp again, and after tea the picture theatres—though it is hot, summer weather—are crowded with H.G.S. cadets. Some stay in camp, or make their purchases in minerals for the next twenty-four hours, but always their joyous shouts and merry laughter proclaim their enjoyment of that with which they are occupied.

At last come prayers, and a hymn, swelling out on the evening air, to the accompaniment of the band, and then follows supper. Soon the "first post" calls to the hills around, and then dies away into the still air. Finally comes "last post," at the first note of which every cadet comes to attention before his tent, and the camp then presents a pleasing and impressive picture : the dusk, white tents, perhaps a slight breeze rustling among the trees, the gentle swishing sound of the water on the shore may just be heard, and a hundred uniformed figures can be seen standing mutely listening, as the notes of the "last post," sometimes stirring, but at times infinitely sad, steal out upon the night. There is a short silence, then a simultaneous movement among those khaki figures ; they fall out. A short time of somewhat subdued talking and bustling about, "lights out" is sounded, and then the camp settles down to sleep.

Do we wonder that cadets go to camp again and again ?

R.M.

Football, 1928-9.

First XI.

On account of the frost there has been little football this term, and only four First XI matches have been played.

The season can scarcely be said to have been a successful one. The team has been very inconsistent. At times, however, everyone has played really hard and fought right up to the end, as in the games against Liverpool Institute, away, and M.G.S. at the Cliff. In other matches, in particular against Baines, away, M.G.S. at home, Hulme Hall at home, and Lancashire College away, the play was appalling, and we seemed to have no grit whatever. Possibly the team is temperamental. These things are mentioned here in the hope that next year we may improve.

Anyone who has read the school football notes for some years must be rather tired of the monotonously recurrent wail about "one-footed" boys. The trouble is still with us, and we go on hoping that boys in junior games and practices will try to use both feet.

With regard to individual players there is nothing to add to the notes at the end of last term, except that Clare has played this term in place of Adams who has not been able to take part in games in consequence of absence.

Our record for the year is : Played 12, won 4, lost 8, drawn 0.

REPORTS OF FIRST XI MATCHES.

v. HULME HALL.—Wednesday, January 30th. Home. Lost 1—6. Our play in this

match was a little better than in the previous game against the Hall, but it was still rather feeble, and the forwards did not take advantage of the opportunities they had. Mistakes by our own halves in front of goal gave away two goals.

v. M.G.S.—Saturday, February 9th. Away. Lost 4—6. The ground was very heavy, and accurate footwork was difficult. At one time it looked as if we were going to be heavily defeated, but we rallied and took the score from 1—5 to 4—5. It was only just before time that our opponents added another goal and so settled the issue. There was a marked improvement in the amount of determination shown.

v. LANCASHIRE COLLEGE.—Wednesday, February 27th. Away. Lost 0—7. We gave a very disappointing performance, especially in view of the fact that this was one of our best games last term. The forwards wandered all over the field and no serious resistance was offered to our opponents.

v. LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE.—Saturday, March 2nd. Home. Won 7—2. For the first time this term the ground was in good condition, and the play in consequence faster. We gave a much better exhibition and everybody played harder, so that once having gained the lead we never looked like losing it.

SECOND XI.

Though only three matches were played this term, the results were very encouraging for, after drawing with Heaton Moor College, we beat a clever Manchester Grammar School team by two goals to one, and completed our fixture list by defeating Baines's Grammar School. From three matches one cannot, of course, draw sweeping

conclusions, but one is justified in saying that along certain lines there has been decided improvement in the work of the team; the defence players have been more purposeful in their tackling, and the forwards have shown commendable zeal and dash which, if not always well directed, has, at any rate, had the effect of keeping the opposing defenders on the move. Several members of the team should, with adequate practice, be more than useful players next year.

The team has generally been chosen from the following, S. D. Cleworth, R. R. Farrell, F. Griffiths, J. Fallows, R. C. Jennings, N. B. Wilkinson, L. S. Walsh, E. J. P. Hewitt, R. F. Peacock, F. W. Drummond, F. Thorpe, P. H. Taylor, E. L. Pollock.

The following have also played: A. K. F. Nicol, G. S. Walker.

REPORTS OF MATCHES.

v. HEATON MOOR COLLEGE.—January 30th. Home. Drew 4—4.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 9th. Home. Won 2—1.

v. BAINES'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—March 13th. Home. Won 8—1.

The following "A" team matches have also been played:

v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XI.—January 23rd. Away. Lost 1—3.

v. OLD HULMEIANS 3rd XI.—January 26th. Away. Lost 2—5.

THIRD XI MATCHES.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—December 1st. Away. Lost 3—6.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 9th. Home. Lost 2—8.

v. NORTH MANCHESTER SCHOOL.—March 9th. Home. Lost 1—4.

The following boys have played : E. T. Davies, H. Buckley, R. F. Peacock, L. Hayles, C. W. F. Deakin, D. P. Burke, E. L. Pollock, J. Mark (ii), J. L. Perez, P. H. Taylor, F. Thorpe, K. B. Hilton, P. M. Thomason, E. C. P. Butler, E. Davy, E. J. Flower, A. K. F. Nicol, D. Meachin.

UNDER 14 XI.

This term has been most disappointing for all concerned. As soon as the personnel of the team was definitely established and we began to win matches, the epidemic of colds disorganised the team. Since then most of the matches have been cancelled owing to the state of the ground. Consequently the team has been lacking in that combination and mutual understanding which regular practice alone can give. The excellent spirit in which the team has faced much bigger opponents should not be denied a word of praise.

A normal team would be : T. S. Meehan, J. L. F. Crompton, J. H. Little, H. B. Johnson, W. Dickson, B. C. K. Ballinger, L. R. Morgan, W. Torkington, R. D. Sunderland, G. R. Lamb, G. H. Nicholls.

Also played : T. G. Moore, J. Neale, A. A. Cooper, C. T. Howard, J. R. Howard, R. Innes, D. W. Pursglove, W. J. Littlefair.

The results to date are :

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—December 1st. Home. Lost 2—8.

v. BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—December 5th. Away. Lost 2—5.

v. STYAL HOMES.—December 12th. Home. Won 5—0.

v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—January 23rd. Away. Won 2—0.

v. NORTH MANCHESTER.—January 26th. Home. Drew 3—3.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Fallowfield).—January 30th. Away. Lost 1—11.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 9th. Away. Lost 0—8.

v. STRETFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—March 2nd. Home. Lost 2—7.

Lacrosse, 1928=9.

First team results to March 7th : Played 21, won 14, lost 6, drawn 1, goals for 199, goals against 153.

Nine matches have been played since the last publication of THE HULMEIAN ; five have been won, and four lost. We beat South Manchester " B " and Cheadle Hulme " B " in the Juniors' Challenge Shield, but were ourselves defeated in the semi-final by the Warehousemen and Clerks' School who have a very strong side this season. The only real satisfaction the team can get out of the season's record is the fact that we have won three games and drawn one against the Manchester Grammar School.

The defence is the strongest part of the team, and has had to work heroically in several matches when Merchant has been held, but there is not one really first-class player amongst them. Delsaux in goal has been good and bad in turn, but he has improved and helped us to win the last match against the Grammar School. Drummond lacks experience, but has made great progress, and when he sticks to his own man he is very difficult to pass. Kershaw, Jackson, and Burnside have all greatly improved, and had they had four or five

years' practice before coming on to the first team, would have been magnificent. After practically only one season, they can generally stop their men and are tireless workers, but they are let down by being unable to get the ball away advantageously. Griffiths is perhaps the best of the defence, and has held several clever attacks in a style we expect. Harris at centre has always been up with the game and has held his man, but he is still uncertain with his catching and does not always get the ball away to advantage. He has captained the team well.

The attacks must be the poorest lot that have ever represented the School. With the exception of Merchant, not one of them is certain to catch the ball any time it is sent in his direction, and particularly when it is from a pass from another attack near the opponents' goal. Even Merchant has fallen away a bit in the last few matches, but it is perhaps not surprising, as some of the passes he has been expected to take have not given him much chance.

A. R. Merchant, F. Griffiths, F. W. Drummond, H. Barratt, W. G. Jackson, and F. Delsaux were chosen to play for the Lancashire Schoolboys against Yorkshire Schoolboys on February 23rd, but unfortunately the match had to be postponed. It has been re-arranged for March 16th. The match against Cheshire Schoolboys will be played on March 23rd.

v. WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOL. November 28th. Home. Lost 1—15. Our opponents outplayed us all afternoon, chiefly through playing a more open game. At times our defence play was very weak, and our attacks dropped catches and were much slower on the ball than Warehousemen and Clerks. Delsaux allowed several very simple shots to beat him. Weak play at both ends of the field threw a great deal of work on to the wings and centre. This was quite the worst game we have played.

v. SOUTH MANCHESTER.—Second round of the Lacrosse Shield. December 8th. Home. Won 19—5. We played much better than in the last match. At the opening of the game there was a slight fog, and the captains agreed to play 35 minutes each way; later, however, conditions became ideal. We opened the scoring, and our opponents failed to reply until the second half, when we became a little lax and their play improved.

v. OLD MANCUNIAN.—December 15th. Away. Lost 5—14. The ground was frozen hard and was very rough. Old Mancunians used their greater weight to advantage, and they played first and "A" team players who helped them considerably. Our defence refused to pack tight, and left plenty of openings for our opponents' attacks. Delsaux played a good game in goal. The attack was weak, for which the ground was largely to blame. Old Mancunians played a fast game, employing forcing defence men successfully.

v. WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOL. January 23rd. Away. Lost 7—14. Throughout the first half we played a game much above our usual level, Delsaux in goal being outstanding. At one time we were leading by three goals to one, but by half-time the score was four each. In the second half we fell away, and our opponents, encouraged by the school who ranged along the outskirts of the field, forged ahead. Altogether we made a much better show than on the last occasion when we met this team. Walker took the place of Burnside, who was unable to play.

v. CHEADLE HULME.—Third round of the Shield. January 26th. Away. Won 14—3. Our opponents turned out a quarter of an hour late. We opened the scoring very early in the game. Many goals were scored as a result of forcing from the defence, our attacks opening out and leaving the defence man a clear run through to goal. Delsaux

again played well. The second half was very slow, being spent chiefly in holding off sporadic attacks.

v. OLD STOPFORDIANS "A."—February 2nd. Home. Won 15—5. The standard of play was low, chiefly owing to the sloppy ground and the persistent drizzle. It cannot be said the score is a true indication of the play, as our opponents had quite as much of the game as we had. E. B. Mason took the place of N. B. Wilkinson, and E. C. P. Butler that of G. Ellis, changes which were due to illness.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 6th. Home. Won 9—4. We had a very fast and pleasant game on the frozen ground. Our attack did not show much good combination, but the defence was, as usual, reliable. Throughout the game we held the lead, but were not as superior to our opponents as the score would seem to indicate. Butler took the place of Wilkinson, but played on the wing, and Ellis played at third home.

v. WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOL. Semi-final of the Shield. February 28th. Postponed from February 16th. Home. Lost 5—13. The ground was still frozen hard, but we decided to play rather than postpone the match again. For the first twenty minutes we held our opponents well, then two goals were thrown away through misunderstanding amongst the defence. After that we seemed unable to retrieve our misfortunes. Many of the goals were the result of a defence-man slipping at the critical moment, and our opponents were quick to seize the advantage. Delsaux made some remarkable clearances, but let in some very easy shots. On the attack, Barratt was our only dangerous man, whereas the whole of our opponents' attacks were dangerous.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—March 6th. Away. Won 6—5. The ground was a little softer at last, and the

temperature ideal for lacrosse. For a long time neither side scored, but at half-time we were down 2—4. Merchant was effectually marked, so that the onus of goal-scoring fell upon the feeding end of the attack. After half-time we quickly scored three goals through Butler (2) and Merchant, but the Grammar School equalised at five all. Then followed a long and fatiguing struggle until the third team, who had finished their game, came and cheered us on. Harris scored the winning goal a second or two before the whistle for time. The defence was sound, but the attack was weak in the first half; towards the end of the game, however, they improved.

SECOND XII.

Played 15, won 14, lost 0, drawn 1, goals for 159, goal against 57.

The long frost and the inability of some of our opponents to raise a side have caused a number of our fixtures to be cancelled. As practices have been equally impossible, the team has not shown much improvement.

The defence is sound, with Stoddard the most improved player. He has become very elusive, and his forcing is now generally dangerous. Walsh has been most reliable in goal, and his steadiness has given confidence to the whole defence.

The main weakness is in attack, Passes are dropped with amazing frequency, and are generally given much too slowly. A slow attack is easily crowded, and this helps the defence.

The promotion of Butler to the first has given a chance to Pollock, who should develop into a good wing. At present he is a little stiff, but he works hard and passes quite well.

All the attacks frequently make the mistake of running on to goal, taking their men with them and thus forming a human barricade through which no one can shoot.

March, 1929

Very much more handling practice is required, and boys should go out with their 'crosses on every possible occasion until they have complete control of them.

Team : H. Sambrook (Captain), N. Stoddard, L. S. Walsh, E. B. Mason, L. O. Mosley, F. W. Derbyshire, N. B. Wilkinson, H. G. Walker, G. E. Compson, J. I. Williams, G. A. Cooke, and E. L. Pollock.

Also played : E. C. P. Butler and R. G. Parry.

Date		Ground	Goals For	Goals Ag.
Jan.	14. v. Old Mancunians "C."	Home.	17	6
Feb.	6. v. Manchester G.S.	Away.	7	4
"	23. v. Disley "B."	Home.	15	2
"	6. v. Manchester G.S.	Home.	9	3
Mar.	9. v. Cheetham "B."	Home.	17	4

THIRD and UNDER 15 TEAMS.

The standard of 'crosse-handling on both the Third and Under 15 teams has steadily improved, and with regular and persistent practice should soon reach the traditional standard of the School. Both teams have produced hard-working defences, and one or two brilliant attack players. K. B. Hilton has proved himself invaluable in goal, while R. W. Crouch is the most improved attack player. E. E. Britton is the most hard-working player on either team.

Third XII. The team has usually been : E. E. Britton (Captain), K. B. Hilton, M. Alexander, G. R. Vlies, W. C. Rose, R. Jones, H. V. Wilkes, E. T. Davies, R. H. Pear, J. H. Little, and R. W. Crouch.

J. K. Sheppey, E. Neesom, W. H. Gorton, S. C. Hadfield, B. C. Scammell, and A. D. Leigh, have also played.

Under 15. The team has usually been : B. C. K. Ballinger, J. H. P. Slade, Scammell, A. D. Leigh, H. V. Wilkes, G. R. Vlies, B. D. Norris, H. M. Sunderland, R. H. Pear, J. H. Little, J. Turton, and E. Neesom.

UNDER 15.

December 15th. v. Manchester Grammar School Under 15. Away. Won 9—2.

January 23rd. v. Manchester Grammar School Under 15. Home. Won 7—3.

February 20th. v. Warehousemen and Clerks Under 15. Away. Lost 6—22.

THIRD XI.

February 2nd. v. Stockport Secondary School. Home. Won 11—3.

February 6th. v. Manchester Grammar School Third. Home. Drew 5—5.

March 6th. v. Manchester Grammar School Third. Away. Won 17—2.

House Games.

As a result of the severe weather we have experienced since Christmas it has been impossible to play House Games on more than six half-holidays this term. Four of these have been devoted to football, and the other two to lacrosse. There has been an average attendance of 201.

Gaskell have again won the House Football Shield, for although three matches have still to be played, they cannot possibly be overtaken.

With one match to play Byrom and Whitworth were level, but the game was won by Whitworth, who thus win the Lacrosse Flags.

The points to date are as follows : FOOTBALL : Gaskell 160 ; Whitworth 119 ; Dalton 116 ; Heywood 107 ; Byrom 75 ; Fraser 71.

LACROSSE : Whitworth 50 ; Byrom 40 ; Heywood 30 ; Gaskell 15 ; Fraser 10 ; Dalton 5.

The Hulme Grammar School Games Club.

Statements of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1928.

To Balance, December 31st, 1927—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Invested in Savings Certificates	85	5	0			
Less due to Bank ..	22	5	7			
				62	19	5
Grant from Governors—						
Lent Term	97	5	0			
Midsummer Term ..	95	5	0			
Michaelmas Term ..	97	15	0			
				290	5	0
Donation for Sheep Grazing				3	3	0
Honours Caps replaced..				5	0	
Cash received from Ath- letic Sports Treasurer in liquidation of Loan	3	17	3			
Swimming Sports Medals supplied by Athletic Sports Hon. Treasurer	2	3	6			
				6	0	9
Profit on Swimming Sports				1	8	
Bank Interest, less Com- mission				1	10	

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	£	s.	d.
By Materials for Games	67	5	9
Travelling Expenses of Teams ..	59	13	5
Groundsman's Wages	78	0	0
Horse for Mowing, Cart, Corn, and Harness	40	19	6
Repairs to Mowing Machines..	7	18	0
Oil, Paint, Lime, etc.	12	3	1
Teas to Visiting Teams	9	16	5
Printing and Stationery	6	7	6
General Expenses	1	19	9
Repairs to Sightboards	6	1	9
Stamps and Postages	1	5	0
Balance December 31st, 1928—			
Invested in Savings Certificates	85	5	0
Less due to Bank ..	13	18	6
	71	6	6

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Audited and found correct, February 25th, 1929.
W. M. STONE, A.C.A.

J. A. BARBER,
Hon. Treasurer.