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As a result of the Scholarship Examinations held at Oxford, Brasenose College has awarded S. S. Wilson the Close Scholarship for the Hulme Schools.



The War Office has granted permission for the O.T.C. to hold its annual Whitsun Camp at Grange-over-Sands this year. It now remains for the necessary equipment to be found.

The School War Savings Group, which was begun last term, has collected £1,341 16s. 6d. This is approximately an average of 2s. 6d. per boy each week.

G. W. Battersby has been elected Captain of Cricket and A. R. Rodgers Vice-Captain.

First team Lacrosse Colours have been awarded to: P. Cloughley, L. F. Benson, H. J. Abraham, D. S. Hewet, J. D. Boardman.

First team Football Colours have been awarded to: H. J. Abraham, G. S. Alvey, J. D. Boardman, P. J. Croxford, C. P. Dockeray, F. J. Whelan, P. C. Wilkinson, J. W. West, M. F. Wood, J. D. Robson, L. F. Benson, H. S. Elbourne, P. Cloughley.

Manchester University results: Third M.B., Ch.B. Examination (Pharmacology), J. S. Battersby, D. C. A. Bevis, T. A. Yates.

1st M.B., Ch.B., Part 1 (Physics and Chemistry), D. A. Macleod, N. W. Preston.

1st M.B., Ch.B., Part 2, R. L. Armitstead.

1st B.D.S., Part 2, P. W. Carnie.

2nd M.B., Ch.B., W. V. Wadsworth.

E. B. Jackson has passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and been awarded the Theodore Gregory Prize for the highest marks attained by a member of the Manchester Chartered Accountants' Students' Society.

We wish to thank Mr. G. Lindsey, O.H., for a gift of scientific apparatus and books. The apparatus includes a theodolite, direct vision spectroscope, goniometer and refractometer. The optical bench which he presented to the School some years ago has been of great use.

It is interesting to know that Mr. Donald Weldron-Willing, who attended the School from 1908—1915, is now in New York arranging a scheme whereby the Manchesters of America may send aid to air-raid victims in our own city. Mr. Weldron-Willing's helpers include Miss Gracie Fields, Lady Hardwicke, Mrs. Michael Arlen and Mr. J. Massey.

Calendar for the Midsummer Term:—

Midsummer Term will begin on Tuesday, April 22nd, at nine o'clock.

The Whitsuntide Holidays will extend from Thursday, May 29th, at noon, to Thursday, June 12th, at nine o'clock.

Midsummer Term will end on Monday, July 28th, at four o'clock.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—*The Aldwinian*, *The Grammarian*, *The King's School Magazine*, *Macclesfield*, *The Merchant Taylors' Review*, *The Savilian*.

## Mr. A. L. Powell.

It is impossible to overestimate the loss which the School has sustained in the death of Mr. A. L. Powell. He was a great schoolmaster and a great gentleman.

He entered the School in 1903 and left in 1908; he was cricket captain in 1908. Proceeding to Manchester University he took a degree in Arts; his aim at that time was work in elementary schools, as he felt that in that direction he could give most valuable service. However, in 1917, he was persuaded to join the School staff; for twenty-four years he has served with complete loyalty and devotion. He owed a great deal to Mr. J. W. Morley and Mr. Hewlett, and was one of the first to use modern methods of teaching Modern Languages. He was also one of the pioneers of School visits to



foreign countries, and whereas, in 1938, there seemed to be more English school boys than Parisians in Paris at Easter, his early visits were news, and his party was followed along the boulevards by staring crowds and photographers. To join one of these trips was to travel *en prince*; hotel proprietors, restaurant keepers and waiters, all received him with open arms. And his party of boys was as popular as he was himself; he was much more than a teacher of a subject, however extended a view he may have taken of his duties in this respect. He had a deep concern for the spiritual welfare of the boys in his charge, based on a full knowledge of human nature and the characters of differing individuals.

Entirely lacking in selfish personal ambition, though he was in charge of the Modern Language teaching and the games, he handed on to others some of the more attractive and easier work and himself undertook a great deal of the drudgery. Though he was an Association football player and himself coached the First XI., he was in favour of the change to Rugby, and willingly allocated to others the coaching of match teams. He did most valuable work in coaching the Junior Cricket team and taught them not only the technical part of playing cricket, but also how to behave like men in defeat and like gentlemen in victory.

He worked unceasingly and with absolute efficiency both for individuals and the School. He was also for many years Senior Tutor of Hulme Hall; the Warden said of him that he was the most unselfish man he had ever met. He followed, naturally, Mr. Morley as the School representative on the Hulme Lads' Club, and here again his endeavour and loyalty were beyond praise. But some of his most valuable work was done as Secretary of the Old Hulmeians' Association, a post which he held from 1921.

The post of a club secretary is always a thankless task: complaints, misunderstanding and even abuse are his invariable lot; Mr. Powell often said that some people treated him as if he were trying to sell boot-laces. But he went on unperturbed, putting all his effort into helping the Association; he was not interested in defending himself and he never bore a grudge. During the time he has been Secretary, the Association has been through some serious troubles, but under his guidance it has surmounted them, and its present strong and established position is due in large measure to him. He was eminently sociable and was always looking for opportunities for informal friendly gatherings. He was a good actor and producer and was for a time Chairman of the Dramatic Section; in all this work he spent himself unsparingly, and he must also have spent a certain amount of money. He was proud, and often it was discovered that he had himself taken on expenses which should be charged to the common fund.

His loss is a tremendous blow to the School and the Old Hulmeians' Association, but as he has set a standard and influenced others, so they will hand on his aims and ideals. He has done a work which will not die.

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## DEATHS.

POWELL.—On February 2nd, 1941, at Heysham, after a short illness, ARTHUR LAWRENCE POWELL, of 29, South Drive, Chorltonville.

BLAMEY.—On February 13th, at 6, Oaklands Road, Four Oaks, Warwickshire, ARTHUR GEOFFREY, aged 47, beloved husband of Greta Blamey and second son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. H. Blamey, of Manchester.



## BIRTH.

FORREST.—On March 2nd, 1941, to Capt. and Mrs. B. M. Forrest, a daughter.

## MARRIAGES.

ELDERTON — BALFOUR.—On Monday, December 9th, 1940, at the Congregational Church, Berkley Street, Liverpool, by the Rev. M. O. Paulden, M.A., HENRY EDWARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Elderton, of 31, Demesne Road, Manchester 16, to EVELYN FRANCES, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. C. Balfour, of 35, Garden Hey Road, Meols, Cheshire.

PARKINSON — KELSEY.—On Saturday, January 11th, 1941, at St. Margaret's Church, Whalley Range, by the Rev. E. D. Ratledge, WILLIAM ARTHUR (2nd Lieutenant, Manchester Regt.), son of Mr. and the late Mrs. R. A. Parkinson, of Whalley Range, to GLADYS HEYWORTH, daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. J. B. Kelsey, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

MARK—LEAHY.—On February 1st, at St. Margaret's Church, Whalley Range, ROBERT, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mark, of Tintern Lodge, Whalley Range, to KATHLEEN, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Leahy, of Wilbraham Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

BALLINGER—BURY.—On February 15th, at St. Margaret's Church, Whalley Range, by the Rev. C. Reed, B.D., Corporal BRIAN CHARLES KEANE BALLINGER, R.A.F., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Ballinger, 40, Spring Bridge Road, Alexandra Park, to JEAN, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Bury, 14, Egerton Road, Whalley Range.

BRAY—EARNSHAW.—On February 19th, at Buxton Road Methodist Church, Disley, by the Rev. J. P. Cregeen, JAMES MOULTON,

younger son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Bray, to JOAN, twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Earnshaw, all of Disley, Cheshire.

SUTCLIFFE — DENNISON.—On February 22nd, at St. Robert's Church, Longsight, by Rev. V. O'Shaughnessy, COLIN TRANFIELD (Sapper, R.T.O. Royal Engineers), son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Sutcliffe, West Point, to JOAN MARY, daughter of Mrs. and the late Thomas Dennison, of West Point.

WHITEHOUSE—WALKER.—On 1st March, at the Presbyterian Church, Chorlton, JOHN N. WHITEHOUSE, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Whitehouse, of Chorlton, to MOLLY, youngest daughter of the late Mr. Robert and Mrs. Walker, of Morville Road, Chorlton.

MARK—ROWLAND.—On March 19th, at St. Margaret's Church, Whalley Range, by the Rev. E. D. Ratledge, M.A., Lieutenant JAMES MARK, second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Mark, Tintern Lodge, Whalley Range, to MARY TREWENT ROWLAND, only daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Arthur Rowland, of Burnham-on-Sea.

## "Housemaster."

A notable innovation was made this term when the Head Prefect, F. G. Higgins, produced Ian Hay's "Housemaster." This was the first time that a three-act play had been produced by a boy on the School stage, and let it be said at once that the two performances of the play were a success.

The performances had been arranged for the Christmas holiday and for Founder's Day, but Manchester's "blitz" necessitated



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postponement until Saturday, February 22nd, and Tuesday, February 25th, at 2-30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The play, with its pretty, slight drollery, was difficult for boys to interpret, but one was not conscious of awkwardness; there were no hitches, and, moreover, there can never have been better acting on the School stage than the scene between Donkin and Rosemary in the second act.

The female characters were generally well chosen, although one wondered whether Barbara could have inspired such lasting affection, despite her delightful diction. The Matron didn't fuss over her charges as she should have done; Ellen was competent in a small part; Chris had a very pleasing presence; Rosemary was charming and polished, while Button resisted the temptation to over-act and was effective as a tom-boy school girl.

Of the male characters, Donkin was outstanding. He obviously understands the business of acting; he spoke his lines with a precision expected of an elderly house-master and played the part with an admirable confidence. Beamish, as the games master, was too intellectual; one felt that he should have been much more rowing-blue-pass-man. The Rev. Edmund Ovington was not fatuous enough; he gave a good impression of a weak headmaster, however. Sir Berkeley Nightingale had some difficulty in overriding his own forceful personality and seemed to be able to manage everybody most pleasantly. Hastings might have been more restrained at times, though his performance suggested that he had given much thought to the part. It was obvious that, off stage, Philip as a schoolmaster was a failure.

The minor characters all seemed to enjoy themselves in their small parts; Old Crump was especially effective.

The producer must be congratulated on giving good entertainment which was very welcome after the dearth of dramatics at School which the war has imposed upon us.

The cast was:—Charles Donkin, F. G. Higgins; Bimbo Faringdon, D. J. Price; Victor Beamish, J. D. Boardman; Frank Hastings, B. M. Williams; Ellen, P. W. Watkins; Barbara Fane, J. O. Spalding; Button Faringdon, J. W. N. Glover; Matron, W. L. Tonge; Rosemary Faringdon, B. A. Ratliff; Chris Faringdon, P. M. Wilkins; Philip de Pourville, G. C. Waters; Flossie Nightingale, P. Cloughley; Rev. Edmund Ovington, P. C. Wilkinson; Sir Berkeley Nightingale, F. J. Whelan; Pop, H. J. Abraham; Old Crump, J. C. White.

The play produced by F. G. Higgins.

## The Library.

It has been a busy term in the Library in several ways, and many interesting new books in various subjects have been added to the shelves since Christmas.

We have had very few new books since we were evacuated, and several of the recent additions have long been felt necessary. We now have a French Duden, but most of the French books, which were ordered last term, are published in France and are now unobtainable. A complete edition of Livy has also been ordered and the English, History, Science and Geography sections have not been neglected. We are grateful to the headmaster for several interesting English books.

There has been some delay with the re-binding of some of the dictionaries, but these should be back in the Library before the end of term.



Again we must ask boys who have been using dictionaries, reference and other books in private study periods, not to leave them on the tables, but to replace them on their correct shelves. The rule about renewing books is also emphasised.

Next term will be a most important one from the point of view of School Certificate and Higher School Certificate work, and boys are asked to return books to the Library as soon as possible.

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### The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

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It was feared this year that the Hulme Lads' Club collection might substantially diminish because of the many financial demands that are made on our pockets now-a-days. It is very satisfactory, therefore, to be able to report that the total subscription from the School amounted to £230 1s. 10d., which is only £10 less than was subscribed last year.

A letter of appreciation has been received by the Headmaster from Sir Christopher Needham, the President of the Club.

It has been customary in the past for the School to visit the Club on some evening during the winter session, but since the beginning of the war, black-out conditions have prevented this annual visit. It may be of interest to the younger boys in the School, therefore, to know that their collection helps to provide some 200 lads from the Hulme district with nightly entertainment which, but for the collection, the boys could never have.

The activities at the Club include billiards, boxing, gymnasium, music, a literary and dramatic society, football and cricket in season, and quite recently some of the boys have interested themselves in an Art Society that has been started.

The boys, too, have an annual camp, and this is the only holiday that many of them can enjoy.

Perhaps it may be recorded here that many people sent to the Club gifts of remembrance when the late Mr. A. L. Powell died. He had taken an active interest in the Club for several years, and had collected many hundreds of pounds for its maintenance.

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### A City Street.

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The straight black buildings stand in enmity.  
The haughty stones, too strong to learn  
the fear

Of man, possess a dirt-dressed dignity,  
And unified, now rise up—dark and sheer.  
The blank, white windows blindly stare  
across

The granite street, above the dusty haze,  
And challenge vision with reflected gloss,  
But disappear before a direct gaze.  
These lasting products of a passing toil  
Remain unmoved by many years of waste;  
Though deigning to be used in man's  
turmoil,

They scorn his aimless, sick, unsteady haste.  
The huge, impressive servants silent lie,  
While man, the master, rushes on to die.

B. P. T.



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## Cambridge Old Hulmeians.

In spite of the recent call-ups numbers at the University have not diminished yet, and do not seem likely to do so, at least until the end of the year. Fire-watching has been an additional pastime this term, although the authorities show a strange reluctance to allow fire-hose practice, and some undergraduates reveal a rather suspicious knowledge of the college roofs.

G. W. E. Stark is proving an energetic secretary of St. Catherine's Musical Society, and arranged another interesting end-of-term concert. Apart from this he seems to have been working with great intensity, and must be awaiting the June exams. with confidence.

A. L. Dennis has, whenever the weather allowed, been playing rugger for Peterhouse, who somewhat unexpectedly beat Trinity in the knock-out competition; their further progress was, however, speedily stopped by the eventual winners, St. John's. Most of the rest of his time has been occupied by the O.T.C., and, of course, work.

A. L. D.

## Oxford Old Hulmeians.

Even the *Sunday Times* correspondent reports that "the term which has just ended has been remarkably successful. The undergraduates have worked well at the academic studies in spite of heavy demands on their time by the S.T.C." The same correspondent also mentions with circumspection that "representative teams have challenged Cambridge at rowing, rugger,

soccer, and athletics." Each of us in his own sphere has taken on some fire-watching or first-aid duty and, indeed, some are going up early next term for the express purpose of helping to save Oxford in the event of a possible Nazi visitation.

Weeks, Wood and Wilks still enjoy the hospitality afforded to B.N.C. by Christ Church. Williams is taking Finals in June, and Wilks takes Maths. Mods. at the same time. We wish them both every success. Williams reports continued activity of Teddy Hall Midnight Tea Association, and informs us that the Hall Soccer Club is suitably impressed with the House Audit Ale. Weeks has been almost as restrained as ever and has continued to impress us with the avidity of the chemist for hard work. Wood, having been "signed for" for all manner of practical classes is now confronted with the prospect of some real work, preparatory to Schools in December. Wilks has been seen wending his way to and from meals and S.T.C. parades. We imagine he works in the interval. He has shamed us all by acquiring a series of water colours with a distinctly Lakeland atmosphere, and has made his room very attractive.

Work is the main purpose of our sojourn at Oxford, so it is only right that it should receive most attention. There have been, however, especially towards the end of term, numerous bright spots in a rather uneventful life.

We would like to send our good wishes to Erskine, Brazier, Clarke and Stark who are all serving in H.M. Forces and extend to them an open invitation to pay a visit to Oxford should they get the opportunity.

The news of Mr. Powell's death came as a great surprise to us, all the more so as we had no idea that he had been unwell. To those of us who were fortunate enough to



have him as form-master, to accompany him to Paris or to come in contact with him in any of his varied spheres of interest, his passing is a heavy loss, and the School, Old Boys, and Hulme Lads' Club will be so much the poorer.

D. R. W.

### September, 1940.

Out of the mists of thought and dream  
Half known, and not half understood,  
Pale shadows of the past flit by;  
These shall die.

Confused and reeking in the flame of war,  
Murder and death and all foul nightmare sins  
Drove, slaving over hell which man has  
made;  
These shall fade.

There were the few who stood within the  
breach,  
And arrow-like swept clear the autumn sky,  
And, laughing, gave the most that man can  
give;  
These shall live.

C. R. D.

### O.T.C. Notes.

This term we have again greatly missed Captain Anderson. He is now recovering rapidly and hopes to be back at work very soon.

Throughout the term we have had very good weather, and no interruption has occurred in the programme, except for two alerts of short duration on successive parades, which seemed to be put on for our particular benefit. Attendance on parade has not been greatly hampered by illness this winter, and candidates for Certificate A have worked with enthusiasm. Our numbers are now back to last year's high figure, but we are still anxious to see more recruits, and welcome both seniors and juniors into the ranks. From the point of view of a senior, even a short time in the Corps would prove invaluable, for if on leaving School he were not immediately called up into the Army, he would be very welcome in the Home Guard, which particularly requires trained volunteers.

A drill competition was held on March 7th, between 3 and 4 Platoons, and judged by the C.S.M. and C.Q.M.S. The result was a narrow victory for 3 Platoon, but the best feature was the keenness of all concerned, who must realise that the Corps depends on them to provide well trained senior cadets and N.C.O.'s in the near future.

This term shooting has been in full swing. A good number of seniors have completed the course, but results could be much better, and more practice will have a good effect.

We have had difficulty lately in getting uniforms and, although we are gradually overcoming this, we are extremely grateful to former members of the Corps who have presented us with their uniforms on leaving School. Our thanks are due to K. Halstead and A. W. Robertson.



On Thursday, March 20th, a board of officers under Captain Todd of the Manchester Regiment, visited the School, and examined 26 candidates for Certificate A. The new syllabus for "War Certificate A" is rather longer and more exhaustive than the old Certificate A, and although work went on without a break all day, black-out found candidates and examiners still going hard at "Tactics" somewhere in Northenden, whither we had been transported in army trucks. Work was resumed next morning, and finished just before lunch. Captain Todd addressed the candidates and said that he hoped their present obvious keenness would continue, and that when the time came they would become keen and efficient officers in His Majesty's Army. The following cadets obtained Certificate A:—Lance-Corporals H. J. Abraham, L. F. Benson, P. J. Croxford, D. S. Hewet, J. O. Spalding and S. S. Wilson; Cadets D. G. Bayliss, N. G. Bullivant, P. R. Cuthbert, J. M. Gilliat, P. H. Harrison, F. G. Higgins, J. G. K. Hughes, P. C. McCann, R. A. Onions, T. C. Owens, P. G. Reynolds, L. Robertson, P. Slade, S. R. Souter, S. Smith, and J. C. White.

We have now obtained permission to hold the annual Whitsuntide Camp at Grange-over-Sands, and negotiations for equipment are in progress. The Corps is looking forward to another fortnight of useful and healthy work.

The following promotions have been made:—To be Lance-Corporals: Cadets H. J. Abraham, L. F. Benson, C. Clay, P. J. Croxford, C. P. Dockeray, D. F. E. Ginever, R. B. Herbert, D. S. Hewet, A. R. Rodgers, R. J. Salthouse, T. O. Spalding, J. P. I. Tyas, J. W. West and S. S. Wilson.

## An Incident.

Outside, the banshee wail was warning; the lightning flashes and staccato crackling of distant gun-fire enlivened the ominous sky. New comets fell through space, their multi-coloured shapes fusing fresh glamour in the milky way, only to die an early death and fade away like the last vestiges of their author's honour. Then all was still, save for the drone of a distant bird of prey, a dark and lonely bird, its dreary song boding surprisingly little of its vicious threat.

Inside, another storm was brewing. A small man with little personality and a large tin hat was watching, with ferocity, a boy in blue absently striking a match on a "No Smoking" notice. As the man began to protest, a terrific explosion occurred. His animosity vanished. "That was near," he said.

Suddenly a strange, distraught figure dragged at the man's sleeve. He listened, whistling through his teeth. "Come on," he said, and, resettling his forage cap, the boy in blue came on.

They returned in an hour when all was quiet. The little man limped in, smoke-begrimed. The boy in blue had neither forage cap nor cigarette, but he was smiling as he linked his arm through that of his limping friend.

"A small boy, all that was left of five, he was singing under the table," volunteered the man.

"Oh, it was his show all right," said the boy.

The horror of it all seemed too tense. The storm loomed afresh. . . .

The two friends stared at one another's grimy appearance.

"You haven't half got a mucky face," grinned the boy.

G. C. L.



## Lacrosse, 1940-41.

Though the team has shown a general improvement this term and six matches have been won and one drawn, the majority of our players still cannot give an accurate pass.

We again beat Cheadle Hulme School but lost to Manchester Grammar School in the first match and drew the second, after a gallant fight. We were 3-7 down at half-time, mainly on account of bad finishing and poor covering on the defence, but during the whole of the second half we attacked with more skill and energy than previously shown in any match this winter, and thoroughly deserved the drawn game.

The defence has been good, but even defence men should be able to give an accurate pass. Time and again one has seen a clever stop and pick-up—interceptions have only rarely been seen—and a good forcing run finish with the wildest of passes.

The attack individually are clever with perhaps one exception, but will not watch the ball at critical moments. Consequently the simplest of passes are missed and scoring opportunities wasted.

There is only one decent shot on the team and he is not an attack man—unfortunately.

### RESULTS.

November 11th, 1940. *v.* OLD HULMEIANS "A." Home. Won 6-5.

The Old Boys brought a stronger side than when last we played them, and the match was very close. The defence played well but the attack was again inaccurate in passing and weak in shooting. We were behind at half-time, but once we had a lead in the second half, managed to hold it.

December 11th. *v.* MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY "A." Away. Won 9-4.

University had a strong team, but the School showed a distinct improvement. University relied too much on two or three players, and thus simplified the work of the defence. Our attack was persuaded to try the effect of shooting on the run, and was supported by useful forcing from the defence.

February 8th, 1941. *v.* OLD HULMEIANS. Home. Lost 5-18.

The Old Boys sent a very strong side, including many of their first team, and some who have since played for the County. Against such opposition we did well to keep the score within reasonable limits. Buckland and Gill gave our defence a lot of trouble, but were not allowed to have things all their own way, and our attack tried hard against a heavy and experienced defence.

February 12th. *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Lost 4-10.

Our recent improvement caused hopes of a better result in our third game with Manchester. We attacked from the start, but again our attacks could not shoot, and Manchester scored first. From then till half-time the defence was under almost continuous pressure, and did well not to allow more goals. The attack improved a little in the second half, but never looked like saving the game.

February 15th. *v.* HEATON MERSEY "A." Home. Won 9-3.

We won this game fairly easily, but the standard of play was poor. The defence was not unduly pressed, and the attack had endless chances to score. But the shooting was again poor, and there was little attempt to go round defence men. More thrust and self-confidence would help the attack.



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February 26th. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 8—1.

Both matches with Cheadle Hulme have been played on our ground this season. We played better in this game—perhaps a new and better 'crosse was the secret, and Boardman and Bullivant were prominent in a more lively attack.

March 3rd. v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY "A." Away. Won 12—6.

The improvement shown in the last game was maintained in this one. The attack started well, scored quickly, and kept up the pressure for some time. Then the University got into their stride and drew level. But our attack came again and having regained the lead, we kept it. The whole team played well, and Bullivant did very well at first home.

March 15th. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Drawn 10—10.

We started nervously, and at first it looked as though this game would go the way of the other three matches with Manchester. The attack seemed powerless, and the defence were playing as individuals. At half-time we were down 3—7, but there was a great improvement in the second half. The wing attacks, Robertson and Rodgers, became dangerous, and there was some good forcing from the defence by Battersby and Abraham. We drew level, and in the last quarter beat off a very determined Manchester attack. Cloughley's work in goal at this critical time was excellent.

March 19th. v. UNIVERSITY OLD HULMEIANS. Away. Won 9—5.

This match was played against an assortment of Old Boys from the Universities of Manchester, Oxford and Cambridge. Though the weather was rather warm for 'crosse, the game was hard and fast.

Attacks developed with amazing rapidity from one goal to the other. Cloughley distinguished himself in goal; Boardman and Croxford were outstanding on the attack. Our shooting was more accurate than that of the Old Boys, and the score, despite valiant attempts by S. Gill, A. L. Dennis and A. H. C. Ratliff to turn the tables, ended at 9—5 in our favour.

March 22nd. v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY 1ST. Away. Lost 3—8.

Our opponents included several County players on this occasion, notably Gregory, one of the finest goalkeepers in the country. Determined not to be easily defeated our attack tried hard, and our defence played better than usual. We might have had more goals to our credit if our attack had avoided the tendency to crowd goal, and had shot really hard. However, the score was fully representative of the comparative skill of the two sides. Bad weather made the game less enjoyable than it would otherwise have been.

Team: P. Cloughley, L. F. Benson, H. J. Abraham, M. F. Wood, J. D. Robson, G. W. Battersby, D. S. Hewet, A. R. Rodgers, L. Robertson, J. D. Boardman, N. G. Bullivant, P. J. Croxford. Also played: N. L. Galloway, P. C. Wilkinson, H. Milgate.

## SECOND TEAM.

The second half of the season has scarcely fulfilled the promise of last term, but this has been due to enforced changes. The team has never been the same for two successive games, but we have been very fortunate in the quality of the reserves provided from the House teams.



This term we have beaten Cheadle Hulme School, and Manchester Grammar School twice, but we have lost to Stockport School First.

The defence has generally been sound, with Alvey and Clay, firm steadying influences. Waltho and Wilkinson can be relied on to hold their own men, and are beginning to give useful help to the others. Ginever is fast and strong, but is apt to be caught out of position, and his passing is rather wild. Milgate has recently played as wing attack, and is showing distinct promise in his new position. Of the other attacks Price has been the most reliable, and Rourke has improved greatly, though he is still inclined to snatch at his passes. We have seen little of Galloway, who has been helping the first. Stark, West and Whelan have been hard workers, but their value has been reduced by somewhat crude handling. Alvey has been an excellent captain, and the success of the team has been largely due to his enthusiasm.

The team has been : G. S. Alvey (captain), C. Clay, P. C. Wilkinson, H. Milgate, B. S. Waltho, D. F. E. Ginever, J. W. West, H. N. Stark, N. L. Galloway, F. J. Whelan, D. J. Price, B. Rourke.

The following have also played : R. B. Herbert, J. M. Gilliat, J. R. Whitaker, A. Moores.

#### RESULTS.

February 8th, 1941. v. STOCKPORT SCHOOL 1ST. Home. Lost 4-8.

February 15th. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Won 10-3.

February 26th. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Won 10-2.

March 15th. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Won 14-8.

March 22nd. v. STOCKPORT SCHOOL 1ST. Home. Won 6-3.

#### UNDER FIFTEEN.

After the improvement shown towards the end of last term, recent performances have mostly been disappointing. Rarely has the first team played throughout a game with that whole-hearted endeavour so essential for success. Elementary faults have reappeared too. Attack players have been caught standing still, and defenders far up the field with their men between them and the goal. Opposing defenders have been allowed to clear the ball at their leisure, and to "force" at will. Nevertheless the team has played well at times and there are some really good players in the making for future School teams.

The first team, chosen from D. Buckland, F. Cawley, E. P. Cosslett, A. D. Crompton, B. S. Galloway, A. R. Hall (captain), M. Hazell, J. F. Kay, P. H. Richards, T. K. Robinson, G. H. Robson, F. A. Spooner, and E. G. Williams, has played Manchester Grammar School (10-11, 5-15, 9-10), Stockport School (18-2), and Cheadle Hulme School (9-0), making a total of five wins in the season's nine matches.

The following have played for the second team which has defeated Manchester Grammar School "Under 15" 2nd three times this term (12-3, 20-1, 30-1) : A. C. Bryan, T. H. Dakin, I. H. Fildes, M. H. Fisher, A. M. Flett, J. A. Flinn, F. S. W. Gill, G. Lees, G. C. Martin, K. G. McGhee (captain), J. T. Norris, A. J. Standring, P. W. Watkins, G. Wilkinson, J. R. Winson, T. Wrigley.

#### Football, 1940-41.

December 4th, 1940. v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Away. Lost 11-21.

This was our first match for a month, and during that time it was particularly hard to keep in training. However, everybody



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began with great keenness, and the forward play in the first half was the best seen this term. Before half-time we succeeded in scoring two tries and a goal against one opponents' goal. After half-time the pack seemed to break down and they were very rarely on the ball as they were in the first half. Macclesfield tested our defence in this half and we seemed unable to attack. Once again we were shown that our tackling was not as low and as hard as it might be, and these deficiencies cost us dearly in this match. This match was lost because our forwards were not in training; this must be remedied by simple exercises at home and is just as important for the individual as the team. Battersby, Croxford and Cloughley scored tries and Cloughley converted a try.

December 7th. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 11—5.

Cheadle Hulme started the game swiftly and we were soon in our own "25" defending as hard as we could. They nearly scored first from a penalty but, after this shock, we began to attack and we soon had a try to our credit; an easy conversion was missed. Once again we were defending our goal and this time Cheadle scored. We soon took the lead again with a try from the right wing which was converted, and immediately after we scored again. At last it seemed that we had got into our stride, and in the second half we did most of the attacking, but time and time again we were stopped just on the line; one big mistake was made by crowding the three-quarter line with an extra forward, thus pushing the "wings" into touch. Cloughley, Abraham and Battersby scored the tries, and Cloughley converted a try.

December 14th. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Lost 0—11.

For this match we were without the services of Robson and Wood, who were unable to get back from Oxford in time for the

game. The weather was very bad all the afternoon and this handicapped our light pack. However, they soon adapted themselves and put up the best show of the season; they were always on the ball and their rushes brought us very near to our opponents' goal line. Wilkinson and Hewet were particularly noticeable in the loose and they were often the originators of the rushes. At half-time, by good tackling, we had managed to stop our opponents scoring, and the score was none all. In the second half the wind and rain were against us and it seemed to disturb our defence, and when the final whistle blew Manchester had managed to cross our line three times and they converted one try. D. G. Bayliss and D. S. Hewet filled the gaps in our pack for this match.

February 1st, 1941. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 8—6.

Only three matches had been arranged for the term, and two of these had to be cancelled owing to the frost. It could be seen soon after the start that this game promised to be a forwards' match; both packs were slow in getting on the ball and both were slow in heeling the ball back to the three-quarters. However, we managed to score a try soon after the start by a breakaway, and this try was converted by Cloughley. Cheadle Hulme three-quarters had more of the ball from the set scrums, and it was only because of the quick marking of our three-quarters that they did not score more often. West managed to hold a larger and faster opponent on the left wing, thus keeping the score in our favour. For a considerable period in the second half we were on the defensive, and the tension was relieved by a good dribble led by Hirs. The scorers were Battersby and Abraham; Cloughley converted one of the tries.

Team: L. F. Benson, J. W. West, P. J. Croxford, H. J. Abraham, P. Cloughley, G. W. Battersby, J. D. Boardman, C. P.



Dockeray, F. J. Whelan, H. S. Elbourne, C. H. W. Hirs, J. D. Robson, G. S. Alvey, P. C. Wilkinson, M. F. Wood. Also played: D. G. Bayliss, D. S. Hewet.

### SECOND TEAM.

December 7th, 1940. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Won 81—0.

December 14th. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Lost 5—12.

February 1st, 1941. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Won 55—0.

### UNDER FIFTEEN TEAM.

February 1st, 1941. v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Lost 0—17.

### House Games.

We have been very unlucky with the weather during the last two lacrosse seasons. This year we played on very few half-holidays before mid-term, but since then the weather and ground have been better, and with three more weeks before the end of term and little chance of Sports again this year, we should have some good games. The standard of lacrosse seen so far, however, particularly among the juniors, has been good and improves with each game.

Senior House teams have again been seriously depleted when there were four School games; and there are still several seniors in each House who, though physically fit, do not turn up regularly and do not realise how difficult they make it to arrange decent games, or how badly they let down their House. Attendance generally, however, is quite good, and there have been, on the average, 250 boys on the field each Wednesday and Saturday.

Every game has been a keen one and has usually started promptly—lacrosse seems to be very popular this term among the juniors, who have rapidly become interested. There has been some good handling and hard passing in all the games, but several juniors should try to forget the urge to "hand-off."

Gaskell and Whitworth were defeated in the knock-out semi-final and Byrom and Dalton, who fought the football finals, should provide two even and interesting finals again this term. As was expected, Heywood won the House Football Shield in spite of keen rivalry from Byrom.

Byrom have had a strong and heavy first team, which has turned up regularly, combined well and won all its games; C. H. Nesbitt is useful and handles well. The juniors have not been as successful, though they have several good players.

Both Dalton teams have also played well, with good handling; H. N. Stark and G. C. Waters have led the senior team. The juniors have tried hard, but should combine and pass more.

Fraser have not been very successful this year. J. M. Gilliat has worked hard with a heavy and inexperienced first team; the juniors are keen but weak, the ball being too often on the ground.

Heywood are rather erratic, with weak handling in the first team. D. Seddon, J. S. Robertson, I. M. B. Darrock and D. A. Robertson have all played well for the juniors, who are much better and have shown some good 'crosse.

Gaskell have been more fortunate this term; their chief disadvantage last term was that they were small, but their 'crosse is good and they have handled and passed hard and well. H. P. Redfearn and J. B. Roberts are useful on the first team; J. F. Kay and



D. Buckland have had inexperienced support from a very young junior team.

Whitworth first team have played some hard games, and R. B. Herbert and F. D. Bell have played regularly; P. W. Watkins, G. Lees, F. D. Collier and T. Wrigley have all been well supported on the junior side, which is again very strong.

Senior House Colours for lacrosse will not be awarded until the end of term and will be printed in the next magazine. Juniors are reminded that Junior House Colours for all games will be awarded at the end of next term.

## "Videt aut Videsse Putat . . . ."

The black hills wallow round.  
Over the lake a gull wheels, as if  
To liberate its own reflection.  
The sun sinks far away, till  
His dying flame succumbs to a huge,  
Inert mountain—the westward mountain,  
That cowers meek before his mid-day might,  
But waits its grim, grand hour.

And the watched night creeps slow, but  
Advances quickly when the eye is turned:  
An unfelt breeze destroys the black façade  
Of a mountainous reflection, as a new idea  
Destroys a laboured human plan:  
And the night comes, and smothers all.

B. P. T.

## Parents' Association.

Chairman: Rev. W. TONGE.  
Vice-Chairman: Rev. H. MOTLEY.  
Treasurer: L. H. NESBITT, Esq.  
Secretary: W. WATKINS, Esq.

Since the last publication of *The Hulmeian* our city has joined the noble rank of the blitzed. Perhaps ours was a record, almost twelve hours in one night, and under this intense barrage of fire stands the strange new army of modern war—the civil population!

Wars in the past have been the affairs of professional armies, men trained and disciplined to withstand the onslaught of the enemy. It is said that the Grenadier Guards, on their return from Dunkirk, paraded with all the smartness and soldierly discipline as is their custom on a peace-time parade. Shot up, yes, but still disciplined and obedient to duty—that was the Guards; we expect it of them. They are, traditionally, a fine regiment of soldiers, but what of the front line on December 22nd, not trained Guardsmen, just ordinary people, men and women, young and old? Shot up, yes, and very badly, yet when the parade for the great task of carrying on was called on the following day, this army of ordinary people was there; men stood at the machines and women went about their daily tasks with the same discipline and response to the calls of duty as the finest regiment of soldiers ever did.

Of course we have had our casualties; our Parents' Association has suffered the loss of two of its members—Mrs. Bryan, of Wilbraham Road, and Dr. Roy, of Seymour Grove. We deplore the loss of these friends and deeply sympathise with their relatives. Others, too, were injured, some seriously, but so far as we know all are recovering



satisfactorily. The number of casualties is in the teens, and it is well to note that out of 600 or more members of the Association, the casualties should have been so few. It is easy to observe and become obsessed by the loss and damage caused by these attacks, and not recognise the great proportion of life and property which remains comparatively unaffected.

The meeting of Parents called for January 25th was well attended, and the main business was to approve the Constitution of the Association. It will be remembered that authority was given to form an Association at the meeting held May 16th, 1940, in the following terms :—

1. That this meeting of the parents of the William Hulme Grammar School resolve to constitute themselves into a Parents' Association for the purposes of mutual conference, common action and collaboration with the School authorities in the interests of all concerned.
  2. That a Committee of twelve be now formed, who shall proceed to elect an Executive Committee of four members from their number, together with a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.
  3. That the Committee meet as soon as possible to consider its mode of procedure, in which shall be included an Annual Meeting.
  4. That the expenses of the Association shall be raised by voluntary contributions.
  5. That this meeting requests the School Governors to afford facilities for the Association and its representatives to meet in the School premises at such times as are mutually convenient.
- The meeting in January approved the following :—

1. That the Association be entitled "William Hulme's School Parents' Association."

2. That a Vice-Chairman be appointed annually, and such appointment shall be on the recommendation of the elected Committee.

3. That the Vice-Chairman of one year shall be the Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. That an Annual Ordinary Meeting of Parents be held on the second Friday following the re-opening of the School, after the Whitsun holiday each year.

5. That the Committee meets for its regular quarterly meeting on the first Friday of each quarter : January, April, July and October.

6. That the term of office of Officers and members of the Committee expire annually, and that officers and members be eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting, providing each member is still a parent of a boy attending the School.

#### 7. NOMINATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Secretary shall inform the Annual General Meeting of vacancies on the Committee which normally arise for the ensuing year.

Nominations for such vacancies may be made in writing to the Secretary by the last day of March each year, and shall be supported by six members of the Association.

Nominations so received shall be put before the next ensuing Annual General Meeting and voted on by a show of hands. For such elections two scrutineers shall be appointed.

8. Amendments to the Constitution must be made in writing at least three calendar months prior to the General Meeting which will consider such amendments.



## Old Hulmeians serving with H.M. Forces.

We publish below another list of Old Boys serving with H.M. Forces of whose service we have heard since our last issue. We are most anxious to hear of all Old Boys in the Forces, and shall be glad of any information that can be sent to the School.

The date given is the year of leaving School.

Aspinall, W. P. (1934), 2nd Lieut., Mx.  
 Barrett, T. H. (1937), R.A.F.  
 Branagh, W. R. F. (1933), 2nd Lieut., Manch.  
 Brazier, A. F. (1937), R.A.O.C.  
 Blake, C. (1938), R.A.F.  
 Booth, C. J. (1937), R.A.S.C.  
 Brittlebank, K. J. (1938), F.A.A.  
 Buckland, W. M. (1937), R.A.  
 Burton, H. M. (1937), Sergeant, R.A.F.  
 Carmichael, A. (1934), R.A.O.C.  
 Chadwick, F. (1932), R.A.F.  
 Clark, G. D. (1937), Sergeant, R.A.F.  
 Dawes, H. H. (1932), R.A.S.C.  
 Finlay, A. R. (1931), R.A.F.  
 Gill, G. H. (1937), M.N.  
 Gillison, T. L. (1932), Lieut., D.W.R.  
 Gray, K. R. (1933), R. Sigs.  
 Hague, D. A. (1938), M.N.  
 Hales, H. (1925), N.I.D. Provost.  
 Hartman, R. E. S. (1933), R. Sigs.  
 Hutchinson, D. E. (1936), 2nd Lieut., D.L.I.  
 Kirkland, E. (1927), Sergeant, R.A.  
 Ling, B. A. L. (1935), R.A.O.C.  
 Martin, D. G. R. (1940), 2nd Lieut., Lincolns.  
 Morrison, R. (1940), O.C.T.U.  
 Norris, B. D. (1933), O.C.T.U.  
 Parkinson, G. L. (1931), R.E.  
 Parkinson, W. A. (1936), 2nd Lieut., Manch.  
 Parsons, A. T. (1940), 2nd Lieut., R.F.  
 Partington, D. W. (1935), 2nd Lieut. Cheshire.  
 Platford, J. B. (1935), Lance-Corporal, R.E.  
 Squires, F. (1933), 2nd Lieut., Manch.  
 Taylor, T. (1935), Lance-Corporal, R.E.  
 West, A. (1930), R.A.S.C.  
 Wilson, N. G. (1936), R.A.S.C.

It is with regret that we have to announce that A. G. Dunston and J. C. Hargreaves, both of the Fleet Air Arm, have been reported missing on Active Service at sea.

## Old Hulmeians' Association.

The Association has to record with deepest regret the death of Mr. A. L. Powell, which took place at Heysham on 2nd February, 1941.

Whilst an appreciation will doubtless be found elsewhere in this magazine, it would be a serious omission if our notes did not contain a reference to his passing from our midst.

Mr. Powell's death will be felt keenly by all his many friends, both inside and outside the Association. To those who came in contact with him in official circles and knew something of the services he rendered the Association, his passing is indeed a cruel blow. There is left a gap which will be extremely hard to fill. Our deepest sympathy extends to Mrs. Powell and the two children in their great sorrow.

Unfortunately war conditions continue to restrict the activities of the Association, both as regards the Sections and the usual annual functions. It will be noted, however, that the 'Crosse Section is managing to carry on with a number of fixtures in spite of a very curtailed membership.

The Founder's Day lunch had to be cancelled this year, chiefly owing to the "blitz," which a short time previously had struck the city. At the time of writing no arrangements have been made regarding the holding of a Dinner. The Committee hopes, however, that it will be possible to arrange such a function within the next month or two, and the Committee is of the opinion that, more than ever before, some opportunity should be given to members to meet together.

In conclusion, we send a special message of good cheer to those members who are serving their country in H.M. Forces and A.R.P. Services. Good luck to you all.

A. I. R.



## Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

In spite of many difficulties we are still turning out teams for two games each week. It has not always been easy. The percentage of cry-offs is a good deal higher than in normal times, and many of them are apt to be at the last possible moment, but perhaps this is only to be expected in these times. The important thing is that regular matches have been played and that almost fifty people have played in them at one time and another. Many of these have just played an odd game during a short leave. Some have not even been peace-time members, but have turned up to the ground because their own clubs are not playing and, as Old Boys, they have been invited to play for us. The fact that this is possible must be of great value both to the Old Boys' Association and to the game of lacrosse.

The first team has had many good games although, in common with the "A" team, the personnel has varied considerably from week to week. This has led to a good deal of individualism on the attack, but teams have often played quite well together, particularly after opening periods during which, as it were, introductions were effected among the players.

One of the soundest players on the team is R. J. Young, a peace-time defence man, who has made himself into one of the coolest and most reliable goalkeepers the club ever had. His clearing from goal is particularly good. On the attack, J. Buckland continues to play some good games, and S. Gill has acquired a side-step which has sometimes been good enough to deceive a whole defence. He occasionally scores an almost impossible goal. Another regular attack man has been D. B. Flunder, one of the most improved players on the side. He has played one or two very good games but has now been called up. A welcome guest for a few

matches was P. T. Flinn, on leave from the Mercantile Marine. We have also been glad to entertain J. H. Little, A. L. Dennis, J. R. Howard, G. Goddard, O. R. Dennis, and the dynamic Mr. Willis, of Blackley Park.

We have been represented on the County teams by D. Sherratt, G. R. Vlies, J. Buckland and S. Gill.

The "A" team has sometimes been short on account of last minute cry-offs, but has played some very good games. Owing to the fact that few clubs can at present field a second team, the number of their opponents is rather limited. This has led, however, to the development of some keen rivalry with one or two other clubs.

J. M.

### RESULTS.

#### FIRST TEAM.

|                                |   |      |
|--------------------------------|---|------|
| Nov. 30.—v. Stockport .....    | A | 3-7  |
| Dec. 7.—v. A.F.S. ....         | H | 20-5 |
| „ 14.—v. University .....      | H | Can. |
| „ 21.—v. Cheadle .....         | H | 15-3 |
| Jan. 11.—v. Boardman .....     | A | 8-6  |
| „ 18.—v. Old Waconians .....   | H | Can. |
| „ 25.—v. Old Mancunians .....  | A | 9-10 |
| Feb. 1.—v. University .....    | H | 13-5 |
| „ 8.—v. W.H.G.S. ....          | A | 18-5 |
| „ 15.—v. Stockport .....       | H | 15-7 |
| „ 22.—v. Boardman .....        | H | 15-5 |
| Mar. 8.—v. Heaton Mersey ..... | H | 16-4 |
| „ 15.—v. Stockport .....       | H | 10-4 |

#### "A" TEAM.

|                                    |   |      |
|------------------------------------|---|------|
| Nov. 30.—v. W.H.G.S. ....          | A | 2-22 |
| Dec. 7.—v. University "A" .....    | H | 9-9  |
| „ 14.—v. University "A" .....      | A | Can. |
| „ 21.—v. S.S.S. ....               | A | 7-7  |
| Jan. 11.—v. University "A" .....   | H | 7-5  |
| „ 18.—v. Heaton Mersey "A" .....   | A | Can. |
| „ 25.—v. W.H.G.S. ....             | H | 4-17 |
| Feb. 1.—v. Heaton Mersey "A" ..... | H | 12-4 |
| „ 8.—v. S.S.S. ....                | A | 6-6  |
| „ 15.—v. S.S.S. ....               | H | 2-7  |
| „ 22.—v. University "A" .....      | A | 12-4 |
| Mar. 8.—v. S.S.S. ....             | H | 1-0  |
| „ 15.—v. University "A" .....      | H | 2-9  |



## William Hulme's Grammar School Games Account.

*Statement of Accounts for the Year ended December 31st, 1940.*

|   | £    | s. | d. |  | £    | s. | d. |
|---|------|----|----|--|------|----|----|
| To Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1939 | 46   | 10 | 1  | By Materials for Games ... ..          | 29   | 15 | 6  |
| " Grant from Governors—                 |      |    |    | „ Travelling Expenses of Teams ...     | 26   | 8  | 3  |
| Lent Term ... ..                        | £85  | 1  | 0  | „ Groundsman's Wages ... ..            | 78   | 0  | 0  |
| Midsummer Term ...                      | 85   | 10 | 0  | „ Repairs to Mowing Machines ...       | 21   | 2  | 6  |
| Michaelmas Term ...                     | 90   | 15 | 0  | „ 14" Motor Mowing Machine ...         | 10   | 5  | 0  |
|   | 261  | 6  | 0  | „ Petrol, Oil, Lime and Paint ...      | 19   | 4  | 7  |
|   |      |    |    | „ Stamps, Postages and Telephone Calls | 2    | 11 | 6  |
|   |      |    |    | „ Teas to Visiting Teams... ..         | 7    | 14 | 7  |
|   |      |    |    | „ General Expenses ... ..              | 1    | 10 | 0  |
|   |      |    |    | „ Colours Caps ... ..                  | 6    | 6  | 4  |
|   |      |    |    | „ Grant towards cost of Motor Mower... | 35   | 0  | 0  |
|   |      |    |    | „ Bank Commission and Cheque Book,     |      |    |    |
|   |      |    |    | less Interest ... ..                   | 0    | 3  | 6  |
|   |      |    |    | „ Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1940 | 69   | 14 | 4  |
|   |      |    |    |  |      |    |    |
|   | £307 | 16 | 1  |  | £307 | 16 | 1  |

Audited and found correct, 18th March, 1941,

W. M. STONE, *Chartered Accountant.*

J. A. BARBER, *Hon. Treasurer.*



