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School Notes and News.

We have much pleasure in welcoming to the School Mr. E. Winter, B.A. (Christ's College, Cambridge), and Mr. P. H. Hirst, B.A. (Trinity College, Cambridge). We congratulate Mr. Winter, who is a distinguished Rugby player, on having four times been selected this term to play for Cumberland in Inter-County Rugby Matches.

We welcome to the School Preparatory Staff Miss E. Viney and Miss W. Ewart.

We say farewell this term to Mr. E. L. Wood, who concludes a long career in the service of this School. Mr. Wood came to us in September, 1920, after some years of varied experience, to join the Mathematics Department. Mr. Wood was for some years closely associated as Treasurer with the running of the Athletic Sports. He will be remembered for his persistent championship of those boys who found it most difficult to reconcile themselves to the exigencies of School discipline and the indomitable

cheerfulness of his disposition. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

We are also losing Mr. A. R. Noble, who is taking up another appointment.

Mr. Jecny and Mr. Morgan are taking a party of thirty-six boys to Melchtal in Switzerland for the Winter Sports during the Christmas holidays.

Manchester Education Committee has made the following awards to members of the School on the results in Higher School Certificate:—

University Scholarship: R. M. Threlfall.
College of Technology Scholarship: J. J. Nesbitt.
Scholarship in Agriculture: F. P. Carson.
B. T. Gibson was awarded a Stockport Major Scholarship.

The Governors have made the following awards to boys attending the School:—

Tenable for One year to: Robert M. Bale, Brian J. Balderson, Brian R. Banton, Keith Carter, Jack Fleming, Howard R. Gooddie, Robin Gordon, Donald Hood, Kenneth Stewart, John G. Wood.

Tenable for Two years to: John M. Beazley, Warwick N. D. Bloor, Oliver F. Carter, Austin W. Crowe, Gordon E. Cusick, Dennis A. Dodge, John H. Ekserdjian, Ernest A. G. Hamilton, David W. Hannaford, Christopher J. Hind, Charles P. Love, Garry Macdonald, Roy S. Mahomed, Derek McWilliam, Ronald A. Phillips, Peter C. Roffey, Gordon A. Royle, Roderick E. Y. Slater, Dennis W. Stone, David E. Thornley, Donald M. H. Wood.

Tenable for Three years: David P. Easton, James K. Glover, Brian E. Reeve.

The following were successful at the Higher School Certificate and School Certificate Examinations, held this year by the Northern Universities' Matriculation Board. Subjects in which distinction was gained are shown in brackets:—

Higher School Certificate: VI. C.M.U.: R. P. M. Bond, R. Carroll, K. Carter (French), G. V. Chivers, M. E. Coops, P. W. Darbyshire, R. W. Douglas, A. C. Douglass, B. T. Gibson (French, Scholarship French), R. Heywood, D. Hood, I. G. M. Kovach, H. Monks, D. Ogden, D. Read, K. Stewart, B. Thomasson. VI. S.U.: B. G. Allen, B. R. Banton, D. W. Booth, F. P. Carson, G. Carter, V. Edkins, J. V. Gosling (Chemistry), J. W. Handford, J. G. King, G. R. Macleod (Physics), J. J. Nesbitt, A. C. Renshaw, D. M. Schlapp (Pure and Applied Mathematics, Physics), R. M. Threlfall, J. G. Wood. VI. Sl.: H. R. Gooddie.

School Certificate: V. A.: D. M. Archer (English Language, English Literature, French, Physics), G. Bagshaw (Mathematics), H. Baker (English Language, English Literature, French, Latin, Mathematics, Physics), W. N. D. Bloor, W. Cartwright (English Language), W. G. Cartwright (English Language, Mathematics), H. Davidson (English Language, English Literature, History, German, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), J. H. Ekserdjian (History, Latin, Mathematics), M. Green (English Language, History, Mathematics, Physics), J. G. Hallows (English Language, English Literature, History), E. A. G. Hamilton (English Language, Latin, Mathematics, Physics), J. Harrison (Mathematics), B. Hawthorne (History, German, French), A. F. Johnson (French, Mathematics), G. B. Lawson (Mathematics), R. S. Mahomed, T. McLeod (Mathematics), D. McWilliam (Mathematics), G. B. Mooney, P. J. Perrin (Mathematics), G. A. Pilling (French, Mathematics), A. J. Ralston (History, French, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), G. A. Royle (Mathematics), A. W. Sedgwick (History), D. Shearman (English Language, History, French, Latin, Mathematics, Physics), R. E. Y. Slater, B. J. Stone (English Language, Mathematics, Physics), D. W. Stone (Mathematics, Physics), P. R. Tailby (Mathematics), N. A. Warhurst (English Language, English Literature, History, Latin, Mathematics, Physics).

V. B.: J. R. Avery, D. A. Boothman (Geography, German), O. F. Carter, W. D. Clayton (History, Geography, Mathematics), D. Clegg (English Language, History, Geography, Mathematics), J. D. Cocker (Geography, General Science), A. W. Crowe, G. E. Cusick (History), D. A. Dodge, J. A. Douglas, J. A. Elwin (English Language, History, Geography, German, French), G. H. Gatley, D. W. Hannaford (Mathematics), D. E. Harrison, C. J. Hind, N. A. Hodgson (English Language, English Literature, History), P. B. Hughes, T. P. B. Kovach (English Literature, History, Geography), G. Lea (German, French), G. Macdonald, G. Macpherson, J. H. McClinton, R. A. Phillips, J. A. Slinger (History), C. S. Smith (History, Geography, Mathematics, Art), C. T. Smith, A. E. Taylor, D. E. Thornley (English Language, History, French), R. J. Tredwell, K. Wallace, D. M. H. Wood (History, Geography), D. Woolfenden (Geography), I. A. Wright.

V. C.: J. M. Beazley, D. H. Briggs, J. Charleson, J. Darlington, P. T. Davenport, R. M. Lings, C. P. Love, P. C. Roffey, P. W. Wilson.

The Prefects this term are R. P. M. Bond (Head Prefect), E. W. B. Ward, D. W. Booth, G. B. Appleby, A. M. Blight, R. D. Boyle, F. P. Carson, A. Godson, D. Read, R. K. Sutton, P. W. Walker.

E. W. B. Ward was elected captain of football and also of lacrosse, and R. P. M. Bond vice-captain.

First XV. Colours for Football have been awarded to E. W. B. Ward, R. P. M. Bond, P. W. Walker, A. Godson, G. B. Todd, R. D. Boyle, G. B. Appleby, A. C. Renshaw, C. A. Smith, J. H. Cairns, B. R. Banton, I. R. Houghton.

Second XV. Colours have been awarded to D. W. Booth, G. B. Lawson, J. Fleming, K. Hoskinson, B. Hawthorne, E. Hill, D. Hood, D. M. H. Wood, A. W. Crowe, J. L. Burton.

Founders' Day Service will be held, as usual, at Manchester Cathedral on Wednesday, January 26th, at 11 a.m., when the Bishop of Manchester will be the preacher.

Calendar for Lent Term:—

The Term will begin on Thursday, January 13th, at nine o'clock.

Mid-term Holiday will be on February 25th, 26th and 28th.

The Lent Term will end on Tuesday, April 12th, at noon.

The Easter Holiday will extend from Tuesday, April 12th, at noon, to Tuesday, April 26th, at nine o'clock.

The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term and for Scholarships and Free Places, etc., for Elementary School boys, will be held on February 12th and March 12th, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

Mr. E. K. Brice.

It is with deep regret that we record the death on November 24th of Mr. E. K. Brice, in his 88th year. His passing removes one of the last links with the early days of the School, as he was one of the original staff of four masters appointed by Dr. Hall in 1887, when the School was opened. Mr. Brice studied and obtained high qualifications at the Birmingham School of Art, and for over a quarter of a century was in charge of the Art work of the School, and many generations of Old Boys have received their early instruction in drawing and painting, and also in the art of writing, at his hands. His own penmanship was a joy to behold. He was most meticulous in his work, which was always highly spoken of by inspectors.

Mr. Brice spent his summer holidays sketching and painting on the Yorkshire coast, and was a frequent exhibitor both in Manchester and Birmingham. It was he who designed the Memorial at the School to those Old Hulmeians who fell in the 1914-1918 war.

For many years Mr. Brice was Hon. Treasurer of the Games Fund, which he administered with great thriftiness and care, and woe betide losers of bats and balls.

Mr. Brice was rather shy and reserved by nature, and few knew him very well, and whilst to some he may have appeared stern and forbidding, to those who enjoyed his friendship he revealed his real kindness of heart and gentleness of manner. He was fond of walking, and nothing pleased him more than a tramp over the hills of Derbyshire with two of his colleagues at the School. On his retirement in 1916, Mr. Brice went to live in the country at Ashton-under-hill near Evesham, and there spent the remaining years of his long life. F. A.

Speech Day, 1948.

This year Speech Day was held on the 26th July, and was attended by the almost traditional warm weather. The addition of flowers to the front of the stage combined with the colourful dresses of the ladies to provide an unusually effective setting. To relieve congestion the speeches were relayed to the Old Hall.

Canon Woolnough, the Chairman of the Governors, making the opening speech, paid tribute to the work of Mr. Trevor Dennis, who for 26 years had been Headmaster of the School. Declaring he had "given his all," he went on to express the good fortune of the School in the appointment of Mr. Bird as his successor.

The Headmaster, presenting the Annual Report, also expressed appreciation of the late Headmaster's work, and said further that he was "a truly great person to whom the School owes its distinctive personality." He also referred to the School's great regret at Mr. McConnell's departure, and wished him joy in his retirement.

Continuing, Mr. Bird thanked not only the staff for their help and co-operation throughout the year, but also praised the work of the Prefects and all the others who had helped to run the School. He began the review of the year's achievements by informing the School that thirty-six had passed H.S.C., and that fifty-nine had been successful in gaining School Certificates. The Headmaster mentioned particularly the five boys who won scholarships on the results of H.S.C., and congratulated Ogden and Gosling, who were awarded University Scholarships during the year. He also enumerated the many honours won by Old Boys in both academic and sporting fields.

Games and the various societies were flourishing, and he mentioned particularly the Lacrosse XII., which had been the strongest for many years.

Then Mr. Bird went on to outline the plans for the future, and hoped the Dining Hall would be ready soon. Informing parents that the new "Express Forms" would complete the normal course in four years instead of five, he assured them that the average boy would not be neglected, and would still "board the main-line train and reach his destination as before." Latin is to become a compulsory subject, and too early specialisation is to be discouraged. Because of the acute shortage of science teachers, fewer boys will be able to specialise on that side.

Finally the Headmaster emphasised the vital part that the J.T.C. plays in the new National Army. Commenting that all the thirty-four candidates for Certificate "A" had passed, he thought that such training was valuable in every sphere of life. Before sitting down to great applause, Mr. Bird forecast a strengthening of the House System.

After presenting the many prizes Sir Frank Brooke paid tribute to what he called "this amazing record of success." He deprecated the modern habit of decrying national institutions, and spoke of his faith in the younger generation. Sir Frank, speaking about juvenile delinquency, stressed that the number of young offenders was infinitesimal compared with those who never came before a police court at all. In the course of his experience he had found that idleness, selfishness and pure swank were the main causes of juvenile crime.

He commended a spirit of unselfish service in every sphere of life, and expressed the opinion that Great Britain, with all its faults, was still the most potent factor for good in the world. Finally, he

stressed that there was nothing effeminate about good manners or culture, and hoped that every member of the School would contribute as much as possible to its corporate life.

The Orchestra entertained the School with a rendering of the "Overture to Oberon," by Weber, and after the proceedings had concluded the many parents, Old Boys and members of the School dispersed to the usual Art and Science Exhibitions, and watched the cricket match against Ellesmere College.

A. B. W.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

SIXTH FORMS :—

THE VLIES MODERN LANGUAGE PRIZE: B. T. Gibson.

THE WILLIAMSON SCIENCE PRIZE: D. M. Schlapp.

THE HEWLETT GEOGRAPHY PRIZE: B. A. Thomas-son.

THE LYMER MATHEMATICS PRIZE: V. Edkins.

THE DORRINGTON LATIN PRIZE: B. T. Gibson.

FIFTH FORMS :—

THE HEWLETT GEOGRAPHY PRIZE: J. A. Elwin.

THE RUPERT HAWLEY MEMORIAL PRIZE: J. A. Elwin.

MIDDLE SCHOOL :—

THE CAIGER FRENCH PRIZE: C. R. Burgess.

THE FORREST WRITING PRIZE: G. Beaumont.

THE ASPINALL RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE PRIZE: A. B. Wilkinson.

THE POWELL SCRIPTURE READING PRIZE: B. T. Gibson.

THE SIR SAMUEL TURNER IMPERIAL HISTORY PRIZE: J. F. Wyatt.

THE WATKINS PRIZE: R. M. Threlfall.

FORM PRIZES.

VI. C.M.U.: 1, B. T. Gibson; 2, K. Carter.

VI. S.U.: 1, D. M. Schlapp; 2, D. R. Macleod.

VI. C.L.: 1, R. D. Boyle; 2, J. G. Oldham.

VI. M.L.: 1, J. F. Wyatt; 2, D. Bate.

VI. S.L.: 1, S. B. Foulds; 2, H. R. Gooddie.

Vths: 1, H. Davidson; 2, N. A. Warhurst; 3, A. J. Ralston and D. Shearman; 5, H. Baker; 6, B. Hawthorne.

IVths: 1, J. M. M. Robinson; 2, D. R. Hankey; 3, E. Willcock; 4, A. C. Day; 5, J. Williamson; 6, W. R. Lee.

IIIrds: 1, J. M. F. Drake; 2, B. Nutt; 3, R. Swindells; 4, A. M. Vessey; 5, D. P. Easton; 6, R. C. Shaw.

IInds: 1, S. B. Boaler; 2, J. R. Hardwick; 3, H. G. Rhodes; 4, J. Hazlehurst; 5, J. T. Littler; 6, J. M. Sutcliffe.

Ists: 1, G. N. Leah; 2, B. S. Norbury; 3, W. Newey; 4, H. V. Penketh; 5, M. S. Ashby; 6, B. H. Blakeley.

Lower I.: 1, G. G. Ellis; 2, B. M. Segal.

Preparatory: 1, J. G. Walmsley; 2, M. M. Kelsall; Special Prize, H. S. Bickerton.

J.T.C. Notes.

The thinning out of the senior part of the contingent, due to the number of boys leaving School last July, has been more than compensated by the intake of over fifty recruits at the junior end this term. During the holidays two platoons, as last year, attended a J.T.C. camp at Chester.

On October 20th a most instructive Field Day was held in Lyme Park, under the direction of our officers, when the subject was "The Platoon in Attack."

Certificate "A" examinations were held on Tuesday, November 23rd, and the next day, when the following were successful :—

Part II.: Cadets A. W. Crowe, J. M. Drinkwater, J. Fleming, E. A. G. Hamilton, D. W. Hannaford, B. Hawthorne, E. Hill, A. W. Sedgwick, R. E. Y. Slater, D. W. Stone.

Part I.: Cadets E. D. Carson, J. M. F. Drake, J. A. Elwin, D. G. Evans, A. G. D. Gunn, K. H. Harper, K. Hoskinson, R. E. Jones, W. R. Lee, L. A. Logue, K. R. McKenzie, A. Nuttall, J. M. M. Robinson, P. E. Reeve, B. Seddon, J. A. Slinger, J. Williamson, D. M. H. Wood.

The usual Post-Certificate "A" activities of Signals and R.E.M.E. have not yet begun, as special classes have been held for instructors in order to try to improve the standard of instruction in the Corps.

The following promotions have been made since the last publication of the Magazine :—

For Camp: Cpl. R. P. M. Bond to be Sergeant, L/Cpl. R. K. Sutton to be Cpl., Cadets S. B. Foulds and J. F. Wyatt to be L/Cpls.

September 14th: Sergt. E. W. B. Ward to be C.S.M.; Cpls. D. W. Booth, F. P. Carson, M. E. Coops, R. K. Sutton, D. L. Swann, P. W. Walker to be Sergeants; L/Cpls. B. R. Banton, G. R. Stephenson to be Sergeants; L/Cpls. K. Carter, J. A. Gilbert, A. Godson, D. Read, C. A. Smith, J. G. Wood, to be Corporals.

November 1st: Cpl. D. Read to be Sergeant; Cadets G. B. Appleby, H. Baker, F. D. Bimister, A. M. Blight, J. L. Burton, G. E. Cusick, R. B. Mahomed, G. J. Oldham, A. J. Ralston, B. Taylor, D. Woolfenden, to be Lance-Corporals.

J.T.C. Camp.

Two platoons once again attended the J.T.C. Camp held at Poulton Airfield, near Chester. The contingent soon settled down and a full and varied programme was carried out. The methods of instruction adopted were similar to those of the preceding year. The time was divided into periods of demonstration, followed, whenever possible, by practice on the part of the Cadets. The demonstrations, without exception, were most realistic and interesting, and this method of instruction obtained good results. Here, mention should be made of the "officer cadets" who were detailed to each platoon. They, at all times, showed great patience and understanding, and their keenness and efficiency were fully appreciated by the Cadets. Perhaps the most interesting exercise was the "night exercise." This was of great interest and value to all who took part, and although one section commander, who shall be nameless, returned to the rendezvous without his section, we eventually were able to return to camp with a full platoon. The "high-light" of the week was reached on Sunday when, after an impressive open-air service, the whole camp took part in a "march past" at which the "salute" was taken by Lt-General Simpson, G.O.C. Western Command. The General later inspected the camp and spoke to several of the Cadets and N.C.O.'s.

The leisure hours of those at camp were amply provided for, and a variety concert and two film shows were fully enjoyed by those who attended them. Transport was also provided to and from Chester. The climax to the week's entertainments came on Sunday afternoon when a "sports meeting" was held, and at least one member of the contingent distinguished himself therein. Unfortunately this year's camp was not as near to the River Dee as that of last year, and the less energetic of us were thus deprived of any swimming. This misfortune was felt more than it might have been owing to the fact that this year's summer took place during the week at camp.

Some indication of the interest that the camp aroused may be gathered from the fact that the week seemed to pass with incredible speed, and on the whole everybody seemed to have enjoyed, what for many, must have been their first experience of anything approaching army life.

The Entertainments.

Up to the time of going to press we have had only one entertainment at four o'clock on Tuesday, noticed below. Another play, due to take place on Tuesday, November 23rd, had to be postponed owing

to fog. We are looking forward to Gordon Daviot's "Richard of Bordeaux," which Mr. Martin is producing for Thursday, December 16th, and the two following nights. Mr. Lowe has Agatha Christie's "Ten Little Niggers" in active preparation for next term. The play will be performed on Thursday, February 17th, and the following Friday and Saturday.

On November 16th 4c presented "Marmaduke," by A. J. Talbot. In the title role B. S. Gribble seemed perfectly at home in the part of a schoolboy making heavy weather of his prep. After his unsympathetic father (J. M. C. Robinson) has refused to take him to the cinema, Marmaduke invokes the aid of the sages of the past. Shakespeare (R. G. Bowden) pours scorn on criticisms of "Julius Caesar," and then, his knowledge of Greek being insufficient, he summons Euclid (K. Deverell) and Euripides (J. G. B. Rhodes) to assist the boy. Euripides conceals his ignorance of the niceties of Greek grammar by refusing to help, in spite of the pleading of a chorus of athletes (G. M. Arrowsmith, R. L. Pitt, D. K. Roles, D. J. Saltmarsh, D. M. S. Suddards, C. G. Swann, P. W. Townley, J. G. Whittingslow, A. D. Wilson and H. D. Hague). The last of the sages is Mr. Todhunter (R. G. Hodgkinson), a Victorian mathematician, who solves Marmaduke's problem with enviable rapidity. He speaks of the opportunities which Marmaduke has, and calls on the sages to inspire the boy with resolution and diligence. The sages then disappear, and the play ends with the return of Marmaduke's father seeking his son's assistance in starting the car, but the boy steadfastly refuses to leave his books.

The costumes were very effective, and the lines were spoken clearly and convincingly. Mr. Jecny produced.

The Library.

Additions to the Library this term have come from various sources, and have added mainly to the strength of the reference section. Mr. C. H. Barber sent a large number of books, including many of the standard works of Prescott, Hallam and Ruskin, a set of the works of Cicero, and a history of painting in the 19th century. S. B. Foulds presented a recent series of the weekly Hansard; from R. W. Douglas, O.H., have come copies of the plays of Sheridan and Ben Jonson, and from W. T. Curtis, O.H., a copy of Lord Acton's Lectures on Modern History. Finally, a few books long on order have come through, the most important being a volume of the Cambridge Medieval History.

The Debating Society.

The Society began the term by the election of officers on September 20th. J. F. Wyatt was re-elected Secretary, and G. J. Chivers and later D. Read, were elected deputy-chairmen.

The first debate, on October 4th, was upon the radical subject: "That the United Nations Organisation fulfils no useful purpose." K. Carter and J. F. Wyatt, the proposers, alleged that the organisation was being misused by Russia and her satellites. The United Nations Organisation, they said, could not fulfil any useful purpose until it had some force to support its will. The opposers, R. Calderwood and B. J. Stone, denied that the Organisation could be with safety abolished. This, they stated, would result in chaos. Illustrations were given of its useful work in war-stricken countries, and they expressed the confidence that Russia would soon fall into line with the other countries. There were few in the House who did not agree that Russia was a menace to world peace. The proposal was defeated by sixteen votes to nine.

On the 11th October we debated: "That the Colour Bar should be established in this country." The proposers, P. W. Walker and G. J. Hallows, based their argument upon the fact that the mixture of a coloured people with a civilised white race weakened them both physically and morally. The coloured races were not mentally equipped to combat the bad points of civilization. Hence complete colour segregation was the only remedy. They were opposed by A. B. Wilkinson and T. P. B. Kovach, who stated that, even omitting the impracticability of segregation, the Colour Bar would be wrong. For, they said, the coloured races, being divorced from a Western ideal, would never grow into civilised communities. The motion was defeated by a majority of seventeen votes.

The next debate, on the 18th October, was: "That Boarding-school Education is inferior to that at a Day-school." The argument of the proposers, J. G. Hallows and G. Osbourn, was that the Boarding-school atmosphere was one of segregation from any social intercourse with the outside world and led to a form of monasticism, which was detrimental to the normal growth of a child and was a very bad influence on its future life. The other point of view was given by K. Carter and T. P. B. Kovach, who argued that the whole purpose of education was achieved in a Boarding-school, for the body and mind were cultivated by a well-planned system. G. J. Schwarz, having had personal experience of boarding-schools, stated that, although independence was gained, there was a low standard of school-work. The motion was carried by nineteen votes to three.

On the 1st November the Society decided that the National Health Service was not superfluous. E. A. G. Hamilton stated that the Service was superfluous because not only was much money wasted, but also the doctors, dentists, hospitals and all medical institutions and professions were being misused under the Scheme. R. Calderwood, supporting the Scheme, said that it was necessary in order to supply the best of science to as many as possible. The Scheme, he said, was free, comprehensive and open to all classes. G. Oldham asked us to cast out all political considerations in deciding upon this question, for, he said, it is a social necessity not a political election cry.

There will be at least two debates before the end of term, one of which will be proposed and opposed by the new members of the Society, the fifth forms. There will also be a Mock Trial, which, if it provides little instruction in legal affairs, should provide much amusement.

J. F. W.

Cricket, 1948.

The 1st XI. played five matches after the last issue of the Magazine had gone to press. Two of these were won and three drawn, so that the final result for the season was: Matches played 14, won 5, lost 1, drawn 8.

10th July, v. CHEADLE ROYAL. Away. Match drawn.

We started very badly on a slow wicket, losing two wickets for no runs, but Smith batted very soundly and received good support from Threlfall. We were all out for 123, leaving them plenty of time to get the runs. They started well, but our fielding was good, and Smith bowled very well indeed. Their rate of scoring dropped, and after we had got rid of E. B. Price they had to struggle for a draw. Scores:—

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, b Henshall	0
J. C. Edwards, c Wooldridge b Price	0
C. S. Smith, not out	52
E. W. B. Ward, b Price	15
R. P. M. Bond, b Eglin	7
G. B. Lawson, c Jackson b Price	5
R. M. Threlfall, b Price	26
A. M. Blight, c Eglin b Bland	4
A. G. Shuttleworth, lbw b Bland	0
D. W. Booth, b Bland	1
N. C. Cuthbert, lbw b Price	2
Extras	11

Total 123

Bowling: Price 5 for 59, Bland 3 for 7.

CHEADLE ROYAL.

F. Jackson, b Smith	22
J. Wooldridge, b Smith	3
H. Henshall, c Lawson b Smith	17
E. B. Price, b Smith	45
D. Eglin, lbw b Smith	0
H. Ellis, b Smith	0
H. Jones, b Smith	2
A. B. Hughes, lbw b Smith	7
F. Hasleham, b Smith	9
L. Jones, not out	1
Extras	13

Total (for 9) 119

N. Bland did not bat.

Bowling: Smith 9 for 34.

14th July, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Away. Won by 7 wickets.

The wicket was very slow after heavy rain, and Birkenhead scored slowly, taking nearly $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours to get 80 runs. Cuthbert bowled well, and the fielding was good. We attacked from the start and made 100 runs in 90 minutes. Ward was particularly severe on their bowling, and his 50 not out, made in less than an hour, included three sixes. Scores:—

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

S. J. West, lbw b Lawson	8
J. C. Vinrace, c Ward b Cuthbert	5
J. P. Fuller, run out	37
D. R. Sowden, run out	12
G. H. E. Denton, c Lawson b Cuthbert	1
J. R. Wilson, c Bond b Smith	2
I. W. Mitchell, c Edwards b Cuthbert	1
S. J. Ashworth, c Godson b Cuthbert	3
C. D. O'Hare, b Smith	0
B. B. Clancy, not out	1
E. J. P. Haygarth, st Edwards b Cuthbert...	0
Extras	10

Total 80

Bowling: Cuthbert 5 for 20, Smith 2 for 11, Lawson 1 for 20.

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, st Sowden b Clancy	14
J. C. Edwards, lbw b Wilson	17
C. S. Smith, c & b Clancy	2
E. W. B. Ward, not out	50
R. P. M. Bond, c Fuller b Wilson	11
G. B. Lawson, not out	3
Extras	3

Total (for 4 wickets) 100

R. M. Threlfall, A. M. Blight, A. G. Shuttleworth, D. W. Booth and N. C. Cuthbert did not bat.

22nd July, v. WHALLEY RANGE. Away. Match drawn.

This was an evening match, and as the short time available was curtailed by rain, there was never much chance of a finish. Whalley Range declared at 131 for 6, made in rather less than $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. We had an hour and a half, and after losing one wicket in an attempt to force the pace, played more steadily. The second wicket fell in the last over at 82. Scores:—

WHALLEY RANGE.

J. P. V. Woollam, c Lawson b Smith	45
E. Withington, st Edwards b Cuthbert	18
W. B. Stansby, c Threlfall b Smith	37
G. Brookes, c & b Godson	4
C. S. Nesbitt, not out	17
B. C. K. Ballinger, b Smith	0
S. Scott, b Godson	0
O. R. Dennis, not out	2
Extras	8

Total (for 6 declared) 131

S. Rowlands, R. N. Shawyer and W. W. Land did not bat.

Bowling: Smith 3 for 30, Godson 2 for 39, Cuthbert 1 for 25.

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, lbw b Land	15
J. C. Edwards, not out	33
C. S. Smith, c Withington b Woollam	23
Extras	11

Total (for 2 wickets) 82

E. W. B. Ward, R. P. M. Bond, G. B. Lawson, R. M. Threlfall, A. M. Blight, A. G. Shuttleworth, D. W. Booth, and N. C. Cuthbert did not bat.

23rd July, v. THE STAFF. Home. Match drawn.

The wicket was slow, and against steady bowling we scored too slowly. We declared at 118 for 5, made in two hours, and left the Staff just over $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to get the runs. Cuthbert and Smith bowled well, but we failed to dislodge the Headmaster, and the game was drawn. Scores:—

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, lbw b Bird	8
J. C. Edwards, lbw b Morley	0
C. S. Smith, not out	46
E. W. B. Ward, c Geary b Whitechurch ..	17
R. P. M. Bond, lbw b Watkins	6
G. B. Lawson, st Geary b Morley	30
R. M. Threlfall, not out	7
Extras	4

Total (for 5 declared) 118

THE STAFF.

Mr. Whitechurch, b Cuthbert	8
Mr. Caldwell, st Edwards b Cuthbert	6
Mr. Morley, b Smith	13
Mr. Bird, not out	19
Mr. Watkins, b Cuthbert	8
Mr. Lowe, c Bond b Cuthbert	0
Mr. Robinson, st Edwards b Cuthbert	0
Mr. Geary, b Cuthbert	2
Mr. Martin, c Lawson b Cuthbert	0
Mr. Morgan, not out	0
Extras	11
Total (for 8 wickets)	67

Mr. Bonnick did not bat.

Bowling : Cuthbert 7 for 25, Smith 1 for 6.

24th July, v. CHESHIRE WAYFARERS. Home. Match drawn.

They made a good start, but we then got on top and had six of their wickets down for 52. Their number 8 then began to hit out, and we allowed them to reach 116 in two hours. We had the same time to bat, but started badly, and though Edwards and Bond pulled the game round, we were short of time. We threw away several wickets in an attempt to get the runs by wild hitting, but would possibly have got them by steadier batting. Scores :—

CHESHIRE WAYFARERS.

P. Birse, st Edwards b Blight	14
M. Ydlibi, b Cuthbert	22
D. Robinson, st Edwards b Blight	2
D. Fraser-Thomson, b Cuthbert	1
K. Livingstone, st Edwards b Cuthbert	0
C. Morley, c Appleby b Blight	15
K. Phythian, c Edwards b Cuthbert	5
A. Hare, not out	40
J. A. Shepherd, b Smith	9
P. R. Thilby, run out	1
D. M. Avelier, lbw b Lawson	4
Extras	3
Total	116

Bowling : Cuthbert 4 for 29, Blight 3 for 23, Lawson 1 for 3, Smith 1 for 22.

SCHOOL.

J. C. Edwards, hit wkt. b Fraser-Thomson	26
G. B. Lawson, c Shepherd b Phythian	5
C. S. Smith, lbw b Phythian	2
E. W. B. Ward, c Ydlibi b Livingstone	3
R. P. M. Bond, c & b Ydlibi	32
R. M. Threlfall, b Livingstone	4
A. M. Blight, c Robinson b Phythian	1
A. G. Shuttleworth, run out	16
N. C. Cuthbert, not out	6
D. W. Booth, b Fraser-Thomson	0
Extras	13
Total (for 9 wickets)	108

G. B. Appleby did not bat.

26th July, v. ELLESMERE COLLEGE. Home. Won by 8 wickets.

Ellesmere were on tour in this district, and we met them on Speech Day. They batted first on a good wicket, but were soon in trouble against the fast and accurate bowling of Smith. We adjourned for lunch and the Speech Day ceremony with the score at 29 for 5, and had the rest out in half an hour afterwards. The bowling was supported by very good fielding; a left-handed catch low down at point by Lawson was specially good.

We lost two wickets cheaply, but Ward was in his most aggressive mood, and the crowd of parents and boys enjoyed some lively hitting. He got his runs in 46 minutes. Scores :—

ELLESMERE COLLEGE.

J. C. Crossman, b Smith	1
T. G. Archer b Smith	3
D. Pritchard, c Lawson b Appleby	4
E. F. Phillips, b Smith	19
R. D. Viney, c Threlfall b Smith	6
F. H. Brown, b Smith	2
P. D. Wilson, b Smith	14
G. D. E. Chaloner, c Cuthbert b Appleby ..	3
D. Roberts, b Smith	0
J. R. C. Roberts, not out	1
R. B. Cole, b Smith	2
Extras	14
Total	69

Bowling : Smith 8 for 21, Appleby 2 for 19.

SCHOOL.

J. C. Edwards, c Phillips b Archer	9
N. C. Cuthbert, c Wilson b Archer	0
C. S. Smith, not out	11
E. W. B. Ward, not out	53
Extras	8
Total (for 2 wickets)	81

R. P. M. Bond, G. B. Lawson, R. M. Threlfall, A. M. Blight, A. G. Shuttleworth, D. W. Booth and G. B. Appleby did not bat.

FIRST ELEVEN AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Inn.	Not out.	H'gst Score.	Total Runs.	Average.
C. S. Smith	14	5	72	304	33.8
E. W. B. Ward	12	2	53*	279	27.9
A. Godson	12	0	70	279	23.3
G. B. Lawson	12	4	30	152	19
R. P. M. Bond	12	0	55	194	16.2
R. M. Threlfall	9	3	26	74	12.3
J. C. Edwards	14	2	33*	118	9.8
A. M. Blight	7	1	25*	47	7.8
A. G. Shuttleworth ..	6	1	16	38	7.6
N. C. Cuthbert	5	2	6*	10	3.3
D. W. Booth	4	0	1	1	.25

J. A. Shepherd played in one match without scoring, and G. B. Appleby played in two matches without batting.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av'ge.
C. S. Smith	163	32	367	46	8.0
N. C. Cuthbert	92	18	221	23	9.6
A. Godson	116	24	283	23	12.3
A. M. Blight	93	18	232	16	14.5
G. B. Lawson	49	11	105	5	21.0
G. B. Appleby	23	6	55	2	27.5
R. P. M. Bond	3	0	4	0	—

2ND XI.

The second XI. was completed by awarding Colours to G. A. Royle, A. W. Lord, and T. D. C. Child.

The final record of the team was played 7, won 3, lost 0, drawn 4.

10th July, v. SALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI. Sale G.S. 77 (Cooper 4 for 11, Tailby 3 for 11). School 30 for 8.

14th July, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL 2ND XI. Birkenhead 44 (Child 2 for 5, Tailby 3 for 9, Appleby 2 for 9). School 45 for 6 (Shepherd 27).

UNDER 15 XI.

The only match played after last term's account had gone to the printer was against Sale Grammar School at Sale. The Sale XI. batted first, and after losing 8 wickets for 24, reached a total of 47. Our first wicket fell at 18, our ninth at 42, but Hopwood and Atkinson managed to take the score to 50 and win the match by one wicket. The record for the season was: won 3 games, lost 3 games, drew 1 game.

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1ST XV.

Saturday, 18th September, v. OLD HULMEIANS. Home. Won 15-6.

This, our first match of the season, was played in good, dry conditions, and a fast hard game ensued. The backs tackled well in defence, but the attack play was poor, and seldom did the ball get more than half way along the three-quarter line. We did, however, score three tries, all of which were converted. Much the same criticism could be applied to our opponents, but here, perhaps, the individualism was more marked, and they managed to cross our line only twice to score tries, which were not converted.

Saturday, 2nd October, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Won 6-3.

With the intention of improving the attack play of the three-quarter line C. A. Smith was brought in at centre. The game was played in similar conditions to the first game, and it was unfortunate that we seldom gained possession of the ball from the scrum, which rather limited our chances of scoring. We scored two tries, neither of which were converted. Our opponents pressed hard, particularly in the last stages of the game, and although they had a marked superiority in the scrum good sound tackling was more than equal to any attempts they made at scoring, and their only score came from a penalty goal.

Saturday, 9th October, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Lost 9-15.

The absence of Todd and Godson left two large gaps in our ranks, and on a hard, fast ground we lacked speed on the few occasions when we were in attack, and we were slow in covering in defence. The forwards were almost completely outplayed both in the set and loose scrums, and the backs showed an almost equally complete lack of initiative when we did obtain the ball. In the first half we were fortunate in scoring by two penalty goals, and in the second half we were very lucky to score a try through Bond, which was not converted.

The opposing half-backs were given much too much freedom, and this, together with poor tackling by the backs, enabled Cheadle Hulme to score three tries, all of which were converted.

Saturday, 16th October, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Home. Won 18-6.

In an attempt to improve the balance of the scrum Hoskinson was brought into the second row and Hannaford as back, and this combination did seem to be more effective than any tried so far.

With a complete team, and after the defeat of the previous week, we produced a standard of football higher than any we have managed to attain before. In the first half we scored only one try, through Renshaw, who played outstandingly throughout. Our opponents had a good three-quarter line, and their tackling in defence was sound. Our defence was almost equally sound and we allowed only one try to be scored against us in the first half. At half time we were equal with 3 points each. After the recommencement some fine, hard play by the forwards, who obtained the ball three times out of every four, resulted in the scoring of three more tries to one more by our opponents, two by Bond and one by Walker, all of which were converted.

Wednesday, 27th October, v. KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Away. Won 13-8.

The main feature of this game was the lack of spirit, particularly among the forwards, and the result was a game in which the ball hardly left the scrum, and when it did it came back so slowly that the backs had no chance of moving. We scored two tries in the first ten minutes of the game, one by Bond and one by Godson, who converted both of them. From then onwards until the final whistle we did not score again, nor did we look like doing so, apart from a penalty goal shortly after the interval. Our opponents took advantage of this general apathy and scored twice.

Saturday, 20th November, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Won 5-3.

A game which would probably have had very different results had it been played in good conditions. The ground made it very heavy going for the three-quarters, and although they had a fair share of the ball from the scrum, and their handling was on the whole sound, only one try was scored, and that was by Walker, who was backing up a three-quarter movement. Our opponents replied by scoring from a forward rush. The try was not converted.

Thursday, 25th November, v. Q.E.G.S., WAKEFIELD. Away. Drawn 14-14.

The game was played in a dense fog with visibility never more than fifty yards, generally about twenty-five yards.

During the first fifteen minutes a heavier Wakefield pack outplayed our forwards and Wakefield scored twice, one try being converted. Ward kicked a penalty goal. In the second half the School forwards had slightly the better of the opposing pack, and two tries were scored by Godson and Booth, the latter resulting from an excellent movement backed up by three forwards. One try was converted. Ward kicked a second penalty goal. Wakefield replied with two unconverted tries, the last being scored in the closing seconds of the game, to draw level.

The team has usually been: E. W. B. Ward, G. B. Appleby, R. P. M. Bond, C. A. Smith, J. Harrison, A. Godson, I. R. Houghton, W. R. Lee, R. D. Boyle, J. H. Cairns, K. Hoskinson, B. R. Banton, G. A. Royle, P. W. Walker, G. B. Todd.

The following have also played: A. C. Renshaw, M. J. Cowburn, J. K. Burton, J. G. Hallows, C. S. Smith, J. Fleming, D. W. Hannaford.

Ward, as captain, has led the side very well and has been well supported by Bond as vice-captain.

2ND XV.

At the time of going to press seven matches have been played, and four more will be played before the end of the season. After a bad start the team as a whole has improved, with the result that four matches have been won, two lost and one drawn. The forwards, although lacking weight for a set scrum, have been very effective in the loose, while the backs have been excellent in attack but unsteady in defence. Lawson, before his injury, was a very sound and resourceful fullback.

RESULTS.

Sept. 18.—v. Old Hulmeians "A"	H	L	0-14
„ 25.—v. Oldham R.U.F.C. Colts			
„ XV.	H	D	3-3
Oct. 2.—v. Manchester Grammar	A	W	25-3
„ 9.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...	A	W	11-0
„ 16.—v. Merchant Taylors' Crosby..	A	L	5-25
„ 27.—v. King Edward VII. School,			
Lytham	A	W	19-6
Nov. 20.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...	H	W	23-0

The team has been: G. B. Lawson, D. W. Booth, J. Fleming, B. Hawthorne, C. S. Smith, E. Hill, M. C. Dickins, D. Hood, J. M. Beazley, W. R. Lee, A. W. Crowe, D. M. H. Wood, Arnold, J. G. Hallows and K. Royle.

The following have also played: M. J. Cowburn, N. C. Cuthbert, J. Harrison, R. I. Hattrick, D. W. Hannaford, K. Hoskinson, G. J. Oldham, P. R. S. Radband, C. A. Smith, S. J. S. Smith.

UNDER 15.

A fast and heavy pack has formed a solid foundation for a very useful side. All five matches played have been won, and the backs are now showing more signs of constructive play than they did at first. On the whole the tackling has been good and the defensive play sound. In the away game with Cheadle Hulme School two of the backs had difficulty with buses and only reached the ground for the last five minutes of the game; that the match was won in spite of this reflects great credit on the thirteen who played the whole time, and on the captaincy of E. D. Carson.

Colours have been awarded to E. D. Carson, F. M. Burton, P. R. Donovan, L. A. Logue, J. D. Hopkinson, W. A. Jackson, A. Potter, I. F. Smith, A. A. Rainford, P. M. Charnley, N. A. Moran, D. G. Robertson, J. R. L. Hall, D. R. Hankey.

The following have also played: A. Nuttall, J. H. Mellor, M. L. Sutcliffe, F. M. Bramwell, G. J. Russon, J. M. N. Robinson, B. E. Reeve.

RESULTS.

Oct.	2.—v. M.G.S.	H	W	6-3
"	9.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	W	50-0
"	16.—v. Merchant Taylors' School...	A	W	18-9
Nov.	10.—v. Denstone College	H	W	21-9
"	20.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	6-3

Lacrosse, 1948-49.

FIRST TEAM.

With eight of last year's successful team available a good season should be possible, but, to achieve this, more combination on the attack will be necessary. We have two of the finest School attacks any School team could wish for, but the other three will have to learn that they are part of the team and must work themselves into advantageous positions and not just look on.

Only two games have been played this term—both against the Manchester Grammar School—and both won.

In the first game, Cuthbert was tried at centre and showed distinct promise. Hawthorne was a success at wing attack, and Banton, although inclined to rush his man and take one hand off his 'crosse in ground tussles, should improve with practice.

In the second game Gilbert was tried at centre, and there ought to be keen competition between Gilbert and Cuthbert for this position on the team. Rainford, who has had experience on the Colts team, started well, but must keep his eye on the ball, when it is being passed to him, if he is going to be a successful first home.

The remainder played with confidence, but must get plenty of handling practice before next term.

E. W. B. Ward ought to have an excellent season as captain. He has made a good start.

RESULTS.

Oct.	6.—v. Manchester G.S.	A	W	22-6
Nov.	17.—v. Manchester G.S.	H	W	11-3

The following have played in the two matches: G. B. Lawson, D. W. Booth, R. P. M. Bond, G. B. Appleby, C. A. Smith, B. R. Banton, N. C. Cuthbert, A. Godson, B. Hawthorne, E. W. B. Ward, J. A. Shepherd, A. E. Marsland, D. M. Archer, J. A. Gilbert, A. A. Rainford.

House Games.

At the beginning of the term Under 13 and Second Ground practice games were introduced for the first time. Their worth has already been proved in raising the standard of play on the School teams, but they have, naturally, greatly weakened many House sides. It has been decided, therefore, that in future the games' shields or flags will be awarded solely on the results of the House Knock-out Competition.

The first round of this term's Knock-outs was played on Saturday, November 13th. In the senior games Dalton beat Whitworth (25-0) and Gaskell beat Fraser (9-5), while in the junior matches Byrom beat Whitworth (38-0) and Heywood beat Gaskell (6-3).

In the House League, at the time of writing, Fraser are leading with 89 points; Gaskell (79), Byrom (68) and Heywood (60) are second, third and fourth respectively. Whitworth have 38 points and Dalton 26.

Byrom seniors are a strong side both in the Knock-outs and in ordinary House games, but the junior side, although enthusiastic, is not without its weaknesses.

Except in Knock-out games, Dalton seniors suffer from having a number of players on School sides. The junior team is keen but has the disadvantage of being on the small side.

Fraser seniors are less strong in Knock-out matches than in ordinary House games. The junior side is a strong combination.

Gaskell seniors are a good side at full strength, and the juniors are almost equally strong.

Heywood seniors are, at their best, a well-balanced team. The juniors are keen, and have shown considerable improvement recently.

Whitworth seniors are probably the weakest House side, but they are not lacking in enthusiasm. The juniors are also not very strong, but they try hard.

We have been fortunate with the weather this term, and so far games have had to be cancelled on only two occasions.

D. R.

The Preparatory School Sports.

The Preparatory School Sports were held on Tuesday, July 13th, 1948. The prizes were presented by Miss Caiger, a former member of the Preparatory School Staff. The results were as follows:—

Chariot Race.—10 years: 1, D. W. Lomas and G. H. Stockdale; 2, N. Pattinson and A. R. Clarke; 3, N. D. Sedgley and G. B. Ward. 9 years: 1, M. H.

Page and J. D. Hague; 2, D. G. Wright and G. F. Taveñor; 3, C. G. McDiarmid and J. W. Fearon. 8 years: 1, T. Craven and A. N. S. Guthrie; 2, R. G. Heaton and G. G. Mitchell; 3, J. M. Lewis and D. G. Potts. 7 years: 1, D. C. Howarth and F. P. Davies; 2, J. P. Bishop and D. B. Cox; 3, N. A. S. Carver and B. N. Hodgson.

Kangaroo Race.—6 years: 1, C. S. Cooper; 2, A. G. Chesworth; 3, D. W. Robinson. 5 years: 1, J. C. Wright; 2, D. Denison; 3, H. J. E. Whitehead.

Sack Race.—10 years: 1, N. D. Sedgley; 2, P. A. McBride; 3, T. M. Gillibrand. 9 years: 1, J. D. Hague; 2, K. W. Calvert; 3, D. W. Hewitt. 8 years: 1, G. G. Mitchell; 2, M. S. Neal; 3, R. G. Heaton. 7 years: 1, D. C. Howarth; 2, F. P. Davies; 3, D. B. Cox. 6 years: 1, C. S. Cooper; 2, M. R. Smith; 3, A. G. Chesworth. 5 years: 1, J. C. Wright; 2, J. S. Roberts; 3, R. L. Cooper.

Obstacle Race.—10 years: 1, G. H. Stockdale; 2, N. Pattinson; 3, H. M. Cummings. 9 years: 1, D. W. Hewitt; 2, D. W. Wilson; 3, J. D. Hague. 8 years: 1, R. G. Heaton; 2, J. M. Lewis; 3, T. Craven. 7 years: 1, D. B. Cox; 2, D. C. Howarth; 3, J. P. Bishop.

Potato Race.—6 years: 1, C. S. Cooper; 2, M. R. Smith; 3, R. M. F. Linford. 5 years: 1, J. C. Wright; 2, J. S. Roberts; 3, H. J. E. Whitehead.

Flat Race.—10 years: 1, G. H. Stockdale; 2, N. D. Sedgley; 3, N. Pattinson. 9 years: 1, J. D. Hague; 2, G. F. Taveñor; 3, D. G. Wright and A. Brooks. 8 years: 1, T. Craven; 2, R. G. Heaton; 3, G. G. Mitchell. 7 years: 1, D. C. Howarth; 2, F. P. Davies; 3, G. D. Isles. 6 years: 1, D. W. Robinson; 2, C. S. Cooper; 3, R. J. P. Bird. 5 years: 1, J. S. Roberts; 2, J. C. Wright; 3, R. L. Cooper.

Visitors' Race (children under five years).—1, Janet Guthrie; 2, Ian Pitt.

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

High Jump.—Over 9: 1, G. M. Hancock; 2, D. W. Lomas; 3, N. D. Sedgley and G. H. Stockdale. Under 9: 1, T. Craven; 2, G. G. Mitchell; 3, J. M. Lewis.

Cups.—"Twelves" (over 9): J. D. Hague and G. H. Stockdale. "Davies" (under 9): D. C. Howarth.

Shield.—Barrie (79 points).

Other teams results as follows: Kingsley 53, Kipling 39, Stevenson 23.

Sunset Observation.

Some time ago I decided to take a series of night photographs of the Badger, an uncommon animal now in this neighbourhood. This involved the gradual building of a "hide" in a suitable place, in a wood near Manchester, from which observations could be made on the animal without its knowledge.

After much preparatory field work a convenient spot was discovered and the hide begun. The building proceeded in stages in order to allow the badger to get used to the new erection. It was completed in a tree with a drop of some fifty feet down a bank into a stream beneath it.

Imitation electric flashlight apparatus was set up, and the whole structure left some weeks before the first "wait" was attempted. During numerous stays in the cramped hide I learned a great deal about the badger (and mosquitos), but I also saw the woodlands at sunset—an experience that I shall not forget.

One June evening I arrived at the wood some two hours before dusk and made my way carefully to the hide, avoiding crossing any of the badger's paths, because my scent could have spoilt everything. On my arrival I replaced the imitation flash reflector with a real one, tested the circuit and entered the hide. Having pinned up the flap of the canvas back, I focussed my camera and placed a flash bulb in the reflector. After calculating the exposure for the photograph I could at last relax—as much as was possible under the conditions—and begin the wait, which lasted all night on this occasion.

Having made all the necessary preparations I now looked out through the peep-holes of the hide and watched the woodland world either prepare for rest or else, in many cases, begin the nightly prowling. The sun was just slipping down behind the horizon and appeared as a bright patch cut and crossed in a living mesh by numerous dark trunks and thousands of twigs. Below me the stream rippled and splashed musically over its stony bed, accompanied by the song of the blackcaps and willow warblers all around in the thick undergrowth. Away to my right a little owl called sharply and excited the metallic "pinking" of the blackbird, the woodland policeman, away to my left. A pair of woodcock flashed past with sharp cries, to vanish amid the trees and the gathering dusk. The owls purred and screamed away to each other from all parts of the wood. Several times a tawny owl gave its familiar hoot from the very tree in which I sat, while the ever-noisy blackbirds kept up an incessant series of warning cries, until finally they were the only birds to be heard.

Rabbits and mice scurried about in the leaves and dry bracken fronds below me, whilst at intervals a light-coloured moth—perhaps a Brimstone—flitted about among the twigs of my tree. At last the owls became silent, except for spasmodic hoots, as they set off in search of unwary creatures in the fields around the wood. I turned to another peep-hole to watch the dark patch of the sett entrance—as Brock's underground home is called.

Suddenly a badger crashed in the undergrowth behind me. I could not turn for I might shake the hide. It shuffled about for some time. Then it began pushing grass and dry bracken for use as

bedding along the established path to its sett. This grass-pushing sound is quite obvious. The animal sneezes and snuffles quite loudly all the time as the dust gets up its nose. However, it went down another sett out of my sight, so after all I did not see it.

By now the sky on the horizon was a faint pink, the branches of the darkening trees that had made the mesh not long before being hardly visible. Quiet and still lay the wood, only disturbed by little rustles and that gave evidence of the activity that was going on that gave evidence of my presence. I stared at the dark patch of the sett, black against the bank and held the flash and camera release in my left hand expectantly. I heard the green plover wail momentarily in the distant fields as I silently brushed a mosquito off my cheek; but the sun had set!

G. D. B.

Episode in a Dream.

Down through the night
Comes the calm flight
Of a nightingale's song:

Sweetly she sings,
Bravely she flings
A rapier into the silence.

The echoes respond,
And shadows beyond
Look blindly, admiringly, on:

Trill after trill
Cuts with its shrill
Searing notes the murk of the night.

Then suddenly still
Comes the valley and hill
And I listen in vain:

For now fled is the hymn,
And in tears the stars swim
While a green moon looks wickedly on

H. B.

Travel by Bus or Regret It.

"Faster than fairies, faster than witches,
Bridges and houses, hedges and ditches;
And charging along like troops in a battle,
All through the meadows, the horses and cattle:
All of the sights of the hill and the plain
Fly as thick as driving rain,
And ever again, in the wink of an eye,
Painted stations whistle by."

The words of Stevenson's well-known poem ran through my mind to the rhythmical accompaniment of the carriage-wheels on the rails. I leaned back in my seat and watched the telegraph wires crossing

and recrossing, broken at regular intervals by poles flashing by the window. In the fields below the cows were grazing peacefully, occasionally one would raise her head to gaze with bleary eyes at the hideous, thundering, smoke-belching monster which disturbed the tranquillity of the countryside. The world was at peace, and I was in that happy state of mind experienced only on Friday evenings, with the week's work done with and to be completely forgotten for two whole days. My contemplations were rudely shattered by the sudden rattling of carriage wheels and the hoot of a whistle as the train slowed down to pull into the next station.

There followed the very audible, but totally incomprehensible shout of the guard proclaiming the name of the station, accompanied by the slamming and re-opening of innumerable doors. I turned sharply as the door of my own carriage was flung open and a harsh, grating female voice cried out, "'Ere Alfie, this one will do," and a dishevelled boy of five was ushered into my compartment by a stout, middle-aged woman carrying a baby. The youth immediately dashed to my window and let it down, planting his foot on mine in the process. The sudden draught of air blew my paper to the other side of the carriage.

I rescued my paper and studied it diligently, but somehow I had the embarrassing feeling that I was being watched. I raised my eyes slowly and they met those of the baby, who thereupon let out a hideous screech and began kicking wildly. His mother succeeded in soothing him eventually, and settling down again, I soon became engrossed in an article entitled "Will Everest ever rest unconquered?" Suddenly I felt a tug on my sleeve, and lo and behold, there was the baby next to me eyeing me intently. I shrank from its malicious gaze and edged a little nearer the window. The author of the aforesaid article would not have been so despondent of the future of British mountaineering had he witnessed the agility of the two-year-old novice, who, having ascended as far as my shoulder now began a minute examination of one of my ears.

Fortunately, just then, his mother became aware of her offspring's absence and plucked him from me as one plucks a leech from the skin.

A rustling of paper attracted my attention. The cause of the sound was the young urchin trying to extract some very sticky toffee from a paper bag which was glued firmly to his trouser pocket. At last, freeing one, he popped it into his mouth.

"Give the gentleman a sweet, Alfie," commanded his mother.

My heart rose into my mouth with horror as the child produced another portion of the beastly mess.

"Oh, no, really, I mustn't take any of your ration," I managed to stutter, now thoroughly shaken.

"Not at all, love," said the woman, "you must have one, dear."

The boy held forth a grubby hand containing the sticky object, which my trembling hand accidentally knocked on to the floor, whence the boy retrieved it covered with a delicate coating of cigarette ash. This he partially removed by rubbing it on his trousers, and then offered it to me again. By now, feeling quite moist about the collar, I seized the proffered delicacy and rammed it into my mouth, and swallowed it in one gulp.

At last the train pulled into the next station, where my fellow travellers departed, much to my relief. Once more things returned to tranquillity and peace. A whistle shrilled, the train jerked forward, and yet again my hopes were shattered as a robust, fur-coated elderly lady, clutching a Pekinese dog, pulled open the door and plunged into my compartment breathing heavily. Flopping, rather than sitting, down on the seat, she smiled at me and remarked, "My goodness that was a near thing."

"Yes, you only just did it," I answered.

"Well, I was in good time," she exclaimed, "but Woofles escaped from me on the station. I searched everywhere for him but simply couldn't find him. Then just as the train started a kind porter brought him to me. Oh, you naughty dog," she scolded him, "you almost made me miss the train."

Woofles, however, ignored the rebuke. He sat there on the seat, his large, golden-coloured ears drooping from his head, his small, vicious, beady eyes firmly transfixed on my foot. This became decidedly embarrassing after a time, and so I uncrossed my legs. The movement broke the hypnotic spell and Woofles, with a fierce snarl, leaped on to the floor and sank his teeth firmly into my trousers.

"Ah, he's so playful," exclaimed his mistress, "but he's such a dear."

After some minutes Woofles decided that my turn-ups were very poor amusement and transferred his attention to my shoe laces. Suddenly I observed the lady to be looking out of the window. My chance had come. I seized it with both hands, or rather feet, and the next moment Woofles was back by his mistress yelping piteously.

"Oh dear, I think I accidentally trod on his paw," I said, innocently.

The lady eyed me suspiciously and stroked Woofles' supposed injured member.

"Oh, you poor dear," she said, coddling the whimpering creature whose "playfulness" seemed to have disappeared with a vengeance.

The next station saw the departure of my unpleasant companions and left me in a very disgruntled state of mind to enjoy the solitude of the short journey to Hubbaton, my destination. I took my case from the luggage rack, and placing it on the seat, felt in my trouser pocket for my ticket. It was not there. "Bother it," I muttered and searched my other pockets for the missing ticket. Then, on the

floor, beneath the opposite seat, I espied a small, white lump. I pounced on it. It was my ticket, once. Now it was a pulpy mass of chewed up cardboard, totally illegible.

Woofles had had his revenge.

A. M. B.

Winter Scene.

The wind raps the flapping scarf against the head, it is bitterly cold: the sun fades suddenly, and the biting rain drives down against the moor. The moor itself is dead and brown, and with the broken and twisted trees on the skyline, and the deep, black ditches on either side of the wet clay path, it reminds one of the Battle of the Somme. We toil round the shoulder of the moor, and come into sight of the mountain curtain that surrounds the peak of Kinder Scout.

When there is no sun the mountains are sombre, brown, and black against the sky. Countless flooding watercourses wrinkle the face of the hills; the sun paints deep purple shadows in the clefts where they run. But the sun goes in suddenly, and the hill is dark again in the wind and the rain.

Yet somehow the mountains seem joyous and unafraid; winter, you feel, is their season: it is the masculine season, and the hills are masculine in their strength. In winter there are no half-naked walkers lying on their slopes, warmed by the sun, only two shivering trespassers on the mountain king's domain, huddled in leather for protection against the cold. Over on the right, where I remember lying in May between South Head and Famine Mountain, the sky now appears dark and ominous. What was a warm and pleasant hillside, with long grass just stirring in the wind, is now very probably a wind-swept sheet of wet and sodden turf.

I feel that this is how the mountains should be, and that all through the soft summer they were waiting for this. Dead and brown is the bracken now, when the thin sun shines on it; brown and thin are the few clumps of deciduous trees. The pool halfway up the rushing stream that feeds the reservoir below, the pool whose crystal beauty was in May so difficult to recapture in that watercolour painting, is now a turbulent whirl of water surrounded by banks of brown mud. The clay faces that we modelled in May and hid in a small tiny cave under a slab of rock are the only survivors of the summer. But they are brown and old, too, like the bracken, though they are still there, the memory of the dead season. Those little clay figures must be sheltered from the weather: not so the mountains. The mountains remain, immovable and Satanic, unaffected by the storm. The wind that blows back the falling river Kinder, until it appears to be climbing the precipice instead of tumbling down it in a waterfall, is powerless against the rock. The mountains will remain

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despite the wind, the rain, and the mist, and when the snow disappears from them in the spring, they will feel again the warmth of the sun; and what man can be sure of that? They do not defy the strength of winter, they open themselves to it, and enjoy it. The clouds above them should be black, it suits them: for winter is their proper season.

J. G. H.

The Good Companion.

The gods must have looked down upon me kindly the other day, for while I was sitting on a bench in the park round the corner I was allowed to witness an extremely amusing scene.

A very high wind was blowing, and just as a rather plump little gentleman drew up to my seat his umbrella blew inside out. Muttering curses, he struggled with it for several minutes, but only succeeded in tearing it the more, so, very red in the face and perspiring freely, he threw the wretched thing away.

The umbrella, or what was left of it, happened, by chance, to fall at my feet. It was in a very sorry state. It is amazing how that smug, self-satisfied look of a normal umbrella changes to one of abject misery or extreme ridiculousness after it has had the misfortune to be blown inside out.

It is not very hard to understand why the umbrella has outmoded the malacca cane. (Even the most rabid supporter of the stick must admit it.) The umbrella, like most unique inventions, incorporates several virtues of its progenitor, the cane, with its own many new ones. It has a sharp point. It is a useful weapon for assaulting one's enemies. (This is where the sharp point comes in), and it has a round handle.

A round handle is the most useful part of an umbrella. Whenever one is overcome by the idea that all men are equal and the goodness of God's earth belongs to everybody, one can pull an apple off someone else's tree with the curved handle. No doubt Eve could have brought about the downfall of man far quicker and easier if Adam had lent her an umbrella.

It is to Eve's descendants that the umbrella owes its popularity today. What lady can deny that to flaunt an umbrella emphasizes one's grace of movement? It also provides an additional encumbrance to thrust with gloves and scarf into her male escort's protesting hands whenever hair or hat need provocative adjustment. Besides, an umbrella dyed in bright colours to match hat or coat can be such an effective accessory to the ensemble, and incidentally can be used in emergency to save the said articles from the complete ruination a heavy shower can bring.

As for myself, I have never experienced a pleasanter situation than being out in a heavy shower with an umbrella. From over my head comes the heavy pitter-patter of the rain drops and all around are the tiny eruptions as each new blob of rain hits the hard pavement. All around is wetness and the peril and unpleasantness wetness brings, but under an umbrella one is warm and dry, protected by that thin shield. But I am confident in my umbrella. It is my buckler and my refuge in even the worst of storms.

Whenever I think of umbrellas I cannot help recalling a joke I once read. It was made during the Boer War by the Commander of the British Forces. At that stage the British artillery had been very much disturbed by lightning Boer raids, led by the guerilla leader, De Wet. The British Commander told his colleagues that the British artillery would have to be issued with umbrellas.

"Why, sir?" asked an aide.

"To keep de Wet off our guns, of course," replied the general with a twinkle in his eye. W. R. L.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News.

It is with regret that we learnt of the passing of three distinguished Old Hulmeians, Mr. C. G. Dehn, Professor D. Knoop and Mr. H. Hinson. Mr. C. G. Dehn's eminent services to the Old Hulmeians Association are recorded in the Secretary's report. Professor D. Knoop, after leaving School, attended Owen's College. Thereafter he travelled in Canada and United States, returning to England to become Assistant Lecturer in Economics at Manchester University. From there he went to Sheffield University, first as Lecturer in 1910 and finally as full professor in 1920, which position he held till his retirement last year. The School was represented at his funeral by the Rev. D. F. Newns, Chaplain to the Royal Sheffield Infirmary, who was at the School from 1918-1923. Mr. H. Hinson, L.D.S., will long be remembered as a staunch member of the Association.

It was with no less regret that we learnt of the death of K. G. Norris and Y. Valentine before they reached the full flower of their manhood.

A. R. Rodgers had the distinction of leading at a debate of the Cambridge Union Society.

W. A. B. Ellis has been elected an Associate Member of the Institute of Electrical Engineers.

D. F. E. Ginever was selected to play for the Middlesex County Lacrosse Team against Oxford University.

E. P. Cosslett has played on the Lancashire County Rugby XV. against Northumberland and against Yorkshire.

BIRTHS.

CHARNOCK.—On July 20th, 1948, to Isobel and Oscar J. Charnock, a daughter.

ALLMAN.—On August 7th, to Dorothea and William Allman, a son.

MAYERS.—On August 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Mayers, a son.

BUCKLEY.—On September 11th, to Margaret June, wife of Norman H. Buckley, a son.

FLINN.—On September 16th, to Jean, wife of Peter Telford Flinn, a son.

BATTERSBY.—On September 20th, to Eve and Dr. John S. Battersby, a son.

TUNSTALL.—On October 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Tunstall, a son.

DENT.—On October 29th, to Bessie, wife of William H. Dent, a son.

EMERY.—On October 31st, to Jean and Jack Tuke Emery, a daughter.

STARK.—On November 10th to Barbara, wife of Geoffrey W. E. Stark, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

RATLIFF—HARRISON.—On August 10th, 1948, Lieut. (Acting Major) ANTHONY H. C. RATLIFF, R.A.M.C., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ratliff, to JEAN, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harrison.

LOEBELL—ROBERTSON.—On September 8th, JAMES B., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Loebell, to MARY CONSTANCE, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Robertson.

SHOULTS—BIRKIN.—On September 25th, CHARLES MARTIN, only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Shoults, to MARGARET JOAN, only daughter of Mrs. M. Birkin.

BRUCKSHAW—WILLIAMS.—On October 1st, BEN, younger son of Mr. H. W. and the late Mrs. Bruckshaw, to MARGARET MARY, youngest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. H. Williams.

LIGGETT—EGERTON.—On October 21st, WALTER, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Liggett, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, to DORIS, widow of James E. Egerton, of Penmaenmawr.

NUTTALL—JONES.—On November 17th, PHILIP ANTHONY, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Nuttall, to MARGARET IRENE, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Jones.

DEATHS.

DEHN.—On Monday, October 4th, 1948, CURT GUSTAV DEHN, aged 65 years, senior partner of Dehn and Lauderdale, solicitors.

KNOOP.—On October 21st, DOUGLAS KNOOP, M.A., aged 65 years, Emeritus Professor of the University of Sheffield.

NORRIS.—On October 29th, KENNETH GEORGE NORRIS, aged 30 years.

HINSON.—On November 10th, HAROLD HINSON, L.D.S., aged 66 years.

VALENTINE.—On November 13th, YNYR VALENTINE, in his 20th year.

BRICE.—On Wednesday, November 24th, E. K. BRICE, the first Assistant Master to be appointed to the School Staff, aged 87 years.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The Twenty-ninth Annual General Meeting, held at School on October 6th, 1948, was attended by 126 members. During the meeting the portrait of Mr. Trevor Dennis, M.A., painted by Mr. Bernard Hailstone, was presented by the President, Mr. David Cardwell, on behalf of the Association to the Governors of the School. Mr. G. N. E. Gilliat formally accepted the portrait for the Governors, and Mr. Trevor Dennis also spoke for a few minutes in his own inimitable style. The portrait has been installed in the Main Hall in a most effective and suitable manner by Mr. Walter Thorpe without any cost to the Association, and our best thanks are due to this eminent Old Boy for his generosity and never-failing support.

Only 65 members attended the Annual Reunion at the Piccadilly Hotel on November 12th, 1948, but in spite of this disappointing number the function can be said to have been a success. Many old acquaintances were renewed.

Some progress has been made in connection with the War Memorial, and it is hoped to match the 1914-18 plaque exactly. The War Memorial Fund has been officially closed, but the Treasurer, Mr. S. Whittingham, 63, Cecil Avenue, Sale, Cheshire, is still in a position to accept donations from Old Boys, who so far have overlooked this worthy cause, provided they are sent in immediately.

The Dramatic Section has at last shown signs of life, and gave an Evening Entertainment at School on October 7th, 1948. An unexpectedly large audience lead one to assume that a production in the near future and up to the pre-war standard would be much appreciated.

The General Committee continues to give serious thought to the problem of boys who go straight into H.M. Forces on leaving School. These boys will be most welcome at any Association function which may coincide with their leave, and it is hoped that they will take an active part in the Association and its Sections on their release from service.

The question of additional activities within the Association is under continual review by a special sub-committee under the chairmanship of Mr. D. L. Griffiths, and Old Boys who have any suggestions to make should communicate with either of the Joint Secretaries. An Old Boys' Tennis Tournament, to be held next summer, will be a new feature.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. C. G. Dehn. President in 1938-39, he was one of our staunchest supporters. The Chain of Office worn by the President at official functions was presented to the Association by Mr. C. G. Dehn, and the Loving Cup, which "passed round" at the dinners of "The Association of Old Hulmeians in London," was also a gift from him. This latter Association owes its revival in 1931, after being dormant from the 1914-18 war, to Mr. C. G. Dehn, and those of us whose privilege it was to attend meetings under his chairmanship will remember how properly such meetings were conducted. Mr. C. G. Dehn's after-dinner speeches were always a delight, and when his brother, F. E., was also speaking at the same function one could be sure of rich entertainment. They will both be sadly missed.

The Annual Dance will be held at Longford Hall on February 4th, 1949, and the Annual Dinner at the Grand Hotel on March 11th, 1949. The Lacrosse Section is celebrating its Jubilee at the Piccadilly Hotel on April 1st, 1949.

E. B.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The visit, during the summer, of the New York, U.S.A., Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's lacrosse team was of particular interest to the Old Boys' Club. Three of our members, N. R. Coe, A. L. Dennis, and J. Buckland, were selected for Lancashire's side, which lost to the visitors by 11-5 on the Manchester Rugby ground, Kersal. The same players were picked for the North's match against the United States side at Belle Vue, and were also included in the All-England side which drew 5-5 with Rensselaer's team in a demonstration game on Wembley Stadium during the Olympic Games. In this game Dennis was the outstanding player of the match. His defence play, particularly his finely judged interceptions, was first class, and his goal, the fifth, following a spectacular forcing run, appeared to be the winning effort. The visitors equalised just before time.

This season, as far as it has gone, has brought considerable success to all our teams. The first team has completed half its league programme without defeat, and heads the first division. The only point lost was in a drawn game against Mellor, whom we next meet in the Senior Flags second round. B. C. K. Ballinger's return to the club has

been invaluable. His goalkeeping has been excellent. An injury has so far kept R. J. Young out of the side, but his place on defence has been capably filled by D. M. Arrandale. Our veteran, N. R. Coe, retains his form in a remarkable manner. We have a wealth of attack talent available, and the committee has not yet reached a final decision as to the strongest combination. A. V. Tune has been promoted and has made considerable progress but still lacks experience. R. Mark has also established his claim as a first choice.

The unbeaten "A" team has so far been very much superior to any of its opponents, and in eight games has scored 123 goals against 23. The side has been without G. Storry, through illness, and A. Jones has fallen back to the defence. G. Price, now in the Services, has also been lost to the team for the time being, but has been replaced by M. Hazell, now demobilised, who, after a long absence, is rapidly regaining his old form. F. M. McClinton, after a little more experience, is obviously destined for promotion. G. C. Martin is the most improved attack player, and is rapidly learning the true functions of a first home.

The "B" team continue to show a fine spirit, due in no small part to the work of C. Nesbitt and E. S. Thelwall. Unfortunately, we can only welcome two new members from School this year, R. Heywood and A. G. Pheasey, both of whom are valuable members of the side. M. W. Barber, attack, and D. A. Kinghan, defence, are the two first choices as reserves for the "A" team.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

Oct.	2.—v. Manchester University	A	W 19-4
"	9.—v. Stockport Sunday School	H	W 8-5
"	16.—v. Old Waconians	A	W 5-4
"	23.—v. Mellor	H	D 5-5
"	30.—v. Ashton	A	W 8-6
Nov.	6.—v. South M/c. & Wythenshawe	H	W 18-6
"	13.—v. Old Mancunians	H	W 8-5
"	20.—v. Boardman and Eccles	A	W 10-6

"A" TEAM.

Oct.	2.—v. Manchester University	"A" H	W 14-6
"	9.—v. Manchester G.S.	A	W 13-1
"	16.—v. Old Waconians	"A" H	W 13-3
"	23.—v. Mellor	"A" A	W 17-4
"	30.—v. Ashton	"A" H	W 23-1
Nov.	6.—v. Manchester G.S.	"A" H	W 13-3
"	13.—v. Old Mancunians	"A" A	W 11-4
"	20.—v. Boardman & Eccles	"A" H	W 21-1

"B" TEAM.

Oct.	2.—v. Cheadle "A"	H	L	15-6
	9.—v. Stockport S.S. "A"	A	W	11-1
	16.—v. Oldham & Werneth "A"	A	W	13-1
	23.—v. Rochdale "A"	H	W	25-1
	30.—v. Heaton M. Guild "A"	A	W	8-5
Nov.	6.—v. Cheadle Hulme "A"	A	W	7-5
	13.—v. Disley "A"	A	W	17-3
	20.—v. Ashton "B"	H	W	8-0

Old Hulmeians Football.

Since the end of the last season the incidence of events relevant to the Rugby Club has been such as to present a problem of selection for these notes. Pre-eminent, however, is our success in securing a new ground at Brantingham Road. This ground, which now appears likely to remain our home for at least a period of years, could scarcely be bettered for our purpose. Compact, and about $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres in area, it affords space for two pitches, with a substantial margin. It also contains a disused asphalt tennis court which has provided an excellent foundation for the building of dressing accommodation. As the ground is not yet secured by long lease or by purchase the O.H.A. Committee did not feel able to invest heavily in building, and a second-hand Nissen hut was bought to serve as temporary dressing rooms. Erecting it, a few members rendered the Club very great service. In principle—and in new condition—Nissen huts are doubtless easy to erect; old ones in dirty weather, are quite unspeakably difficult. F. Bradshaw, J. Goudie, and J. G. K. Hughes were the particular heroes of this operation.

A great deal of work has also been done, and is still in progress, on the further equipping of the hut, and the preparation of the pitches, in an endeavour to realise fully what is potentially the best home that the Club has had.

There has been also a pleasing influx of new members, both from School and H.M. Forces. Despite some mitigation of this by service and university calls, playing membership has risen sufficiently to permit the fielding of an extra "A" XV. Only an initial difficulty in finding opponents has prevented this team having a full programme up to date, and this has now been largely overcome. We look forward to the team establishing itself and becoming worthy representatives of the Club. B. A. L. Ling has undertaken the captaincy of the side, which is a young one, and has yet to settle down.

Of the performances of the 1st and "A" XV.'s it can be said that there has been a real improvement, but that a great deal of progress remains to be made. The 1st XV. suffers from a lack of vigour forward, and poor handling amongst the backs, but the whole team lacks appreciation of the technique of the game. The forwards, in particular, have no conception of play as a pack, and this ignorance is exceeded only

by the amity of their approach. A good deal is owed to the consistent ability of Harrison at full-back. Inability to maintain a regular half-back combination, and the frequent absences of Hughes and Bullivant have been severe handicaps. The "A" XV. started very well, but has rather tailed away. It has played with great enthusiasm, however, and is potentially a good side, though it has the same faults in greater or lesser degree. Like the "Extra A" it has been unfortunate in having a number of fixtures unexpectedly scratched.

A good start to the season was made, socially, by a Hot-Pot Supper at the Wellington Hotel, Didsbury, on Friday, 20th August. This was well attended and apparently greatly enjoyed; heart-warming predictions about the coming season filled the air as thickly as did qualifications of them at a repetition of the function at the same hotel on Friday, 22nd October. A good time was had by all on both these occasions, and on the second of them we were delighted to have the President of the Association present.

A Club Dance will be held at the Fallowfield Hotel on Tuesday, 11th January, 1949, and tickets, at 3/6 each, are available now from all Committee members.

Members, and intending members, are asked to note that B. A. L. Ling has taken over from P. Harrison as Team Secretary. His address is: 234, Stretford Road, Urmston (URM 2754).

FIXTURE LIST FOR SEASON 1948-1949.

1st XV.

Sept.	4.—v. Old Aldwinians	H	L	3-34
	11.—v. Oldham "A"	A	L	3-11
	18.—v. W.H. Grammar School	A	L	6-16
	25.—v. Heaton Moor "A"	A	W	12-0
Oct.	2.—v. Ashtonians	A	L	3-19
	9.—v. Prestwich "A"	H	W	40-0
	16.—v. Broughton Park "A"	A	L	0-22
	23.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey	A	L	5-18
	30.—v. Macclesfield	A	L	3-19
Nov.	6.—v. R.A.P.C.	H	W	16-5
	20.—v. Toc H (Manchester)	H	L	11-12

"A" XV.

Sept.	4.—v. Old Aldwinians	H	L	0-3
	11.—v. Oldham Extra "A"	H	D	14-14
	18.—v. W.H.G.S. 2nd	A	W	14-0
	25.—v. Heaton Moor "B"	H	L	3-9
Oct.	2.—v. Ashtonians "A"	H	W	17-5
	16.—v. Broughton Park Ex. "A"	H	L	5-27
	23.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey	H	D	0-0
Nov.	6.—v. Didsbury "A"	H	W	

EXTRA "A" XV.

Oct.	9.—v. Eccles "B"	A	L	11-33
	16.—v. Broughton Park "B"	A	L	5-33
	30.—v. Old Rochdallians "B"	H	L	6-18
Nov.	13.—v. Didsbury "B"	H	W	

Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

The tragic death of Dr. W. T. S. Stallybrass, the Vice-Chancellor, and the Principal of Brasenose, came as a great shock to the University during the term, especially to Old Hulmeians at B.N.C., for we had learnt to appreciate his great interest in anybody from School. The funeral took place on Monday, the 1st November, and the School was represented by S. S. Wilson, who, as a B.N.C. Lecturer, probably knew the late Vice-Chancellor better than any other Old Boy up here at the moment.

At the end of last term Professor Seddon left Oxford to take up his new appointment in London. It is very encouraging to be able to report that there are thirteen Old Boys up here this term; this must be the largest representation we have ever had. We hear that several boys will be coming up from School to take Scholarship examinations in the near future, and look forward to a further increase in our numbers.

No less than ten of the total number are at Brasenose. We gather that S. S. Wilson was almost prevented from returning in time for the beginning of the term by an obstreperous Channel gale. J. Willis and L. Robertson are seen about the place occasionally, so must still be working up here. F. J. Whelan rowed for the College in the Long Distance Races in the last week of term, and is now living in luxurious apartments with all "mod. con." in the New Quad. F. G. Higgins has made a reasonably unsuccessful attempt to combine the duties of Secretary of the Boat Club with the panic of working for Schools. A. G. Smith has become an Assistant Secretary of the Oxford Philhellenic Society, which entitled him to taste Greek wines with the Turkish Ambassador recently.

G. Wilkinson has returned from the Navy to continue his residence up here, and is reading Physics. He played in goal for the "Iroquois" lacrosse team in their game against the Cambridge "Eagles"—and Oxford won 7-2. F. A. Stone has returned from the Army to take up his Hulme Scholarship and is reading Law. He seems to be working very hard already, but we feel that his politics may be questionable. J. W. N. Glover, another Naval ex-service man, was here also during the war on a short course, and is now reading History. His sporting activities seem to be limited to those of the indoor variety. D. Ogden has come up from School to take up the Hulme Scholarship he won last year, and is reading History. He disposes of some of his youthful enthusiasm each week by blowing into a large brass instrument with the O.U.M.C. & U.M.B. (!)

Stone and Ogden took up rowing at the beginning of the term, and have made splendid progress. They rowed together in the B.N.C. Novices' 1st IV.,

which, with the B.N.C. 2nd IV., were the two outstanding crews on the river in the inter-College Races—and both have been invited to come up before the beginning of next term to train for the first torpid crew. Incidentally, Wilkinson coxed the IV., and so now we have a very capable Old Hulmeians IV. here.

J. F. Mair is still persevering with History at St. Peter's Hall; but W. J. Duerden (New College) has just taken his History Finals, and will be reading for a B.Litt next term. P. W. Watkins has come up to Lincoln to read Law and has taken up fencing. He was another Philhellenic wine-taster.

We were very pleased to see Lieut. P. J. Crosford, R.A.M.C., for a few days, when he stayed in Brasenose; and Lieut. J. B. Roberts wanders in occasionally from his nearby R.A.F. camp.

The last week of term has seen some visits to and from Cambridge. Wilkinson and Stone went over there for the lacrosse game, and J. O. Spalding (Jesus College, Cambridge) rowed on the Isis against Jesus, Oxford, and talked rowing in the Brasenose beer cellar later.

We look forward to seeing any Old Hulmeians who may be in or near Oxford at any time—and will be very pleased to meet them. F. G. H.

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge.

Although the term seems to be ending in thick fog and amidst the smoke screens of the various political parties as the terminal elections are in full swing, it has been a really bright term for Hulmeians, and we have been especially glad to be joined by three "new" Old Boys, John Gosling, Graham Macleod and Derek Bowett.

Derek Bowett (Downing) has returned full of the assurance of the Senior Service, and is playing a very fine game on the attack of the Varsity lacrosse team. He meets his fellow Hulmeians in varied places, sometimes in the nebulous realms of international law, sometimes in the more heated atmosphere of the union debating hall, or sometimes even at the friendliest of "at homes," the Tory teas on a Sunday afternoon.

No longer need we quote the famous line of the Cambridge poet in "Alma Mater": "Displaiused is Caius with what he Saius." All is now well, and at last a Hulmeian can daily walk through the Gate of Honour and call it his own. John Gosling (Gonville and Caius) is reading Medicine, and when there is time plays rugger, in a very friendly manner, for his College. We all hope that he will soon come out from the seclusion of the Court, and that in the future we shall see more of him.

Steadily of growing renown in the boating world is John Spalding (Jesus), who has now reached the high honour of being a member of his college's second boat. When not reading Law he is one of Cambridge's most resplendent figures—in a white boat-club blazer trimmed with the well-known black and red ribbon and a truly magnificent bow tie to match. It is also rumoured that he goes round his friends' rooms collecting tankards—where and when he uses them we have yet to learn.

Lacrosse, as always, has been taking up a goodly number of hours for most of us. The days of the struggling club are over, and there is keen competition for places on both the 'Varsity Eagles and county teams, and the old pre-war custom of an inter-College 'crosse league has been revived. Derek Bowett, John Chilton, Philip Slade and Arthur Rodgers have, apart from 'Varsity games, been playing for the county, and all shared in the fruits of victory after defeating the Old Mancunians.

Philip Slade (Westcott House) has been a pillar of strength to the Eagles team when not "being allowed" to play for the 'Varsity team—because of his associations with "the other place." He has also gained fame as "Gardener in Chief," and may be highly recommended as an authority on roses, rambling and otherwise, and one who is certainly "in the know" regarding "fertilising" (a much kinder word that is normally used by his fellow Old Boys, especially those who saw the results in a "Varsity" photograph!).

We have seen rather less than usual of Gordon Hall (Fitzwilliam House) this term, and it is believed that he is still reporting, still following the legal profession and still playing rugger for his College. He has been seen in the union, and on all occasions we are glad to report that he is still voting on the "right" side.

This year John Chilton (Clare) has deserted the 'Varsity lacrosse goalmouth and now prefers to defend from rather further afield. As always he is one of the most cheerful of the club's members and is supplying us all with very good teas (for which he has a licence!) Though not rowing this term he is waiting for yet another victory over the Old Mancunians in a "four," or better still, against a crew from the other place. He is still working hard in his spare time!

We are sorry to report that Graham Macleod (Christ's) has been unable to join in the northern sport because of a "sick" hand. We hope all will be well for the Lent Term, and hope to see more of him. At present he is probably working harder than any of his fellow Hulmeians up here, and it is hoped he will reap his reward in the Easter Term.

Arthur Rodgers (Trinity) has just reached the summit of the University Conservative Association

when he was elected Chairman and President for the coming term. He has had an especially busy term as Secretary, entertaining visiting M.P.'s every Sunday and being entertained by Dr. Pickthorn every Friday—he may now be approached for the "inside facts"! He has also been writing political articles, reading papers to his College Economics Society, trying to keep the Union agin Socialism, and in order not to go down without having officially been "on the river" has now joined the First and Third.

We all hope that this year we shall again have our Old Boys' Dinner and if the "other place" is willing we shall be delighted to have them share it with us.

Those who know the beauty of the Backs must indeed have been sad to hear of the fate of the Trinity avenue of limes. It is a sad sight to walk from New Court to Trinity Bridge, and when the new young trees are planted we must hope with Alphonse Kair;

"Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose."

A. R. R.

William Hulme's Grammar School Parents' Association.

Membership cards, with the new constitution, have been distributed to all parents; but, though there has been a good response, quite a number of parents have not yet returned their cards to the Treasurer. The subscription of 3/- per year per family, or 15/- per family to cover the whole period at School, is voluntary. Those parents, who have not already done so, are asked to write direct to Mr. B. Mitchell, 107, Springbridge Road, Manchester 16, sending card, with remittance, for receipt and return.

The Committee is arranging an Association Dance again, to be held at the Fallowfield Hotel on Thursday, March 3rd. Tickets are obtainable from the Secretary.

The Headmaster has kindly arranged for a meeting of Parents and the Staff at the School. Members will be advised of the arrangements in due course. Mr. Bird has also accepted a challenge from the Association to play the School at Chess and Cricket. Will members desiring to play chess kindly send me, immediately, names and addresses, in order that I may proceed with the arrangements? Members wishing to play for the Association at cricket are also requested to write to me direct. It is hoped that there will also be a good response from parents as spectators at the latter event.

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