



TREVOR DENNIS, M.A.

1921—1947.

The above photograph was taken from the portrait in the New Hall, painted by Bernard Hailstone (O.H.), and presented, on his retirement, by the Old Hulmeians Association.

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School Notes and News.

Soon after the term began, the news was received that the late Headmaster, Mr. Trevor Dennis, M.A., had passed away. It came as no surprise for it had become increasingly and painfully evident that even his vigorous constitution and invincible determination could not much longer withstand the savage assaults he had to undergo, as physical exhaustion took its inevitable toll. An obituary notice follows at the conclusion of these notes.

During the course of the term, the School has lost two old and valued friends with the death of Mr. C. H. Barber and Mr. E. S. Young. Mr. C. H. Barber, the School Bookseller, will be gratefully remembered for his numerous and considerable benefactions to the School Library, and for his strenuous efforts to keep the School adequately supplied with books in the difficult days during and immediately after the war. Mr. E. S. Young will

be remembered for the invaluable help he gave us when we changed over from Association to Rugby Football in 1931. He helped to train our teams and gave those less experienced in coaching and refereeing, the benefit of his knowledge and advice. For many years he kindly refereed almost all our home 1st and 2nd XV matches. Even when he ultimately felt obliged to give this up in March, 1948, he still continued his interest in School Rugger and was a frequent spectator at home matches. We little expected that his death was so soon to follow.

We welcome to the School this term Mr. G. E. Foxcroft, M.A. (Senior Scholar of Trinity College, Cambridge); Mr. D. Keeton, B.A. (Hasting's Scholar, Queen's College, Cambridge); Mr. A. Woolfenden, M.A. (Bursar, Keble College, Oxford); and Mr. G. M. Thornton, B.A. (Queen's College, Cambridge).

We congratulate Major L. H. Watkins, the O.C. of the School Combined Cadet Force, on being awarded the Territorial Decoration.

Dr. Jecny and Mr. Morgan are again taking a large party of boys to Switzerland during the Christmas holidays for the Winter Sports. This time they are going to Engelberg. We hope that their trip will in every way be as successful and enjoyable as those undertaken in previous years.

The Prefects this term are R. D. Boyle (Senior Prefect), D. M. Archer, J. M. Beazley, G. B. Lawson, C. S. Smith, H. Baker, W. R. Benson, A. W. Crowe, E. J. Dellow, W. R. Lee, N. A. Warhurst, R. I. Hattrick, G. A. Pilling and R. J. Winfield.

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

Higher School Certificate: VI C.U.: H. Baker (Scholarship English), R. D. Boyle (Scholarship Latin), J. H. Ekserdjian, J. A. Elwin, B. Hawthorne, A. F. Johnson, G. Lea, G. J. Oldham, (Scholarship English), A. W. Sedgwick (English, Scholarship English). VI M.U.: G. B. Appleby, R. Calderwood, A. W. Crowe, G. L. Davies (History), E. J. Dellow, T. P. B. Kovach, C. S. Smith (Scholarship Geography), B. B. Taylor (Scholarship History, Scholarship Geography). VI S.U.: J. Allan, D. M. Archer, R. M. Bale, J. H. Cairns, W. G. Cartwright (Scholarship Pure Mathematics, Scholarship Applied Mathematics), G. S. Cusick, H. Davidson (Scholarship Biology), M. Green, E. A. G. Hamilton, D. W. Hannaford, B. J. Helliwell, G. B. Lawson, G. Macdonald, P. J. Perrin, A. J. Ralston (Physics), G. A. Royle, D. Shearman, D. W. Stone, N. A. Warhurst (Scholarship Chemistry), J. G. Wood.

School Certificate: V A.: S. L. Beckett, J. Bradburn (English Literature, History, Latin, Mathematics), J. M. Cartledge (Mathematics), J. M. F. Drake (History, French, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), R. H. G. Gray, J. Hood (Mathematics), J. N. Hopwood (English Literature, History, French, Mathematics), G. I. Jones, D. W. Latham (English Language, History, French), C. J. Logard (Mathematics), L. A. Logue, R. J. McConville, D. H. Ogden (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), T. Oliver (English Literature, History, French, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), J. C. Parsonage (English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), J. M. Pott (Physics), D. H. Roberts, D. G. Robertson (Mathematics), D. K. Robinson, M. L. Sutcliffe (English Language, French, Latin, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), R. Swindells (History, French, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), B. B. Wallwork (Mathematics, Physics).

V B.: B. Arrandale (German, Mathematics), K. D. Clare (English Language, English Literature, Geography, Mathematics, General Science), J. Clough (French), J. Disley (English Literature), G. Gardiner, J. H. Gilchrist, J. K. Glover, D. Gosling (History, Art), A. D. G. Gunn (History, Geography, German, French, Mathematics, Art), G. Heap (History, Geography, Mathematics, General Science), D. Higginbottom (English Literature, History, Geography, Mathematics), D. R. Latham (History, French, Mathematics, General Science), K. R. McKenzie (English Literature, History, Geography, Mathematics), J. H. Mellor (History, Mathematics), J. R. Miller, B. Nutt (English Language, Geography, French, Latin, Mathematics, Art), T. C. K. Owen (History, General Science), B. H. Parker, R. B. Pilling (History, Geography, General Science, Art), A. Potter, J. G. B. Rhodes (Art), M. W. Ridgway (Mathematics), A. Shaw (History), R. C. Shaw (English Literature, History, German, French, Art), N. A. Shelmerdine (Mathematics), J. M. Smethurst (English Language, Geography, Mathematics, Art), J. A. Sore, B. L. Tebbutt (Mathematics, General Science), A. M. Vessey (History, German, French, General Science), G. Wooldridge (Mathematics).

V C.: P. W. Bartholomew, R. G. Bowden, J. J. Bower, F. M. Burton, J. J. Gregg, B. S. Gribble, R. G. Hodgkinson, R. L. Pitt, G. L. Tucker, J. G. Whittingslow, A. D. Wilson, P. G. Woodworth.

V Y.: J. R. Hardwick (German, Mathematics), J. Hazlehurst (English Language, History, French, Latin, Mathematics, Physics).

The following awards were made on the results of the Higher School Certificate Examination:—

Manchester Education Committee:

University Scholarships: G. L. Davies, G. J. Oldham, A. J. Ralston, B. B. Taylor.

University Exhibitions: R. D. Boyle, A. W. Sedgwick, D. Shearman, N. A. Warhurst.

College of Technology Scholarship: G. E. Cusick.

Cheshire County Major Scholarship: W. G. Cartwright.

Stockport Major Scholarships: H. Davidson, B. Hawthorne.

The Governors have awarded Leaving Exhibitions to: J. G. Wood (tenable at Brasenose College, Oxford), R. M. Bale, R. Calderwood and E. A. G. Hamilton (Manchester University), G. E. Cusick, J. H. Cairns (Manchester College of Technology), D. W. Hannaford (Birmingham University).

Honorary Scholarships, tenable for One year at School, have been awarded to: John M. Beazley, Derek McWilliam, John R. Hardwick, Thomas Oliver, Donald Higginbottom.

Foundation Scholarships for One year to: Donald Heffer, Douglas M. Archer, David Gosling, John H. Ekserdjian, Charles P. Love, Eric J. Dellow, John M. Drinkwater, Keith Wallace, Austin W. Crowe.

For Two years to: Alexander D. G. Gunn, Trevor C. K. Owen, Adrian M. Vessey, John M. Pott, David G. Robertson.

Founders' Day Service will be next term at St. Ann's Church, Manchester, on Friday, January 26th, at 11 a.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. Canon F. Paton-Williams, Rector of Prestwich.

Calendar for Lent Term:—

The Term will begin on Tuesday, January 9th, at nine o'clock.

Mid-term Holiday will be on February 16th, 17th and 19th.

The Easter Holiday will extend from Tuesday, March 20th at noon, to Tuesday, April 3rd, at nine o'clock.

The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term and for Scholarships and Free Places, etc., for Primary School boys will be held on February 10th and March 10th, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

We gratefully acknowledge *The Aldwinian*, *The Denstonian*, *The Salian*, *The Savilian*, *The Waconian*, and *The King's School, Macclesfield, Magazine*.

Mr. Trevor Dennis.

We are indebted to Mr. D. Lloyd Griffiths, F.R.C.S., for the following tribute to the late Headmaster, Mr. Trevor Dennis, M.A. (Cantab.).

We had known for some time that Mr. Dennis's days were numbered, and that he was not to have the long and happy retirement we had wished him. His death was the sadder for that, and our loss the greater.

The service on September 20th was attended by Hulmeians and by Old Hulmeians of all ages, and the men of each generation had their own personal grounds for their individual sorrow. We shall never be able to measure his influence upon us and, of course, neither will the School.

We first met him on a January morning in 1921. Archdeacon Aspinall introduced him at prayers on the first day of the term. He came in the middle of the School year, at a time of great difficulty. The early twenties were poor years for non-provided secondary schools. The first world war was only two years away. It had led to a rapid increase in the number of boys in the School, an increase with

which neither the staff nor the buildings could keep pace. The former had suffered the usual effects of a war, and the latter had remained what they were in 1911, when lack of funds had left the New Hall incomplete and bricked up at the platform end. Classes were held in odd corners anywhere. Masters were scarce, and but for a nucleus of stalwarts, the School might well have lost all its personality and its traditions. Apart from the games and the Cadet Corps there was very little activity outside the class room, and there was a sad lack of a coherent spirit in the School, a lack particularly marked in the lower forms. In 1921 we were boys who went to school for five hours a day and who lived our real lives elsewhere. We were in grave danger of becoming just another grammar school. It was nobody's fault; there had been a war, and things had altered.

It took Dennis less than three years to alter it all. He had, of course, splendid allies to whom he would gladly have admitted his debt, but the chief credit was his, for it takes a good headmaster to get a good staff and to deserve the unfailing support of his governing body. The change that took place after 1921 was Dennis's achievement, as was the unique character which has been the School's ever since.

A great schoolmaster defies analysis, and the recipe changes with each generation. A man of adult stature and outlook, he must possess the enthusiasms and the gusto of youth, singleness of purpose, fairness, a true sense of values and the ability to communicate these virtues and to make them desired by boys in a cynical and selfish world. Add teaching ability and academic distinction, as well as such obvious characteristics as integrity and intellectual honesty, and the impossible standard is partly defined. Even by this yardstick, Dennis measured well.

He went about his work with an energy and a directness which was astounding. We, in Upper III A, were a mixed lot, up to most dodges in avoiding honest work. Dennis knew them all. Almost his first words to us as a class were "Do you crib in this form?", an approach which produced an embarrassed silence and a marked reduction in the incidence of the crime in question. He was, of course, a superb teacher. He made algebra exciting. True, his frequent offers to stake a half-a-crown on the result of an equation were never substantiated in hard cash, and his pace may have been rather fast for the weaker end of the class, but there was never a dull moment in his lessons.

He started the orchestra in his first year, playing the flute while C. E. Kelsey conducted. As a musician he was enthusiastic rather than distinguished, and the results of his orchestral efforts

tended to give more pleasure to the players than to the audience, but that was what he wanted. He meant boys to perform rather than to listen, and he would tackle anything. Passages for four horns could be re-written for saxophone and wood-wind in the Orchestra's hornless days, and who does not remember the oboe lead in the 1924 "Pinafore," with fiddles substituting for oboes, and no one, least of all Dennis, caring a scrap? Blessed with a pleasant light baritone voice and an adequate talent for nearly any instrument, he made us, who had only listened to jazz, aware of music, and when the weekly entertainments started in September, 1921, it was Mozart who gave them their send-off.

Then there was the stage. The same enthusiasm for performance inspired all the hundreds of plays we did, and the wonder was not that we tackled so much, but that we did it so creditably. Not many boys' schools have produced "St. Joan" and "The Magic Flute," or the unique mixture of "Beauty and the Barge" and "Pompey the Great" in the same week. He acted many parts himself; some thought too many, but they did not realise that he was acting with us and was genuinely part of the team, just as he was when he played cricket. He found something for every boy to do. If you were no good at games, you could act or play an instrument, or build the stage or work the lighting, or something else which even you could master.

In his twenty-seven years as Head, the School expanded beyond all early ideas. The lack of money which had stopped building in 1911, was overcome by 1926, and within a year the new Science block, the gymnasium, and the extended hall were ready for opening, but he had not waited as long as that for one piece of reconstruction. In 1921, one corner of the field, the size of a football pitch, was elevated about three feet above the general level, while an equal area in the opposite corner was similarly depressed. Dennis started on this problem with eleven barrows and a squad of volunteers of varying eagerness. A characteristic statement in December, 1927, reported that "86% of the work was complete." The rest did not take long.

His ambition was to get the best out of us and the best into us. He showed us tinsel for what it was, and made cheap pleasures look cheap. This attitude naturally exposed him to much criticism, some of which was fair and deserved. The change from Association (he had kept goal for the Masters) to Rugby Football in 1931, and the transformation of the Cadet Corps into an O.T.C. in 1935, met much opposition, not all of which was wisely countered. Yet who can regret either change now, or who now questions his much-quoted wish to make Hulmeians fit to stand up in any class of society?

He was a keen supporter of the Old Hulmeians Association. He was a member of the General

Committee up to his retirement, and a regular at social functions, including the London dinners. He was president of the Association in the School's Jubilee Year, and gave great help in the founding of the Rugby section. He did all he could for the Corps, and came to camps from Hornsea in his first year, to Grange year after year. He spent all his spare time on the School, carving chairs, coaching cricket, digging, doing anything he could.

For a few years he had moderately easy times to work in. The early difficulties were overcome, and the expanding School was little disturbed by slumps, strikes and the various activities of government departments. Then, in 1939, came the disaster which might have ruined everything. The evacuation to Hutton gave him his worst moments. After that, the war could be taken in the School's stride. The buildings were literally under fire several times in the air-raids, and his own house (where we had played Mah-Jongg as prefects on Saturday evenings) was badly damaged, but the weekly entertainments continued, and so did his enthusiasms. But he was ageing and tiring. In 1946, he was struck by a catastrophic illness, and though he returned to work in 1947, it was only for a few months. He retired in that year, spent in the service of the School.

It is not easy to write of one's headmaster. After his father, no other man has such a share in making a boy what he is. I don't know if Dennis was pleased with his handiwork, but I think and I hope that he was. We thought the world of him. For us, who saw him come and who saw him go, there can never be anyone like "T. D.", the round-shouldered, bald-headed, long-armed figure, pulling incredible faces as he sang his songs, jotting the fielding marks in his note-book, hissing his stimulated fury at a tardy violin, and adding up to all that makes a great headmaster and an inspiring leader. We could not have had better.

After reading the above tribute, it seems necessary to add little to the valedictory notice printed in this magazine only three years ago. Perhaps, however, one who served under him during all but a few of his years of office, may be permitted to express the esteem in which he was held by the staff.

His outstanding characteristic, perhaps, was his loyalty; loyalty to the School and to his staff. His was a loyalty that recked not of self. Where many lesser men would have courted the public eye by attending public functions, serving on committees, etc., to make a reputation for themselves, Dennis shunned publicity—unless it was in the service of the School. Where a letter to the press would bring the School into public notice, it was written; but not to aggrandize the writer. He laboured his full six days in the service of the School with an unswerving devotion.

His loyalty to those of the staff who supported him whole-heartedly was beyond question. When a parent makes an unwarranted complaint, or a boy presents a specious tale of wrong, it is not unknown for a headmaster to make a scape-goat of a colleague. That was not Dennis's way. Whatever the difficulty, professional or private, an assistant master was confronted with, he could rely upon his Headmaster's understanding and support.

Of his versatility mention has already been made. It was amazing. One should, however, say something of the immense capacity for detail he brought to those varied activities. His administration was invariably most thorough. Some might suggest that he could not always see the wood for the trees; but Dennis realised that if any tree is neglected, the wood will suffer in consequence.

The mathematical exactitude of his administration was extended to the realm of sport, especially his adored cricket, in which he was so proficient a performer. He knew the rules of the games, many of which he had helped to clarify with a legal precision, and expected them to be observed punctiliously.

But his least-known characteristic was perhaps his greatest, an intense sensitivity of spirit, heavily masked as it often was, especially in his later years, by a formidable tempestuousness of manner, which scared the timid, deterred the dull, and misled the superficial observer. All those to whom it was given really to know him, however, will feel that with his passing "There's a great spirit gone!"

Speech Day, 1950.

The fine weather encouraged a large number of parents and friends to be present on Wednesday, July 26th, at the School Speech Day, over which Canon Woolnough, the Chairman of the Governors, presided.

The Headmaster, in his report, said that while the results of the Higher School Certificate examination had been rather disappointing, a record number of eighty-one School Certificates had been gained. In recording a number of successes of Old Hulmeians, he made special mention of C. Curtis's achievement in overcoming the handicap of blindness to obtain first class honours in the Manchester University Intermediate Law examination. He then related the successes of the School and of Old Boys in the realm of sport. He congratulated the C.C.F. on the excellent report received from the War Office after the recent inspection. After praising the work of the Preparatory Department,

the Headmaster concluded his report on the School by thanking the Parents' Association for their interest and co-operation.

Mr. Bird then considered two contemporary catch-phrases—Specialisation and Leadership. Dispelling fears about the former, he explained its place in the School curriculum. Of Leadership, he said that in its true form it was the search for truth, and the living up to the ideals of discovered truth. The Headmaster finally paid a tribute to Mr. Adams upon his retirement after a record number of forty years in the service of the School.

After distributing the prizes, Sir Joseph Nall addressed the School. He said that, although Education was "the most over-tended plant in the field of Public Services," and although it was heard of so often in the House of Commons, it had not changed at the heart during the past fifty years. New methods were being used and new talent was maintaining the tradition of the School. He advised the boys not to regard School Certificate as an end in itself, but only as the gateway to a wider education. Life should be viewed as a whole, not as a set of bits and pieces. He concluded by saying that if the boys then at School did their best to maintain School traditions, they would, as parents in later years, look back with pride to the days when they had attended William Hulme's Grammar School.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

SIXTH FORMS—

- THE VLIES MODERN LANGUAGE PRIZE: B. Hawthorne.
- THE HEWLETT GEOGRAPHY PRIZE: B. B. Taylor.
- THE LYMER MATHEMATICS PRIZE: W. G. Cartwright.
- THE WILLIAMSON SCIENCE PRIZE: A. J. Ralston.
- THE DORRINGTON LATIN PRIZE: R. D. Boyle.
- THE KNOOP ENGLISH PRIZE: A. W. Sedgwick.
- THE DEHN HISTORY PRIZE: R. Calderwood.
- THE SIR SAMUEL TURNER IMPERIAL HISTORY PRIZE: G. L. Davies.
- THE POWELL SCRIPTURE READING PRIZE: B. B. Taylor.
- THE ASPINALL RELIGIOUS KNOWLEDGE PRIZE: G. L. Davies.
- THE WATKINS PRIZE: A. M. Blight.

FIFTH FORMS—

- THE HEWLETT GEOGRAPHY PRIZE: K. R. McKenzie.
- THE RUPERT HAWLEY MEMORIAL FRENCH PRIZE: B. Nutt.

MIDDLE SCHOOL—

- THE CAIGER FRENCH PRIZE: A. C. Dyson.

OPEN—

- THE FORREST WRITING PRIZE: B. Nutt.

FORM PRIZES.

- VI C.M.U.: 1, B. B. Taylor; 2, G. L. Davies.
 VI S.U.: 1, W. G. Cartwright and H. Davidson.
 VI C.M.L.: 1, D. R. Hankey; 2, R. E. Jones.
 VI S.L.: 1, A. C. Day; 2, B. Rowson.
 Vths: 1, J. M. F. Drake; 2, M. L. Sutcliffe;
 3, T. Oliver; 4, R. Swindells; 5, B. Nutt; 6, G. Heap.
 V Y: 1, J. Hazlehurst; 2, S. B. Boaler.
 IVths: 1, D. L. Chatfield; 2, D. J. Ash; 3, M. R. Evans; 4, J. D. Phillipson.
 IV Y: 1, G. N. Leah; 2, A. C. Dyson.
 IIIrds: 1, A. F. Grogan; 2, D. J. Roberts; 3, A. Burgoyne; 4, D. A. Rees.
 IIrds: 1, B. M. Segal; 2, G. G. Ellis; 3, C. Gee; 4, P. J. Richards; 5, J. H. Munro; 6, A. M. Sinclair.
 Ists: 1, W. D. Maughan; 2, J. D. E. Rayman;
 3, M. Williams; 4, C. B. Lowe; 5, G. F. Turnbull;
 6, A. E. Backhouse.
 Lower I: 1, D. B. Taylor; 2, K. Calvert.
 Preparatory: 1, M. E. Lambert; 2, W. A. Drapkin; 3, F. G. de C. Grylls.
 Art: Fifth Forms: R. B. Pilling; Fourth Forms: I. H. MacLachlan; Third Forms: C. A. Beswick;
 Second Forms: D. G. Woodcock; First Forms: C. B. Lowe.

C.C.F. Notes.

The most notable innovation this year has been the establishment of a separate "Cadre" Platoon of N.C.O.'s and post-Certificate "A" Cadets, which is fast becoming the show piece of the Corps. It will be used for most demonstrations, and has already given excellent demonstrations of the Section in Attack and the duties of a Night Sentry.

There has been considerable improvement in the uniforms issued and Signals equipment is being brought up to date. Almost the whole of the contingent has fired on the miniature range and obtained 1st or 2nd class qualification. Despite the loss of many senior N.C.O.s at the end of last term, the standard of training is generally satisfactory. Discipline is good and there has been an improvement in the contingent's drill which, it is hoped, will steadily continue.

At the time of going to press there have been 42 recruits this term. The Manchester Regiment has given considerable help to the contingent, and a debt of gratitude must be recorded.

There is no reason why, with the continued co-operation of all N.C.O.s, the coming year should not be a most successful period for the contingent.

With effect from September 12th the following promotions have been made:—Sergeant D. Woolfenden to be C.S.M.; Corporals J. M. Drinkwater, J. V. Evans, E. Hill, G. A. Pilling, J. M. M. Robinson and A. W. Sedgwick to be Sergeants; L/Cpls. K. H. Harper, K. Harrop, N. A. Warhurst, J. Williamson and E. Wilcock to be Corporals; Cadets J. R. L. Hall, J. N. Hopwood, R. E. Jones, K. R. McKenzie, J. C. Parsonage, A. Potter, D. H. Roberts, J. M. Smethurst, R. Swindells and K. Wallace to be Lance-Corporals.

C.C.F. Camp.

The annual camp was held under canvas from 1st to 9th August, at Poulton Airfield. The contingent was organised into a Signals Section under Corporal Evans, two Senior Platoons under U/O Taylor and U/O Baker and a Junior Training Section under Sergeant Blight. This Section spent the time in doing Certificate "A" training, and the Signals Section seemed to be mostly occupied with laying out "nets" for the Battalion. The Senior Platoons were again instructed by Officer Cadets from Eaton Hall (one of whom we formerly knew as C.S.M. Walker). Training was interesting and, although exacting, not too strenuous. The river-crossing exercises once more provided considerable amusement. Several cadets and N.C.O.s were immersed, and one of the Under Officers made a brave attempt to break his nose; but there were no serious casualties amongst our contingent. The Night Exercise was perhaps the most successful part of the training and provided a spectacle worthy of any November 5th. After training had finished there were several evening demonstrations by Army Corps for those interested.

Sunday was Visitor's Day and Mr. and Mrs. Bird and many masters and parents visited us. Mr. Ginever, who had acted as Camp Padre, conducted the morning service which was followed by a March Past and an inspection taken by Gen. F. Simpson, G.O.C. Western Command. The afternoon was devoted to sport, but although the contingent had some notable successes in the preliminary heats, it was not so successful in the finals.

Discipline throughout the period was extremely good. Special mention must be made of Mr. Kyte, accompanying the contingent for the first time, whose unending help and resourceful organisation went a long way to making the camp what was generally agreed to be the most enjoyable to date.

H. B.

The Entertainments.

The 1950-51 entertainments season has made a very successful start. The one-act plays so far performed have drawn full houses and have deservedly been most enthusiastically received. A particularly pleasing feature has been the quality of the settings provided by the stage staff: a good setting encourages both players and producer and stimulates the interest of the audience.

Mr. Martin has "Treasure Island" in rehearsal as the Christmas entertainment. The centenary this year of Robert Louis Stevenson's birth makes the choice of this play singularly opportune. Performances will take place on Wednesday, December 13th, and the three following evenings. An innovation this year will be a matinée on the Saturday afternoon, for which preference will be given to those accompanying an "under eleven."

The season was opened on November 7th with "Queer Street" by J. D. Kelly, which was performed by IV Y. The play certainly lived up to the title—or down to it, if you prefer it so. Mrs. Hart (I. H. Munro) and her daughter, Edith (M. K. McCreath), awaited Mr. Hart (B. H. Blakeley)'s return with justifiable apprehension, for his occupation, burglary, was likely to bring him into unpleasing contact, if not conflict, with that of his daughter's fiancé, P.C. Albert Smith (J. S. Baker), who had most inopportunately called. Further embarrassment was caused at that somewhat surprising tea-party, by the arrival of Mr. Hart's partner, Joe Smart, and his utter failure to adapt himself to a very complicated situation. G. G. Morris gave a very realistic and creditable performance of this apparently congenial part, and offered himself for arrest with almost incredible docility when a detective (B. M. Segal) appeared. But to the surprise of all, the detective had come to apprehend the policeman, whose conception of "night duty" was not what his superiors intended. The play was ably produced by Mr. Winter.

VI S.L. followed on November 14th with Maurice Baring's "Rehearsal." The play can hardly be called more than a sketch, but it presented a vivid impression of the trials Shakespeare, in common with other playwrights, had to undergo at the hands of arrogant, incompetent, idle and temperamental actors. Even "Macbeth," as those whose lot it is to teach the play fully realise, can be transformed from tragedy to travesty by indifferent and casual acting. L. A. Logue was appropriately arrogant as Burbage, B. B. Wallwork, long-suffering as Shakespeare himself, J. R. L. Hall traditionally temperamental as the Stage Manager, R. H. G. Gray patient and tactful as the Producer. J. K. Glover, A. H.

Wilcock, G. J. Jones and B. R. Heap were effective in the minor parts of Kydd, Foote, Thomas and Lyle respectively; but one was inclined to wonder whether J. Hopkinson's physique and personality was quite well adapted to the part of Hughes. Otherwise J. Hood is to be congratulated on a very successful production and the stage staff on a very realistic presentation of an Elizabethan stage, complete with curtained inner stage and upper gallery.

On Tuesday, November 21st, III B presented two somewhat similar plays by H. M. Paull, both dealing with detectives, crooks and spivs. In "Last Up Train," Simmons and Pratt (R. F. Jackson and J. P. Brown) were foiled in their attempts to get away with the treasures of Sir George (F. P. Roberts), by the astuteness of Inspector Davidson (G. A. Hartley), disguised as an old woman, who, with the co-operation of an appropriately wooden porter (M. J. Wilkinson), effected their arrest.

In the second play "Mrs. Larkin's Lodger," that voluble and vigorous landlady, very effectively played by A. J. Royle, was the intended victim of Brown (A. D. Hollins), her lodger, and his accomplice, a very realistic and amusing spiv, Gubbins (K. Worsley). Again they were foiled, this time by Inspector Dawson (C. E. Bryans), aided by two medical students (J. V. Sheppard and G. E. Ramsdale). Mention should be made also of a good piece of acting on the part of D. K. P. Greenwood as the maid of all work.

During the change of scenes the Nigger Minstrels (D. R. Axson, A. Sutton, K. V. Cooper, A. R. Bailey, D. E. Swarbrick, J. W. G. H. Burgess and G. F. Ashbrook) endeavoured to entertain the audience, but did not receive much encouragement.

The plays were produced by Mr. Renny.

The Library.

Owing to the increase in the size of the Lower Sixth, the Library is being used this term by more boys than ever before. This makes it more important than ever that books should circulate rapidly and be returned promptly. Towards the end of last term we received a generous gift of about a hundred books from Mr. C. H. Barber. A few books ordered some time ago have at length arrived, among them the third volume of Mr. Churchill's War Memoirs. A new list of books is now on order, and should before long add to the usefulness of the Library.

E. W.

The Debating Society.

First of all I have to report the activities of the summer term. Two debates were held, one rather serious, the other almost ridiculous. On 3rd July, the motion that "The Existing Tendency towards Materialism is the fault of the Scientist rather than the Artist" was proposed by H. Baker and B. Seddon, and opposed by R. Calderwood and T. P. B. Kovack. The motion was defeated by five votes to two with five abstentions. At the other meeting the motion that "In the cause of Equality with Dogs, Cats should be Licensed," was defeated. A. W. Sedgwick and D. Shearman put the case for our feline friends; K. Harrop and D. R. Hankey replied on behalf of the dogs. In the morbid manner customary with chairmen, the cause for cats was defeated by the casting vote.

Now for the results of the meetings of the Michaelmas Term so far. On September 18th, according to convention, the Annual General Meeting was held. B. Seddon was re-elected Secretary; A. W. Sedgwick was elected Deputy-chairman for the first half of the term.

It was suggested that our first debate be entitled "This House welcomes Whalley Range High School!" but in keeping with the dignified record of the Society, the more subdued title "This House favours the Introduction of Co-Education" was retained. Proposed by G. Beaumont and J. N. Hopwood and opposed by J. Williamson and A. D. G. Gunn, it was a stimulating debate which naturally centred on the relations of the two sexes, in school and out. The motion was passed by 30 votes to 24, 4 members abstaining. Notice the attendance of 58.

On 9th October, the House considered "That American Influence has a Pernicious Effect on British Society," proposed by A. W. Sedgwick and H. Davidson, and opposed by K. Harrop and G. Beaumont. The voting was in agreement with the motion, i.e., for, 18 votes: against, 11 votes: abstained, 4. Thus A. W. Sedgwick summed up: "U.S.A. is the melting-pot of nations, and you know what happens in melting-pots—the scum always rises to the top!"

Monday, 16th October, witnessed a talk by Mr. Kyte on "West African Troops." Naturally many members of the Corps were present but the experiences related were not all military; some were comical, all were interesting. During question time the relationship between the black and white peoples came into prominence.

An impromptu debating meeting was held the next week. "The Ground Nut Scheme" was severely mutilated during a hotly contested argument, and irreconcilable views about a German Army were expressed in a second discussion.

By an overwhelming majority of 43 to 6 (3 members abstaining) "Hitch-hiking Holidays" were acclaimed. The main speakers were A. W. Sedgwick, A. F. Johnson, D. Woolfenden and G. A. Pilling. A gathering of 52 listened, amused, to many lively comments in a debate thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

On 13th November, an instructive and entertaining talk was given by B. Seddon on the little-known subject of "Caving." The speaker covered the sporting and scientific aspects, with accounts of many thrilling experiences added for good measure. A miner's lamp, battery and helmet, and a caver's overalls were exhibited with rock specimens and cave photographs.

The average attendance has been the best ever—almost 40. We hope to hear more, however, from the Fifth and Lower Sixth form members in future.
B. S.

The Hulme Lads' Club.

The annual collection is being made as usual this term, and while it is too soon to make any estimate of the total we are likely to achieve, there have been a few encouraging signs.

We particularly welcome the help of the Parents' Association, who have sent two contributions raised at social functions. We know that the success of the School collection, which is the financial mainstay of the Club, depends on the co-operation of the Parents, and we are most grateful for their generous support throughout the years. We hope that many of the Parents will have taken the opportunity of visiting the Club on November 29th.

We also thank last year's VI S.L. for a gift of the surplus from one of their social events.

The collection does not finally close till the beginning of next term, and if any Old Hulmeians who do not already contribute would like to continue the work they began at School, we shall be very glad to hear from them.

D. M. W.

Cricket, 1950.

The final results for the season were as follows:—

All matches. Played 17, Won 10, Lost 3,
Drawn 4.

School matches. Played 8, Won 5, Lost 1,
Drawn 2.

AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Inn.	Total Runs.	H'gst Score.	Not out.	Aver- age
A. Godson	16	633	85	4	52.7
C. S. Smith	13	451	91*	4	50.1
G. B. Lawson.....	13	339	103*	3	33.9
R. J. Winfield ...	13	189	50*	2	17.1
R. M. Bale	9	86	37*	2	12.2
D. Cooper	9	61	23	4	12.2
D. M. Archer ...	6	62	20	0	10.3
G. A. Royle	6	29	16	2	7.2
A. M. Blight	11	53	14	1	5.3
B. L. Tebbutt.....	6	15	7	2	3.8
G. B. Appleby ...	6	10	4*	3	3.3
Also batted :					
J. N. Clarke	1	3	3	0	3

*Not out.

BOWLING.

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Av'ge.
A. Godson	206.5	50	461	48	9.6
G. B. Appleby...	47	15	103	10	10.3
G. B. Lawson...	76.5	12	177	17	10.4
C. S. Smith ...	146	34	296	25	11.4
A. M. Blight ...	108	10	328	22	14.9
Also bowled :					
B. L. Tebbutt ...	16	5	35	6	
D. Cooper	11.3	0	47	5	
G. A. Royle ...	6	0	23	1	
R. M. Bale	6	4	7	2	
P. Donovan	4	0	14	1	

The team played quite well in the second half of the season, except for one period when they seemed to go stale. This may have been due partly to reaction after examinations, but the main cause was tiredness, as some of the team had played too much cricket. They made a good recovery before the end of term.

During the holidays, C. S. Smith played for the Northern Public Schools against the Southern Schools, and also for the Public Schools against the Combined Services, both games at Lords'. He was also chosen again for Cheshire.

Smith and G. B. Lawson were chosen for the Manchester Schools against Liverpool.

8th July, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Home. Lost by 3 wickets.

They put us in on a good wicket, but we started very badly and lost six wickets for only 52 runs. Their bowling was good and their fielding excellent. Fortunately, Smith was batting well, and some of

the later batsmen stayed with him. We were all out for 155, leaving them just over three hours. They lost their first wicket for 3, and then played so carefully that they seemed unlikely to get the runs. But our attack lost its edge and they won off the last ball of the match.

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, c Rothwell b Cartwright	7
C. S. Smith, not out	91
G. B. Lawson, c Searle b Howard	13
N. J. Winfield, st Louis b Searle	8
A. M. Blight, c Louis b Searle	0
R. M. Bale, b Cartwright	0
D. Cooper, lbw b Cartwright	0
G. A. Royle, run out	16
D. M. Archer, run out	0
G. B. Appleby, c Louis b Howard	3
B. L. Tebbutt, c Searle b Howard	7
Extras	10

Total 155

Bowling: Cartwright 3 for 44, Howard 3 for 41, Searle 2 for 80.

MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

J. Searle, lbw b Smith	1
G. O. Porritt, c Archer b Blight	21
G. B. Edwards, c Archer b Appleby	28
L. Boothby, c Godson b Appleby	8
L. J. Hanson, c Godson b Tebbutt	7
D. W. S. Rothwell, not out	44
J. H. Murray, b Lawson	14
J. L. Cartwright, c Archer b Godson	7
J. Howard, not out	7
Extras	19

Total (for 7 wickets) 156

Bowling: Smith 1 for 28, Godson 1 for 28, Blight 1 for 53, Lawson 1 for 22, Appleby 2 for 4, Tebbutt 1 for 2.

July 12, v. WHALLEY RANGE C.C. Away. Lost by 4 wickets.

The game started after tea, and as time was short we tried to score quickly, but lost 5 wickets for 21 runs. Three were run out. Bale and Cooper made a good stand, and Archer hit out at the end, but we were all out for 101. Whalley Range started well, but our fielding was better than our bowling, and their win was not an easy one. Clarke played instead of Smith who was ill.

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, b Piggott	3
R. J. Winfield, run out	5
G. B. Lawson, c Woollam b Piggott	0
A. M. Blight, run out	6
R. M. Bale, not out	37
B. L. Tebbutt, c Dennis b Piggott	0
D. Cooper, run out	23
J. N. Clarke, b Sharples	3
G. A. Royle, b Shawyer	0
D. M. Archer, lbw b Thornton	15
G. B. Appleby, c & b Shawyer	0
Extras	9

Total 101

Bowling: Piggott 3 for 21, Shawyer 2 for 29, Thornton 1 for 9, Sharples 1 for 20.

WHALLEY RANGE C.C.

J. P. V. Woollam, run out	23
R. Shawyer, run out	18
S. Gill, c Godson b Lawson	17
D. J. Price, c Archer b Godson	6
O. R. Dennis, b Lawson	1
E. Barnes, c Archer b Lawson	20
G. Brookes, not out	8
W. Maskell, not out	4
Extras	10

Total (for 6 wickets) 107

Bowling: Godson 2 for 23, Lawson 2 for 45.

July 13th, v. THE PARENTS. Home. Match drawn.

The Parents arrived flushed with a good victory over the Staff the previous week, but we treated their bowling with scant respect. Godson and Winfield put on 124 for the first wicket, and we declared at 155 for 2, made in 105 minutes. The Parents had made 77 for 4 when heavy rain stopped play. Clarke again played instead of Smith.

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, lbw b Hopwood	79
R. J. Winfield, not out	50
D. M. Archer, c & b Lawson	17
Extras	9

Total (for 2 wickets, declared) 155

Bowling: Lawson 1 for 32, Hopwood 1 for 26.

THE PARENTS.

E. Barnes, c Lawson b Godson	21
H. V. Blight, lbw b Lawson	17
G. F. Lawson, c Blight b Lawson	23
K. B. Hilton, b Godson	8
S. Smith, not out	5
L. Hopwood, not out	0
Extras	3

Total (for 4 wickets) 77

Bowling: Godson 2 for 24, Lawson 2 for 7.

July 17th, v. WALLASEY G.S. Away. Won by 10 wickets.

The wicket was very slow after heavy rain, and fast bowling was not very effective. Smith therefore bowled off-breaks which turned considerably, and as the fielding was very good, we put them out for 92. Godson and Smith hit off the runs in less than an hour without giving a chance.

WALLASEY G.S.

W. K. Ridge, b Godson	2
A. L. Hart, c Godson b Smith	3
R. M. McHarrie, c Cooper b Appleby	17
J. S. Smith, lbw b Smith	4
J. E. Cotter, c Godson b Appleby	13
J. Westlake, b Smith	3
K. G. Howard, lbw b Godson	30
B. D. Rennie, c & b Smith	1
J. G. Moores, c Tebbutt b Smith	7
P. W. Garnet, not out	0
N. Woods, run out	0
Extras	12

Total 92

Bowling: Godson 2 for 36, Smith 5 for 30, Appleby 2 for 14.

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, not out	65
C. S. Smith, not out	50
Extras	4

Total (for 0 wickets) 119

July 19th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Away. Won by 10 wickets.

They batted first on a wicket that was wet on top, so that the ball was apt to fly for the first few overs. It quickly dried and became quite easy, but Godson bowled better than in any previous game, and was mainly responsible for getting them out for 45. Godson and Smith hit off the runs and again went on to pass the hundred for the first wicket.

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

L. I. Rimmer, b Godson	1
D. E. Hope, c Lawson b Godson	4
T. R. Ward, b Godson	11
K. N. Pyke, lbw b Godson	1
I. W. Mitchell, c Bale b Smith	0
A. R. Mathias, b Godson	23
M. J. Herington, b Lawson	0
H. R. Hale, b Godson	0
J. T. Gopsill, lbw b Godson	0
M. A. Threlfall, not out	1
C. A. Robinson, b Godson	0
Extras	4

Total 45

Bowling: Godson 8 for 17, Smith 1 for 22,
Lawson 1 for 2.

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, b Rimmer	83
C. S. Smith, c Mitchell b Herington	52
D. Cooper, lbw b Rimmer	1
B. L. Tebbutt, c & b Herington	0
G. A. Royle, not out	4
G. B. Appleby, not out	0
Extras	6

Total (or 4 wickets) 146

Bowling: Rimmer 2 for 15, Herington 2 for 24.

July 24th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S., WAKEFIELD.
Home. Won by 8 wickets.

We were glad to resume this pre-war fixture with a Yorkshire team, and they came with an unbeaten record. They won the toss and batted first on a good wicket, but made a very bad start, from which they never really recovered.

We quickly lost Smith to a good catch, but Godson was again in excellent form, and we got the runs for the loss of two wickets.

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S G.S.

D. Glazebrook, b Smith	3
A. Jubb, b Godson	1
I. Robertson, b Smith	4
M. Colley, run out	0
M. J. Ramsden, b Lawson	7
E. M. Dyson, b Appleby	6
W. D. B. Pratt, b Godson	10
P. G. McLauchlan, not out	30
J. P. Riley, b Smith	4
C. Fuller, b Lawson	4
J. Dews, lbw b Lawson	0
Extras	10

Total 79

Bowling: Smith 3 for 29, Godson 2 for 20,
Appleby 1 for 4, Lawson 3 for 16.

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, not out	40
C. S. Smith, c Dyson b Fuller	6
G. B. Lawson, b Colley	17
R. J. Winfield, not out	14
Extras	6
Total (for 2 wickets)	83

July 26th, v. MR. E. BARNES'S XI. Home. Won by 79 runs.

Mr. Barnes again found the team for the Speech Day game, which started after tea. We batted first, and it was necessary to score quickly if we were to have any chance of winning. Godson and Smith gave us an excellent start by scoring 90 in an hour for the first wicket, and we were able to declare at 181 for 8, leaving them nearly 2½ hours to get the runs. They started badly, and Blight, supported by excellent fielding, bowled well, but it looked as though they could save the game. Then Godson was brought back and brought the game to a summary end with a hat-trick.

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, c Barnes b Whitaker	57
C. S. Smith, c Naylor b Kennedy	45
G. B. Lawson, c Lawson b Whitaker	17
A. M. Blight, run out	10
R. J. Winfield, b Whitaker	8
R. M. Bale, b Kennedy	0
D. Cooper, not out	19
D. M. Archer, c Lawson b Whitaker	2
B. L. Tebbutt, c Naylor b Kennedy	1
G. B. Appleby, not out	4
Extras	18

Total (for 8 wickets, declared) 181

Bowling: Whitaker 4 for 51, Kennedy 3 for 39.

MR. BARNES'S XI.

J. Horrocks, c & b Lawson	17
L. Hopwood, c Lawson b Smith	6
G. F. Lawson, b Blight	5
G. R. Naylor, c Winfield b Blight	12
I. A. Kennedy, c Cooper b Blight	31
R. Whitaker, c Lawson b Blight	11
W. A. Davies, b Godson	5
H. Shaw, b Godson	15
R. Winfield, not out	4
H. M. Smith, c Archer b Godson	0
E. Barnes, b Godson	0
Extras	6

Total 112

Bowling: Smith 1 for 31, Godson 4 for 27,
Lawson 1 for 15, Blight 4 for 28.

2ND XI

The team ended the season well by winning three of their last four matches and drawing the other.

July 8th, *v.* MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. at Crosby. School 129 (Drake 57, W. Cartwright 31). Merchant Taylors' 64 for 3. Drawn.

July 13th, *v.* PARENTS' 2ND XI. At Home. Parents 51 (Hoskinson 7 for 19). School 52 for 1 (Elliott 23 not out, Drake 23). Won by 9 wickets.

July 19th, *v.* BIRKENHEAD 2ND XI. At Birkenhead. School 138 (Rainford 40, W. Cartwright 37). Birkenhead 69 (Dellow 3 for 8, Hoskinson 3 for 17, Donovan 3 for 30). Won by 69 runs.

July 24th, *v.* QUEEN ELIZABETH'S SCHOOL, Wakefield, 2ND XI. School 129 for 4 declared (Drake 41, Elliott 34, Rainford 30). Queen Elizabeth's 54 (Hoskinson 6 for 19, Madden 2 for 10). Won by 75 runs.

Colours were awarded to E. J. Dellow, J. M. F. Drake, D. G. Robertson, R. Madden and W. Cartwright.

Football, 1950.

The main strength of the School side has been in a fast, strong pack which is the best the School has had for several years. They have covered well and handled and backed up well in attack. On one or two occasions they have so mastered the opposing forwards, that they have tied down backs potentially more dangerous than ours. The School backs have shown plenty of thrust and have generally defended well, but their attacks have far too often failed owing to bad handling and hopelessly wild passing. The great merit of the side has been its enthusiasm and will to win, due largely to the inspiring leadership of J. M. Beazley (Capt.) and W. R. Lee (Vice-Capt.).

Colours have been awarded to:—J. M. Beazley, W. R. Lee, D. M. Archer, G. D. Arnold, W. R. Benson, R. D. Boyle, M. C. Dickens, L. A. Logue, E. Hill, C. S. Smith and I. F. Smith.

W. Cartwright and R. G. H. Gray have played regularly.

R. I. Hattrick, B. Tebbutt, G. A. Pilling, A. A. Rainford, J. M. Sutcliffe have also played.

1st XV.

Saturday, 23rd September, *v.* OLD HULMEIANS. Home. Lost 18—8.

This unfortunately was not a very promising start to our season. As could be expected, the School forwards were more proficient in the loose-mawls, but the Old Boys were heavy, and we found it tiring trying to push them in the set scrums. Consequently, although the game was fast in the first half, the School could not keep up their destructive pace. The School backs, regularly knocking on, showed too few dangerous movements, and more rushes on the part of the forwards might have been to our advantage. Well played Old Boys!

Saturday, 30th September, *v.* CHEADLE HULME. Home. Won 38—0.

But for two notable tackles by D. M. Archer and C. S. Smith after approximately fifteen minutes' play, our opponents would have scored.

The backs, handling the greasy ball well, were backed up by the forwards, and gradually the School XV began to move as a team.

A good drop goal by C. S. Smith added an extra three points to our total. But bad conversion kicking made our score considerably less than it should have been.

Wednesday, 4th October, *v.* LYTHAM. Away. Lost 22—14.

This game the School would prefer to forget. Lytham played well, but we played lazily. Even when the ball was heeled from the set scrums our half-backs could not get an understanding, and every stray pass was immediately snapped up by the Lytham team, the result being either a try or a near miss for them. The tackling was poor.

Saturday, 7th October, *v.* SALE R.U.F.C. SCHOOLS XV. Home. Won 10—0.

This game was fast in both halves, although in the second half we were playing against the wind, as a result of which we only really attacked their line once. For some reason our second and third rows found difficulty in heeling the ball from the set scrums, consequently their defence was upon us before the ball had passed far along our line. Although Sale failed to score, their continual attacking caused us to play hard to keep them out, the tackling of the defence being too high to be at all damaging. G. Arnold played well.

Wednesday, 18th October, *v.* MACCLESFIELD. Away. Lost 11—8

This match was somewhat disappointing for the School XV because until nearly time the scores were level, and it only remained for one team to raise a little more "fire" to score the winning try. Macclesfield managed it. If, in the last fifteen minutes, our forwards could have found enough energy to push a little harder, the score might have been in our favour. The team, however, played well, and it was a good fight right to the end. Both of the School's tries were well deserved and C. S. Smith had a stroke of bad luck when, after kicking a long conversion from the touch line, the ball hit the post and bounced on the wrong side of the cross bar.

Wednesday, 1st November, v. BROUGHTON PARK R.U.F.C. SCHOOLS XV. Away. Lost 23-3.

The School forwards, although they played well, should have bound more quickly in the loose, whilst our backs were just not fast enough to outstrip their opposite numbers. Even when they broke away with a clear field ahead of them, their opponents were fast enough to catch them up. E. Hill was unfortunate when his drop kick hit the cross bar.

Thursday, 2nd November, v. WAKEFIELD. Away. Lost 29-8.

J. Hattrick and G. A. Pilling, injured in the previous match, were replaced by A. A. Rainford and B. L. Tebbutt.

The team, having played Broughton Park the day before, appeared to be tired and a little stale in their play. The Wakefield team, however, played excellent Rugby and it was all we could do to keep them from scoring many more points than they did. Of our backs, only C. S. Smith did any consistent tackling, and passing in general was bad. D. M. Archer kicked exceptionally well in defence. Only during the last twenty minutes did our forwards show fight. Their covering in defence throughout the first half was poor.

Saturday, 4th November, v. WILMSLOW. Home. Won 40-3.

Unfortunately, E. Hill, having bruised his hip rather badly in a previous match, was unable to turn out. The backs, however, played quite well, and two "scissor" movements were performed most successfully. The chief fault of the game was the bungling of the last pass out to an unmarked wing; consequently our score was considerably less than it should have been. Two of our forwards, G. Arnold and W. L. Lee, our Vice-Captain, played well, Arnold scoring four tries.

Wednesday, 8th November, v. WALLASEY. Away. Won 11-9.

Unfortunately R. D. Boyle and C. S. Smith had to be present at an examination and were unable to be with us for the match. G. Arnold again played well, one of his tries being the result of an excellent effort. D. Langan, who took Boyle's place in the front row, was a little inexperienced in his set-scrum play, and consequently the other forwards found difficulty in binding. In consequence of this, C. Dickens, our scrum half, rarely received the ball without the Wallasey wing forwards having ample time to "Nail" him. Otherwise all the forwards covered well in defence. The line-out play, however, was notably slack and B. L. Tebbutt seemed to be the only forward really jumping for the ball. A. A. Rainford kicked the greasy ball well, his efforts resulting in one conversion and a near-miss. The team are to be congratulated on the way in which they responded to verbal encouragement at the critical period when we were losing.

Saturday, 11th November, v. SALE C.G.S. Home. Won 41-0.

The backs played well. Many tries, however, were thrown away because of a careless pass out to an unmarked wing. The forwards, especially W. R. Lee, played well both in attack and defence, a solo dribble down the field by Lee resulting in a try. A neat passing movement among the forwards after the ball had travelled along the three-quarter line, served to change the direction of attack, and another try was scored immediately beneath the cross-bar. Some keen tackling by W. R. Benson was a good example to the rest of the team.

Saturday, 15th November, v. HULME HALL. Home. Won 9-6.

Owing to heavy rain throughout the previous two days, the ground was very muddy and the ball exceptionally greasy. In spite of this the backs handled comparatively well.

The "ding-dong" nature of the game under such conditions was tiring, but we were fortunate when Hulme Hall decided to keep the ball amongst the forwards, thereby relieving the defensive tackling of our backs.

G. Arnold was most unfortunate when, in the last minute of the match he injured his leg.

2ND XV.

The second fifteen have again had a very successful season, losing only one match—6-5 against Queen Elizabeth School, Wakefield—out of nine. In spite of numerous calls from the first fifteen through

injury and illness, the team has blended together quite well under the capable leadership of A. W. Crowe.

The standard of football has been high, but there is still room for improvement. The forwards have worked hard—P. E. Reeve and R. J. Bloor in particular—but much of their good work has been spoilt in the loose-scrums and line-outs because of their inability to bind tightly. The three-quarters, in consequence, have had fewer chances to show their abilities, although at times they have made some very good moves. The foundation of all good Rugby lies in the tackling. In this respect it is pleasant to report that the standard of tackling has improved with every game. This has been especially the case in the three-quarters, with the result that the full-back has not been hard worked.

The regular team has been: A. W. Crowe (Captain), G. S. Preston, E. J. Dellow, G. B. Lawson, J. Harrison, M. L. Sutcliffe, D. R. Rothwell, D. Langan, R. J. Bloor, J. M. M. Robinson, C. P. Love, A. Potter, P. E. Reeve, K. Wallace, F. M. Burton.

The following have also played: D. M. Archer, P. M. Charnley, W. M. Gould, B. L. Tebbutt, R. H. G. Gray, R. Hall, W. Cartwright, D. D. Hilton, R. J. Winfield, A. A. Rainford.

Second fifteen colours have been awarded to: A. W. Crowe, D. Langan, J. Harrison, J. M. M. Robinson, D. R. Rothwell, F. M. Burton, B. L. Tebbutt.

RESULTS.

Sept. 23.—v. Old Hulmeians 2nd XV ...H	W 13-0
„ 30.—v. Cheadle Hulme School.....A	W 17-0
Oct. 4.—v. King Edward VII School, LythamA	W 21-3
„ 18.—v. King's School, MacclesfieldH	W 25-0
Nov. 2.—v. Queen Elizabeth School, WakefieldA	L 5-6
„ 4.—v. Hartley CollegeH	W 11-3
„ 8.—v. Wallasey Grammar SchoolA	W 6-0
„ 11.—v. Sale C.G.S.A	W 6-0
„ 15.—v. Hartley CollegeH	W 6-6

A. W. C.

UNDER 15.

This year's team is rather bigger and faster than usual. The backs have been running well and holding their passes; the forwards have given the backs a good share of the ball from both set and loose scrums, and from line-outs. One of the most hopeful features of the play so far has been the improved marking and tackling. Under the joint captaincy of A. O. Dyson and J. K. Robertson the team has done well, four games out of five having been won.

Colours have been re-awarded to B. A. Craven, M. Credland, A. O. Dyson and J. K. Robertson; new colours have been awarded to J. A. Austin, P. C. Baguley, R. K. Davies, R. K. Gibson, I. Jameson, W. Newey, G. K. Rushworth, G. T. Skelding.

Others who have played are D. F. Borland, R. N. Colling, B. MacNab, H. W. J. Marston, G. Shaw and D. Wilde. One or two of these may be awarded colours before the end of the season.

RESULTS SO FAR.

Sept. 30.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...H	W 41-0
Oct. 4.—v. King Edward VII School, LythamH	W 34-3
„ 18.—v. King's School, Mac'field A	L 14-20
Nov. 1.—v. Denstone CollegeH	W 6-3
„ 11.—v. Sale County G.S.H	W 13-6

Lacrosse, 1950—51.

FIRST TEAM.

Two games have been played against the Manchester Grammar School this term and both have been won.

The first game was played on their ground, which was rather soft and muddy. In the circumstances, the game was very fast, and both attacks were dangerous. We won because our defence was much steadier and had the support of Lawson's sound goalkeeping. Hill played well on their best attack, and the covering was generally good.

Smith was our most dangerous attack, and was well supported by the others, especially Winfield, whose hard and accurate passes opened the way for Smith to go in and shoot.

The return match played on our ground in pouring rain was the closest we have had against the Manchester Grammar School for some time, and the result was in doubt until a splendid movement between C. S. Smith and I. F. Smith gave us a sixth goal almost on time.

The defence should be very good this year as there are five members of last year's unbeaten team available, including G. B. Lawson who still retains the excellent form of the past two years. They are all fast, and when we have had some practice their crosse handling ought to be good, and their clearing more accurate than it was in our last game. I. F. Smith, one of the four new members, has played at centre in the two games we have had, but as yet is a little uncertain both in passing and catching, but has held his own against his opposing centre in both games. J. Harrison has filled G. B. Appleby's

place quite well, but the attack is not up to last year's standard. They seem afraid of their passing, which is suspect, but C. S. Smith, if he is given the right kind of pass will get a lot of goals. The wings must do the foraging and Preston should get behind a ringed defence.

RESULTS.

Oct. 25.—v. Manchester G.S.	A	W 17-7
Nov. 22.—v. Manchester G.S.	H	W 6-4

House Games.

In the first half term a large number of the house games have not involved points; this has facilitated the coaching of boys who do not normally play in School practices.

In order that future members of School teams may gain experience of a heavy ground and a wet ball, it has been decided that seniors will play football on all occasions, except when the field would suffer unduly. This procedure has made it necessary to play the senior house games in the earlier part of the afternoon.

In the House League there has been, so far, a hard and fluctuating struggle for first place between Gaskell and Heywood, with Heywood at present just ahead. There is a large gap between Gaskell in second place, and Fraser in third place, but Fraser is closely followed by Byrom, Dalton and Whitworth.

The Byrom senior team has been seriously depleted by the large number of its players on the practices. In spite of this handicap, they have played hard, and have been unlucky to lose some games by narrow margins. The juniors have been enthusiastic but rather spasmodic in their efforts.

The low position of Dalton is due mostly to the weaknesses in the senior team. The juniors have often played keenly and well in spite of lack of weight.

All the Fraser teams have been consistently keen, but the lack of adequate reserves for both senior and junior teams has, at times, severely weakened them.

Gaskell possess a strong senior team, which is not seriously affected by the loss of School players. The senior team has been ably backed up by a consistently good junior team.

The League leaders, Heywood, also have a strong senior team, which, like Gaskell, is not unduly weakened by the absence of School players. The good work of the seniors has been well supported by two promising junior teams.

The position of Whitworth, at the foot of the League Table, is due mostly to the poor showing of a weakened senior team. The juniors have often played well, but usually without much luck.

Many thanks are due to masters and senior boys who have refereed House games.

N. A. W.

The Visit to Stratford-on-Avon.

On July 20th, a party of thirty or so Sixth formers made a visit to Stratford-on-Avon. From every point of view it was a most enjoyable day. The weather was glorious, the journey delightful, the unique town a very pleasant surprise to those who had not been before, and the theatre matinée an excellent performance. One's only regret was that one did not have longer there—there was so much to see, and so little time in which to see it. The journey to and fro took up such a large proportion of the time that one had to do everything hurriedly instead of at one's leisure, but that was unavoidable, and one had a large enough glimpse of Stratford to sense the delightfulness and quaintness of its Elizabethan atmosphere.

The coach left the School at eight o'clock, rather an early hour for those who had to come a distance, but the sleepiness was soon dispelled by the beauty of the scenery through which the journey lay. The countryside of Cheshire and Warwickshire, with morning coffee at the lovely cathedral town of Lichfield, was in sharp contrast to the begrimed and smoky dreariness of the potteries. On our arrival at Stratford, we were shown round Shakespeare's Cottage and Anne Hathaway's House. One could not suppress a slight feeling of annoyance at the manner in which these monuments of cultural and historical value had been commercialised; one felt that one could not, as one would have wished, escape into Elizabethan England from our modern world of materialism and commerce. There was very little left of the original furnishings and decorations of the cottages, most of them having been replaced by those of a later period, but one was able to get at least some idea of an Elizabethan home. Having examined the cottages, we ate our lunch on the banks of the river and under the shadow of the theatre—a most delightful situation in which to have lunch. One could not help but marvel at the numerous nationalities and types of people who had come to worship at Shakespeare's shrine, and at the great esteem in which he must be held all over the world.

The afternoon performance which we attended at the Memorial Theatre was "King Henry VIII." This is one of Shakespeare's lesser-known plays (indeed Shakespeare is said to have written only six scenes of it) but even though the play itself is not a particularly good one, written merely as a tribute to Elizabeth, and painting Henry VIII in unsuitably bright colours, we witnessed a really excellent production. The pageantry and costumes were extravagant and magnificent, but never allowed to become too dominant, and the comic touches which the actors provided were a pleasant relief from the tragic note which runs all through the play. For most of us it was our first glimpse of really first-rate Shakespearean acting, and it was a pleasant experience. The heat, a great friend in the open-air, became an almost intolerable enemy inside the theatre. Coats and collars were torn off and shirts unbuttoned, but programmes proved useful fans in creating a refreshing current of air, and there was deliciously cool ice-cream to be bought during the interval. After the theatre, we partook of a welcome high tea and then journeyed home, the darkness relieved by some boisterous, if not particularly musical, singing.

K. H.

Sunrise on Snowdon.

To see the sunrise from the highest point in the southern half of Great Britain is a memorable experience even under unfavourable conditions. With mist clinging about the mountain top, there is an eeriness as the dawning light reveals the shape of rocks and humans that is well worth the effort. But if the mist is absent, a glorious panorama gradually unfolds itself like a curtain going up at the beginning of a play.

From Manchester, the most convenient starting place is Llanberis, one of the North Wales slate-quarrying towns. So, late on the last Saturday in September, a few friends and myself set off from the great city of the industrial North to wonderful Wales. For a wonderful land it is—a land of great mountains and pleasant vales peopled by a friendly family of men and women.

Soon after the unearthly hour of two in the morning we set off, by the light of torches, from grey-roofed Llanberis. The path was well marked and we had no difficulty in following it. The Llanberis track follows roughly the course of the Snowdon Mountain Railway, which enables those who are either physically or spiritually incapable of making the ascent, to see the wonders of the summit as well as those who tackle Nature's handiwork in its wildest and most beautiful state.

As we passed the Snowdon waterfall, about a mile from Llanberis, the moon came out from behind a cloud, and shone on the stream as it came rushing over the edge of the fall, making the water look like millions of minute lights. Up above the stars twinkled merrily in the clear frosty air, while now and again the sound of a mountain beck as it tore down the hill side, would come upon our ears. Although it was night there always seemed to be something going on even on Snowdon's wild and desolate slopes.

At about half-past three we reached half-way. It was now that the mountain presented itself to us in all its splendour, for a blustering wind blew upon us from the east, giving us a hint of snow. Although we were walking quite quickly in view of the task before us, our fingers began to grow cold, despite our gloves. Before us rose the last stages of the ascent, looking dark and foreboding in the heart of the night. That pinnacle, where the four winds blow unchecked, looked a long way ahead, but was really only just over two and a half miles.

By the time we had reached Clogwyn station, the moon had reappeared on the western side of the summit, casting its rays on the lakes just below us. I had seen the setting sun in all its glory reflected in these lakes and now I was seeing the moon's reflection, but it would be hard to determine which was the more beautiful.

As we climbed the last few yards up the final slope, a sound was borne towards us by the wind. At first it was just a wailing, but gradually we could distinguish a tune, and as the lights of the summit hotel presented themselves before us like tiny lanterns floating in space, we heard the refrain "All through the Night." Surely, we thought, this is a grand ending to a night on the foreboding slopes. Once inside the hotel we heard the songs of mountains and morn, of vale and plain, sung by those to whom singing is the natural mode of self-expression.

But what about our reward—our reward for three and a half hours of climbing in the middle of the night?

To the east there was inky blackness, then suddenly, a streak of red appeared, and then another, and another until the whole of the eastern sky was a mass of golden red. Mountain after mountain, hill after hill, gradually crept forward out of the retreating night until the very rocks around us began to show, until we could see the wind blowing the heather this way and that. Then suddenly, away on our left, something sparkled as a ray of sunlight touched it. It looked just like glass until we realised it was the Irish Sea. Slowly but surely Anglesey appeared. It seemed strange to think that it had once been higher than Snowdon itself when we saw it lying there far away at our feet. Then

without a word of warning the placid, dark waters of Llyn Llydaw came into view, that lonely lake ringed in by high and mighty hills. Away in the west the sun's rays were just touching Cardigan Bay and we could see those strangely isolated hills on the Llyn Peninsula—Yr Eifl, or as we call them—The Rivals. But that was not all. Away in the south the mountains of Montgomery and Radnor appeared, looking a little lower than ourselves but just as magnificent. Surely to one who loves Nature, and wishes to see her greatest piece of work, nothing can be better than sunrise on Snowdon.

M. C.

Into the Night.

Everybody was afraid of the gorge. Nobody dared to venture near those formidable crags that frowned upon the village, as the houses clustered timorously in the valley. The gorge was not difficult to cross; it was the depth and sinister atmosphere that caused such horror and dread. The crags rose sheer on both sides of the narrow stone path that wound its way round stray boulders and occasional lurking bogs.

It was on a stormy night that a lonely, dark figure stumbled with difficulty across the bleak moorland that fringed the village. The relentless rain rattled on his coat, trickled down his neck and soaked his clothes, causing him much discomfort. He cursed volubly, and in his anger attempted to sweep the rain aside with his arm. Unfortunate fellow! How futile such an endeavour was!

Ah! Suddenly he found himself stumbling down a gentle slope and falling with the loose stones against the wooden door of a hut. Ruefully, the man recovered himself and surveyed the place to which fortune had directed him.

It was a small, rather dilapidated hut, with only a boarded window to serve as ventilation at the front. Passing his shivering hands along the walls, the wanderer discovered that the wood was rotten and ridden with lice. There was no chance of observing further except that the roof was silhouetted against a background of dim sky. However, a thin wisp of smoke rising lazily in the night air, and a chink of light between the boards suggested to the wanderer that the hut was occupied. How pleasant it would be to be sheltered only for a minute from the driving rain! With this thought in mind, he groped for the handle; finding it, he hammered on the door.

The door was opened rapidly, and with the same urgency the stranger was drawn into the hut. As the door was slammed and bolted firmly, it seemed as if the wanderer had passed suddenly from a world of turmoil to comparative tranquillity. The interior of the hut was welcoming and entirely contrasted to the bleakness outside. A fierce fire blazed in the grate, while over it sizzled a kettle. How comforting it was during those following moments to warm his hands and survey the scene of homeliness about him.

His benefactor, a small, bent, grizzled old man spoke little as he took some tea from the waiting pot and served the grateful wanderer with the steaming liquid. Afterwards, however, he began to make enquiries in a tremulous yet kind voice.

"And where be 'ee goin'?"

"To Witham." The stranger sipped the tea gratefully and asked, "Will you tell me the shortest way, my good fellow?"

The old man's grizzled face clouded over with fear.

"To Witham, eh? That means ye go by the gorge."

"By what?"

"The gorge! Never 'eerd o' the gorge?" he added, as the stranger looked puzzled. The old man leaned forward, his eye keen and alight. "There's been deaths there afore now!"

"Nevertheless, I must go," declared the stranger, rising briskly from the old chair. "My wife is ill you see, and the doctor at the village is himself ill."

The old man shook his head, slowly and pensively.

"It's dangerous. As soon as ye reach the rocks," he added, ominously, "ye meet 'im."

"Whom?"

"Craizie John. He's been dead these thirty year but his ghost's outside—waiting for ye!"

The other laughed contemptuously.

"I refuse to believe it," he said, finishing the tea and placing the saucer on the table.

No matter how much he was persuaded, the stranger refused even to consider abandoning his mission. Once again he shouldered his bag and opened the door. As he stumbled away into the night, the old man shouted hoarsely, "Mind the bogs!"

He remained at the door, listening. Suddenly a horrible cry followed by a series of shrieks rent the howling air. Then there was silence—a terrible silence, except for the continual whining of the wind.

The rain rattled ceaselessly on the lonely hut; the wind whistled and whined over the bleak, rough moorland, howling around the crevices; the crags still frowned formidably on the sleeping village. The lurking bog was silent, unseen in the gloom. Only a faint ripple on the surface recorded the tragedy enacted there.

G. N. L.

Fear.

It was a cold dismal evening in late March, and a heavy, grey fog clung round the buildings of Burlington St. like a young child nestles closely to its mother. No light pierced this drooping shroud, as wartime regulations forbade street lighting. On the left of the street was a low, stone building which the village children called their school, and which the village elders called their council chamber. A clock, high up the sombre-looking tower of the church on the opposite side of the street, haughtily glared down through the fog at the roof of the school. Suddenly, the sound of approaching footsteps echoed down the empty street and a heavily muffled figure appeared. A black trilby pulled well over his eyes, and a long black overcoat added to the somewhat sinister appearance of the approaching figure. A deep scar on his left cheek made his face, which was naturally pale, look even whiter. Furtively he glanced from side to side as he hurried along past the school and the church. His muscles involuntarily tensed as he heard a cry just behind him; but it was only a cat calling to its mate.

A sign of hesitancy appeared as he arrived opposite a row of small houses; could he turn back? The fear of the consequences of such an action were overwhelming, however, and timidly he approached No. 15. The creaking of the heavy iron gate sent a wave of fear through his body, but summoning up all his courage, he knocked on the door and entered the house. Two men, who were in the small room into which he slipped, exchanged significant glances as he dropped down into a chair in the far corner. All he could do now was wait.

The steady beat of the rain on the window panes and the monotonous hum of the wireless were fraying the man's nerves. He felt he would go crazy if they did not cease. Why must that woman fiddle with her gloves, and why do flies have to buzz like high-powered jet aircraft? He wriggled nervously in his chair under the strain of this mental torture. He had often wondered why folk committed suicide; now he knew. Again the idea of an attempted

escape crossed his mind, but equally quickly the thought was dispelled. He had come too far to turn back now. The pale-green walls seemed to be contemptuously sneering at him, and he felt that they were gradually closing in on him. He was afraid. He was sure the excited thumping of his heart against his chest must be audible to everybody in the room. He glanced at his watch. Only ten minutes to wait now, but he wished he had not come so early. The minute hand crept round his watch with alarming rapidity. Only five minutes now, four, three

The door opened and he sunk further into his chair, utter despair registered on his countenance; but it was only another man coming into the room. Again the significant looks passed between the two on the other side of the room. The tension of this wait was playing havoc with the man's nerves. His head was slumped forward on his chest and his fingers nervously fidgeted at his side.

A startled cry escaped from the man's lips as the church clock struck eight. The hour of reckoning had arrived. After a tense pause the door gradually opened and a tall, thin woman completely clothed in white entered. His heart definitely missed a beat.

He hardly noticed the woman's sickly smile as the words floated across to him.

"The dentist is ready to see you now, Sir."

J. N. H.

European Adventures.

Having decided to go to Germany for our holidays, we thought we might as well see as many other countries as possible. We began in Holland, therefore, but stayed there only a short time. Our route to the German frontier lay through The Hague, Utrecht and various other towns, so we were able to form a clear impression of the Netherlands. We crossed the border at Venlo and hurried to Cologne.

It is impossible to realise the extent of the bomb damage at Cologne without seeing the unending acres of ruins. Our first German Hostel was a converted bunker, or aid-raid shelter. From Cologne we cycled up the Rhine past Bonn, Beethoven's birthplace, Coblenz and Bingen. This stretch of the Rhine, with castles and ruins crowning the vine-clad hills on either bank, is very beautiful. We spent a morning groping about the tunnels, used as shelters during the war, with which the largest castle, the Rheinfells, is riddled. After Bingen we

went to Heidelberg where we met some friends who showed us round the town, completely untouched by the War. After dinner they took us to the river to watch the "Schlossbeleuchtung." We were lucky to see this as the castle is illuminated only three times a year, as the red firework which is used for the purpose costs £300.

We stayed in a German Youth Club's camp on the following night and then got a lift to Munich, where we arrived at half-past two in the morning. As we knew the Hostel was closed, and we had clear consciences, we went to the Police Station, and were directed to a peculiar place, a "Kolpinghaus," which was a charity for Roman Catholic bachelors run by Nuns. The next day we looked round the much battered town, but found the Nymphenburg Palace untouched; a palace which despite its barrack-like exterior, is very beautiful in a rococo way inside. Two days later we arrived in Oberammergau.

The road approaching Oberammergau from the nearest town, Garmisch, winds up steeply into the pine-covered mountains. The gorge on one side and the mountains on the other make the journey exciting, as you press yourself against the cliff to avoid fat "automobiles" which are carrying their even fatter sightseers on to luxurious hotels.

The village itself is typically Bavarian, with outside paintings on the houses. The main craft is wood-carving, and the shops are full of delicate creations which are unfortunately very dear. For the Youth-Hosteller there was a tented camp up in the hills above the village. The site could not have been bettered, for there were hills on three sides and a view of the village on the other. High above, on the Kopfel, a jutting crag, stands a cross, the symbol of the piety and sincerity of everything about the play.

The theatre itself is very fine. The auditorium, one of the largest in the world, is covered as in an ordinary theatre, but the stage is open to the air, with the green mountains and blue skies in the background. The stage is well designed with raised daises at each side, perspectives towards the back, and in the centre a minor stage reminiscent of a Greek temple in which the tableaux are presented. The wonder of the play is beyond words and must be seen to be understood. It lasts from eight to twelve, and from two to six, and five thousand people are held enraptured throughout all that time. The story covers Christ's life, from his entry into Jerusalem to his resurrection. The actors are forbidden to use any make-up, and there is nothing false on the stage—even the donkey, the Centurion's horse, and the doves in the temple are real. The Christian Story is illustrated tableaux representing parallel episodes from the Old Testament enacted

by living men who never even seem to breathe. The strain on these actors must be immense, especially as they are all genuine villagers. Christus, however, bears the greatest strain when he hangs on the cross for twenty-five minutes without any visible sign of support.

Leaving Oberammergau we crossed the Austrian border, only after seeing the remarkable Romanesque castle at Neuschwanstein. The Tyrol was as beautiful as we had hoped. After staying at Innsbruck, we rushed to the top of the Brenner Pass to start free-wheeling into Italy. Italy was delightful, and although at first we knew no Italian, we soon acquired a working vocabulary of "Quanta costa?"—"how much?" and "Multo troppo!"—"too much!" We startled several signorinas by rushing up and asking the way by forming a question from the place's name, and then getting lost in their replies. Of Trento, Verona, Milan and Turin, the places we visited, Verona pleased us most with its walls and Roman Arena. During our stay in Italy we slept out twice, once in a wood and once in a peach orchard. Mussolini's railway stations were very luxurious, even down to the spittoons in the corners. Italian food was, as we expected, exhausting. It was all wormy things which we wrestled with for hours, only to be left with several strands still undefeated. However, we enjoyed the exercise.

We nearly left our bicycles at the French frontier. On the way from Turin to Lyons we were entertained by some French pilgrims with narratives of fat bishops, doings in Rome, and impersonations of fat bishops. We got caught by a heavy mist whilst sleeping out one night on the way from Lyons to Paris. It was good to be in Paris again, but after a dinner with one of our French correspondents and several French pastries, we had to catch the boat train and the night-ferry to London.

A.F.J. and A.W.S.

Yuletide.

The snowflakes slowly drifted down. The trees, stripped of their gowns of summer green, now wore a white mantle over their bare branches. Perched high on a snow-covered bough, silhouetted against the winter sky, chirped a robin. Somewhere else the hooting of an owl could be heard. The distant church bells and the songs of carollers, borne along by the wind, accompanied their lowly serenade.

Below me I could see the twinkling lights of a little white-roofed hamlet. In the snow-covered streets the tracks of a solitary horse and cart, and the footprints of the carter walking beside it, could

be traced. The church bells seemed to ring with an unusual clearness, while the voices of the carol-singers sounded crisp and clear as the night air. As I walked through the village I was enveloped by a strange feeling of friendship and warmth. The singers greeted me with a "Merry Christmas" as they passed, their very smiles reflected that feeling of comradeship and cheer.

I stopped before the door of a cottage and knocked. The smile of the old man who opened the door showed mingled pleasure and surprise as he exclaimed, "Why, Ted! Come in, lad."

The quaint cottage was warm and homely. In the hearth a fire burnt brightly. On the rug before it lay a cat fast asleep.

"Martha look who's here," he called, "it's Ted."

Martha came in from the kitchen. "Why Ted it is good to see you. You'll stay to dinner?"

With that very cordial invitation I sat down to my Christmas dinner with Martha and Tom.

Martha was an excellent cook. The turkey was a golden brown, and the potatoes* baked to a correct crispness. This was followed by Martha's own Christmas pudding complete with a sprig of holly. Dinner over, we sat and talked until it was time for me to set out again.

"Good-bye and a merry Christmas," they called after me as I trudged down the road.

"A merry Christmas and thanks," I said. So with a hot meal inside me and a stout heart I returned to the open road.

A tramp never remains long in one place.

A. S.

Hitch-Hiking to Cannes.

Landing in France was not the ordeal we had expected. "The customs" hardly showed themselves and we soon began to find out all about the French roads and the French drivers.

We walked along the N 1, hoping to get a lift into Paris, but we did not. Near Calais the road was open and bleak. There were no hedges or walls, indeed the road was quite featureless except for its gutter of red bricks. Trying to keep my feet on these bricks was something to do besides

walk. Beyond Boulogne it was much more pleasant. Tall straight trees grew at the roadside, and there were tiny villages, mere groups of a couple of farms, and a few houses. It was outside one of these little white villages that we spent our only night in the open. We made our beds in a cornfield, under the sheaves of oats, and froze to sleep. I cannot think why it was so cold in the middle of August.

One night spent like this was quite enough and we determined to reach Paris, or at least a Youth Hostel before the following evening. A white mist was creeping in the fields next morning, curtaining the sun. The air was chill, and as all the cars still buzzed past us we caught a 'bus. After the 'bus, a train, and when we left the train we were in Paris.

Paris was very beautiful and very busy. The great Squares and Avenues swarmed with people and cars, yet along the banks of the Seine, men in black berets fished peacefully with their long home made rods.

Of course, we visited the sights: the Louvre, the Invalides, Notre Dame and many other wonderful buildings. We were almost as good tourists as the innumerable Americans, though we lacked cameras and loud ties. Although the Notre Dame and the Invalides were quite the most wonderful things I had ever seen, it was the general face rather than the outstanding features which made Paris seem such a gay and extraordinary place. To walk along the Boulevards, staring at priceless jewels in the shops, to mingle with people who could have been kings of Persia or international criminals, to wander along the Seine past the little bookstalls, were adventures to be experienced nowhere else in the world.

We left Paris with light hearts. We expected to be back by evening, having made a valiant but unsuccessful attempt to reach the south. We covered two hundred miles that day—two hundred miles of the most beautiful country on earth. On the way to Dijon we rested at a monastery called Vezalet, built on a great rock standing out from the gently rolling country. In the foreground all was green and peaceful. A river guarded by a row of poplars ran among the meadows, and little white villages crowded into the hollows. Further away the blue and purple mountains rolled higher and steeper like an angry sea, and the grey smoke of summer hanging round them hid any sign of life. Vezalet was serene and calm. It was so high that none could rival it. Its visitors came slowly and therefore reverently. Even the great American cars had to crawl at its feet like shiny beetles.

We slept at Dijon, a normal provincial town, complete with its Arc de Triomphe and tree-lined

avenues. We left early in the morning and during the afternoon were swallowed in the Alps.

At first we could easily tell where the plain ended and the hills began, but we travelled for some time parallel to the mountains, and I could not tell when we began to climb.

The road went steadily up, and as we crossed the head of each gully or rounded the shoulder of an Alp, we saw the dry sandy hills, and, on their upper slopes streaks of snow.

For two days we travelled, descending into towns shut in by walls of rock, and then climbing back into the hills. One such town was Digne. We came to a great trough of a valley and entered, so it seemed, straight from the sky. We kept dropping down and down, through the narrow streets. We could see into the houses through the unglazed windows. The shadow in the streets was thick and so the great wooden shutters were thrown back, but within the houses it was pitch dark.

It was in this valley that we first saw the tall white towers with great overhanging roofs of red tiles, which are typical of the Provençal "mas." They stood out of the dusty soil and low vines in a most startling way, taking the place of trees. No grass grew, and the only water we saw gushed from the ground into great stone tanks. It was cool and clear, and in the tanks stood bottles of wine and milk, occupying the only cool place under that blazing sun. Further back at Varion, we had seen wide rivers of milky water from the glaciers. Here every drop of water which fell tore great rents in the ground and disappeared at once.

Thus we travelled to Grasse, the town of perfume, and through bush and almost tropical vegetation to Cannes.

We descended gently into Cannes. Palms and cacti sprouted from the ground, stranger plants grew at the roadside. Far away, beyond the road, lay the sea. It was misty dim. Rocks from the land invaded it. It was lost with the horizon before the eye could trace it far. On every side was distraction: houses, people and animals. Yet all we saw was the sea.

Cannes is a beautiful town, white and clean, the beach golden and almost too hot to touch. The sea rolled gently and occupied the same place at every hour of the day. It was warm and beautiful. What a place to live in! There is fruit to live on and the sea to live in. Paradise could hardly be more than an imitation of Cannes.

We left Cannes and travelled back to Paris in two days. Our French driver raced cars, bicycles, animals and railway trains. Driving on the left-hand side of the road, he covered seventy miles in

an hour (comfortably), and when he found that our way to Dijon, where we were to spend the night, was blocked by an engine on one of the innumerable "level" crossings, he went straight to Paris, a hundred miles further on.

From Paris, we went to Calais in a day. The road was beautiful, especially as we had no need to walk along it, but we passed through some towns which exist in name only. Beauvais, for instance, was completely destroyed by the Germans, except for its wonderful cathedral.

We crossed from Calais to Dover in the cold and rain. England looked very depressing, but the sun must have been shining in Cannes. It always does.

S. B. B.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News.

All Old Hulmeians will be pleased to learn that Mr. D. Lloyd Griffiths, despite the claims of a busy professional life, has joined the Governing body of the School, on which they are already ably represented by Mr. H. Cardwell, Mr. H. H. Vlies and Mr. G. N. E. Gilliat. To these gentlemen's untiring interest and voluntary expenditure of their time the School owes an immense debt, which is perhaps not always adequately either appreciated or acknowledged.

An outstanding Old Hulmeian has passed from our midst with the death of Mr. H. E. Walker at the age of 62. He was for over forty years closely connected with the Hulme Lads' Club, of which he became an officer about the year 1906, and he was appointed a member of the Committee in 1909. He became chairman of the Club in 1925 in succession to Mr. J. W. Morley, a post he retained till 1941, when war-work on his farm claimed most of his spare time. However, he continued his connection with the Club as a Vice-President and a generous subscriber, up to the time of his death.

Mr. H. E. Walker was chairman of the directors of the printing firm of Messrs. Herald and Walker, and a city magistrate. During the 1914-18 War he served with the Manchester Regiment. His death is not the only serious blow of its kind the Hulme Lads' Club has recently undergone, so the officers of the Club would welcome recruits to their ranks from Old Hulmeians who are prepared to give the same unswerving and disinterested service that he did. The art of handling the boys of the Club is one not easily or quickly acquired, and so this very honourable service should not be lightly undertaken.

Another outstanding Old Hulmeian has passed away with the early death of Peter Grieve, third son of Dr. A. J. and Mrs. Grieve, formerly of Lancashire Independent College. At the time of his death he was on the eve of retiring as managing director of the Globe News Agency. He began his journalistic career on the *Manchester Evening News* and served subsequently on the London Staff of the *Manchester Guardian*, on the *News Chronicle*, *The Daily Herald*, *The Evening Standard*, *The Baltimore Evening Sun* and *The Calcutta Englishman*. He had recently published a novel—an excellent thriller. During the war he served with the K.O.S.B., but was seconded for special duty in New York, Buenos Aires and finally in Calcutta, where he was the head of the Department of Psychological Warfare in the Far East. He held the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and was awarded the M.B.E.

The following examination results were published too late for inclusion in last term's magazine:—

Oxford University: Honours School of Jurisprudence, Class II: F. A. Stone (Brasenose), P. W. Watkins (Lincoln).

Honours School of Modern History, Class III: A. G. Smith (Brasenose).

Sheffield University: B. A. General, Class I: I. R. Duncan.

The Rev. J. H. P. Slade has been ordained Priest.

B. Bruckshaw has been awarded the degree of M.A. in English at Manchester University and is now working for the Ph.D.

B. Vitkovitch has been appointed a Lecturer in Economics at Manchester University.

F. J. Whelan (Middle Temple) has been called to the Bar.

We congratulate R. Mark on his promotion to the rank of Inspector in the Manchester City Police.

Something of a record has been set up by the fact that the captains of all the University Lacrosse teams are all Old Hulmeians. They are G. Wilkinson (Oxford), J. P. Chilton (Cambridge), D. Watkins (Manchester) and B. R. Banton (Leeds).

On the occasion of the Inter-Varsity Lacrosse Match, G. Wilkinson, A. Wilkinson (Oxford), J. P. Chilton and D. W. Bowett (Cambridge) all received half-blues.

The attention of Old Hulmeians, who are as always cordially welcome to the School Founder's Day service on Friday, January 26th, is drawn to the fact that this time it will take place at St. Ann's Church, at 11 a.m., and not at the Cathedral as in previous years.

BIRTHS.

HARTLEY.—On July 17th, to Margaret and Leslie M. Hartley, a daughter.

FLINN.—On August 21st, to Barbara and David Flinn, a daughter.

DARLINGTON.—On September 21st, to Joan and Ronald Darlington, a son.

BALLINGER.—On October 6th, to Mary, wife of Maurice Ballinger, M.A., a son.

CRAWFORD.—On October 8th, to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Crawford, a son.

HOCKADAY.—On October 20th, to Vera, wife of Harold Hockaday, a son.

DALTON.—On October 26th, to Margery, wife of H. E. Dalton, a son.

TAYLOR.—On December 4th, to Irene, wife of Keith D. Taylor, a son.

MARRIAGES.

WILLIAMS—HEALD.—On August 11th, Lieutenant BRIAN MEREDITH, only son of Mrs. L. Williams, of Wilmslow, to HILDA MARY, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Heald, of Didsbury.

JONES—WILLIAMS.—On August 12th, WILLIAM H. JONES, of Fourcrosses, Carnarvonshire, to MEGAN W. WILLIAMS, of Waerfawe, Carnarvonshire.

SOMERSET—HODGSON.—On August 19th, GUY STEWART SOMERSET, M.A. (Cantab.), son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Somerset, of Altrincham, to BRIGID MARY, daughter of the Rev. Canon Hodgson, D.D., and Mrs. Hodgson, of Oxford.

COCHRANE—CARTWRIGHT.—On September 2nd, JOHN ARTHUR, elder son of Mrs. L. and the late Mr. A. Cochrane, to HILDA, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cartwright.

TETLOW—BROOM.—On September 16th, DENIS JAMES, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Tetlow, to AUDREY HELEN, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Broom, both of Romiley.

KNIGHT—MANSELL.—On October 14th, PETER NESBIT, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Knight, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, to JOAN, widow of Sergeant Roy Mansell, R.A.F., and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. W. Kennedy, of Withington.

BATTERSBY—SCOTT.—On October 28th, GEORGE WILLIAM, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Battersby, of Brooklands, to ERICA FARROW, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Scott, of Lincoln.

DEATHS.

FROGGATT.—On August 29th, suddenly, at Leominster, Herefordshire. JOHN, the dearly-loved husband of Helen Froggatt, of Heughfield, Chesham Place, Bowdon.

WALKER.—On August 31st, suddenly, HENRY ERNEST, the beloved husband of Alice Edna Walker, of Yew Tree Farm, Lower Peover, Knutsford.

GRIEVE.—On September 13th, in hospital, New Delhi, PETER, aged 42 years, dear son of A. J. and E. M. Grieve, of Cavendish, Suffolk (formerly of Lancashire Independent College).

DENNIS.—On September 17th, in hospital, TREVOR, aged 68 years, the dearly-loved husband of Eveline Dennis, of 10, Waltham Road, Manchester 16.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The numbers attending Association functions continue to be most disappointing. Only seventy members attended the Annual General Meeting, and in spite of the fact that at least half a dozen friends of Old Boys attended the Annual Reunion, the number sitting down to the meal was only fifty-two.

The General Committee have considered very carefully the state of affairs and have reluctantly, but nevertheless unanimously, come to the conclusion that the Reunion no longer serves the purpose for which it was held, and it has been decided to suspend this function for the time being.

The Rugby section have taken a large stride forward in their progress by the opening of their increased accommodation at Brantingham Road, on the 18th November. It is to be hoped that additional playing members will join this section which is making a very strong and determined effort to get back to its pre-war status in the Rugby World.

The War Memorial Tablet was removed during the School's summer holidays, and certain corrections were made to some of the names and initials. The Tablet was returned to its place by the commencement of the New School Year.

It has also been decided to extend the date of termination of the Endowment Fund Deed until the death of the survivor of the present Trustees.

Approval to this proposition made by the Trustees of the Fund has been given by the General Committee, and also by a meeting of the Subscribers to the Endowment Fund.

The Annual General Meeting approved a recommendation by the General Committee, that the balance of the War Memorial Fund should be used in presenting to the School a Memorial Clock to be installed in the Gable End of the Art Block facing the School Field.

The problem of the failure of the majority of boys leaving School to join the Association is still given a great deal of thought, and it has now been decided to send to each boy, at the end of the first term after he has left, a copy of the School Magazine, enclosing a notice to the effect that on joining the Association, all members are provided with a copy of the School Magazine each time it is issued.

The Annual Dance is being held at Longford Hall on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1951, and the Annual Dinner at the Midland Hotel on Saturday, March 10th, 1951, and it is hoped that Members will support these two important functions.

E. B.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The Lacrosse Section was represented on the Great Britain side selected to play Yale University this summer by J. Buckland, S. Gill and F. M. McClinton who also, together with H. A. Whatley, N. R. Coe and R. Mark, played for Lancashire against the United States visiting team. All proved themselves worthy of the honours against the strong Yale side which completed its tour without defeat.

The first team's match at Oxford on 18th November, was the only occasion on which the club visited the University, whom we have met only once before in the Iroquois Cup Final at New Beckenham in 1932. The visit was successful in every way. In spite of a score of 18-7 in our favour, Oxford gave us a hard game. The University started at a fast pace and gained a 6-3 first quarter lead. Our team, at full strength except for Coe, injured, then settled down and played first-class lacrosse. After the game the Old Boys at Oxford kindly entertained the side to a dinner, at which F. A. Stone presided, and to whom, together with G. Wilkinson, the University lacrosse secretary, we extend our warmest thanks.

for the excellence of the hospitality and arrangements which made our trip so enjoyable.

It is as yet too early in the season to forecast the Club's fortunes. The first team appears to be about the same strength as last season. E. Barnes, who insists on playing for the "A" team, has been replaced at centre by D. B. Flunder, who has played finely and never yet been outclassed. A. L. Dennis's position on defence, at first filled by W. J. Bell, has now been taken over by G. B. Appleby, who, as he gains experience shows improvement every game. We unfortunately lost A. F. Crowther's help after only two games. His departure for Kenya was a blow, for he made the attack potentially the highest scoring combination in the country. The team nevertheless is well balanced, and has so far dropped only one point. H. A. Whatley, our captain, and F. M. McClinton, have been outstanding defenders, and J. Buckland and S. Gill, with the support of R. Mark's accurate feeding, are the principle scorers.

A week or so elapsed before the "A" team settled down. The loss through injury of D. Buckland and C. H. Nesbitt after the first game seriously weakened the attack. The help of A. B. Whitehouse, on leave from Singapore, has been invaluable, and the attack, which includes N. G. Bullivant has regained its scoring ability. The defence, where A. Jones and E. Barnes are pillars of strength, finely supported by J. T. Emery's goalkeeping, has settled down and the team should again finish well placed in the second division.

The extra "A" team, in its first season in the third division, has met stronger opposition, which should benefit the side's play. Our new members' S. Plant, W. A. Jackson, P. R. Donovan, R. B. Herbert, G. E. Higham, D. W. Stone and J. E. McIsaac, without whose help we should not have been able to field a side, are all very welcome. As the season progresses, E. S. Thelwall, the captain, will doubtless create a combination as successful as last season's side.

N. A. B.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

1950.			
Sept.	30.—v. Boardman and Eccles ...H	W 23-2	
Oct.	7.—v. Old MancuniansA	W 15-6	
"	14.—v. CheadleH	W 10-3	
"	21.—v. Cheadle HulmeA	W 22-2	
"	28.—v. AshtonA	W 7-5	
Nov.	4.—v. Old WaconiansH	D 8-8	
"	11.—v. StockportA	W 12-6	
"	18.—v. Oxford UniversityA	W 18-7	

"A" TEAM.

1950.			
Sept.	30.—v. Mellor "A"A	L 4-5	
Oct.	7.—v. LeedsH	W 1-0	
"	14.—v. South Manchester and WythenshaweA	L 4-6	
"	21.—v. Oldham and Werneth ...H	W 18-2	
"	28.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild ...H	W 9-7	
Nov.	4.—v. Old Waconians "A"A	W 9-2	
"	11.—v. Old StopfordiansH	W 7-3	
"	18.—v. Leeds (Junior Flags 1st Round)H	W 15-3	

EXTRA "A" TEAM.

1950.			
Sept.	30.—v. Disley "A"A	W 12-1	
Oct.	7.—v. Cheadle Hulme "A"H	W 5-2	
"	14.—v. Stockport G.S.A	W 17-7	
"	21.—v. Boardman and Eccles "A" H	W 1-0	
"	28.—v. Old Mancunians "A"A	W 14-4	
Nov.	4.—v. Cheadle "A"H	L 2-19	
"	11.—v. Urmston "A"A	L 6-10	
"	18.—v. Boardman and Eccles "A" (friendly)H	W 17-3	

Old Hulmeians Football.

With its principal officers and its playing strength largely as before, the Rugger Club has proceeded substantially along its way. Playing progress, not always—or even often—mirrored by results, has been overshadowed by the great development in our off-field activities, but it has not been unsatisfactory. The best of last year's form has not yet been reproduced by anyone, and only the 1st XV has held its own. The transfer of some resolution from the building site to the playing pitch is needed, but this is not merely a consolatory phrase: we shall try to effect it.

The 1st XV did not reach full strength until the end of September, and it has been unfortunate in not being able fully to maintain it. The absences of Slade and Harrison, and the call-up of the Hughes brothers have been felt, the long rest now forced upon Harrison leaving, literally, a large gap in the team's defence. Wilkinson and Cairns have come into a pack which is still doing rather more than its share, and with Edwards a distinct gain at scrum-half, the side looks reasonably impressive when it has the ball. Without it, weak tackling continually invites disaster, though the industry of Anderson saves many points. On the credit side it is true

that our opponents in both drawn games were fortunate, and a fine performance at Audenshaw is indicative of what can be done.

The "A" XV's performances have often been better than the record suggests. Lack of real striking power behind the scrum, an old complaint, has cost it games which the forwards have provided opportunities to win. The return of Knight should create openings which Thompson, Burling and Nesbitt have the ability to finish off. With this, backed by more drive and harder tackling, all will yet be well, for the pack is not far behind that of the 1st XV.

Optimism is also the order of the day on the Extra "A" XV front, even though it does do rather a lot of standing on its own goal line. Led by one of the Club's ablest threequarters, E. T. Worthington, it does not really require more than greater self-confidence to achieve a respectable record. The significant fact here is the small score to which determination enabled the team to hold the most powerful side it has met. Bramwell, Hansfield and Taylor, at least, are unlucky not to have "A" XV places.

Undoubtedly, however, the opening of our new Clubhouse is the most important event of which we have to write. These premises are the first which the Old Hulmeians Association has ever owned, as the President, Mr. H. S. Wihl, pointed out at the opening ceremony. They represent nearly four months of continuous effort by a few devoted members of the Club, helped, over the period, by many other members and a few generous outsiders. I shirk the invidious task of distinguishing between these gentlemen generally, but the gratitude of all interested is due to Ken Hughes, the skipper, and John Swarbrick, for their long effort. Facilities in support of the bar include a table-tennis table and, of course, a dart board. A groundsman's shed has also been provided. The dressing rooms will shortly be extended to take in the space freed, and a Club bath is to be built. With the whole finished and decorated, we shall be exceeded in excellence of facilities open to members only by the two most senior clubs in the Manchester area.

A wide invitation to the opening ceremony was issued to those who give up their time to the Association and to others who have helped us. The fifty who attended gave the building a happy start when it was opened by the President on 18th November. For the present it will be open on Saturdays and Monday evenings, with a gathering of some kind hoped for in each month; the showing of the new rugger film on the 24th November, was the first of these. We look forward to entertaining many members of the Association, whether rugger members or not.

A. R. O.

RESULTS.

1st XV.

1950.				
Sept.	9.—v. Manchester Extra "A" ...A	W	13-11	
"	16.—v. AshtoniansH	L	0-6	
"	23.—v. SchoolA	W	18-8	
Oct.	7.—v. Old AldwiniansA	W	11-9	
"	14.—v. Broughton Park "A"A	L	5-25	
"	21.—v. Old NewtoniansA	L	0-9	
"	28.—v. AshtoniansA	D	6-6	
Nov.	4.—v. Old SaliansA	D	3-3	
"	11.—v. Leigh Tech. CollegeH	L	3-17	
"	18.—v. Kersal "A"H	W	24-0	

"A" XV.

1950.				
Sept.	9.—v. Manchester "B"H	L	3-14	
"	16.—v. Ashtonians "A"A	D	3-3	
"	23.—v. SchoolA	L	0-13	
Oct.	7.—v. Old Aldwinians "A"H	L	3-14	
"	14.—v. Broughton Park Extra "A"H	L	3-40	
"	21.—v. Old Newtonians "A"H	L	0-8	
"	28.—v. Ashtonians "A"H	W	11-0	
Nov.	4.—v. Old Rochdaliens "A"A	L	0-19	
"	11.—v. Leigh Tech. "A"A	L	3-35	

EXTRA "A" XV.

1950.				
Sept.	9.—v. Churchill's "A"H	L	0-25	
"	23.—v. SchoolA	L	11-14	
Oct.	7.—v. Old Aldwinians Extra "A"A	—		
"	14.—v. Broughton Park "B"A	L	3-12	
"	21.—v. Old Newtonians Extra "A"A	L	3-52	
"	28.—v. M/c. Univ. FreshersH	L	3-33	
Nov.	4.—v. Old Rochdaliens Extra "A"H	L	3-34	

Old Hulmeians Tennis.

The second annual Lawn Tennis Tournament was held this year on the evenings of the 11th and 12th of July. We are once again indebted to the President and General Committee of the Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club for allowing us the use of their courts for the occasion.

The Men's Singles were played on the first evening, under automatic handicap American Tournament rules, and the silver cup kindly presented for this event by Mr. Eric Barnes was won by D. J. Price. Sixteen competitors took part.

On the second evening, the Men's Doubles event was played, under the same rules as the singles event, partners being drawn for. There were twelve competitors only (perhaps due to rather doubtful weather), and R. A. Bruce and W. T. Curtis were the successful couple.

Supper was provided each evening, and all who took part in the Tournament enjoyed themselves. Prohibitive cost prevented prior notice of the dates of the Tournament by circular to all members of the Association, but it is hoped that this may be possible next year.

W. T. C.

Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

It was very pleasant indeed to welcome the Old Boys' Lacrosse Team to Oxford on Saturday, November 18th, on the occasion of their match with the University. In the evening we were delighted to be able to entertain them to dinner in Brasenose, and trust that they enjoyed the visit as much as did those of us up here. We were sorry that S. S. Wilson (B.N.C.) was unable to be present as he is convalescing after an attack of jaundice, from which we wish him a speedy recovery. Others who unfortunately could not be with us on that evening included J. N. McManus (St. Edmund's Hall), who had returned to Manchester for the November Handicap.

We are pleased to be able to record that, by and large, Oxford appears to be a little less crowded this term, but this sentiment does not prevent our extending at the same time a very warm welcome to those Hulmeians who have recently joined us up here, including B. T. Gibson (St. Edmund's Hall), D. A. Ginever (Pembroke), K. Carter and J. G. Wood (Brasenose). After once coming up to Oxford, Old Hulmeians seem to find it extremely difficult ever to leave: thus, although they all got successfully through Schools last term, P. W. Watkins (Lincoln) and F. A. Stone (Brasenose) are still up, now both reading for the degree of Bachelor of Civil Law, and A. G. Smith is also to be seen about Oxford, though we gather that he is now more "town" than "gown."

May we conclude by expressing our very best wishes, which are no less sincere because they have been expressed in previous Oxford letters, to those who may be coming up from School in the near future to sit for Scholarship and Entrance Examinations? We do hope that any Old Hulmeian who is visiting Oxford, will not fail to look us up, even if he does hail from the other place.

F. A. S.

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge.

At present there are comparatively few Old Hulmeians in *statu pupillari* at the University. Several more are expected to come into residence for the next academic year; but again we must emphasise the fact that we look to those still at School to maintain the numbers of our contingent up here in the future. Several colleges indeed are making some changes in their policy, and are prepared to allow more entrants straight from School, rather than insist on the completion of military service as a prior qualification. The recent extension of the period of National Service may further stimulate this tendency.

D. W. Bowett (Downing), J. P. Chilton (Clare), J. V. Gosling (Caius), and A. L. MacLeod (Christ's) have all been in residence for two years or more. Bowett and Chilton have been continuing the School tradition of lacrosse-playing in Cambridge: Chilton in fact has been the Captain of the University team this term. Unfortunately it has been knocked out of the South of England Competition. Gosling and MacLeod have not been seen very frequently, and it has been suggested that they may be working rather hard.

Freshmen this term have been M. E. Coops (St. John's), V. Edkins (Pembroke) and D. M. Schlapp (Pembroke). Coops believes, perhaps erroneously, that he is the first Old Hulmeian to be "in statu" at St. John's College: Meetings were frequent at the beginning of term, but all have found since that their varied activities plunge them into widely different companies. D. M. Schlapp it is believed, spends quite a lot of time working—which is unusual—and plays rugger several times a week—which is highly creditable. We learn that Gosling also has been active on the rugger-field: and has suffered in consequence. Edkins and Coops have taken up rowing, and occasionally pass each other on the Cam—going in opposite directions, of course!

In conclusion, we offer our sincerest good wishes to all those coming up from School in the following months to take the Scholarship Examinations. And if any members of the Staff, the School, or any Old Hulmeians are ever in Cambridge, we hope they will take that opportunity to call upon us and be ever welcomed with something to cheer, if not always to inebriate.

M. E. C.

William Hulme's Grammar School Parents Association.

It was with deep regret that the Parents' Association learned of the death of the late Headmaster, Mr. Trevor Dennis. Throughout his long association with the School, he was greatly admired and respected by all the boys who passed through his hands.

The cricket matches played in July last against the School and against the Staff, were most enjoyable games. The parents beat the Staff without a great deal of difficulty, but met their Waterloo against the School, when both our teams received a trouncing from the 1st and 2nd elevens. We hope to make these fixtures annual ones, and perhaps one day, we may obtain our revenge.

A social evening was held at the School on October 4th, some five hundred parents being present. Mr. Bird gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "School Life," during the course of which, he outlined his ideas of the ideal school, the link between home and School, and the essential Christian spiritual back-ground. He also stressed the need of co-operation from the home, and reminded parents of one of the objects of their Association—"To develop the awareness among parents of the duty they owe to their boys and to the School, so that all may gain thereby."

Mr. Bird also dealt with a number of questions submitted by parents, regarding educational matters and School affairs in general.

On October 19th, a dance was held at the Fallowfield Hotel. This was indeed a gay affair, made possible by the efforts of a hard-working Sub-Committee. One of the high lights of the evening was the finale of the Elimination Waltz, when two of our members "performed" the ballet. Shades of Fonteyn and Helpmann!

Arrangements are now well in hand for the Brains Trust evening, to be held at the School, by kind permission of the Headmaster, on February 14th at 7.30 p.m. The Brains Trust will be composed of members of our Careers Advisory Panel, who will answer questions regarding careers in various professions and trades. This should prove an interesting

evening, and we hope that members will lend their support. The Careers Advisory Panel consists of members engaged in the following professions and trades:—

- Banking (General).
- Banking (Income Tax).
- Civil Engineering.
- Electrical Engineering.
- Decorating and Painting Contracting.
- British Railways (Goods Agency).
- Local Government Service.
- Mechanical Engineering.
- Medicine.
- Metallurgy and Refractories.
- Paint and Colour Technology.
- Quantity Surveying.

About the middle of March, our Annual Supper will be held in Manchester. At the time of going to press, arrangements have not been finalised, but details will be circulated as soon as possible. The supper last year was undoubtedly a great success, and our aim for the next one, is even "bigger and better."

The Preparatory School will shortly be the recipients of a new Sports Shield, presented by the Association, to replace the Shield at present in use, which has become somewhat the worse for wear.

Parents may not be aware that grants are usually made towards travelling expenses of boys journeying to and from School, by the local Education Authorities. Such grants, however, do not in general apply to boys attending Preparatory Schools. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary.

Our membership figures are increasing in a very satisfactory manner, and there is now a total of 314 subscribing members, approximately 50% of the maximum possible total. We invite those parents who are not yet subscribing members to send their subscriptions to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. G. M. Robinson, 62, Norris Road, Brooklands, Sale. The annual subscription is 3/- per family, while 15/- per family covers the whole period during which a member has a boy (or boys) at the School.

In conclusion, the Committee would like to send greetings to all parents, the Staff at School, not forgetting the boys, for Christmas and the New Year.

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