

"A" TEAM.

1953.

Nov. 21—v. Stockport	A	W	6—2
Nov. 28—v. Old Stopfordians ...	H	L	7—8
Dec. 5—v. Heaton Mersey "A"	A	W	12—5
Dec. 12—v. Cheadle "A," First Round, Jnr. Flags	A	W	17—5

1954.

Jan. 2—v. Chorlton	A	W	14—4
Jan. 9—v. Leeds University ...	H	W	18—3
Jan. 16—v. Heaton Mersey "A" Second Round, Jnr. Flags	A	L	8—13
Jan. 23—v. Sth. Manchester & Wythenshawe	H	W	13—4
Jan. 30—v. Urmston	H	W	14—4
Feb. 6—v. Man. University	A	W	8—1
Feb. 13—v. Stockport	H	W	12—4
Feb. 20—v. Old Stopfordians ...	A	W	6—5
Feb. 27—v. Heaton Mersey "A"	H	W	9—6

EXTRA "A" TEAM.

1953.

Nov. 14—v. Ashton "A," First Rnd., Lancashire Junior Cup	H	W	9—0
Nov. 21—v. Sth. Manchester & Wythenshawe "A"	A	L	1—7
Nov. 28—v. Oldham & Werneth	H	W	11—5
Dec. 5—v. Man. University "A"	A	W	6—5
Dec. 12—v. Old Stopfordians "A"	H	W	8—5

1954.

Jan. 2—v. Ashton "A"	H	W	12—4
Jan. 9—v. Old Grovians	A	L	2—10
Jan. 16—v. Boardman & Eccles "A," Second Rnd., Lancashire Junior Cup	H	L	5—7
Jan. 23—v. Rochdale	A	D	4—4
Jan. 30—v. Oldham & Werneth	H	L	3—21
Feb. 6—v. Mellor "A"	A	L	4—5
Feb. 13—v. Sth. Manchester & Wythenshawe "A"	H	W	13—10
Feb. 20—v. Oldham & Werneth	A	W	10—6

Old Hulmeians' Football

Since the last issue of *The Hulmeian* several games have been cancelled owing to bad weather but playing conditions have now improved and we hope to finish the season without further cancellations.

The 1st XV are now playing more attractive football, owing mainly to the fact that the backs

are better able to handle the ball and consequently to play the open game. The forwards are gaining possession at every opportunity, not only from set-scrums and line-outs, but now—at last—from the quick heel in the loose. They are also backing up in the handling movements, a feature which on recent occasions, has led to a forward scoring a try after a complete three-quarter movement.

Once again we have found it difficult to escape the toll of injury. I. A. Carter, suffering from a recurrence of last season's knee injury, has been unable to play since Boxing Day. However, we are pleased that G. B. Todd has now fully recovered from a leg injury which kept him out of the game for some fifteen weeks. Our skipper, J. C. Edwards is no longer to be seen at full-back, having recently attempted to tackle a three-ton lorry, from behind and sustaining more damage than had it been a wing three-quarter. Fortunately his injuries are not serious, although we do not expect to see him back on the field for a few weeks.

Of the more fortunate players, G. Carter has been outstanding at scrum-half, maintaining a very accurate service and often penetrating the defence with breaks from the base of the scrum. At fly-half B. Macnab combines well and has now overcome the tendency to hold on too long, thus giving the centres and wings room to use the ball.

The combination of B. A. Todd, J. C. Wilkinson and W. R. Lee, in the front row, appears to work well and I. F. Smith continues to be a great asset in the line-outs and in the loose. The forwards generally, have become a compact and powerful unit.

The results of the "A" XV leave much to be desired, but it must be remembered that this team has lost several of its members to the nucleus of the Extra "A" XV. Even so, many of their games have resulted in close finishes. Although the backs appear to possess the ability to score the main strength lies in the forwards, where G. Russon, K. H. McGhee and D. Langan are the mainstay.

Had it been possible to field the same team each week, one feels that the lack of cohesion, which exists at present, would have been overcome, thus minimising the problems of the captain, R. Austen.

It is very gratifying to read of the successes of the Extra "A" XV and one feels that much of the credit is due to the captaincy of P. Harrison, who has created the real team spirit. This is shown in the results so far achieved: Played 18, Won 13, Lost 5. It is hoped that in the not-so-distant future this team will consist more of older playing members who will be able to pass on to the younger members the experience which they have gained with a senior team.

We were pleased to see J. N. Clarke, who played for us on three occasions whilst home on leave from R.M.A., Sandhurst, and we hope to see more Forces members before the close of the season. We also invite any of the boys at School who would like a game during the holidays, to contact any member of the Club.

A new venture was attempted this season when a party of 26 members visited Twickenham on January 30th to see the International match between England and New Zealand. It had been hoped to play an Imperial College XV (London) on the morning of January 30th but, unfortunately the match had to be cancelled owing to frost. This innovation was successful enough to warrant further strides in this direction.

On February 27th we were very sad to have to say goodbye to G. R. Milon (No. 15) who left the following week, with his bride, for Canada. We wish them both every success and happiness and hope it will not be too long before we see them again. Reg. will be missed, not only for skill on the field of play, but for his ability to entertain. However, we think this gives Ian Smith, his understudy, the opportunity he has long awaited.

The social activities of the Club are becoming increasingly popular, in particular, the dances where we see many familiar faces of older non-playing members.

We cordially invite all prospective "Rugger" members to come down to Brantingham Road any Saturday afternoon during the playing season to see for themselves!

RESULTS

FIRST TEAM

Nov. 14—v. W.H.G.S. 1st	A	W	20—8
Nov. 21—v. Old Aldwinians ...	H	D	11—11
Nov. 28—v. Crewe & Nantwich	A	W	18—11
Dec. 5—v. Cheadle Hulme	A	W	11—3
Dec. 12—v. Mcr. Y.M.C.A.	H	L	8—26
Dec. 19—v. Oldham Boro' XV	A	W	13—6
Dec. 26—v. Burnage	H	L	3—9

1954

Jan. 1—v. Cheadle Hulme ...	H	Cancelled	
Jan. 2—v. Mcr. Y.M.C.A.	A	Cancelled	
Jan. 9—v. Calder Vale	A	L	3—14
Jan. 16—v. Sale "A"	H	L	0—22
Jan. 23—v. Mcr. "A"	A	W	21—16
Jan. 30—v. An Imperial College XV (London)	A	Cancelled	
Feb. 6—v. Mcr. University "A"	A	Cancelled	
Feb. 13—v. Anchor (Leigh)	A	W	8—3
Feb. 20—v. Manchester "A" ...	H	L	3—11
Feb. 27—v. Old Rochdaliens ...	A	W	16—3
Mar. 6—v. Mcr. University "A"	H	W	23—5

"A" TEAM

1953

Nov. 14—v. W.H.G.S. "A"	A	W	6—0
Nov. 21—v. Old Aldwinians "A"	A	L	3—30
Nov. 28—v. Crewe & Nantwich	H	W	6—3
Dec. 5—v. Cheadle Hulme "A"	H	W	8—5
Dec. 12—v. Mcr. Y.M.C.A. "A"	H	L	8—9
Dec. 19—v. Oldham Ex. "A" ...	H	W	9—3
Dec. 26—v. Burnage "A"	A	L	5—12

1954

Jan. 9—v. St. Annes (Wigan) ...	H	L	11—23
Jan. 16—v. Sale Ex. "A"	A	L	3—23
Jan. 23—v. Manchester Ex. "A"	H	L	0—6
Jan. 30—v. Old Newtonians "A"	A	Cancelled	
Feb. 6—v. Metrovick "B"	A	Cancelled	
Feb. 20—v. Manchester Ex. "A"	A	L	19—34
Feb. 27—v. Old Rochdaliens			
"A"	H	W	24—16

EXTRA "A" TEAM

1953

Nov. 14—v. W.H.G.S. Ex. "A"	A	W	9—6
Nov. 28—v. Wilmslow "B" ...	H	L	0—14
Dec. 5—v. Sale 2nd Ex. "A" ...	H	L	3—5
Dec. 12—v. Mcr. Y.M.C.A.			
Ex. "A"	H	L	11—13
Dec. 26—v. Burnage Ex. "A" ...	H	W	20—0

1954

Jan. 9—v. Eccles "B"	A	W	14—11
Jan. 16—v. Oldham "B"	H	W	11—5
Jan. 23—v. Sedgley Park Ex. "A"	H	W	14—5
Jan. 30—v. Wilmslow "B"	H	Cancelled	
Feb. 6—v. Wilmslow "B"	H	Cancelled	
Feb. 13—v. Mcr. Y.M.C.A. Ex.			
"A"	H	Cancelled	
Feb. 20—v. Manchester "B" ...	H	L	0—15
Feb. 27—v. Sale "B"	A	W	9—8
Mar. 6—v. Prestwich "B"	H	W	27—0

Old Hulmeians at Oxford

In a city of self-expression Old Hulmeians are strangely reticent when in the company of the present writer. Anonymity and silence supersede what one can only assume to be their more usual flamboyance and colour in conversation.

For the first few weeks of term the weather could be blamed. Never have the Parks appeared so desolately forbidding, nor the Christ Church meadows so uninviting as in those desperately cold days. If Old Hulmeians were silent, they were at the same time admirably strong. Almost daily, Hugh Davidson (B.N.C.), Garry Robertson (B.N.C.), and Neville Hopwood (B.N.C.) were swept across the parks by driving winds as they prepared for the defeat of the Cambridge Lacrosse team. Alas! they had forgotten that there were three Old Hulmeians in the Cambridge side! Hopwood, we are told, delivered a maiden speech at the Union.

Another strong man, W. R. Esson (Univ.), has, this term, forsaken the gun for a berth in his college second boat, which had a most chequered career in Torpids, either bumping or being bumped almost every day and eventually finishing two places lower down in the fourth division than it had started.

Michael Green (Merton) told us that he prefers silence to the more normal calumnies of this note.

Colin Day (B.N.C.) is an outstandingly honest Oxonian who admits that he prefers the pleasures of his panelled retreat, and especially of his newly acquired radiogram, to much that goes on outside. His recreations are equally unique, any free moment being spent scaling an old railway bridge just outside the city in preparation, one assumes, for summer excursions to hillier districts.

The besetting sin of Oxford life is little sleep; but the life of Howard Baker (B.N.C.) is not blighted by late retirements; the all-engrossing demands of the drama necessitate that he very rarely visits his bed. This term he is manager-director-artistic director, etc. of an unprecedented O.U.D.S. production of "King John."

Anthony Sedgwick (B.N.C.) has acquired a fine sense of snuff. Unfortunately he seems to have lost it on the evening of the B.N.C. Bump Supper. Donald Hankey (Oriol) who, we are pleased to report, has elected once more to wield a lacrosse stick, claims, with authority, that he already holds one Oriol record, having taken almost an hour to negotiate the perimeter of his seat of learning early one morning, finally requiring the assistance of the Law. He is also College Secretary of the Labour Club.

John Ginger (B.N.C.) is virtually impregnable. We do know, however, that he took part in a successful Experimental Theatre Club production of Eliot's "The Family Reunion."

Finally, congratulations to I. J. Graham-Bryce on winning an Exhibition to University College. We are looking forward to seeing him in October.

And so to summer J.N.H.

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge

This term I will start, not with a not altogether apposite quotation from Dr. Johnson, but with an all too appropriate local proverb: "There is nothing between Cambridge and Moscow." To what Senator MacCarthy would consider a suspicious and ambiguous disclaimer, those who have lived in Cambridge the last few weeks would readily subscribe. For a week the Cam was frozen over, and parts of Cambridge looked curiously Continental. Brightly coloured and tasselled caps appeared on King's Parade, and skates were nonchalantly (if conspicuously) swung by the hands of all the most likely people. Never was the contrast more clearly demonstrated between those who hear the Queen's Christmas broadcast at home around the fire, and those who read it a day late through snow goggles in the columns of the *Continental Daily Mail*.

Gas pipes froze, pullover was pulled over pullover. But age and tradition are never far away in Cambridge and we shivered chronologically. The usually envied few who live in Genuine Antique Buildings shivered before anyone else: but as the temperature sank lower so the buildings of succeeding centuries were tested one by one until there was only one proven warm building in Cambridge, the University Library. Those who live in the newer parts of the University suddenly found themselves in an unusual state of one-up-ness, until a flood of cold visitors caused some misgivings about their recently acquired superior status. But the one warm building was filled as usually only the proximity of the Tripos can fill it. A steady stream pushed through the maw-like entrance but became sheepish and self-conscious when the assistants pointed repeatedly to the thermometer specially exhibited for the occasion. It was nearly seventy degrees. In this way some observed for the first time the essentially dramatic qualities of this modern Folly built just twenty years ago. All the approaches to this building are calculated to impress, nay, overwhelm the unsuspecting visitor, tranquil after the cultured repose of Clare—belonging to which J. P. Chilton finds it so easy to work. It seems to mass itself for a fresh assault at every step towards it. Its great powerful tower encasing the smoke stack imperiously enforces its four-squareness by a series of what can only be described as optical left and right "dressings." Like a mannequin it is self-consciously exhibitionist. It seems to belong more to a programme arranged

by Intourist than to be part of the Cambridge milieu: scientifically planned, unburnable, gargantuan and yet inhuman and aggressive, the product of an age devoid of assurance and bereft of tranquility. The long square reading room might be part of the new Moscow University, with its round-topped windows, its fluorescent lighting, its steel bookcases, its black marble and soundless rubber floors. All the decoration of the building is externalised, appliqué, inorganic—the intricate gilded iron work on the glass swing-doors, the beams painted in bizzarely-coloured designs, and the electric chandeliers in the entrance hall which cast shadows upon the porridge-coloured walls. As a concession to the human needs of the readers, it has a café characteristically obscure, which opens onto a dour court large enough to be tantalisingly redolent of missed opportunities for grace, small enough to look like a piece of spare space in which prisoners can be dominated by seven stories and a mammoth tower whilst they take their morning walk. Scattered around the outside of the building are the bicycle sheds into which smokers escape furtively with the guilt of fourth-formers. Since it is here that the preliminaries of Tripos battles are fought out it is worth notice. Since it partakes of the essential nature of a Folly it can be laughed at ruefully, and then marked down as rather a sinister social document in stone.

By this time in the term all those who have done any work have done it and are perhaps ready to gaze in vacant moments at the gilded text—Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting get understanding—which circles the dome of the Manchester Central Library reading room, or are ready to transfer their activities to one of the side chapels of the nave of the Rylands Library.

Whether it is the cold or the cumulative effects of debilitating college food, I have received few replies to my requests for information about the former members of the School now resident in Cambridge. Most of them seem to have gone into hibernation, but Spring has begun to appear, the crocuses are up on the Backs—coloured hat-pins in a green pincushion—and the hard and clear mornings make the buildings look as though they had been scrubbed before breakfast by an over-conscientious daily help. Nevertheless Coops, McLeod, Schlapp, Reeve and Edkins must be still munching the winter's store of acorns, suspicious of the Spring. I have seen Gooddie emerging from his burrow at Emmanuel to sniff the air before he disappeared again behind a flurry of a half-blue

scarf. Then he looked as intense as a true Bridge player should appear, and as worried as a University Lacrosse captain always is. I saw Cartwright, too, following a Trinity boat down the Cam: the other eight people worked surprisingly hard considering the fact that the whip he was using should leave only small weals if the wounds are properly attended to. The lone member at St. Catharine's divides his time between trying to persuade his tutor to let him do research, and the waiting room of the Appointments' Board, where he scans far too glossy magazines offering impossible posts in various far-flung oilfields, the qualifications for which seem to be a pair of white shorts and the appearance of a retired colonel. J. F. Wyatt from St. John's is a very disturbing person—he goes around saying that he is working harder than he has ever done in his life. From Selwyn comes a reproof—C. R. Burgess play-reads but does not appear on the stage. The Captain of Peterhouse Boat Club, Donald Hood, does not appear on the stage either, but only at tea-times, whilst Latham combines a growing distaste for the English Tripos with a growing interest in local social problems. The other two members of Christ's who put notes in my pigeon-hole—Colin Smith and Keith Hoskinson—both would seem to accept Arnold's definition of salvation—"a harmonious perfection only to be won by unreservedly cultivating many sides in us." Hoskinson combines muscularity with Mozart, whilst on Cambridge's Left Bank, Smith paints, entertains and samples the atmosphere of the Jazz Club and wonders whether it is up to standard of the Caves of St. Germaines.

The lamentable end of the highly-principled if quarrelsome Cambridge journal of literary criticism—*Scrutiny*—after many years of stormy life, has been the main topic of conversation on the Arts side of the University. Those who have rightly succumbed to the wily advertisements of the *Manchester Guardian*, will remember the correspondence on this subject last vacation. The new women's college, due to open in October, has not been presented with any more imaginatively conceived-of name than that of New Hall. In the Lent Term, rather appropriately perhaps, many of the societies hold their elections, and ex-officers deprived of the areas over which they exercised their predatory instincts, wander around as disconsolately as a head prefect wanders around the school he has left for good.

A.B.W.

Old Hulmeians at Manchester University

To the city businessman as he hurries along Oxford Road—whether it be by bus or in a Rolls—on a damp, foggy, February morning, the sombre pile of Owens must appear very drab and forbidding. The walls, we must admit, are somewhat grimy, and we certainly cannot claim any beauty of architecture to rival the colleges of our more ancient seats of learning. Within the University, however, there is to be found a thriving student community; a community in which Old Hulmeians are very much to the fore.

In fact there can hardly ever have been a time when there were more Old Boys in the University than there are at present, and rarely can we spend a day without bumping—sometimes literally—into half a dozen or so. As usual, however, most of them have been very reluctant to reveal their activities to the present scribe. One side of student life—the academic—is almost never discussed; at least not at this time of the year when, for most of us, examinations are still things of the very far distant future.

One exception to this rule amongst Old Boys was W. R. Lee who informs us that both he and J. M. Beazley are busy working for the phenomenon known as "Second M.B." This, apparently, is something which goes on in that remote corner of Owens which is referred to as the School of Medicine, and about which we that lift our minds to the lofty plane of the Arts can be expected to know but little.

Before progressing further, however, mention must be made of I. Ainsworth who protests strongly that he has never been mentioned in this report. This serious oversight must be remedied immediately, especially as threats were made against your humble scribe. We wish it to be known therefore, that Ainsworth is reading French, and recently appeared in a French play produced by his Department.

Another Old Boy, G. Lea, has also been protesting. He thinks that he has been mentioned too often, and so we have promised to omit any reference to him this time.

R. I. Hattrick provided the interesting information that he is resting all this term in preparation for the tennis season, although he finds time to play soldiers in what he affectionately terms "the University Army," by which we presume he means the University Training Corps. S. B. Foulds, J. V. Evans and A. W. Crowe are also members of the Training Corps, although it is by no means clear what this fine body of men spends its time doing.

R. D. Bishop, who, like Hattrick, reads law in his spare time, plays golf and drinks coffee in "caf," except on occasions when only tea is being served and he has to change over to the latter beverage.

G. V. Chivers must be congratulated on his successful production of "The Pirates of Penzance," and when he goes down for the last time at the end of this year he will leave behind him a very flourishing Gilbert and Sullivan Society, in the foundation of which he played no small part.

In the field of athletics the chief attraction for Old Boys continues to be the Lacrosse Club. G. B. Lawson, R. Swindells, G. MacDonald, B. Hawthorn and others too numerous to mention, all play for the University. D. D. Hilton is still climbing, and has risen to the post of Secretary of the Mountaineering Club.

The great event of the Lent Term is, of course, Rag Day, and as usual many Old Boys were to be seen shaking their collecting boxes in the faces of the citizens of Manchester. It is rumoured that a certain Old Hulmeian, who wishes to remain anonymous, led a party of ragers to School, though we have no information concerning the outcome of this venture.

Of happenings at Tech. we know little, although it seems that P. M. Chorley and B. Wallwork have carried out something of a *coup d'état* in the Conservative Club there, for they are now Chairman and Secretary respectively.

In conclusion may we assure all those still at School and who are thinking of going to a University next year that they could do far worse than come to join us at Manchester.

G.L.D.

Parents' Association Notes

Since the last issue of *The Hulmeian* we have only had one general meeting. This was held in the School when about two hundred parents and quite a number of the members of the staff heard Mr. R. A. Crispwell, B.A., lecture on the "Child at School and at Home." Following this, light refreshments were served in the School dining-room.

The evening of February 3rd will be remembered as an occasion when many new friends were made, and old acquaintances renewed.

Looking a little ahead we anticipate a most pleasant evening on March 11th when we shall be having our Parents/Staff social evening. The tickets available for parents were in very short supply and for those who were unlucky, we can but say, we are sorry.

Looking still further ahead, the Annual General Meeting will take place in the School Hall on Wednesday, May 19th. You are most earnestly asked to note the date and make every endeavour to be present. With two exceptions the individual members of the Committee are offering themselves for re-election, but this in no way prevents further nominees, and if you would care to offer your services by letter, to me, as soon as possible, it will be included in the ballot at the A.G.M. Two of the present committee members have to retire, their sons having left the School. We shall miss their excellence in our Meetings and their strong support in all our works. Mr. A. Lilley and Mr.

L. Selman have our deepest gratitude and warmest thanks.

As these notes are being written snow and frost prevail, but we are assured that the Cricket season will soon be upon us. The Association have two fixtures; one on Wednesday evening, June 2nd, against the School Staff and the other on Wednesday evening, June 30th, against the School. If you would like to have a game please let Mr. E. Morris, 222, Compstall Road, Romiley, Cheshire, have your name. Net practices are usually arranged in the School grounds a few weeks prior to the dates above, and he will have full information of all the details. We should like a good representative side, so if you play, if you used to play, or if you think you could play, let us have your name.

These notes will be the last from your present elected committee, and on their behalf I record thanks for your interest and co-operation during the year, and trust the new committee will still enjoy keen support.

William Hulme's Grammar School Games Account.

Statement of Accounts for the Year ended, 31st December, 1953.

RECEIPTS				EXPENDITURE			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Grant from Governors				By Balance due to Bank,			
Lent Term ...	238	16	0	Dec. 31st, 1952 ...	70	12	6
Midsummer Term	238	0	0	„ Materials for Games ...	170	17	8
Michaelmas Term	242	0	0	„ Travelling Expenses of Teams ...	82	2	6
			718 16 0	„ Groundsman's Wages (part) ...	156	0	0
„ Sale of Cricket Caps			8 18 6	„ Extra Work on Ground ...	5	17	0
„ Balance due to Bank,				„ Repairs to Mowing Machines ...	134	13	6
Dec. 31st, 1953 ...			19 12 1	„ Petrol, Oil, etc. ...	61	18	0
				„ Subscription to Turf Research			
				Institution ...	15	15	0
				„ Athletic Sports Expenses ...	9	0	8
				„ Teas to Visiting Teams ...	18	4	8
				„ Fixture Cards ...	11	7	6
				„ Postages and Telephone Calls ...	5	7	0
				„ General Expenses ...	2	12	6
				„ Bank Interest, Commission and			
				Cheque Book ...	2	18	1
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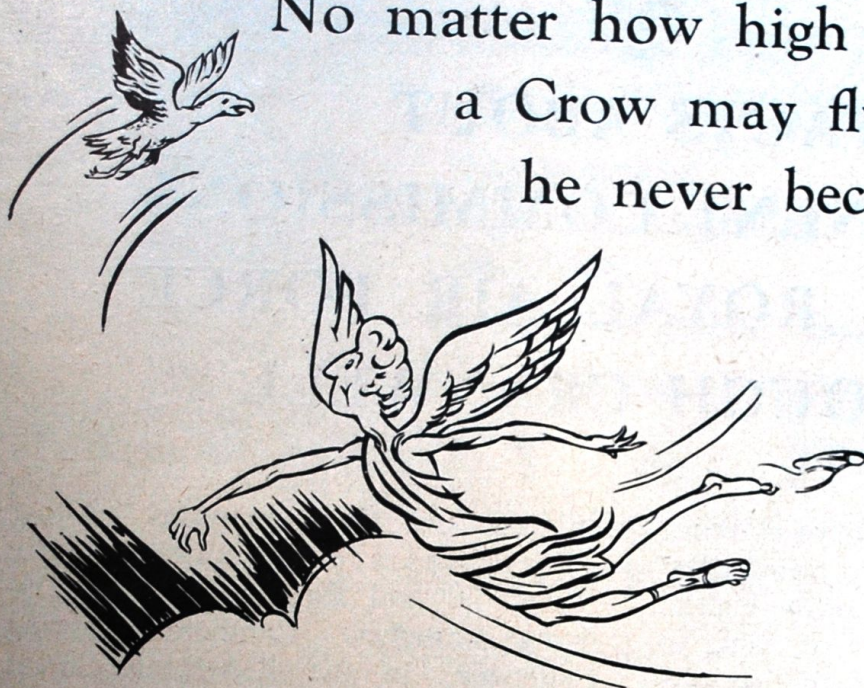
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