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School Notes and News

Every School year may be said to begin in much the same way; but this year we are missing something that has long been familiar to us, but none the less valued for that—the kindly face and forceful personality of Mr. A. O. Gatley. He retired from the post of Second Master and Senior Geography master seven years ago; but has softened the blow of separation from us by continuing in a part-time capacity until last term. He has now finally retired and takes with him our best wishes for many happy years ahead. We paid a tribute to him and his work for us, when he

first retired; but he is one for whom no tribute can ever hope to be adequate. We shall always be pleased to see him again in our midst and hope such occasions will be frequent as he intends to continue to live at Stockport.

At the end of last term we also said good-bye to four other members of the Staff who are moving much further afield. Mr. E. Foyster has gone as Librarian and Tutor to the Teachers' Training College at Winchester. Mr. P. E. Grigsby has taken up a new post in Scotland. Mr. H. H. Corlett has gone to the Isle of Man; Mr. P. Thompson, however, has gone no further than the Midlands. Mr. Foyster, by his care and conscientiousness, made a considerable mark as a teacher of English while he was with us. His helpful and forthright

criticisms in this magazine of the School's dramatic activities were of an exceptionally penetrating and distinguished character. He also established, and did much valuable work with, the Junior Library. Mr. Grigsby of the Biology staff was an officer in the Corps and latterly the guiding spirit in the Christian Fellowship. Messrs. Corlett and Thompson were mathematicians. They were both very helpful in running School games and in accompanying School parties. All four entered the School staff as bachelors and were married when they departed. They, too, have our best wishes.

Mr. P. E. Grigsby was married to Miss P. M. Robinson on July 30th, and Mr. S. A. Kirkham to Miss J. M. Hughes on the same date. We congratulate them and wish them every happiness.

We welcome to the School to fill the various vacancies Mr. T. B. Jackson, B.A. (Exhibitioner of Peterhouse, Cambridge), who joined us last term after Whitsun, and Mr. I. Boustead, B.Sc. (Birmingham), Mr. C. E. Bryans, B.Sc. (Bangor) (O.H.), Mr. D. H. Finch, B.Sc.TECH. (Manchester), Mr. G. W. Johnson, M.A. (Selwyn College, Cambridge) and Mr. D. T. Kingan, B.Sc.TECH. (Manchester), who have joined us this term.

On June 14th last Sir William Coates, K.C.B., C.B.E., V.D., T.D., F.R.C.S., D.L., who was for 40 years the School doctor, a post from which he retired only seven years ago, celebrated his hundredth birthday. He has had long and close association with the medical services in the Army and with the British Red Cross Society, in addition to being a heart consultant. Many medical men inspire us by their exhortations to live a long, happy and healthy life: few of them teach us, with such signal success, by example as well as by precept.

We read with some surprise in the holidays that Canon Woolnough, M.A., M.B.E., is retiring from the Cathedral Clergy at the quite incredible age of 74. We are glad to learn that he will continue his devoted and valuable service to the School as chairman of its Governing Body.

Many of those, whose deaths we have recently recorded—particularly those who served the School in its earlier years—have lived to a ripe old age. Such was not to be the lot of Mr. W. A. Brierley, formerly Art Master at this School, who died within a few years of his retirement. Although he lived in Hampshire, he paid us many visits, after leaving the staff, revealing his abiding interest in the school for which he did so much. A tribute can be found elsewhere in this magazine.

Mr. P. Rix, who left the School staff to enter Ridley Hall Theological College, Cambridge, was ordained deacon at Durham on June 12th.

This term the number of boys in the main School has reached the record total of 709. Characteristic of the vigour of its life is the number of parties that go on educational trips under the School's auspices. During the summer holidays one party went to Rome and Naples, another to Germany, a third to the Lake District, and the Junior School to North Wales.

One also learns with pleasure of the number of boys who have gone on adventurous holidays on their own at home and abroad, accounts of some of which—as of the official School activities—will be found elsewhere.

The success of the School's academic side is revealed by the record results in the G.C.E. at both 'A' level (66 passed in three subjects) and at 'O' level, and the fact that State Scholarships were gained by I. W. Goodall, V. Jackson, M. A. Kerr, T. G. Nevell, F. A. Richards, B. E. Thirlwell, A. Thomson, N. N. Walmsley.

We congratulate C. H. Templar on winning a Royal Naval Scholarship to Dartmouth.

The demands of the G.C.E. preclude a full programme of *Current Affairs* lectures in the mid-summer term, but we were pleased to receive visits from Mr. F. W. Chandler, M.A., who spoke on *Middle Eastern Problems*, Mr. Ruddock, M.A., on *Psychology*, Mr. E. A. G. Holloway on *The Commonwealth and Europe* and Mr. E. M. McCormick (O.H.), News Editor of *The Guardian*, on *Newspapers To-day*.

C. I. Hammond is Head Prefect this term. M. Billcliff, G. N. Bromiley and N. N. Walmsley survive from last year. I. M. Case, J. H. Dixon, H. W. Fowler, R. C. M. Harvey, J. G. Mitchell, F. A. Richards, G. N. Sheldon, R. F. Stockdale, A. L. Traill and J. S. Woodhead have now been added to the list.

R. C. M. Harvey has been appointed Captain of Football.

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Denstonian*, *The Savilian*, *The Wallaseyan* and the magazines of the Central Grammar School, Manchester, and Couthill Grammar School, Oldham; also *The Wish Stream*, the journal of the Royal Military College, Sandhurst.

Mid-term holiday this term will be from October 27th to November 1st inclusive.

The Christmas holidays will begin on Monday, December 19th at 4 p.m.

The Lent Term will begin on Tuesday, January 10th at 10.45 a.m.

Mr. W. A. Brierley

It is with great regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. W. A. Brierley which took place with tragic suddenness on July 8th.

Mr. Brierley, who was trained at the Edinburgh Academy of Art, came to the School in 1919, after military service in the first World War, and remained until 1944, when he left to become Art Master at the Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby. On his retirement he went to live in the New Forest, but maintained a lively interest in the School, and was a very welcome visitor whenever his duties as an examiner for the G.C.E. brought him to Manchester.

It is difficult in a short space to pay an adequate tribute to Mr. Brierley's work. He was an accomplished painter, and in spite of the heavy demands on his time, which he gave so readily to the School, earned very favourable criticism at various exhibitions where his work was shown. While he was very versatile, his best work was probably landscape, in which he revealed a vivid sense of colour and light.

As a teacher, Mr. Brierley was most successful. He was quick to recognise and encourage talent, and many boys are indebted to him for the enjoyment they have derived from art after they have left school. He was also very patient with the trier who was not gifted, and few boys could fail to benefit from his lessons in appreciation.

Many Old Boys will best remember Mr. Brierley for his work on the stage. He was a brilliant actor, particularly in character and comedy parts, and an outstanding producer and coach. In this again, many people have to thank him for the start he gave them. It is impossible to list the many enjoyable productions for which he was responsible, but some will remember the first *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *Beauty and the Barge*, *Ambrose Applejohn*, *Beggar on Horseback*, and *The Knight of the Burning Pestle*.

For all the School plays, Mr. Brierley, with his close friend Mr. Bentley, provided the scenery, and not only established a tradition of originality and high quality, but trained and led a succession of enthusiastic boys as Stage Staff.

When the Old Boys formed a Dramatic Society, they naturally turned to Mr. Brierley for help, and his response, as always, was prompt and generous. Not only did he produce for them, but encouraged and helped them to undertake the work for themselves.

Even more than for all he did, Mr. Brierley will be remembered for what he was, always generous and kindly, and a loyal friend.

To his wife and daughter we offer our sincere sympathy.

Speech Day 1960

The wet weather that prevailed almost continuously throughout July gave rise to considerable misgivings over Speech Day, which was held on Monday, July 18th in the marquee. Fortunately the rain kept off to allow everybody to assemble in comfort and the proceedings to be carried through unimpeded.

Canon Woolnough, M.A., M.B.E., the Chairman of the Governors, introduced the speaker, Sir Willis Jackson, F.R.S., Director of Research and Education at A.E.I. and reminded us that Sir Willis had been with us when the new additional science buildings were opened as a representative of the Industrial Fund for the Development of Scientific Education in Schools who were largely responsible for the cost of their erection.

The Headmaster began his report by saying the School had much to be grateful for: good buildings, well equipped and in pleasant surroundings. The School had gained a good repute. It was judged by the way it worked, the way it played and the way it thought. A certain repute could be gained by the brilliant few, yet the mass might be idle. It was important that the brilliant few should really lead. It should be realised that fouling in games was debasing to all. Thinking was indicative of good manners, when it meant thinking of others rather than of self. We could not know what the ultimate results of our work would be, but only what endeavour we had put into it.

Our immediate results had been that in the past year we had 47 boys passing at 'A' level, gaining 14 distinctions, as a result of which three State Scholarships had been awarded. 'O' level results had been similarly gratifying. A. Thomson, J. B. Parkinson had gained Open Awards to Oxford, C. Mark to Cambridge and B. Hayes to Manchester. C. H. Templar had gained a Royal Naval Scholarship to Dartmouth. Referring to Old Boys' achievements, he said, A. Godson and M. Lord had played for Cambridge University at Rugby Football, the former gaining his Blue, N. V. Barber had played for Oxford University Greyhounds.

Turning to the C.C.F. he congratulated all concerned on the very successful Centenary Parade held ten days ago, when the inspection was taken by Brigadier Lymer, C.B.E., T.D. (O.H.). Three boys had passed through the Outward Bound School, two obtaining very good passes. Two boys from the School had been selected to go to Buckingham Palace in connection with the Centenary celebrations.

Referring to the Crowther Report, he drew attention to the fact that we had 212 boys in our Sixth Forms, nearly one third of the School. Every

boy took seven subjects at 'O' level, so there was no premature specialisation. The problem of the Sixth Forms was what should boys do besides their three 'A' level subjects. It was the schools' responsibility to train boys to use their spare time effectively. Optional subjects included Art, Handicraft and Languages. Special subjects, though not options, were History and Biology. With these and the wise use of private study a boy was intellectually prepared for the effective use of future leisure.

In conclusion he paid a tribute to Mr. Gatley, now going into full retirement, and to Messrs. Foyster, Grigsby, Corlett and P. Thompson who were leaving the School staff to take up other posts.

Sir Willis Jackson, who was responsible for Research and Education at Metropolitan-Vickers, then gave his address. He said that on the morrow he would be attending the three-hundredth anniversary celebrations of the Royal Society at the Albert Hall in London. He was proud of the fact that he himself was a Lancastrian from Burnley; but when the Headmaster invited him to give away the prizes he had had his misgivings. On a similar occasion elsewhere, he had asked the Headmaster of the school concerned to say frankly whether his speech had been a success. The Headmaster had replied that the speech would be remembered when Shakespeare was forgotten—but not till then! He was reminded of the story of the conceited cricketer, who after much unnecessary affectation and palaver over preliminaries, had been bowled first ball and on the way to the pavilion condescendingly congratulated the Lancashire professional who had bowled him, only to be crushed by the remark, "Aye, it were a good ball, but it were wasted on thee". He hoped the opportunities the School provided would not be wasted on the boys to whom they were offered.

He illustrated the opportunities modern science could offer by referring to the achievements in his own field—electrical engineering: Television, Radar, Trans-Atlantic cables and before long Trans-World telephones, Thermionic Valves, and most recently Transistors.

The Sixth Form with its wide curriculum offered an excellent preparation for life. There was scope for the Arts side to balance the Science side. Education was not completed at school, however; but continued over a very long period of time. Education included the ability to exercise authority. The sixth form in a good school provided this opportunity. Initiative was necessary if we were to survive.

He then presented the prizes. The proceedings concluded, the rain came.

The prize winners were as follows:—

SPECIAL—Watkins: D. Paton; Anderson English Essay: M. J. Lynch; Aspinall Religious Knowledge: M. C. Dyer; Brierley Music: M. A. Harris; Powell Scripture Reading: F. F. Wilde; Forrest Writing: G. L. Morley.

UPPER SIXTHS—Knoop English: N. N. Walmsley; Dehn History: N. N. Walmsley; Vlies Modern Languages: M. Billcliff; Dorrington Latin: G. N. Bromiley; Lymer Mathematics: B. Hayes; Williamson Chemistry: D. G. Wood; Physics: A. Thomson; Biology: D. B. Walsh; Art: J. M. A. Thompson.

MIDDLE SIXTHS—English: M. J. M. Brown; History: T. F. M. Olsen; Hewlett Geography: M. C. Davies; Geology: K. H. Rivett; French: D. P. Swain; German: J. G. Lee; Latin: J. G. Lee; Greek: S. E. Scully; Ancient History: A. L. Thorneley; Physics: P. P. Constantine; Chemistry: J. E. Ellis; Biology: J. S. Woodhead; Mathematics: J. W. Goodall.

LOWER SIXTHS—English: G. A. Rogerson; History: M. T. Sumner; Geography: I. R. Stone; Geology: I. R. Stone; French: G. A. Rogerson; German: W. Hodson; Latin: G. A. Rogerson and M. H. Homer; Greek: M. H. Homer; Mathematics: P. T. Brownhill; Physics: K. Harris; Chemistry: P. J. Wood; Biology: R. T. Johnson.

FIFTH FORMS—Parents' English: A. J. B. Hilton; History: A. J. B. Hilton; Hewlett Geography: I. E. Roxburgh; French: R. I. E. Taylor; German: B. J. Walker; Latin: B. J. Walker; Mathematics: J. G. Dalzell; Chemistry: A. R. Wood; Physics: I. E. Roxburgh; Art: A. R. Wood; Handicraft: J. D. Broadbent.

FOURTH FORMS—English: J. A. Ireland; History: B. G. Gazzard; French: R. H. Dakin; German: R. D. McGlue; Geography: J. D. Shuttleworth; Latin: R. H. Dakin; Mathematics: A. A. Jackson; Chemistry: A. H. Hawksey; Physics: A. S. Burgess; Art: P. C. Allen; Handicraft: I. N. Dawson.

THIRD FORMS—English: R. A. Assar; History: R. W. Quick; Geography: I. S. Ashcroft; French: G. Pace; Latin: A. D. Mason; Mathematics: G. P. Abraham; Chemistry: D. R. Potts; Physics: A. C. Ralph; Art: H. W. Douthwaite; Handicraft: R. D. Molyneux.

SECOND FORMS—English: J. D. Rich; History: W. J. Condon; Geography: S. R. Amor; French: J. R. Sternberg; Latin: J. R. Sternberg; Mathematics: S. R. Amor; Science: J. D. Rich; Art: G. P. Livings.

FIRST FORMS—English: I. W. Pamphilon; History: D. A. Vaughan; Geography: K. M. Daily; French: J. H. Rigby; Latin: D. A. Vaughan;

Mathematics: M. B. Gillett; Biology: Z. J. Qureshi; Handicraft: P. L. R. Wood.

PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT—First: J. Allman; Barber merit: N. J. Burnside; Progress: P. E. Beverley.

The Donner Library

The Donner Library has been in constant use throughout the year, both as a room for study and as a lending library. In the course of the School year 156 new books have been acquired, including gifts from Messrs. D. Lloyd Griffiths and D. D. A. Lamb (Old Hulmeians) and the Shell Petroleum Co. Ltd. We are particularly grateful to Mr. T. W. Freeman, M.A., for presenting us with a copy of his own work *Conurbations of Great Britain*, a subject on which he recently delivered a lecture to the Upper Sixth Forms in *Current Affairs*. Mr. J. A. Barber also has given us a 25-volume edition of the Waverley novels; so far only A. J. Wintringham has continued the tradition of making a school-leaving donation of a book. We should like to express our grateful appreciation of these gifts.

We also wish to acknowledge our indebtedness to Mr. H. H. Vlies, O.H., a Governor of the School, for his continued support of the Modern Languages side of the Library by subscribing to a German weekly paper which we have been receiving for nearly three years now, and for the French magazines received from time to time.

It has just been learnt that by the will of the late Mr. C. E. Kelsey, M.A., formerly a master at this School, the Donner Library will benefit by a generous bequest of £50. This sum will be used to buy books which will be given a special place in the Library, under the designation of *The Kelsey Memorial Shelves*.

It is a sign of the lively interest shown by all sixth formers in the wide range of subjects available, that the Borrowing List shows over 1,500 entries of books taken out for home study and reading during the year. Less pleasing is the frequent evidence of want of care over the books and slackness in returning them. The librarians were kept busy every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon with numerous repairs and other book work. D. D. Roberts will continue to be Head Librarian under Dr. Jecny's supervision. This will be his third year in office. A most welcome offer of assistance in the Donner Library has come from two new members of the staff, Mr. T. B. Jackson and Mr. G. W. Johnson, for which we are very grateful.

The Donner Union

Although normally meetings are not held during the Summer, this term proved to be the exception and two were held. The first was on May 23rd and took the form of a four-cornered debate with Manchester Grammar School, Manchester High School and Withington Girls School. In this debate we were represented by D. W. Grindey. The second meeting, on July 6th, was a play-reading with Withington Girls School. The play chosen was *Thieves Carnival* by Jean Anouilh.

The Annual General Meeting of the Donner Union was held on September 12th when the election of officers of the society took place. M. C. Dyer was elected Deputy Chairman, D. Robinson Secretary, and D. S. Kaiserman Assistant Secretary. The following were elected as representatives of their various forms, A. L. Thorneley and T. F. M. Olsen for the Third Year Sixth, A. F. Marsden and M. J. Lynch for the Second Year Sixth, and P. Swift and L. M. Hall for the First Year Sixth.

Stage Notes

The Summer Term is usually the rest period for the Stage Staff, but this year some activity took place. Before Whitsun, experiments were made with the assembly sets in an attempt to relieve the monotony of the inevitable grey set which usually prevails.

The Electricians removed most of their lighting after second row fell down.

The chairs having been removed after the G.C.E. Examinations, the Stage Staff built and wired a new and improved winch-side switchboard.

We should like to thank the Parents' Association for the new main curtains, which were put up in time for Speech Day, when they featured in our first display, for which a special set was assembled.

We are sorry to lose A. Thomson, M. A. Harris, C. Wright and R. L. Brian, and we wish them the best of luck in their new positions.

The Stage Staff Vacation in the Lakes

This year a party of our boys visited the Lakes under the supervision of Mr. Phillips, Mr. Blight and Mr. Rees. The activities were varied but were

concentrated on boating, swimming and hiking. Mr. Blight took parties up Saddleback, Scafell and Great Gable. The boys also visited Skiddaw, Helvellyn, Catbells, Grange, Lodore and the Derwent.

Feats of interest were performed by Gaskell and Fowler, who took their bicycles up many of the forementioned mountains.

We appreciated the work put in by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Rees in the catering and cooking, for, with only two gas rings, they provided for fifteen of us.

We are all looking forward to the forthcoming season which is dominated by the School Opera—*Ruddigore*.

The Science Society

The society was as usual rather inactive during the Summer term. There were two lectures in the early part of the term, one on May 8th on *Iron and Steel* given by Mr. V. B. Gregory of the Iron and Steel Federation and the other on May 19th on the *Science of Measurement* given by Professor Wright-Baker of the Manchester College of Science and Technology. The Annual General Meeting was held on Sept. 22nd when Mr. Faulkner announced his retirement as Chairman. He was unanimously elected as the Society's first Vice-President and was succeeded as Chairman by Dr. Powrie. J. G. Mitchell was elected Vice-Chairman, D. W. Parker secretary, and H. W. Farnsworth Treasurer. J. White and I. Cunningham were elected committee members for the Upper Sixth, S. G. Wood and P. H. Draper the Middle Sixth, and A. G. Mitchell and R. W. Wetton the Lower Sixth.

The Meteorological Section, under the leadership of C. D. Cooke has continued to compile a daily weather report throughout the term.

Chess Club

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday, 15th September. K. Hamer was elected Hon. Secretary, G. A. Rogerson and D. R. Gaskell were re-elected as Captain and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

It was decided to abandon Thursday after-school meetings owing to lack of support, and play is therefore confined to lunchtimes. We are now able to play in room 34.

This term we hope to have a match every fortnight, and at present arrangements are being made

with Manchester High, North Manchester Grammar and Burnage Grammar Schools. We also propose to hold a knock-out tournament.

Last term our one match against the Parents was narrowly lost 3-2.

New members are welcome, especially ex-Junior School players.

The Badminton Club

Early in the term, a meeting was held to elect the officers for the coming season. Mr. F. Ogden takes over as Chairman, J. Shaw was elected captain, M. H. Homer was appointed Honorary Treasurer, and P. M. Swift was appointed Hon. Secretary.

The vacancies for membership were soon filled, and the Club looks forward to several enjoyable fixtures during the coming year.

The Christian Fellowship

Last term, owing to the pressure of examinations, we were unable to hold many meetings and when we did meet we continued to study the Acts of the Apostles.

We expect to meet this term at 12-30 p.m. every Monday in either the music room or room 3, when we shall be studying the Pastoral Epistles.

A very warm invitation is extended to all boys, whatever their denomination or beliefs may be, who are interested in the propagation of Christ's Kingdom here at School.

House Swimming Competition

The swimming competition was held at Moss Side Baths on September 19th and 20th. Heats were taken on the Monday and the finals of the heats, together with the diving events and the relay races, were decided on the following evening. In contrast to the previous year, the winners were never in doubt; Fraser were comfortable winners. This year, the boys' medley team beat the Staff team.

RESULTS

BURNSIDE SWIMMING CUP: Fraser 85 pts.; Gaskell 42 pts.; Dalton 41 pts.

LADY MATHER CUP: I. Cunningham (F).

FREE-STYLE, 25 yds.—1st Forms:

1. M. L. Ford (1a), 2. D. J. Bremner (1a), 3. M. E. Brooke (1c), 4. R. S. Gregory (1c). (18.0 sec.).

FREE-STYLE, 25 yds.—2nd Forms:

1. P. W. Mills (2b), 2. S. Bentham (2y), 3. M. B. Gillett (2y), 4. J. W. Elliot (2a). (17.7 sec.).

FREE-STYLE, 25 yds.—under 14 yrs.:

1. J. S. Street (B), 2. D. L. Worthing (G) and S. J. Bertenshaw (F), 4. J. H. M. Steele (F). (15.2 sec.).

FREE-STYLE, 25 yds.—under 15 yrs.:

1. A. R. Allen (F), 2. P. F. Veitch (D), 3. T. J. Davies (G), 4. P. Robinson (H). (14.3 sec.).

FREE-STYLE, 50 yds.—under 16 yrs.:

1. M. Butters (F) and A. S. Burgess (F), 3. D. Marsden (G), 4. D. A. Ranson (W). (33.7 sec.).

FREE-STYLE, 50 yds.—16 yrs. and over:

1. R. W. Welsby (D) and I. Cunningham (F), 3. P. P. Constantine (D), 4. R. F. Stockdale (W). (31.2 sec.).

BREAST-STROKE, 25 yds.—1st Forms:

1. D. G. Cowan (1c), 2. P. D. Hanson (1b), 3. D. J. Bremner (1a), 4. M. E. Brooke (1c). (22.7 sec.).

BREAST-STROKE, 25 yds.—2nd Forms:

1. J. R. A. Rushton (2a), 2. J. M. Higginbottom (2y), 3. S. C. Harrold (2y), 4. J. D. Bailey (2a). (24.0 sec.).

BREAST-STROKE, 25 yds.—under 14 yrs.:

1. R. G. Edwards (W), 2. S. J. Bertenshaw (F), 3. T. C. Cunliffe (H), 4. J. Blake (B). (19.5 sec.).

BREAST-STROKE, 25 yds.—under 15 yrs.:

1. P. F. Veitch (D), 2. D. R. Potts (W), 3. J. S. Nixon (F), 4. R. W. Quick (H). (17.0 sec.).

BREAST-STROKE, 50 yds.—under 16 yrs.:

1. A. S. Burgess (F), 2. D. M. Altaras (D) and P. Butters (F), 4. J. S. Edwards (B). (37.6 sec.).

BREAST-STROKE, 50 yds.—16 yrs. and over:

1. R. C. M. Harvey (W), 2. J. Cocker (F), 3. C. D. Beswick (G), 4. C. S. Cooper (G). (37.6 sec.).

BACK-STROKE, 25 yds.—1st Forms:

1. R. S. Gregory (1c), 2. S. J. Burslem (1a), 3. C. Knott (1a), 4. R. I. Cowhig (1b). (20.1 sec.).

BACK-STROKE, 25 yds.—2nd Forms:

1. P. W. Mills (2b), 2. M. B. Gillett (2y), 3. S. Bentham (2y), 4. M. J. Giles (2b). (21.0 sec.).

BACK-STROKE, 25 yds.—under 14 yrs.:

1. J. S. Street (B), 2. J. Moran (F), 3. D. R. Howarth (W), 4. D. G. Heap (D). (19.7 sec.).

BACK-STROKE, 25 yds.—under 15 yrs.:

1. A. R. Allen (F), 2. P. Merriman (B), 3. S. Paton (B), 4. P. Robinson (H). (17.0 sec.).

BACK-STROKE, 50 yds.—under 16 yrs.:

1. D. Marsden (G), 2. J. D. Rogers (B), 3. M. Butters (F), 4. D. A. Ransome (W). (42.6 sec.).

BACK-STROKE, 50 yds.—16 yrs. and over:

1. I. Cunningham (F), 2. I. G. Kennedy (G), 3. G. N. Bromiley (D), 4. R. W. Welsby (D). (36.2 sec.).

DIVING—1st Form:

1. M. E. Brook (1c), 2. P. D. Hanson (1b), 3. D. G. Cowan (1c), 4. D. J. Bremner (1a), R. I. Cowhig (1b).

DIVING—2nd Form:

1. M. J. Giles (2b), 2. P. W. Mills (2b), A. Horwich (2y), and P. L. R. Wood (2y).

DIVING—under 14 yrs.:

1. G. I. Cooper (G), 2. J. Moran (F), J. B. Irving (B), and P. D. Kerr (B).

DIVING—under 15 yrs.:

1. P. F. Veitch (D), 2. D. R. Potts (W), 3. J. S. Nixon (F), 4. R. W. Quick (H).

DIVING—under 16 yrs.:

1. D. M. Altaras (D), 2. D. Marsden (G), 3. P. Butters (F), 4. S. R. Wishart (H).

DIVING—16 yrs. and over:

1. R. C. M. Harvey (W), 2. C. D. Beswick (G), 3. R. Sleigh (D), 4. R. F. Stockdale (W), J. Lowrey (G) and D. R. Latham (F).

JUNIOR RELAY:

1. Fraser, 2. Byrom, 3. Whitworth, 4. Dalton. (1 min. 8.4 sec.).

SENIOR RELAY:

1. Fraser, 2. Gaskell, 3. Dalton, 4. Whitworth. (59.6 sec.).

100 YARDS FREE-STYLE—Open:

1. I. Cunningham (F), 2. R. F. Stockdale (W), 3. D. G. Murray (G). (72 sec.).

The Athletic Sports

The Athletic Sports were held on Saturday, July 16th. Fortunately the Heats and Finals were carried through without hitch, though the weather conditions were very uncertain at that time. As the ground was unusually soft for the time of the year and practising had often been interfered with, when not rendered totally impossible by the weather, it is not surprising that no records were broken.

RESULTS

100 YARDS—Senior: M. A. Kerr (B) (11.1 sec.). U.16: J. R. Sumner (F) (11.7 sec.). U.14½: J. R. M. Ward (H) (11.9 sec.).

220 YARDS—Senior: D. Swain (W) (25.3 secs.). U.16: R. E. Shufflebottom (B) (26.2 secs.). U.14½: J. R. M. Ward (H) (27.8 secs.).

440 YARDS—Senior: I. M. Lawless (W) (55.2 secs.). U.16: R. E. Shufflebottom (B) (58.8 secs.). U.14½: I. S. Ashcroft (B) (64.1 secs.).

880 YARDS—Senior: J. S. Woodhead (H) (2 min. 7 secs.). U.16: M. V. Tidmas (D) (2 mins. 13 secs.).

MILE—Senior: J. S. Woodhead (H) (4 mins. 43.2 secs.). U.16: M. V. Tidmas (D) (5 mins. 4.7 secs.).

HIGH JUMP—Senior: M. A. Kerr (B) (5ft. 5ins.). U.16: R. Sleigh (D) (5ft. 0ins.). U.14½: D. W. Butcher (H) (4ft. 6ins.).

LONG JUMP—Senior: P. J. Wood (W) (19ft.). U.16: T. A. Manning (D) (15ft. 6ins.). U.14½: A. A. Jackson (W) (15ft. 4ins.).

SHOT—Senior: I. M. Lawless (W) (34 ft. 7ins.). U.16: A. Maclean (W) (43ft. 8ins.).

JAVELIN—Senior: R. T. Johnson (D) (131 ft. 7ins.). U.16: A. Maclean (W) (125ft. 6ins.).

RELAY—Senior: Whitworth (49.9 secs.). Junior: Fraser (52.6 secs.). U.14½: Heywood.

RESULTS—1. Whitworth, 2. Heywood, 3. Fraser.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS—Senior: M. A. Kerr (B). U.16: M. V. Tidmas (D), D. A. Ranson (W). U.14½: N. B. Pearson (G).

Preparatory School Sports

The Preparatory School Sports were held on Friday, June 24th, just as the long fine spell earlier in the summer was beginning to break. Fortunately the rain held off in the afternoon and the programme was completed uninterrupted. The prizes were presented by Mrs. G. C. Roberts.

The results were as follows:—

KANGAROO (7 years and under): 1st, J. H. Handley; 2nd, C. Jackson; 3rd, K. N. Marland.

SACK (11 years): 1st, J. Allman; 2nd, A. J. McGlue; 3rd, W. W. Hannah. (10 Years): 1st J. R. Haynes; 2nd, S. R. Marsden; 3rd, S. H. Hoyle. (9 Years): 1st, M. D. Mitchell; 2nd, R. M. Flacks; 3rd, D. L. Miller. (8 Years): 1st, P. Thompson; 2nd, P. C. Harrold; 3rd, W. B. Bowstead.

DRESSING UP (7 Years and under): 1st, Race: 1st, N. M. Leon; 2nd, R. H. Whittingham; 3rd, N. F. Rickard, 2nd Race: 1st, C. J. B. Farmer; 2nd, D. F. Smith; 3rd, M. Nesbitt.

CHARIOT (11 Years): 1st, A. J. McGlue and R. A. Hodson; 2nd, D. J. Mitchell and W. W.

Hannah; 3rd, N. Burnside and J. Allman. (10 Years): 1st, S. R. Marsden and M. P. Hodson; 2nd, F. R. Eastwood and I. M. K. Lowe; 3rd, J. R. Haynes and S. H. Hoyle. (9 Years): 1st, R. M. Flacks and M. D. Mitchell; 2nd, D. J. Wolfson and S. J. N. Daniell; 3rd, A. M. Murray and S. A. L. Cox. (8 Years): 1st, P. Thompson and P. de la Perrelle; 2nd, A. P. Haynes and R. J. Wheeler; 3rd, C. D. Davies and P. C. Harrold.

VISITORS (3 and 4 Years): Neil and Fiona Mann, (5 and 6 Years): Robert Wild.

FLAT (11 Years): 1st, J. N. McDonnell; 2nd, J. Cartwright; 3rd, J. Allman. (10 Years): 1st, S. R. Marsden; 2nd, F. R. Eastwood; 3rd, J. R. Haynes. (9 Years): 1st, M. D. Mitchell; 2nd, R. M. Flacks; 3rd, S. A. L. Cox. (8 Years): 1st, A. P. Haynes; 2nd, P. Thompson; 3rd, H. J. Burnside. (7 Years and under): 1st, J. H. Handley; 2nd, T. R. M. Brown; 3rd, R. H. Whittingham.

OBSTACLE (11 Years): 1st, J. Allman; 2nd, J. N. McDonnell; 3rd, J. Cartwright. (10 Years): 1st, F. R. Eastwood; 2nd, S. H. Hoyle; 3rd, M. Cummins. (9 Years): 1st, M. D. Mitchell; 2nd, I. Jones; 3rd, N. J. N. Hoare. (8 Years): 1st, C. D. Davies; 2nd, P. A. Cary; 3rd, P. Thompson. (7 Years and under): 1st J. H. Handley; 2nd, C. Jackson; 3rd, C. J. B. Farmer.

PARENTS—1st Race, Mr. & Mrs. Bowstead. 2nd Race, Mr. & Mrs. Levison.

HOUSE RELAY—1st, Barrie; 2nd, Kingsley; 3rd, Kipling.

HIGH JUMP (11 Years): 1st, J. Allman (4ft. 4ins.); 2nd, D. J. Mitchell; 3rd, R. A. Hodson. (10 Years): 1st, J. R. Haynes (3ft. 11ins.); 2nd F. R. Eastwood; 3rd, S. M. Hoyle. (9 Years): 1st, M. D. Mitchell (3ft. 11ins.); 2nd, S. A. L. Cox; 3rd, I. L. Jones. (8 Years): 1st, A. P. Haynes (3ft. 6ins.); 2nd, P. Thompson; 3rd, W. B. Bowstead.

THROWING THE BALL (11 Years): 1st, P. E. Beverley; 2nd, J. N. McDonnell; 3rd, A. J. McGlue. (10 Years): 1st, S. R. Marsden; 2nd, A. R. Carlisle; 3rd, F. R. Eastwood. (9 Years): 1st, M. D. Mitchell; 2nd, J. R. Turner; 3rd, A. Murray. (8 Years): 1st, P. A. Cary; 2nd, I. J. Buckland; 3rd, H. Burnside.

TWELVES CHALLENGE CUP (11 Years): J. Allman.

MERRIMAN CUP (10 Years): S. R. Marsden.

WAITE CUP (9 Years): M. D. Mitchell.

WIENHOLT CUP (8 Years): P. Thompson.

SEVEN YEARS CUP: J. H. Handley.

HOUSE SHIELD—Barrie (80 pts.). Runners-Up—Kipling (54 pts.).

Cricket

FIRST XI

The season was disappointing. A side which could have been good managed to win only two matches and lose six, while eight were drawn. One of the main reasons for the frequent failures was poor catching and another was a curious system of field placing for which the requests of the bowlers were sometimes to blame. The Captain, M. Billcliff, never equalled his form of the previous season either as a batsman or as a bowler, while C. N. Jenkinson was only just beginning to show something of his true worth as a bowler when the season ended. R. W. Welsby was the most successful of the bowlers; but he took far too long to bowl his overs, and the really good balls he bowled were far out-numbered by the very bad balls. P. W. Booth gained experience and confidence as the season progressed, and this is true of the two young batsmen, P. T. Brownhill and H. F. Lyon. The more experienced players were inconsistent in their batting and too easily intimidated by a flying ball. Caps were re-awarded to M. Billcliff (Captain), A. A. Green (Vice-Captain), R. W. Welsby, C. N. Jenkinson and J. S. Litherland. New caps were awarded to D. W. Grindey, D. G. Murray, P. W. Booth, H. F. Lyon, P. T. Brownhill and R. Richards.

RESULTS

April 30th v. MONTGOMERY HOUSE. Home. Match Drawn.

Although this game was played very early in the season, and was treated to some extent as a practice game, it proved both pleasant and useful. The School batting was painstaking rather than brilliant, but in the closing stages of the innings R. W. Welsby hit lustily and survived a few chances. The bowling was obviously experimental.

SCHOOL

A. A. Green b. Wragg	17
P. T. Brownhill l.b.w. b. Dinning	0
M. Billcliff b. Dinning	0
D. W. Grindey ct. Wilkinson b. Rosthorn	21
D. G. Murray ct. Wilkinson b. Rosthorn	14
H. F. Lyon b. Dinning	14
D. Paton not out	6
J. S. Litherland b. Wragg	0
P. W. Booth b. Dinning	1
R. W. Welsby not out	33
Extras	12

Total (for 8 wickets declared) 118

R. T. Johnson did not bat.

MONTGOMERY HOUSE

Percy b. Welsby	10
Hunter b. Johnson	0
Wragg b. Paton	14
Doyle ct. Welsby b. Johnson	0
Dinning l.b.w. b. Paton	4
Smith ct. Billcliff b. Booth	0
Rosthorn not out	51
Wilkinson not out	19
Extras	6

Total (for 6 wickets) 104

Rogers, Wharton and Jesson did not bat.

May 7th v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Match Drawn.

Rather slow batting, bowling that lacked bite, and a few missed chances deprived the School of a chance of victory.

SCHOOL

A. A. Green ct. Broadhurst b. Whitehead	5
P. T. Brownhill b. Costello	22
C. N. Jenkinson l.b.w. b. Whitehead	19
D. W. Grindey b. Costello	8
M. Billcliff ct. Shipley b. Costello	17
D. G. Murray b. Costello	22
H. F. Lyon not out	24
Extras	8

Total (for 6 wickets declared) 125

J. S. Litherland, R. W. Welsby, P. W. Booth and R. T. Johnson did not bat.

CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL

Rose l.b.w. b. Booth	6
Gibbins b. Welsby	7
Broadhurst ct. Green b. Welsby	53
Peacock b. Johnson	5
Taylor l.b.w. b. Welsby	1
Tidswell ct. Jenkinson b. Welsby	1
Shipley b. Welsby	7
Walton not out	3
Whitehead not out	9
Extras	2

Total (for 7 wickets) 94

Costello and Rankine did not bat.

R. W. Welsby, 5 wickets for 18 runs.

May 14th v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, SHEFFIELD Home. Match Drawn.

The Sheffield batting was slow, but the School bowlers took too long to bowl their overs, the bowling changes were unimaginative, and again

one or two vital chances were missed. The School innings started at 5-40, and rain caused the game to be abandoned at 6 o'clock.

SHEFFIELD

Eaton b. Jenkinson	5
Dixon ct. Billcliff b. Johnson	20
Pike ct. Litherland b. Johnson	26
Needham b. Jenkinson	3
Bradshaw b. Welsby	0
Hardie ct. Welsby b. Booth	7
Aldridge ct. Billcliff b. Welsby	3
Dennis b. Welsby	6
Wileman not out	14
Cockayne b. Johnson	5
Dench not out	3
Extras	3

Total (for 9 wickets declared) 95

R. W. Welsby, 3 wickets for 37 runs.

R. T. Johnson, 3 wickets for 22 runs.

SCHOOL

A. A. Green b. Needham	14
P. T. Brownhill ct. Rimmer b. Hooper K. E.	9
C. N. Jenkinson not out	0
D. W. Grindey not out	0
Extras	0

Total (for 2 wickets) 21

May 21st v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM.
Home. School won by 76 runs.

Batting which broke down just when the batsmen seemed to be settled gave promise of an indifferent score, but the innings was redeemed by a resolute partnership of 48 for the eighth wicket. H. F. Lyon and R. Richards not only hit the ball firmly, but showed speed and judgment in running between the wickets. When Lytham batted it took a long time to bowl them out, despite early successes.

SCHOOL

A. A. Green b. Renshaw	7
P. T. Brownhill ct. Rimmer b. Hooper K. E.	9
C. N. Jenkinson ct. Pritchard b. Driver	21
D. W. Grindey ct. Pritchard b. Driver	22
M. Billcliff b. Driver	8
D. G. Murray ct. Hooper K. E. b. Driver	5
H. F. Lyon ct. Hooper T. J. b. Driver	25
J. S. Litherland run out	1
R. Richards not out	28
R. W. Welsby ct. Renshaw b. Winder	0
P. W. Booth not out	1
Extras	6

Total (for 9 wickets declared) 133

LYTHAM

Booth run out	2
Chadwick l.b.w. b. Booth	22
Roberts b. Jenkinson	1
Driver l.b.w. b. Welsby	1
Rimmer b. Welsby	0
Renshaw ct. Welsby b. Billcliff	12
Hooper T. J. b. Billcliff	2
Lanigan b. Welsby	2
Winder not out	2
Hooper K. E. b. Welsby	8
Pritchard b. Welsby	1
Extras	4

Total 57

R. W. Welsby, 5 wickets for 21 runs.

May 25th v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home.
Match Drawn.

This game was dominated by the batting of C. N. Jenkinson. After he had reached his fifty he was missed several times, but he played freely and used a variety of strokes. P. T. Brownhill gave useful help in a partnership of 116. The School bowling and fielding, hampered at one stage by a heavy drizzle, were not good enough to force a victory on an easy wicket. Once again there was a lack of any sense of urgency in the field: overs took too long, bowlers were kept on too long, and vital chances were missed.

SCHOOL

A. A. Green ct. Baguley b. Spooner	3
P. T. Brownhill ct. Elliott b. Hill R. E.	31
C. N. Jenkinson ct. and b. Spooner	119
D. W. Grindey b. Hill R. E.	12
M. Billcliff ct. Jones b. Newton	11
D. G. Murray b. Hill R. E.	0
H. F. Lyon not out	10
R. Richards not out	12
Extras	7

Total (for 6 wickets declared) 205

J. S. Litherland, R. W. Welsby and P. W. Booth did not bat.

WALLASEY

Hill R. E. ct. and b. Jenkinson	7
Babes not out	79
Hill D. W. b. Richards	20
Elliott b. Booth	7
Jones b. Booth	5
Whitehead not out	10
Extras	8

Total (for 4 wickets) 136

May 27th v. LANCASHIRE CLUB AND GROUND.
Home. Lost.

Against a very strong side the School bowling and fielding were good, but on a pitch which developed one bad patch the batting failed.

CLUB AND GROUND

R. Collins l.b.w. b. Jenkinson	0
K. Tebay b. Jenkinson	19
A. Wilson b. Jenkinson	18
J. D. Bond ct. Richards b. Welsby	6
N. Cooke ct. Billcliff b. Booth	28
J. Mitten not out	47
H. Pilling b. Jenkinson	34
M. J. Hilton ct. Jenkinson b. Welsby	8
Extras	1

Total (for 7 wickets declared) 161

C. N. Jenkinson, 4 wickets for 56 runs.

K. Howard, K. Goodwin and P. Lever did not bat.

SCHOOL

A. A. Green ct. Hilton b. Lever	2
P. T. Brownhill ct. Collins b. Mitten	1
C. N. Jenkinson l.b.w. b. Hilton	30
D. W. Grindey b. Cooke	3
M. Billcliff b. Cooke	4
D. G. Murray ct. Mitten b. Cooke	0
H. F. Lyon ct. Tebay b. Cooke	2
R. Richards st. Goodwin b. Hilton	0
J. S. Litherland b. Cooke	2
R. W. Welsby st. Goodwin b. Cooke	0
P. W. Booth not out	0
Extras	4
Total	48

June 1st v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Away. School Lost by 9 wickets.

The School eleven was outplayed by a stronger and more experienced side on a pitch much easier than it was made to look during the School innings. Apart from a slow and painstaking effort by P. T. Brownhill and some lusty hitting by R. W. Welsby, the School batting sank almost to its lowest depths. The bowling, though innocuous, was not quite as bad as the highly competent Bolton batsmen made it appear. They scored their runs in an hour.

SCHOOL

A. A. Green ct. Jarvis b. Worsley	10
P. T. Brownhill b. Jarvis	27
C. N. Jenkinson b. Jarvis	10
D. W. Grindey ct. Jarvis b. Worsley	6
M. Billcliff ct. and b. Worsley	1
D. G. Murray b. Worsley	4
H. F. Lyon b. Worsley	9
R. Richards b. Worsley	7
J. S. Litherland l.b.w. b. Nightingale	1
R. W. Welsby not out	25
P. W. Booth b. Jarvis	2
Extras	17
Total	119

BOLTON

Worsley ct. Murray b. Booth	26
Boardman not out	64
Jarvis not out	23
Extras	7

Total (for 1 wicket) 120

June 18th v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD.
Home. Match Drawn.

Once again time and effort were frittered away in a listless attempt to take the later Macclesfield wickets, and then some equally dull and incompetent batting left the tail ends the task of saving a game that should have been won. Almost the only bright spot in a dull exhibition was a hat trick by P. W. Booth which went unnoticed by the bowler.

MACCLESFIELD

Thomas b. Booth	11
Rathbone b. Richards	47
Davies ct. and b. Booth	4
Fairhurst l.b.w. b. Booth	0
McInnes b. Booth	0
Fawbert b. Richards	16
Burrows ct. Murray b. Richards	1
Oliver run out	0
Blakeley b. Welsby	7
Durston not out	2
Firth b. Welsby	12
Extras	5

Total 105

P. W. Booth, 4 wickets for 33 runs.
R. Richards, 3 wickets for 25 runs.

SCHOOL

Green b. Firth	...	...	...	...	3
P. T. Brownhill run out	...	...	...	...	11
C. N. Jenkinson run out	...	...	...	...	5
D. W. Grindey ct. Fawbert b. Blakeley	...	...	...	...	13
M. Billcliff st. McInnes b. Blakeley	...	...	...	...	1
D. G. Murray b. Blakeley	...	...	...	...	31
H. F. Lyon ct. Davies b. Blakeley	...	...	...	...	5
R. Richards not out	...	...	...	...	0
J. S. Litherland not out	...	...	...	...	5
R. W. Welsby ct. Thomas b. Firth	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	6

Total (for 8 wickets) 80

P. W. Booth did not bat.

June 22nd v. WHALLEY RANGE CRICKET CLUB.
Away. Match Drawn.

This evening game proved to be more interesting than has sometimes happened. Steady bowling limited the Whalley Range score and when the School batted C. N. Jenkinson and P. T. Brownhill were most impressive. A little too late, the batsmen realised that the target was within reach and several wickets were thrown away in a frantic unavailing effort to score the last 35 runs in 9 minutes.

WHALLEY RANGE

R. J. Winfield ct. Welsby b. Booth	...	...	...	...	15
P. Jackson ct. Jenkinson b. Booth	...	...	...	...	16
A. Godson ct. Litherland b. Booth	...	...	...	...	0
G. B. Lawson ct. and b. Welsby	...	...	...	...	53
Cammell ct. Brownhill b. Richards	...	...	...	...	28
Chronell not out	...	...	...	...	22
B. Gaul not out	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	2

Total (for 5 wickets declared) 138

J. Buckland, M. J. K. Ballinger, Hunt and D. J. Price did not bat.

P. W. Booth, 3 wickets for 34 runs.

SCHOOL

P. T. Brownhill ct. Godson b. Cammell	...	...	...	...	32
C. N. Jenkinson ct. Lawson b. Cammell	...	...	...	...	74
M. Billcliff ct. Lawson b. Cammell	...	...	...	...	0
D. W. Grindey b. Cammell	...	...	...	...	8
H. F. Lyon ct. Chronell b. Cammell	...	...	...	...	0
D. G. Murray not out	...	...	...	...	7
I. W. Goodall run out	...	...	...	...	0
R. Richards not out	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	6

Total (for 6 wickets) 127

J. S. Litherland, R. W. Welsby and P. W. Booth did not bat.

June 25th v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY.
Home. School lost by 84 runs.

Poor catching enabled Merchant Taylors' to make a big score. Tiredness may perhaps be urged as an excuse for hesitant and ineffective batting when the School innings began. The will to win was not evident at any time during the afternoon.

MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL

Jones b. Jenkinson	...	...	...	...	7
Curry ct. Litherland b. Welsby	...	...	...	...	1
Adamson b. Richards	...	...	...	...	30
Greenwood ct. Litherland b. Richards	...	...	...	...	58
Swift st. Litherland b. Booth	...	...	...	...	1
Norris b. Jenkinson	...	...	...	...	62
Lloyd not out	...	...	...	...	34
Extras	...	...	...	...	4

Total (for 6 wickets) 127

Carless, Heslin, Carpenter and Chellingworth did not bat.

SCHOOL

A. A. Green b. Chellingworth	...	...	...	...	10
P. T. Brownhill ct. Heslin b. Greenwood	...	...	...	...	12
C. N. Jenkinson b. Greenwood	...	...	...	...	0
D. W. Grindey st. Heslin b. Norris	...	...	...	...	28
H. F. Lyon ct. Swift b. Greenwood	...	...	...	...	2
D. G. Murray run out	...	...	...	...	22
M. Billcliff b. Chellingworth	...	...	...	...	9
R. Richards l.b.w. b. Chellingworth	...	...	...	...	8
J. S. Litherland ct. Carless b. Norris	...	...	...	...	1
R. W. Welsby run out	...	...	...	...	5
P. W. Booth not out	...	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	...	15

Total 113

June 29th v. THE PARENTS. Home. Match Drawn.

In a sense this game was as disappointing as evening games with a late start often are. Against accurate bowling the School batsmen had not the physical strength to force the pace. The declaration did not leave very much time, but an earlier declaration would almost certainly have given the game to the opposition. As it was, there developed an interesting struggle by the Parents first of all to score 89 runs in just over an hour and then to avoid defeat when the first bid had failed. D. W. Grindey was the one School batsman old enough and experienced enough to force the ball away.

SCHOOL

A. A. Green ct. Wagstaffe b. Maskell ...	13
P. T. Brownhill ct. Wagstaffe b. Maskell ...	3
C. N. Jenkinson b. Kennedy ...	7
D. W. Grindey not out ...	54
H. F. Lyon b. Maskell ...	7
Extras ...	4

Total (for 4 wickets declared) 88

M. Billcliff, D. G. Murray, J. S. Litherland, R. W. Welsby, P. W. Booth and R. T. Johnson did not bat.

PARENTS

Mr. Kennedy b. Booth ...	44
Mr. Roberts ct. Green b. Welsby ...	7
Mr. Maskell ct. Litherland b. Welsby ...	0
Mr. Buckland b. Welsby ...	6
Mr. Heywood ct. Welsby b. Booth ...	0
Mr. Wagstaff b. Booth ...	3
Mr. W. H. Robinson b. Booth ...	0
Mr. Gee not out ...	9
Mr. R. B. Robinson not out ...	5
Extras ...	1

Total (for 7 wickets) 75

Messrs. Holden and Mallinson did not bat.

P. W. Booth, 4 wickets for 38 runs.

R. W. Welsby, 3 wickets for 36 runs.

July 2nd v. OLD HULMEIANS. Home. School Lost by 7 wickets.

The pitch was very fiery in the early stages and the School batsmen were quite unable to cope with the fast bowling of M. P. Robinson and K. S. Williams; but later in the innings they were equally unable to cope with the spin and variations of N. C. Cuthbert. When the Old Hulmeians batted the School bowlers had a few quick successes, but were then unfortunate in having to bowl to G. B. Lawson and N. C. Cuthbert who were both in form and able to do very much as they liked. P. W. Booth was not asked to bowl.

SCHOOL

P. T. Brownhill not out ...	5
C. N. Jenkinson ct. Archer b. Robinson ...	4
H. F. Lyon b. Robinson ...	0
D. W. Grindey ct. Archer b. K. S. Williams ...	0
M. Billcliff b. K. S. Williams ...	17
A. A. Green b. Cuthbert ...	16
D. G. Murray ct. Cuthbert b. Robinson ...	4
R. Richards b. Robinson ...	4
D. Paton b. Cuthbert ...	12

R. W. Welsby ct. K. S. Williams b. Cuthbert ...	2
J. S. Litherland ct. J. L. Williams b. Cuthbert ...	0
P. W. Booth ct. Lawson b. Blight ...	16
Extras ...	8

Total 88

OLD HULMEIANS

A. M. Blight b. Jenkinson ...	5
J. L. Williams b. Welsby ...	0
G. B. Lawson not out ...	39
J. D. E. Rayman ct. Lyon b. Welsby ...	0
N. C. Cuthbert not out ...	46
Extras ...	2

Total (for 3 wickets) 92

M. P. Robinson, R. E. Williams, J. D. Hague, D. M. Archer, F. M. McClinton, K. S. Williams and B. M. Oakes did not bat.

July 9th v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. School Lost by 6 wickets.

Very poor batting only partially redeemed by the innings of A. A. Green gave an unusually weak M.G.S. side an easy task. There was no excuse for most of the batting failures; and once again the fielding was not all that it should have been.

SCHOOL

P. T. Brownhill b. Watkins ...	2
C. N. Jenkinson st. Rawlinson b. Whitelegg ...	14
M. Billcliff b. Dale ...	3
D. W. Grindey l.b.w. b. Watkins ...	0
A. A. Green ct. Allen b. Cox ...	23
D. G. Murray b. Cox ...	7
I. W. Goodall b. Watkins ...	10
R. Richards ct. Whitelegg b. Watkins ...	5
J. S. Litherland ct. Dale b. Watkins ...	0
R. W. Welsby not out ...	10
P. W. Booth b. Watkins ...	0
Extras ...	6

Total 80

MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Cox ct. Billcliff b. Booth ...	9
Barnes b. Welsby ...	19
Rawlinson ct. Grindey b. Richards ...	31
Robertson ct. Jenkinson b. Richards ...	12
Silver not out ...	9
Allen not out ...	2
Extras ...	1

Total (for 4 wickets) 83

July 12th v. QUEEN ELIZABETH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD. Away. School Lost by 74 runs.

Indifferent bowling and very poor catching enabled Wakefield to compile rather slowly a useful total. Even less enterprising batting and the mesmerism of spin combined with a name then produced a School innings of shameful inadequacy.

WAKEFIELD

Brown b. Jenkinson	8
Whittington l.b.w. b. Jenkinson	7
Whitehead ct. Richards b. Booth	3
Cheesbrough st. Litherland b. Booth	3
Mackenzie ct. Welsby b. Booth	19
Shepperd l.b.w. b. Booth	41
Lycett ct. Litherland b. Booth	18
Houldsworth not out	16
Sherwood not out	12
Extras	10

Total (for 7 wickets declared) 137

Wardle and Lee did not bat.

P. W. Booth, 5 wickets for 56 runs.

SCHOOL

P. T. Brownhill st. Lycett b. Wardle	10
C. N. Jenkinson l.b.w. b. Whitehead	0
H. F. Lyon ct. and b. Whitehead	7
D. W. Grindey b. Wardle	3
M. Billcliff b. Whitehead	2
A. A. Green not out	14
D. G. Murray ct. Mackenzie b. Wardle	10
R. Richards st. Lycett b. Wardle	0
J. S. Litherland b. Whitehead	5
R. W. Welsby b. Wardle	0
P. W. Booth ct. Sherwood b. Wardle	5
Extras	7

Total 63

July 13th v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Home. School won by 53 runs.

Most of the batting was still stodgy, but H. F. Lyon and A. A. Green were welcome exceptions. Against a useful score of 162 Birkenhead made a disastrous start, losing 3 wickets before tea without scoring a run. After tea R. W. Welsby failed to recapture the accurate hostility which had enabled him to take those first three wickets, and no-one else seemed capable of any hostility at all. The bowling changes were incomprehensible, the field placings seemed to be quite unconnected with the state of the game, and for some time it looked as if Birkenhead might save or even win the match.

SCHOOL

P. T. Brownhill ct. McEntyre b. Timperley	11
C. N. Jenkinson l.b.w. b. Timperley	9
H. F. Lyon ct. Cook b. McEntyre	36
D. W. Grindey ct. Solly b. Dell	13
M. Billcliff b. Cook	1
A. A. Green b. McEntyre	37
D. G. Murray not out	24
R. Richards l.b.w. b. Timperley	1
P. W. Booth b. Timperley	15
Extras	15

Total (for 8 wickets declared) 162

R. W. Welsby and J. S. Litherland did not bat.

BIRKENHEAD

McEntyre b. Welsby	0
Smith l.b.w. b. Welsby	15
Howard l.b.w. b. Welsby	0
Weston b. Welsby	0
Owen not out	40
Solly ct. Brownhill b. Billcliff	10
Cook ct. and b. Richards	28
Jones ct. Litherland b. Richards	0
Dell run out	4
Crawshaw b. Richards	2
Timperley ct. Brownhill b. Welsby	3
Extras	7

Total 109

R. W. Welsby, 5 wickets for 30.

R. Richards, 3 wickets for 8.

July 14th v. THE STAFF. Home. Match Drawn.

This game followed the usual pattern, even to the interruptions for rain. The School did not score quite quickly enough, and after the earlier Staff batsmen had failed to establish themselves it became once more a question of time. Mr. Earnshaw, Mr. Manning and Mr. Morley each managed to stay in for about half an hour, but Mr. Woffenden still had to face the last ball of the last over. He survived. The success of the Staff in avoiding defeat owed much to the fact that R. W. Welsby was asked, or permitted, to bowl unchanged, and by the time the last over came he was too tired to take more than one wicket.

SCHOOL

P. W. Booth b. Blight	1
H. F. Lyon b. Blight	17
R. W. Welsby run out	8
D. W. Grindey b. Blight	7
D. G. Murray l.b.w. b. Watkins	24

R. Richards ct. Manning b. Blight	10
M. Billcliff not out	32
A. A. Green not out	9
Extras	2

Total (for 6 wickets declared) 110

C. N. Jenkinson, P. T. Brownhill and P. G. Kay did not bat.

STAFF

A. M. Blight b. Welsby	7
P. Evans ct. Murray b. Jenkinson	21
R. K. McCulloch ct. Lyon b. Jenkinson	2
C. Morley b. Richards	2
L. H. Watkins b. Welsby	4
T. B. Jackson b. Welsby	4
R. A. Haynes b. Welsby	2
J. B. Earnshaw b. Jenkinson	3
D. F. Manning l.b.w. b. Welsby	0
G. Phillips not out	0
N. P. Woffenden not out	0
Extras	7

Total (for 9 wickets) 52

R. W. Welsby, 5 wickets for 27.

C. N. Jenkinson, 3 wickets for 15.

First XI Batting Averages

Times

Not Hgts.

	Inns.	Out	Scr.	Total	Ave.
C. N. Jenkinson	14	0	119	312	22.28
A. A. Green	14	2	37	183	15.25
D. G. Murray	14	2	31	174	14.50
D. W. Grindey	16	1	54*	198	13.20
H. F. Lyon	14	2	36	158	13.17
P. T. Brownhill	15	1	32	183	13.07

First XI Bowling Averages

	O	M	R	W	AVGE.
R. W. Welsby	192	57	482	36	13.41
P. W. Booth	119	8	416	26	16.00
R. Richards	70.2	11	209	13	16.08
C. N. Jenkinson	119.2	34	316	16	19.77

SECOND XI

The Second Eleven had a reasonably successful season in which four matches were won, three drawn and two lost. As with the First Eleven, the early part of the season was better than the later part. Perhaps the main reason for this lack of consistency was the vulnerability of the batting.

The high scores made by D. J. Dewhurst, I. W. Goodall and A. H. Williamson were not repeated because the bowling and fielding of their later opponents did not give them so many lucky chances. The bowling was rather more competent than the batting but the wickets were shared out among so many bowlers that there were few outstanding performances. H. Burgess shows great promise as a bowler of medium pace; in much the same style J. M. Robinson, P. J. R. Abel and D. Paton were quite effective, while J. G. Mitchell occasionally bowled useful slow spinners. D. Paton captained the side, and those who played regularly were J. G. Mitchell, J. S. Gallagher, D. J. Dewhurst, H. Burgess, J. M. Robinson, A. H. Williamson, I. W. Goodall, and P. G. Kay. When not wanted for the First Eleven R. T. Johnson was another useful fast bowler, while D. B. Graham, T. H. Dakin, J. Oldham and B. Ball also played occasionally.

RESULTS

May 7th v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL at Cheadle Hulme. Drawn. School 153 for 7 wickets declared (I. W. Goodall 56 not out, D. J. Dewhurst 63); Cheadle Hulme School 30 for 9 wickets.

May 25th v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL at Wallasey. Won. Wallasey 105 for 5 wickets declared. School 107 for 3 wickets (A. H. Williamson 53 not out, J. S. Gallagher 22).

June 1st v. BOLTON SCHOOL at Home. Won. Bolton 44 (J. G. Mitchell 4 for 9), School 45 for 4 wickets.

June 18th v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD at Macclesfield. Won. King's School 74 (P. J. R. Abel 6 for 15), School 77 for 8 wickets.

June 25th v. MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL at Crosby. Drawn. Merchant Taylors' School 147 for 6 wickets declared; School 69 for 7 wickets.

June 29th v. PARENTS' 2nd XI at Home. Won. Parents 83 for 8 wickets declared; School 86 for 3 wickets.

July 9th v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Away. Lost. Manchester Grammar School 142 for 7 wickets declared; School 47.

July 12th v. QUEEN ELIZABETH G.S., at Wakefield. Lost. School 90; Wakefield 93 for 3 wickets.

July 13th v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL at Home. Drawn. Birkenhead 135; School 49 for 1 wicket.

THIRD XI

The two matches played by the Third Eleven under the captaincy of D. A. Uttley ended in vic-

tories for the School. On Saturday, June 18th, at Macclesfield the School scored 86 and managed to dismiss Macclesfield for 74. J. Oldham scored 25 not out and B. Ball 20. The wickets were shared by five bowlers. On Wednesday, July 13th at home Birkenhead School 3rd Eleven was dismissed for 45 and the runs were scored for the loss of only one wicket. C. A. Nowotarski took 6 wickets for 11 runs and I. G. Kennedy 3 for 16. D. A. Uttley (19 not out) and M. C. Davies (18) scored most of the runs needed. These matches confirmed the impression that while there is in the School at the moment an abundant supply of medium-paced right arm bowlers, the reserve strength in batting is very meagre.

UNDER 15 XI

There was a good deal of promising material available and the selection of a side was difficult. The final choice was governed by ability in the field and current form. Several boys who were not in the team may well distinguish themselves later in their school careers. The team played to win their matches whenever there was any possibility of doing so and fought hard in difficult situations. S. R. Ebbage led the side with determination, even though the cares of office may have adversely affected his personal performance. D. R. Stott was a most efficient vice-captain, in addition to heading both the batting and bowling averages. The latter feat was no mean achievement for a frustrated wicket-keeper.

Colours were awarded to—S. R. Ebbage (Capt.), D. R. Stott (Vice-Capt.), R. S. Cowell, E. C. Comyn-Platt, P. C. M. Roberts, G. Casale, L. Oliver, B. S. Searle, A. A. Jackson, P. N. Bentley and I. D. McQueen. M. R. Sanderson was 12th man and scorer and also played on several occasions. J. N. Jones also played.

RESULTS

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Won by 1 wicket. Cheadle Hulme School 103 (Cowell 5 for 30, Jackson 3 for 15). School 106 for 9 (Comyn-Platt 28, Roberts 23).

v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, SHEFFIELD. Won by 6 wickets. King Edward VII School 48, School 49 for 4 wickets (Comyn-Platt 28 not out).

v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Won by 62 runs. School 124 for 5 wickets declared (Cowell 31, Stott 33 not out, Ebbage 22). Lytham 42.

v. WALLASEY G.S. Won by 13 runs. School 112 (Stott 33). Wallasey G.S. 99 (Cowell 3 for 22, Stott 3 for 9).

v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Lost by 60 runs. Bolton 173 for 5. School 113 (Comyn-Platt 22, Casale 33 not out).

v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Won by 7 wickets. Macclesfield 136 (Casale 5 for 29, Stott 3 for 19). School 137 for 3 (Comyn-Platt 53, Stott 30, Roberts 33).

v. CHETHAM'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL. 1st XI. Drawn. Chetham's 136 for 6 wickets (Cowell 3 for 33). School 55 for 9 wickets.

v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Drawn. Merchant Taylors' 143. School 117 for 7 wickets (Stott 33).

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Lost by 3 runs. Manchester G.S. 100 (Casale 4 for 27, Stott 4 for 14). School 97 (Stott 21, Oliver 21).

v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Match abandoned. Birkenhead School 56 (Casale 3 for 25). School 37 for 4 wickets.

UNDER 14 XI

A rather disappointing season with three matches won and five lost. Although there were a number of batsmen of obvious quality in the side they rarely hit their individual form in the same match and there were often too few runs on the board to give the bowlers heart. The batting of P. J. Derlien was always sound and T. C. Cunliffe, who was out of the side for most of the season owing to a broken arm, produced an excellent innings of 63 not out to win the last match of the season. D. L. Worthing has all the appearance of a first-class bat and many runs should come in the future.

D. L. Worthing with 23 wickets at 6.1 and J. Moran with 17 wickets at 10.8 were the outstanding bowlers in the side, although C. J. Sherlock, I. Hassall and G. P. Livings gave useful support on occasion.

RESULTS

May 7th v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. School 20. Cheadle Hulme 21 for 2.

May 25th v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Wallasey 78 (I. Hassall 4 for 7). School 79 for 3 (P. J. Derlien 36 not out).

June 1st v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Home. Bolton 87 (D. L. Worthing 3 for 4). School 35.

June 17th v. HULME HALL COLLEGE. Away. School 49 (P. J. Derlien 34). Hulme Hall 50 for 6.

June 18th v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Away. King's School 91 (D. L. Worthing 5 for 16, J. Moran 5 for 32). School 92 for 8.

June 22nd v. CHETHAM'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL. Away. School 46. Chetham's 47 for 4.

June 28th v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Away. Crosby 169 (C. J. Sherlock 4 for 28). School 30.

July 1st v. HULME HALL COLLEGE. Home. Hulme Hall 133. School 137 for 5 (T. C. Cunliffe 63 not out, P. J. Derlien 44).

HOUSE CRICKET

Once again it was possible to make a prompt start with the House League competition, and by half-term a complete "round" of matches had been played by all teams. At that stage, Whitworth had a slight lead over Byrom and Dalton, and it was obvious that competition would be very keen. After the Whitsun holiday, however, Whitworth lost ground, the lead passing first to Dalton and then to Byrom. At the start of the last afternoon's play, Byrom had a lead of two points, but with Dalton winning one game with the last ball of the match, and Byrom dropping the vital catch in another match, Dalton obtained enough points to give them the lead by one point.

Final positions:

Dalton	147	points
Byrom	146	"
Whitworth	110	"
Heywood	109	"
Fraser	102	"
Gaskell	100	"

There were many exciting finishes throughout the season, as well as some excellent cricket played by the House 1st teams on the new matting wickets: these helped considerably to reduce the notorious irregularities of the "natural" wickets, and it is hoped that their use may be extended.

The early rounds of the Junior Knock-Outs were played on matting and the luck of the draw ensured that the two strongest Houses, Byrom and Fraser, met in the final. Fraser were successful after a well fought game in which nearly 250 runs were scored in under four hours. This contrasts with the dull, dour, defensive displays put up by most of the Senior teams in their competition. In the 1st round Gaskell did well to defeat Dalton; a "curiosity" of the match was an innings of 8 runs by one of Gaskell's opening batsmen—scored in two hours! In the second round Gaskell beat Byrom and Heywood beat Whitworth, who nevertheless maintained their reputation in this competition by playing with considerable determination. The final should have been played on July 6th, but this turned out to be the one wet games

afternoon of the term, bringing the total of afternoons rained off in the past two seasons to two! The game was played the following Monday and ended in an easy victory for Heywood; Gaskell started badly, but a good innings by Robinson helped the score along to 71. Heywood were never in serious difficulty and lost only two wickets against some steady bowling. Brownhill scoring 25 not out and Grindey 29 not out.

JUNIOR KNOCK-OUT RESULTS

1st Round: Byrom (20 for 1) beat Heywood (19) by 9 wickets.

Gaskell (68) beat Dalton (64) by 4 runs.

2nd Round: Byrom (78 for 5) beat Gaskell (77) by 5 wickets.

Fraser (76 for 3 dec.) beat Whitworth (44) by 32 runs.

Final: Fraser (123 for 5 wickets) beat Byrom (121) by 5 wickets.

SENIOR KNOCK-OUT RESULTS

1st Round: Byrom (60 for 6) beat Fraser (59) by 4 wickets.

Gaskell (96) beat Dalton (71) by 25 runs.

2nd Round: Gaskell (52 for 4) beat Byrom (51) by 6 wickets.

Heywood (81 for 3) beat Whitworth (80) by 7 wickets.

Final: Heywood (72 for 2) beat Gaskell (71) by 8 wickets.

Finally our thanks are due to the groundsman and his assistant for their conscientious work in unrewarding conditions.

Tennis

This year the First Team enjoyed a full programme of eleven matches. Although several variations of partnership were tried at the beginning of the season, the pairs evolved to:—

First—M. R. Kay and J. C. Wright.

Second—J. Hill and D. J. Sudlow.

Third—D. G. Moore and D. Smithson.

This team, four of whom were playing on the First Team for the third year, did not lack in playing ability; but there was a certain irresolute attitude which caused the loss of several matches. If this can be conquered before next season when

five of the team should be available again, we can visualise better prospects.

RESULTS

April 30	Manchester G.S.	A L	1½—7½
May 18	Mosley Hall G.S.	HW	6—3
May 18	Moseley Hall G.S.	HW	6—3
	School, Lytham	HW	6½—2½
May 26	Parents	HW	5—3
June 1	Bolton School	A L	3½—5½
June 25	Merchant Taylors'	H L	3—6
July 2	Stockport G.S.	AW	5—4
July 5	Manchester G.S.	H	1—4 (Abdn.)
July 9	Moseley Hall G.S.	AW	7—2
July 12	Queen Elizabeth, G.S. Wakefield	A L	3—6
July 13	Birkenhead School	A L	3—6

A second team was also run, which played six matches of which two were won, two lost and two unfinished.

HOUSE TENNIS

For the second time the Inter-House Tennis Competition for the Mrs. Wright Cup was held. All the matches were very close and in the final, Heywood defeated Dalton 2½—1½.

House Notes

BYROM HOUSE

This term has not been very successful for the House. One bright spot however is that M. A. Kerr and F. A. Richards have been awarded State Scholarships. The House congratulates them.

It is in the sporting field that we received some disappointments. We just failed to retain the House League for cricket, losing to Dalton by two points. In the Junior House Knock-outs after an easy passage to the final by defeating Heywood and Gaskell in the first and second rounds, Byrom played Fraser. We started the match well with four Fraser wickets down for 25 runs but the Fraser batsmen then began to take the upper hand and Fraser suspended their innings at 102 for 4 wickets. Faced with an almost impossible task all credit goes to our batsmen in forcing Fraser to bat again. The final result was a win for Fraser by 5 wickets.

In the Senior Knock-outs we defeated Fraser in the 1st round by 5 wickets, thus avenging ourselves for heavy defeats by them in previous years. We lost to Gaskell in the 2nd round.

On the School Cricket teams the House has not been well represented but D. Paton (capt.), J. G. Mitchell (vice-capt.), D. J. Dewhurst and P. G. Kay played for the 2nd XI; P. C. Langford and B. Ball for the 3rd XI; D. R. Stott (vice-capt.), and I. D. McQueen on the under 15 XI.

In the Tennis Knock-outs we were defeated in the first round by Dalton. P. Harrison is on the School 2nd Tennis team.

Good performances in the Athletic Sports among the Seniors were those of M. A. Kerr (1st in the high jump, 1st in 100 yds., 2nd in long jump), D. J. Dewhurst and I. M. Case (shot and discus) and S. Wood (pole vault). In the under 16 age group, R. E. Shufflebottom, C. Porter and N. Craven did well, and among the juniors I. S. Ashcroft was noteworthy. The number of points for standards obtained by members of the House during the term was poor and a much greater effort will be required in this field next year.

Finally the best wishes of the House go with all its members who left at the end of last term.

J. G. Mitchell is *Head of the House*. I. M. Case and F. A. Richards are also *School Prefects* and I. H. K. Flinter, C. P. Langford, J. G. Lee, R. E. Shufflebottom and S. G. Wood are *House Prefects*.

DALTON HOUSE

Last term the House fared moderately well in the various competitions that took place. Both Senior and Junior Knock-out teams were defeated in their first matches, but we won the House League Competition so winning the Crucible Cup for the third term in succession. A major contribution to our success was the keenness of our players which ensured that teams were at full strength.

The Junior Knock-out team did quite well to dismiss Gaskell for 65; G. Casale took seven wickets as well as making the second highest score. However, the side only managed to make 62 in reply, despite a good innings of 21 not out by A. R. Armour.

The Senior Knock-out team was more heavily defeated, also by Gaskell. Gaskell made a sound start and scored 97 all out in about 3½ hours. Dalton batted on the following day, and although one wicket fell fairly quickly I. W. Goodall and M. Billcliff scored freely for some time. However, soon after Goodall was run out, a disastrous collapse occurred. The last eight wickets fell for twelve runs, and the side was all out for 71.

We had little success in the Athletic Sports although Tidmas won jointly with Ranson (in Whitworth) an individual trophy. We ended up with 5th place, more than three-quarters of our

points for standards being won by Juniors. Among those who did well were; J. S. Litherland who was 3rd in the mile and 4th in the 880 yds.; R. T. Johnson who won the javelin, M. V. Tidmas, who won the Under 16 mile and the 880 yds., G. Casale was second in the Under 16 mile and T. Manning won the Under 16 Long Jump.

We had high hopes of winning the Mrs. Wright Tennis Cup, as our team still included J. C. Wright and J. Hill, who were on the team which won the Cup for us last year. We reached the final without difficulty; but we were then beaten by a narrow margin by Heywood.

The following have played for School Teams: 1st XI M. Billcliff (capt.); J. S. Litherland (wicket keeper); R. T. Johnson; R. W. Welsby. 2nd XI I. W. Goodall. 3rd XI D. A. Uttley (capt.); B. Bostock; J. Oldham. U.15 XI G. Casale; L. Oliver; P. N. Bentley. Tennis—1st Team: J. Hill; J. C. Wright. 2nd Team: K. Hamer.

We wish to thank T. G. Nevell for working so hard for the House as last year's Head of House and wish him well at London University.

We also send our best wishes to M. A. Harris, B. N. Hodgeson, J. S. Litherland, J. W. C. Chadwick, J. Hill and B. Bostock who left the House last term.

We wish to congratulate T. G. Nevell and I. W. Goodall on winning State Scholarships, and C. I. Hammond on his appointment as Head of School.

Appointments for 1960 to 1961 are: *Head of School and Head of House*—C. I. Hammond; *Deputy Head of House*—G. N. Bromiley; *School Prefect*—M. Billcliff; *House Prefects*—D. A. Uttley, G. N. Henshall, R. B. Taylor, T. M. F. Olsen, I. W. Goodall, R. T. Johnson, R. W. Welsby, P. P. Constantine and J. White.

FRASER HOUSE

Although the cricket team was unsettled owing to G.C.E. examinations, it held a variety of interests. The House League proved a keen contest once again, with the standard of cricket higher than in previous years. Fraser unfortunately only managed 5th place, despite a successful season by the 3rd XI.

In the cricket Knock-out competition, the senior team was narrowly defeated after an entertaining 1st round tie with Byrom. The junior XI, ably led by S. A. Burgess, triumphed over Whitworth in the semi-final, with J. S. Nixon taking six wickets in a fine spell of bowling. In the final the team defeated Byrom, after M. B. Rayburn and P. A. Guthrie, in an excellent partnership, set their opponents a formidable target. Junior House colours

have been awarded to: E. C. Comyn-Platt, R. S. Cowell, J. S. Nixon and P. A. Guthrie.

School cricket colours were awarded to A. A. Green (1st XI), J. S. Gallagher and P. J. R. Abel (2nd XI), and to E. C. Comyn-Platt and R. S. Cowell (U.15 XI).

Athletics played a more prominent part last term than it has done in past seasons. The idea of introducing standards for each field and track event brought a successful, if not immediate, response from the House. After a slow start the points began to accumulate, and the Juniors, particularly D. R. Latham, must be congratulated on their excellent performances.

On the afternoon of the School Sports our U.16 entries collected more points than any other House by means of good team-work. J. R. Sumner ran well to win the 100 yds., and was well supported in Fraser's winning relay team by M. B. Rayburn, S. A. Burgess and D. R. Latham. Boys in the U.14½ age group are to be commended for their gallant performance earlier in the week, when a combined effort brought them close to victory. Unfortunately the House lacked any outstanding senior athletes, and only P. F. Roberts (1st, Pole Vault), D. C. Johnson (2nd, High Jump), and C. D. Townsend (Discus and Shot finals) gained many points. Places were earned on the School Athletics team by P. F. Roberts, J. R. Sumner and M. B. Rayburn.

Despite the fact that only D. C. Johnson contributed to the School Tennis Team this year, Fraser narrowly failed to defeat an experienced Whitworth side in the Knock-out competition.

We congratulate Cpl. K. H. Rivett on his promotion to Sergeant, and take this opportunity to emphasise the ever-increasing need for potential N.C.O.'s in the C.C.F.

We look forward to a successful school year, and, supported by some promising juniors, eagerly await the opportunity to regain those trophies which it has been our privilege to hold in recent years.

In the Athletic Sports the House fared better than in recent years, eventually coming third after a close struggle with Heywood for second place, the outcome of which was only decided in the final events of the Sports. Mention must be made of the fine performance of our U.16 Relay team, A. S. Burgess, D. R. Latham, M. D. Rayburn and J. R. Sumner in winning their event.

We wish success to all members of the House who left at the end of the summer term, and also congratulate V. Jackson and A. Thomson on being awarded State Scholarships.

The appointments for the Michaelmas Term are *House Prefects*: I. Cunningham, M. C. Dyer, J. E. Ellis, S. Fewster, D. J. Higginson, D. C. Roberts,

J. S. Roberts, C. D. Townsend; H. W. Fowler, J. H. Boardman, K. H. Rivett and A. L. Thorneley continuing from last year. *Head of House*: H. W. Fowler whom we congratulate on his appointment as a School Prefect. *House Captain of Rugby*: K. H. Rivett. *House Captain of Swimming*: I. Cunningham.

In the Swimming Gala I. Cunningham led the House to a very convincing victory and is to be congratulated on winning the Individual Trophy. We offer our congratulations to all the members of the team on this magnificent start to a new School year.

GASKELL HOUSE

Once again Gaskell finished the term in somewhat enigmatical fashion. On the debit side, material successes evaded us, except for the China Cup, which was won by N. B. Pearson for his achievements in Athletics. On the credit side, despite a seeming lack of obvious talent and the scarcity of boys in the House, we have done remarkably well in all House activities. The juniors reached the semi-final of the cricket Knock-outs, and the seniors, captained by J. M. A. Thompson, won through to the final. To everybody's surprise, and our delight, we beat a strong Dalton team in the first round, easily overcame Byrom in the second, but were defeated by a strong Heywood team in the final.

D. G. Murray represented the House on the School 1st XI and finished second in the batting averages. A. H. Williamson and J. M. Robinson played on the 2nd XI; N. B. Pearson played on the U.15.

In the sports we finished fourth; there were several excellent individual performances.

In the Tennis Tournament we were beaten in the second round by a powerful Heywood team, the eventual winners of the competition.

Despite these defeats, it is heartening to note that interest and enthusiasm in House affairs have not waned during the year; indeed, this spirit should bring many successes to the House in the future. We are well represented in all School societies and activities; this was brought out particularly well during the C.C.F. Centenary celebrations. The final distinction of the year was the award of a State Scholarship to N. N. Walmsley.

We extend our best wishes to the boys who left Gaskell this summer, thanking them for their various contributions to the House in the past, and wishing them every success in the future.

The following appointments were made at the beginning of the Michaelmas term: N. N.

Walmsley, *Head of House*; G. N. Sheldon, D. W. Parker, C. D. Beswick and C. S. Cooper, re-appointed *House Prefects*; M. C. Davies, P. A. Ruler, D. G. Murray and J. M. Robinson appointed *House Prefects*.

HEYWOOD HOUSE

Heywood has emerged at last from the doldrums. The hard work put into the House by prefects such as J. V. M. Rubin and A. Belford has resulted in deserved success. During the Lent term, Heywood carried off the Junior and Senior Lacrosse trophies and the Cross-Country Cup. Last term saw the House winning the Cricket Shield in the Senior Knock-outs, beating Dalton in the final of the Tennis Competition, and finishing a good second to Whitworth in the School Sports.

In the cricket Knock-outs, the Juniors lost to Byrom in the first round. The Senior House, after a bye in this round, defeated Whitworth by seven wickets and, in the final, Gaskell by eight wickets. Heywood's batting was first class with D. W. Grindey (captain), P. T. Brownhill and C. N. Jenkinson to the fore. These three boys and D. W. Booth, a successful spin-bowler, have received 1st XI colours, whilst R. N. Tattersall and D. W. Ogden have played on the School 3rd team.

M. R. Kay (capt. of the School Tennis Team), D. J. Sudlow (School First Team), E. L. Jones (School Second Team) and M. J. Whitfield (School Second Team) won the Tennis Knock-outs after gaining victories over Gaskell and Dalton.

When two of Heywood's most useful athletes (M. A. Kerr and K. E. H. Hollands) left School before the end of term, it served only as a boost to our efforts to win the Sports. However, Whitworth were too strong for us, but the achievement of obtaining second place was certainly praiseworthy. In the U.14½ age group, D. W. Butcher won the High Jump, and J. R. M. Ward tied for first place in the 100 yds. and won the 220 yds. J. S. Woodhead's 'double' in winning both the 880 yds. and the mile was the most notable feature of the Sports.

Best wishes for the future are extended to all members of the House who left in July.

A. L. Traill is *Head of the House* this year and J. S. Woodhead is his *Deputy*. Both are also School Prefects. *House Prefects* from last year are M. R. Kay, I. C. Stewart, and A. F. Thomas. M. Donlon, H. W. Farnsworth, D. W. Ogden, and M. J. Whitfield have been appointed this term.

WHITWORTH HOUSE

For the third term in succession the Seniors drew a bye into the second round of the House competition. On this occasion they met Heywood and lost by seven wickets. The Juniors lost to Fraser also in the second round. In the inter-House league we finished in third position after leading early in the term.

Of the School teams H. F. Lyon played on the 1st XI; H. Burgess and R. H. Dakin on the 2nd XI; S. R. Ebbage (capt.), A. A. Jackson, P. M. C. Roberts and M. R. Sanderson on the U.15 XI.

Our Tennis team J. B. Kershaw, R. F. Stockdale, J. H. Dixon and D. S. Ebbage, who had all played on the School 2nd team, won their first-round game against Fraser. In the second round, however, they were narrowly beaten by Dalton after drawing on games.

The greatest day for the House came right at the end of the School year. Throughout the term members of the House had been making great efforts to take advantage of the new system for gaining points by attaining standards. This gave us a healthy lead even before Sports Day itself when the lead was maintained to give us victory, so that we retained the Henry Worrall Athletics Shield.

I. H. Lawless, D. P. Swain, A. Maclean and D. A. Ranson represented the School on the Athletics team.

J. H. Dixon has been appointed *Head of House* for 1960/61. J. H. Dixon, R. F. Stockdale and R. C. M. Harvey have been appointed *School Prefects*. *House Prefects*, in addition to the School Prefects are A. H. Nugent, D. P. Swain, M. J. B. Smith, J. H. Wilde and P. J. Wood. R. C. M. Harvey has been appointed Captain of Rugby.

C.C.F. Notes

The School contingent enjoyed last term a most important term in its history, firstly because of the Centenary Parade, a detailed report of which appears elsewhere in the issue, and secondly because it was the first occasion on which the contingent undertook to run two separate annual camps.

We are especially proud of the Centenary Parade in feeling that the School did its share in paying a just and deserved tribute to a vital landmark in the history of the cadet movement in Great Britain, and thereby gave pleasure, one hopes, to a large number of senior Army officers, old boys holding commissions in the Regular and

Reserve Forces, and the parents of all serving cadets.

Thanks are due most especially to the Officers and Cadet Warrant Officers of the contingent, who worked throughout the term day in and day out, and to Messrs. Robinsons Ltd., the caterers, who contributed a great deal to making the occasion such a success. In addition, we are indebted to the 8th Bn. Manchester Regiment, T.A., 252 Field Regiment, R.A., T.A., 42 Div. Signal Regiment, T.A., 42 Inf. Div. Column, R.A.S.C., T.A., and last but by no means least, 123 Field Engineer Regiment, R.E., T.A., who spared no pains to obtain stores for a very realistic assault course and gave us considerable help in erecting it.

The preceding days of organisation, and the parade itself, are days which will live in my memory and in that of all those connected with the parade.

The contingent was later honoured by the selection of R.S.M. D. B. Walsh and C.S.M. J. G. Temple to attend the Royal Centenary Parade in Buckingham Palace gardens and the service in Westminster Abbey, during the course of which the C.C.F. Centenary Book was presented to H.M. the Queen. These same Warrant Officers only just managed to reach annual camp by making a midnight dash from London to Stranraer Harbour.

The annual camps were held at Kinmel Park, near Rhyl, mainly for recruits under the command of Lt. P. E. Grigsby and at Ballykinlar, Co. Down, for the senior members of the contingent. Both were highly successful, and we were fortunate to have the services of one or two of our old boys who are now junior officers in the Territorial Army. The weather in Northern Ireland was not as kind as it was in Wales, and caused the abandonment of the major 36-hour exercise after a terrible downpour in a remote part of the Mountains of Mourne. This exercise, if completed, would have been the most ambitious in which the contingent had ever taken part.

One would like to say a great deal more about annual camp, but so much has been written about the Centenary, that space is of necessity restricted. The discipline and spirit of the contingent during these weeks of July can hardly have been bettered.

At the end of the year we said good-bye with very great regret to Lt. P. E. Grigsby, who did so much good work during his three years' service, especially at the younger end. He was presented with a canteen of cutlery by the contingent, with every good wish for a happy married life, and success at Strathallan School.

On 3rd October I relinquish command of the contingent after 4½ years, and Capt. R. K.

McCulloch is to be promoted Major and assumes command. I wish him every success in his new appointment.

The keenness of old boys of the contingent to join the Reserve Forces on leaving School continues to increase, and in the course of the last six months R.S.M. D. B. Walsh has joined 9th Bn. The Manchester Regiment, and C.S.M. J. G. Temple and C.S.M. J. C. Bond 5th Bn. XX The Lancashire Fusiliers, T.A., as officer cadets. Numerous other former members will be joining University O.T.C.'s.

Congratulations are also due to Cpl. A. B. Gilanders and L/Cpl. J. Shaw, who obtained excellent results on a difficult War Office Electrical Engineering course at Chatham, and to Sgt. S. G. Wood and L/Cpl. J. C. Wright who passed courses with the Fleet Air Arm at Lee-on-Solent. The very arduous administrative work during last term was most capably handled by Mrs. H. Clarke, a very welcome addition to the contingent part-time permanent staff.

MAJOR P. EVANS,
Contingent Commander.

PROMOTIONS (SINCE LAST ISSUE OF HULMEIAN)

September 1960—Sgt. Case, Sgt. Rivett, and Sgt. Hammond to W.O.2., Sgt. Traill to C/Sgt., Cpl. Dixon to S/Sgt., L/Sgt. Thomas, Cpls. Parker, Walton, Boardman, Stone, Wood, Wilde, White, Farnsworth and Mitchell to Sgt.; L/Cpls. Moore and Smith I. V. to Cpl.; Cadets Brisbourne, Chadd, Draper, Eagland, Morgan G., Olley, Shufflebottom, Swift, Templar, Wetton, Charlton, Uttley, Wright and Barradell to L/Cpl.

THE CADET FORCE CENTENARY PARADE JULY 8th, 1960

Despite the fact that the actual Centenary Parade lasted for only about five hours, the time spent on its preparation was a large multiple of that figure. Work began early in the year with decisions such as the date and form of the Parade. After this came the business of arranging catering and having invitations, tickets and programmes printed, which involved meeting representatives of several commercial concerns. Contact was made with a number of T.A. units to enlist aid in planning demonstrations and exhibitions. Extra files opened in the Orderly Room grew rapidly plumper as the day approached. The Corps took on an invaluable addition to the staff in Mrs. Clarke, who undertook the shorthand-typing involved. Her first task was the Herculean one of completing the invitation lists, obtaining from numerous and diverse sources

the addresses and initials of prospective guests (here the School office staff were most helpful) and finally dispatching approximately three hundred invitations.

Conferences were called at various levels and responsibilities were allocated, thus spreading the ever-increasing administrative work. Weeks were spent struggling to eliminate snags.

However all these trials were overcome and plans were made for the actual form of the Ceremonial Parade. Rehearsals were started a week before the event and with them came St. Swithin's curse in the form of heavy rain storms, with the result that the first time the Contingent performed the parade right through was on the actual day. Specialised squads were trained during dinner hours and after school. Exhibition stands were constructed with the help of Mr. Foulds and Mr. Barnett. In all aspects of the parade keenness and willingness to help were noted. Nevertheless the rain depressed many of the fainter-hearted and prophesies were made that the lavish parade would go off like a damp squib. However, Major Evans' confident grasp of all situations served to allay any such fears.

July 8th dawned and the sun rose steadily higher into the sky where it stayed all day. The contingent paraded in the quad and at 2 p.m. was marched on, band leading, to a position before the pavilion. Then followed an anxious period of waiting for the inspecting officer, Brigadier R. W. Lymer, C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., late R.A.S.C., to arrive and avoiding at the same time the over-anxious looks of doting parents. At 2.25 the Headmaster, the Chairman of the Governors, and a party of senior officers, resplendent in dark blue tight-fitting tunics and trousers, with silver spurs and twinkling medals took their places. In contrast with them, the guests, although bedecked in all their summer finery, seemed dull and pallid. Brigadier Lymer, the highest-ranking Old Hulmeian, took the General Salute. Then came the Inspection in which he established immediate popularity with the ranks by his interested questions, which dispelled any nerves, and the smartness with which he nipped along the motionless lines. Next came the march past of the three companies in column of route and the countermarching of the band before the dais, after which the contingent formed a hollow square whilst the Brigadier delivered an admirably brief address. He pointed out the invaluable contribution of the C.C.F. to both the territorial and the regular army, and flatly repudiated any suggestion that the C.C.F. was not as good as it was in his day. He was followed by Canon Woolnough and the contingent commander, Major Evans. The contingent was then marched off, ending the Ceremonial part of the Parade.

Next followed two demonstrations of drill by members of 'C' company, the recruits, under Sgt. Case and by members of the N.C.O.'s cadre under C.S.M. Temple. A loud-speaker announcement then drew the attention of spectators to various demonstrations and exhibitions which were set out to show aspects of cadet training, ranging from squads carrying out gun-drill with 25 pounders to stands dealing with courses attended by cadets. The Civil Defence squad was a big draw. Their demonstration of how to rescue an injured person from a burning building was realistically arranged. The signals squad demonstrated the use of wireless communication and the R.E.M.E. section presented an impressive display of heavy and light vehicles used in the army to-day. There was an exhibition of sighting the big field guns, loaned by the Manchester Regiment. The Obstacle Course was a highly popular attraction. Many visitors entered the various competitions such as 22 shooting and judging distance, the latter being won by a guess accurate to one foot.

Refreshments were served in the Old Hall and the Dining-Room. Proceedings ended officially at 5-30 when a squad of drummers and buglers, with regimental police, sounded the call of retreat. This excellent demonstration was unfortunately missed by many guests and indeed the majority of the cadets, but it was a fitting end to a most successful event in the School's history, in which every member of the contingent was proud to have taken part.

Hulme Lads' Club

Our annual collection will start as usual at half term, and we hope for the strong support of the School and the Parents. Conditions in the district are changing greatly, and even greater changes are certain in the near future. The old abject poverty of the slum areas has been removed, and there will be still more slum clearance, but the need for sound leadership of young people is obviously greater than ever. Young people with time on their hands can be a grave danger to themselves and to other people, and clubs like ours can provide occupation and interest for boys who cannot find it for themselves, and who get little or no help at home. Parents will, of course, realise that a boy leaving school at 15 is seldom equipped mentally or socially to meet all the problems of youth and young manhood.

Last year we were very disappointed with the response of the Sixth Forms to the collection. If

they will consider their own good fortune, and remember that the advantages they have at School are provided for them by other people, we hope they will realise that they have a moral duty to those to whom circumstances have denied these advantages.

New road developments in central Manchester will make it necessary to build a new Club. The old building is in any case unsuited to modern requirements and very expensive to maintain. The financial problems involved in this change are very serious, and the Committee appeals to Old Hulmeians to consider what they can do to help. Many Old Boys are already regular subscribers to the Club, and we should like to see their number increased. We should be pleased also if some Old Hulmeians would come forward as helpers at the Club.

Rome and Rimini, 1960

At the end of July this year a party, led by Mr. Haynes, Mr. Gardener and Mr. Hague, an old Hulmeian, left Central Station for the purpose of visiting Rome and Rimini. Nothing of undue consequence occurred during the journey to London, which we made on a rather slow train; in due course we arrived at St. Pancras, where we were met by a tourist coach, and spent the night at the Granby Hotel, off the Edgware Road.

Many of the party, most of the junior members at least, were not very familiar with London, which is, of course, strikingly different from Manchester, or any northern city; during the evening, Warren and I strolled about in the area of the Edgware Road, and I found this part of the city interesting, with a mixture of old and new buildings which made one take a new view of both. There is an atmosphere of immensity, though, in London which is lacking even in Manchester; even during this brief stay one could sense the lack of intimacy between town and country which is maintained until a town grows to about the size of Stockport. The following morning the party made a Cook's Tour of London. We experienced, I suspect, not London, but a rich and spicy dish comprising all the chief sights: Hyde Park, Eros, Trafalgar Square, Big Ben, Whitehall and Admiralty Arch, Buckingham Palace, tumbled upon our senses in bewildering proliferation, yet there is something in the nature of a famous building which demands attention. I am not at all familiar with London, and can therefore only speak for myself and those in a similar position, yet let it

suffice to say that I was for the first time conscious of being a Provincial.

The journey to Folkestone was interesting (southern scenery has a different charm from northern) and after a journey of the usual length we arrived at Folkestone, paraded brightly through the Customs, and made a calm crossing to Calais in bright sunshine.

Here, without undue delay, we boarded the train which was to take us through France to Basle; there were sleeping arrangements on the train, and we arrived in Basle in the early morning after an exhilarating journey through the Swiss mountains in the very early morning. Breakfast was taken on the platform, and the Swiss, inimitably, made it very pleasant. In England it would have been ridiculous. On again, after this, through the Alps to the plains of Lombardy, and Milan. The journey was enlivened by a haphazard but enthusiastic conversation, a mixture of English, French and Italian, the first of many. During this journey we became accustomed to Italian trains, with their seats wooden, or with a grudging minimum of upholstery, or else riotously luxurious with little mirrors, antimacassars and plush foot-rests, accustomed also to the cries of the 'gelato' (ice cream) vendors, and candy floss merchants that waited at every station. The scenery, of course, took first place in our interests; the first slopes of the Appenines were refreshing after the hot, wide plains of Lombardy. Milan, when we first reached it (via its magnificent railway station), seemed strangely quiet; the buildings seemed heavy and large, with small cafés that seemed to cling, in some strange, impermanent way, just inside on the ground floor. At first, the city seemed an uneasy, heterogeneous mixture of common or garden turn-of-the-century buildings, and huge recent constructions out of all proportion with anything else.

In the late afternoon, it became peopled suddenly. We found the magnificent Cathedral, with its countless spires and statues and its interior lofty and dim, with the seemingly random activity of tiny figures at the bottom of columns, which struck me as being an odd feature of Continental Cathedrals. The broad square, with its pigeons, before the Cathedral, became crowded with tourists, city dwellers, all swarthy and well built, though small of stature, as they were everywhere we went in Italy. La Scala opera house, when found, was swathed in matting, and no idea of its architecture could be gained.

After this brief stay in Milan, Rome, at last. This great city immediately appealed to me, as I think it did to everyone. We stayed on the outskirts, in a new building erected for the Olympic Games overlooking the Tiber, and a short bus ride

took us well within the main city. The city is a mixture of Ancient, Medieval and Modern, yet these buildings, both monuments and ordinary churches and city buildings, combine harmoniously to provide a unique atmosphere. By day one appreciates the skyline, the grandeur of the great main buildings, such as St. Peter's, and, of another age, the Colosseum, one a huge and ornate Italianate church of splendour and magnificence of a sort that is very impressive from a distance and fascinating in close examination, the other, equally colossal, but, I think, strangely brooding. From a distance, in the sunlight, it has a brave and superficial grandeur; near, and within, one is fully conscious of the aged stone enclosing one; it is damp and cold out of the sun, and the mere fact that it is a complete structure suggests that it has retained, enclosed within its walls, more of the atmosphere of the wild deeds once acted out in such places.

The tourist seems out of place, incongruous with the sense of the gruesome, even of corruption, with its deadly overtones, and the incompatibility of the two ages is revealed, more than a sense of continuity with the past. The forums are utterly broken; all the atmosphere, which a little knowledge, whether a dangerous thing or not, brought to the Colosseum, is lost, scattered by the wind and sun.

The Victor Emmanuel monument, visited after these and lying close by, is refreshing. It is huge, and the rear, the uppermost part, is well proportioned. It is pleasant to walk here, both because of the clear views over the roofs of the city, and because the building, the pillars and all, are whole and smooth, a change from the awesome, crumbling stone of the Colosseum. One scarcely thinks of it as being a hundred years old or more, until one thinks of its place in history, marking the unification of Italy. The Catacombs form another point of interest in Rome. They are, of course early Christian burial places, and places of refuge; these also are eerie in much the same way as the catacombs. There are several levels of graves in the high earth sides of the passages, also a number of chapels and gruesome relics; in remoter passages, through which we were led by an able Irish priest with a quiet, professional sense of humour, we sniffed damp air smelling of goodness knows what—it is as well not to dwell on it.

The Spanish Steps are yet another facet of this city of many aspects, prolific, through its great age, of good buildings of every sort. Here is the English centre; although the small square has a vaguely raffish air, there are unmistakable signs of English occupation. Keats' and Shelley's house, a surprising English church steeple rising above the Italian domes and pilasters, and Babington's Tea Rooms, where English tea is produced at an exorbitant price. There are now as many Americans

as English there, and they bring with them their own unusual attitudes, though, perhaps, only natural ones: for instance, one American lady was heard to say to her small child, tugging to go into St. Peter's—"What do you want to go in there for?—It's only a big church"; and another, a thin, alert, elderly American lady who was thrust against me in the fantastic crowd outside the Vatican, jostling for tickets. She smiled briskly and said "I'm alone. How do I get in?". It seemed useless to explain that I knew as little as she did; I smiled back and pointed with difficulty at the huge open doors, and she vanished.

I have written too much and still not covered all the ground, even of Rome. I have not mentioned the Sistine Chapel, impressive in spite of the crowds; or the Pantheon, the only complete Roman building left, gloomily obdurate reminder of another age, glowering amidst the thriving modern city; or the fountains and statues, all good, in which the many squares of the city abound, and which are often flood-lit with good effect at night; neither have I mentioned Hadrian's Villa and the Villa d'Este. It is impossible to describe it all; I hope I have conveyed something of the atmosphere though.

Still less have I said of our subsequent sojourn in Rimini, on the Adriatic. The period spent here was a welcome rest from the strenuousness of Rome, and each day was spent in very much the same way, on the beach, enjoying the hot sun and (usually) clear, warm sea. The town itself was uninteresting, except in the old town, where there was the Roman Bridge of Tiberius, still used by heavy traffic. The rest of the town was commercialised to an extensive degree. The accommodation was adequate, and best described as entertaining; each day revealed some fresh ramification of the complex and probably unique 'organisation' of the establishment, which was supposed to be some sort of school; nevertheless it provided the background for a pleasant sequel to an exhilarating week or so in Rome, and the forethought and planning of Mr. Haynes and also of Mrs. Haynes, of Mr. Gardener and Mr. Hague were and are appreciated by everyone. As well as providing organisation, the Staff also were good and interesting company, very much appreciated, especially by the senior boys. The holiday was stimulating, also relaxing, and well worth while.

M. J. LYNCH, 6MM.

Rhineland Holiday

On Sunday, August 28th, a party of twenty-two, led by Mr. Collings and Mr. Greenslade, left for

Bad Honnef in the German Rhineland. We arrived on Monday evening and after having enjoyed a welcome meal retired to bed.

The novelty of a continental breakfast over, we explored the town. We found it to be a rather sprawling country town of predominantly old architecture with no more than a convenient sprinkling of the new, situated on the east bank of the fast flowing Rhine and having as a background, the Siebengebirge, a magnificent range of seven hills which dominate the whole area. After lunch we crossed the Rhine by the ferry, which miraculously dodges the heavy barge traffic, and found ourselves on a section of the Bonn to Mainz main road. We walked along this riverside road for about half a mile and then ascended the Rolandsbogen, from which we had a fine, if somewhat misty, view of Honnef on the opposite bank; we were also able to inspect closely the famous arch on top of Rolandsbogen. According to the legend, this was built by a certain local lord in memory of a nun, with whose voice he fell in love—but whom, in actual fact, he never saw; she is said to have lived and died in the convent which still exists upon Nonnenwerth island in the Rhine, below Rolandsbogen.

Wednesday morning saw the party in a small town downstream from Honnef called Königswinter. Unfortunately the original purpose of our visit here was defeated by heavy rain, so instead of shopping we spent our morning consuming very good, but outrageously expensive German coffee. The afternoon was spent on an enjoyable tour, by coach, of the Siebengebirge, that culminated in a walk to the top of the Ol-Berg.

Thursday, one half of the party visited Cologne with Mr. Collings, the rest remained in the Honnef area and climbed the Drachenfels during the afternoon. Those who visited Cologne had a very interesting day. We travelled there by train and emerged from the magnificent modern railway station only to find that it is dwarfed by the towering Gothic bulk of the nearby Cathedral. After lunch a general tour of the town followed. Some buildings of historical interest had been destroyed by R.A.F. bombing and are now under reconstruction. Much of the town consists of new buildings, among which is the recently completed Opera House that is very modernistic and functional in its design; they contrast quite pleasantly with what remains of the old.

On Friday a united party spent the morning boating on a quiet backwater of the Rhine. That afternoon we embarked upon a coach tour up the Ahr valley. This proved to be a centre of the Rhine wine industry and a visit to the Weinkeller, at Maschoss was therefore natural. After enjoying a glass of '59 we carried on up the valley to Altenahr, where we ascended a hill by chain lift,

from the top of which there was a fine view down the valley. We then travelled back down the valley and stopped at the town of Ahrweiler which is still surrounded by the original medieval town wall. On our way back to Honnef we passed the Emperor's Stone, from which Napoleon is said to have reviewed his army as it passed down the valley in order to attack Prussia.

Our objective on Saturday morning was Bonn. On the way there we visited the parliamentary buildings, drove round the American embassy and had a brief glance at the splendid new Beethoven concert hall. Our first port of call in Bonn proper was the Beethoven museum. Our visit there was rather interesting, but our movement was somewhat restricted by the stringent security regulations in force since some lunatic tried to burn the place down. The remainder of the morning was spent in shopping and looking at Bonn which we discovered to be a University town with many contemporary style buildings. Some of the older buildings were under reconstruction as they had suffered from the heavy war-time bombing.

After lunch, back at Honnef, we were joined by a group of boys from the local Grammar school, through an arrangement made by Mr. Collings. We soon made friends and the afternoon was spent boating, climbing the Drachenfels, and in responding to the invitation by some of the German boys to visit their homes.

Sunday morning was spent in the vicinity of Honnef and during the afternoon the whole party, some for the third time, climbed the Drachenfels. On our way up we passed near the residence of the German Chancellor. Nine of us spent a pleasant evening at the home, to which we had been invited, of one of our German friends.

After an early breakfast we set off on Monday morning for a trip up the Rhine, by riverboat, to Winnigen which is situated on a tributary, the Mosel. Among the features of outstanding interest that we saw along the banks was the St. Apollinaris Shrine and, farther upstream, the remains of the bridge at Remagen around which much fierce fighting took place during the Rhine crossing. Having had lunch on the boat, we eventually reached Koblenz where the Mosel joins the Rhine. We entered this river and sailed into a lock in which the boat was raised some twenty-five feet to the true level of the Mosel. Apparently the lock was built to control flood water. We reached Winnigen at 2 p.m. and after having spent some two hours there we returned to the boat, slightly disappointed at having just missed the annual wine festival. On the way back an impromptu sing-song commenced and Mr. Greenslade rendered what was, he assured us, the genuine German version of *Auf Wiedersehen*.

We left Honnef at 5-30 p.m. on Tuesday and boarded the B.R.'s steamer Duke of York at the Hook of Holland. After a good night's sleep in our comfortable berths we arrived at Harwich on time and boarded the 8 a.m. train to Manchester. Thanks to the able organisation of Mr. Collings and the willing support of Mr. Greenslade we had, despite the weather, enjoyed a very full and memorable German holiday.

R. E. HASTINGS.

What a Hole!

Last Ascension day in fine weather the denizens of Room 16 left Manchester bound for Eyam in Derbyshire in three automobiles ranging from the minute to the grand and driven by Messrs. Watkins, Earnshaw and Woffenden.

The party reached Eyam unscathed(!) and entered the works of the Glebe Mine Co. After an introduction to the mine's workings, a journey was made up the road out of Eyam to the Lady-wash Mine Shaft, which was in fact a very deep hole. Before 'going under' the party clad itself in the white 'tin' hats kindly provided by the company. Confidence in these disappeared abruptly however when someone discovered a label in his stating that it was made of paper!

Once underground, numerous long, dark passages were found which led to the main mineral vein being worked at the moment. This contains valuable fluorspar, lead and barytes. Interesting geological features were noted and one very keen student became so excited that he tried to remove a large specimen from the roof—which fell in small pieces on the helmeted head of the mine manager.

Once outside the mine a colour photograph was taken of the party which now adorns (?) the wall of Room 16. Later we ate lunch at the side of the road. The nine geologists then entered, and afterwards lifted off the ground a certain miniscule cream-coloured car. After this feat the party visited the general manager's house where cool beverages of various flavours were consumed.

From there we went back to the mine works and were conducted round the interesting but noisy plant where the various minerals are separated, purified and prepared for market. This completed our tour of the mine and its plant and we then left for home.

The trip was most enjoyable and instructive and we all extend our gratitude to our hosts, the Glebe Mine Co. and to the masters who so kindly

took us into the wilds and returned us in one piece.

W. R. ALLMAN, I. R. STONE.

Five go on the Norfolk Broads

"Leaving a trail of submerged yachts, wrecked bridges and corpses in her wake, the good ship *Charmain* heads for Great Yarmouth . . ." Thus a missive from the Captain of a five-berth motor cruiser hired by four Hulmeians and a friend from Cheadle Hulme School.

It was, in fact, an exaggeration. The week's cruise was an almost unqualified success, a tribute to the firm who supplied the boat, to the crew who were cheerful and harmonious all the time and to the enterprise of Hulmeians generally.

Though it could not be said to be in any way a school trip, it grew out of one planned by Mr. Woolfenden, whose unfortunate retirement meant complete reorganisation by three stalwart members of the original party. Because of (or in spite of?) the organisation that went into the holiday, the crew, consisting of J. G. Davidson, Captain/Cook; D. Robinson, First Mate and First-Class passenger; I. J. Marsland, angler and deck-hand; and P. J. Carr and A. G. May (our friend from C.H.S.), both of whom cooked most excellent breakfasts, were well satisfied.

Our voyage, which, putting Ulysses in the shade, was a long wander throughout Norfolk and Suffolk, covered some hundred and fifty miles and used twenty-five gallons of diesel fuel. The boat, a thirty-four cruiser with a nine-foot beam gave no trouble except on one occasion the 'fridge stopped freezing and everything therein started to melt.

The boat was easy to drive and despite its size was very manoeuvrable. This was fortunate as within the first five minutes a larger cruiser made an unsuccessful attempt to run us down, and only the fact that, for once, we were observing a speed limit prevented the holiday from suffering premature termination. Yachts have an alarming habit of tacking across and across the rivers with considerable speed, but we only hit one, and the only damage caused was to the nerves of those washing crockery in the galley.

Several hair-raising incidents took place. On one occasion we passed under Beccles bridge with one inch to spare even after we had waited some two hours for low tide! We took the boat up a narrow creek at Geldeston, and at the risk of beaching the boat at both ends turned the thirty-foot cruiser right round in a river thirty-four feet six

inches wide. We are proud of having taken a seven-berth cruiser under tow for five miles. This was accomplished without too much difficulty, after Capt. Davidson had proved conclusively that *Charmain* was not amphibious after repeatedly trying to take her overland in his manoeuvres.

Another incident occurred which some members of the party seemed to find amusing, although of course some people have a warped sense of humour. It was about ten o'clock in the morning and the Mate was blissfully in bed, sleeping it off. The window above his bed was open, and above on the roof operations were afoot to fill the water tank. When the tank was full, no-one seeing fit to turn off the water supply, the water cascaded through the window, rinsing the Mate out of bed. This can only be described as unwarranted hooliganism and is to be roundly condemned as such.

On Sunday night, Capt. Davidson produced his *pièce de résistance* in the form of a sumptuous repast which included roast pork, creamed potatoes, peas and carrots, with a delicious Davidson gravy (pat. pending), followed by peaches and cream. Captain-crew relations were not assisted by the fact that the former started preparing his meal at about five-thirty, and served it at around ten. He also managed to burn a thumb in removing the roasting-tin from the oven, which further strained relations. There were veiled threats about the 1894 Merchant Shipping Acts, the Seamen's Reform Movement and Brixton Prison, but the food, when it came, subdued all mutiny.

The Norfolk scenery, often consisting of great expanses of weed, is not spectacular, but in certain places is extremely pretty, particularly around Barton Broad.

An obnoxious smell from the adjacent mudbanks in Great Yarmouth decided for us that a three hour stop at this most unpromising resort was all we dared risk.

It was a very reluctant crew which left Horning at the end of the week with the prospect of school the very next day. It was a less tidy crew than the one which left Manchester Piccadilly a week before looking fit for an investiture at Buckingham Palace. But we were fortified for the occasional exigencies of term-time by many large appetising meals, and by the determination that we would plot another escape to Norfolk next year, possibly with a slightly larger crew. Meanwhile the thanks of four of us must go to Capt. J. G. Davidson (R.N. to be?) who went to enormous efforts as our agent, treasurer, head-cook and commander.

J. G. DAVIDSON, M6M, D. ROBINSON, 6CM.

Our Village Station

It is often said that faces change with the times and each morning as I stand outside the station waiting room, a new face comes into sight. Perhaps it is a keen young business man, fresh from university. He is quickly spotted, for his jaunty gait, significant of his eagerness, distinguishes him easily from the more staid, middle-aged business man who carries himself with confidence and self-importance. Each September brings more grammar school pupils to the station, carrying smart, new brief-cases and with shining faces, eagerly awaiting to show the world their academic prowess.

There are many people who are regular passengers. There's Mr. Smythe, a kindly old gentleman, who sets the hearts of the Withington Preparatory School girls alight when he shares a quarter-pound of chocolates with them. Mr. Ward, too, a cricket fanatic if there ever was one! And what a temper he has! He once set the Marple ticket office in uproar because the train was late and as he had an appointment to attend, he asked them to pay his taxi fare to Manchester. His demand was refused; but how we schoolboys laughed. A queue of no less than twenty people stood fuming as he argued his rather selfish point.

But as on many stations, the porters steal the limelight; Marple must surely have one of the most amusing and varied staff of porters for miles around. Each one has his own nickname, of which the copyright belongs solely to us, the Marple schoolboys *Nom du Porteur* committee. Donald is given his name as his shuffle closely resembles that of a drunken Donald Duck. Snip is so called because he invariably misses the first punch of a ticket, a smart 'Snip!' thus ensuing. Foggy is a title earned because this wretched fellow, whenever one needs to purchase a ticket quickly, always forgets how much the return fare is and spends seemingly ages in looking for the price list. Fred, another ticket collector, always spins the same yarn to different people. Four schoolboys all compared notes on what Fred had related, and all four had heard the same story, that Fred used to be a very good swimmer and spent much of his school lunch-break outside the gates of a nearby high school. But his swimming! He had been strongly tipped for representative honours, but had had to withdraw from the trials with a septic toe. His swimming feats were not limited however. Either Fred was a magnificent swimmer or his memory is playing him tricks, for in three summers he had saved bathers from drowning in four

different holiday resorts. Fred's yarns certainly do lighten a heavy heart on a cold, wintry morning, though. Sweep, another of our select group, was thus called as he spent much of his time brushing litter onto the lines.

Oliver, our last porter of consequence, was the Romeo of the station staff. His cheery Irish accent enchanted the local grammar school girls, who would stand and chat with him for hours. Indeed, it was very pleasant to wait for my train and listen to his soft voice. It made me think it was worth having got out of bed. Oliver has left now, but Marple station can always say she has been graced by a touch of true Killarney.

All our porters are friendly and have often lent us money for extra fares. We should certainly be thankful for their service.

R. H. DAKIN, 6CL.

The Fall

It was evening and he was alone.

And as the shadowy sun settled slowly into the silence, his mood grew likewise darker and deeper. Piercing the ghostly gloom of the black trees, swaying gently with his fortunes, he strove desperately for some daylight glimpse of explanation; some reason why he, with half the world subject to his imperial will, needed the comforting gleams of day to rescue him from this uncertainty of the night when worldly conquests sank to insignificance before the vast range of human emotion which only the darkness recognises and can illumine.

Napoleon had that evening been harassed much with trivialities, worrying enough to exhaust him. It had been intoxicating to go on and on, from one success to another till all opposition had submitted to the tyranny of one who had risen on the shoulders of liberalism. It had been a challenge to escape from Elba and convince Europe of his invincibility. But Elba had subconsciously taught him a lesson which only now—in the indifferent coldness of the night and away from the worshipping multitude of France—he dared to admit: he was not unbeatable. The hereditary glory of France had once been denied; and premonition warned of its complete decay.

So as he stood there, drinking the stillness, chewing in his mind again and again the steps by which he had won power, he came nearer to sanity than he had ever been. Occasionally, the ambitious spirit in his nature mocked at this weakness, this hesitation. Then would the stubborn upper lip curl moodily towards the firm proud nose; the stern

jaw-bone tauten in an effort to escape the derision of his ambition; the ruddy paunches of his faulc flesh sweat with angry bitterness against the one man, a British general, who had not paled before the strength of his reputation.

His past might have brought him hatred besides power—but it had not made impotent the sincerity which, he assured himself, had prompted all his actions. It was to the glory of France, not the aggrandisement of Napoleon, that he had looked as bit by bit he had swallowed Europe. It had been for France, not for himself, that he had sucked the life-blood of nations. So he justified himself, and with sincerity, whether or not that sincerity was well founded.

But now, looking into the pure and innocent eye of the night, he saw truth more clearly than before. It was no longer to the advantage of his country to continue fighting, only to the gratification of his own pride. So far, he comforted himself that he had been genuine; yet were he to go on fighting, that solace would not avail. If he prolonged a war harmful to France, economically and politically, how might he convince anyone—and most of all himself—that he was acting on any but selfish motives.

A quiet cough from the far end of the verandah plucked him abruptly from his reverie.

Napoleon turned to see the grim face of an officer in his army; an order was due—either to attack, or to retreat—and the emperor could no longer delay his decision.

Fierce thinking for a moment sapped his already diminishing strength of mind, and the perspiration increased on his brow. Wellington was now near at hand, but while an attack on him might save Napoleon's face, the emperor knew by instinct that it would precipitate his own fall.

He turned abstractedly again to the shadows—and his heart almost consented. His life might yet be atoned for by a retreat, a gesture of humility, even at this stage.

He turned then to the officer, whose strong, confident expression of face showed that he had no doubt what the decision would be.

The blue and white uniform of France and glory dazzled him; the ethereal stillness of the night held now no doubtful ghosts; his past doubts fled, as his old spirit rose.

It was evening and he alone could decide.

A. J. B. HILTON, 6ML

Soul Apart

Oh you—you spokesman of the primitive chorus,
Spirit of the black earth,

Consort of the fine fleeced ewes
Desirer of a kiss,
Solitary, plebeian, tramp,
You with death in your air,
Why do you in your remoteness
Imagine false grandeur in your cryptical
gazing?
Why in your imaginative wanderings
Are you more than norm?
The stillness on your lake of life
Expands to a heaving ocean,
But you are no longer in the boat of your
body
But watching enspirited from afar.
Shrink back into your breathing dying form!
Admit your normality.

A. J. RUDMAN, 6ML

Jonah's Whale

We had been discussing the recent rain-storms and the floods they had caused for miles around, when the subject of the 'Big Fish' arose. Tom Jeffreys swallowed a generous mouthful of beer before remarking, "If the level of the pond in Mark's field rises any more it'll be flooding the field where 'e keeps 'is cows."

We nodded in agreement; then old Charlie Parker growled, "Aye, 'n be disturbing the Big Fish that lives there."

The Squire chuckled, "You don't say you believe that tale, do you, Charlie?" he asked.

"I'm not saying 'Aye' and I'm not saying 'Nay', but I've lived around 'ere for a mighty long while, and I've 'eard what I've 'eard," replied old Charlie mysteriously. "That pond mayn't be too large, but it's deep and 'tis full o' caves, so they say."

Now the Squire being a betting man looked around and said, "Well, lads, you've heard what Charlie's said, I'll call no man a liar, but I'll give ten guineas to the man who brings me back that fish!"

The rest of the men laughed, for they thought the Squire's money was safe, but Phil Stevens, my mate, fell silent. Ten guineas was a lot of money to working men like us and even before he spoke to me about it, I knew what was on his mind.

It continued raining for the next four days and towards Sunday afternoon, it seemed to be abating. The pond in Mark's field, meanwhile, had flooded its banks and the neighbouring fields were under a foot of water. I hadn't forgotten the Squire's bet and I knew Phil was just itching to try for that fish, since he considers himself the best fisherman

around these parts. But all the same I was surprised when Phil came round to our house on Sunday night.

He wore a bright yellow sou'-wester on his head and a thick oil-skin of a similar colour, several sizes too big. From underneath the mac protruded a pair of stout waders and over his shoulder he carried his most treasured possession, his father's fishing-rod.

"Get your things up, lad," he said. "We're going after ten guineas' worth o' fish!"

I needed no second telling, for I was just as keen as he was about this venture, and five guineas would come in useful to buy Doris a birthday present.

The full moon shone like a lantern from the sky. Its reflected brilliance was broken by the rain-drops that pitter-pattered on the water's surface. A cloak of silence enveloped the night. We lost no time in wading into the water and over the fields until we reached where we judged the true pond began. Phil broke the silence. "Careful, lad! Don't go no further. 'Ere now, cast your line. That's me boy!"

At first it was good fun. But then, as the rain slowly saturated our clothes, our spirit began to ebb.

"We'll wait for another quarter of an hour," decided Phil.

I shall remember what followed until the day I die.

Phil's rod jerked and the surface of the pond heaved and broke sending ripples of waves running across the water. I heard Phil's last cry of "It's hooked!" before he lurched forward and disappeared into the inky water. I can still hear Phil's scream, a scream of terror, and see his face contorted by such fear as I shall never wish to witness again.

I'm no hero, but even the bravest man would have done what I did. I flung my rod at the 'thing' and ran splashing through the water.

They said I murdered Phil. They said I hated him, because he was chasing after Doris. Maybe I did hate him, but I didn't kill him. I'm writing this from a hospital where they sent me to be looked after.

By the way, did I tell you? They dragged the pond and found a solitary wader. No other trace of the man was ever discovered.

D. M. ALTARAS, 5L

Meeting The Vicar

It was one of those days when one has all the time in the world. My parents and I were strolling

round the small Yorkshire village of Kirkby-in-Malhamdale (to give it its full name). We happened to pass the church-yard, where a figure in black was vigorously mowing some long grass at the side of the church. We greeted him with a cheerful "Good-afternoon", and a conversation ensued. The vicar, the Rev. H. Palmer, M.A., happened to ask where we came from. He then asked which school I went to, and seemed extraordinarily pleased when I told him. He laughed and said, "Well, that's the school I went to!" After this, we were very welcome and he left his mowing to tell us the history of the church. We first entered the church by a heavy oaken door, and we were met by a wonderful smell of ancient woodwork.

He then pointed out various carvings, statues, niches and arches, describing each one in great detail as if he had memorised it all from a book. An expression which he used many times was "I think this is definitely a case of 'Local Lads having a go'", no doubt because many of the more crude carvings appeared to have been executed by unskilled hands. One item, however, of local modern work, was a complete and very life-like crib and stable, with wise men, kings, camels, shepherds and all the rest, carved from solid oak.

Another thing we were shown was the altar rail, made up of about forty posts with two large horizontal rails along the top. It had been done about a hundred years ago, each post by a different 'Local Lad' with the result that no two of them were alike. I was interested to learn that the original purpose of the altar rail was to keep dogs out of the sanctuary!

To my 'dismay', I was then asked to translate a plaque in Latin, but for 'a reward' as he put it, we were shown what is no doubt one of the church's most treasured relics—a book signed by Oliver Cromwell. He then brought out some silver inscribed with—yes, more Latin, and we had to puzzle out a small sentence before we were shown up the tower.

We stopped first beneath the tower and the vicar asked me to pull one of the bell-ropes. For some reason I clung to it tightly, and when it went up, I went up!

We climbed the musty, spiral staircase and emerged through a low door into the bell-chamber. He told us the story of the bells and whilst we were gazing around, he, with a typically Hulmeian sense of humour, let the clapper of the largest bell fall with a deafening resonant boom which scared me out of my wits.

We next proceeded to the top of the tower where we had a magnificent view of Malhamdale and the village.

After we had descended the tower, he showed us the interesting features on the outside of the

church and told us about when he was a pupil at W.H.G.S.; there seem to have been many surprising changes.

By that time we had to continue our journey to Settle, so we said goodbye and thanked him for the memorable afternoon.

J. A. IRELAND, 5Y.

To a Siamese Cat

Descendant of an ancient race,
Capricious, agile, full of grace.
Her soft-furred beauty, feline face
completely captivate.
Her claws soft-sheathed in velvet paw,
Accomplished in the art of war,
Disdainful of all human law,
Aloof she rules supreme.
A temptress she, of fatal charm,
Her perfect confidence and trust,
In we poor mortals, acts as balm,
We all capitulate.
A huntress, merciless and cold,
She stalks her prey like panther bold,
And leaps, too swiftly to behold,
In glorious symmetry.

G. I. MARTIN, 5Y.

The Caves of Drach

I was staying at Palma, the capital of the island of Marjorca, which lies about a hundred and fifty miles to the south of the Spanish mainland. At our hotel we saw an excursion advertised which bore the title *Standard Tour of the Caves of Drach*, the *standard* as opposed to the *luxury* tour. This provoked our attention, and as we had heard something about these caves, we decided to go.

The morning of the excursion arrived. After a lot of searching we finally found the coach, which was distinctly 'sub-standard', that was taking us. However, the trip was made extremely interesting by our guide who spoke excellent English.

After a ride of about two hours we finally reached our objective. We got out of the coach and joined an enormous queue. Eventually we were herded like a flock of sheep down some steps, which looked like the entrance to a vast air-raid shelter. When we got to the bottom of the steps

and went underground, the crowds seemed to vanish as if into thin air.

We strolled along through spacious passages, and were shown interesting rock formations made from the stalagmites and stalactites which were to be seen throughout all the vast caves, and which were illuminated by different coloured lights which added to the effect.

After walking through these passages for about a quarter of an hour, we arrived at a vast cave which contains the world's largest subterranean lake called Mortel's Lake, named after the person who discovered it, and which was some six hundred yards long. The floor of the cave sloped down to the lake; and on the slope were placed many forms, enough to seat between five hundred and a thousand people; which gave the effect of a theatre.

When everybody in that particular session had taken his place in the cave, every light in the entire place was turned out and everybody sat in complete silence; of course, we had been briefed beforehand as to what was going to happen. In a few moments we saw a glimmer of light on the lake coming from behind a pillar of rock which rose up out of the lake. Then three illuminated boats came into view, without their oars making a single splash. In one of the boats there was a quartet which I think consisted of three violins and a 'cello. As soon as they came into view, the musicians commenced to play, very quietly at first, but working to a crescendo as they drew nearer to the audience, and dying away again as the boats went further away. As they sailed to and fro they played four pieces of music which sounded wonderful in the vast cave with its marvellous acoustics.

When the boats at last disappeared from view, the lights were switched on and we were taken across the lake by boat. This was an enormous task, as nearly a thousand people had to be taken across the lake in boats that only held fifteen to twenty people, but the speed in which we were loaded and unloaded was amazing, and the cave was soon cleared.

When we got out of the boat we continued along rocky passages and up steps hewn out of the rock, or else made with concrete, and in a few minutes we came out into the open again. Several minutes were spent buying souvenir booklets and postcards. We then got back into our coach, and after a check that nobody had been left down below, the coach left.

For everybody on the coach, that day must have been one of the most interesting of their lives, an experience that must surely have been unique.

J. S. MARTIN, 5Y

The End

The heavens are silent with meaningless points
of bright light.

They glisten;
They sparkle;
They bring to one's mind such comfort and joy;
They bound 'cross the deepening shade.
The shade that grows darker and deeper with
time;

The shade where we think, and confide all our
doubts

To some Being Supreme;
The shade through which one day we float—
Without muscle or bone,
Neither flesh to our bone,

But free,
Free, as the meaningless points of bright light
That we envied, admired.

But now like those meaningless points of bright
light

Are we.
So meaningless;
Futile.

No purpose in life.
Though no purpose in life we find purpose in
death—

We find peace,
And in peace we find joy.

M. BOWKER, 5Y.

The Ghost

A creak upon the rotting stair—
Then silence.
A strange, ethereal silence,
A silence made sweetly musical by its utter
emptiness.

Nothing moves, nothing sounds, nothing breathes,
And yet, there is a strange pin-point of light,
A flickering in the shroud-like gloom,
Not entirely visible to the eye—but sensed.
A phantom light, flitting from arch to arch,
From pillar to pillar,
Silently.

A strange, soulful body, wrapped in its own
emotions.

A soul, dreaming of life before death.
Not an hallucination,
A spirit.

And then, as it came, it went, the pin-point of
light in the darkness,

Flickered, flitting in the gloomy vault,
danced behind a buttress, and was gone.

DAVID A. RANSON, 5B.

Destination—The Moon

We're off in a two-seater, destination moon;
A seventy-foot 'Space eater,' with gravity defeater
And solar-battery heater. We're going to get there
soon.

We've got our lunar rations, enough to last a
week;

We're wearing lunar fashions, and curbing earthly
passions
For cigarettes, and icy beer, and fish and chips
and steak.

They say the dust up on the moon is nearly two
miles deep,

Our special vacuum for dust is an inter-planetary
'must'

And when we've made the landing—just, we're
going to signal 'bleep.'

At Jodrell Bank they're tracking us. They'll hear
us on the Day.

Americans are backing us, the Russians might be
whacking us,

The only thing that's lacking us—is sign-posts on
the way.

So we're off in a two-seater, destination moon;
A seventy-foot 'Space eater,' with gravity defeater
And solar battery heater. We've got to get there
soon!

J. R. STERNBERG, 4Y.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News

We regret to announce the death on August 20th
of one of our most distinguished Old Boys, Lord
Haden-Guest, at the age of 83: After leaving
school he entered Owens College, Manchester,
to study medicine. Even at that age he took an
exceptional interest in politics. He completed his
medical education at the London Hospital. When
the Boer War broke out, he served in South
Africa as a civil surgeon. On his return from the
war, he specialised in the treatment of children
at Southwark. In the First World War he served
in France in a medical capacity and was awarded
the Military Cross for rescuing wounded under
fire at Passchendale Ridge. He became a member

of the London County Council on his return and unsuccessfully fought two Parliamentary by-elections; but eventually he was elected Labour M.P. for North Southwark in 1923 and served till 1927. He was again M.P. for North Islington from 1937-50; but was often at variance with his Party's official policy. He was raised to the peerage in the New Year's Honours List of 1950.

It has also been reported to us that J. G. M. Hindle has died in South Africa. Upon leaving school he went to the Victoria University of Manchester, from which he gained the B.Sc. (Eng.), with Honours. He served his apprenticeship with Metropolitan-Vickers and was sent as Erection Engineer to South Africa. His brilliance in engineering, absolute honesty in all things, his willingness to help all who had engineering problems earned for him a regard and respect not only from his fellows, but also from the Heads of his Company. His Managing Director said of him, "It is said that no man is indispensable, but I cannot see where we are going to find a man like him." He was a great sports car enthusiast and took great pride in his collection of car badges, not least in that of the Old Hulmeians Motoring Club.

Dr. D. R. Wood, who has been a professor at McGill University, Montreal, has returned to England to take up the chair of pharmacology at Leeds University, where B. Schumacher is President of the Students' Union.

H. Cartwright, M.B.E., M.A., has now been appointed director of industrial power for the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Commission, of whose development and engineering group he has been hitherto deputy-director.

F. Cawley, B.A., M.Ed., has been appointed Headmaster of Cromwell Road Boys' County Secondary School, Pendlebury.

B. Bruckshaw, M.A., Ph.D., has been appointed Senior English master at Ecclesfield Grammar School.

L. L. Cooper, O.B.E., has become chairman and general manager of Guthrie and Co., Malaya. He was formerly with Messrs. Tootal, Broadhurst, Lee, and Co. in London and Manchester and went out to Malaya in 1937. He served with the Admiralty in the Japanese War and was captured in Indonesia. He returned to Malaya in 1946.

D. J. C. Williams has been awarded a scholarship of the value of £300 per annum for three years at the National College of Rubber Technology by the Plastics Industry Education Fund.

G. Calvert has been posted to the Planning and Research Section of the Forestry Department, Northern Rhodesia.

Leonard Mosley's biography of Lord Curzon, *Curzon, the End of an Epoch* (Longmans 30/-)

has been extensively reviewed in the leading journals.

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION RESULTS

OXFORD UNIVERSITY—

D.Phil.: A. C. Day (B.N.C.).
Honours School of Literae Humaniores: Class II: J. D. E. Rayman (Wadham).
Honours School of English, Class II: J. A. G. Rimmer (New College).
Honours School of Theology, Class III: J. C. Priestley (Trinity).
Honours School of Physics, Class III: N. V. Barber (Keble).
Honours School of Philosophy, Politics and Economics, Class III: J. K. Robertson (New College).

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY—

Mechanical Sciences Tripos, Part I, Class III: W. D. Maughan (Peterhouse).
Natural Science Tripos, Part I, Class I: J. M. Temperley (Downing).
English Tripos, Part I, Class II, Division 2: B. W. Derbyshire (Queens'). Class III: P. Clarke (Christ's).
History Tripos, Part II, Class II, Division 2: J. E. O. Screen (Peterhouse).
J. M. Temperley has been awarded an Exhibition and a College Prize.

LONDON UNIVERSITY—

B.A. (Hons.) English, Class II, Division 1: G. A. M. Wood (University).
B.Sc. (Hons.) Geography, Class II, Division 1: J. Davis (London School of Economics).
B.Sc. (Hons.) Mining Engineering, Class I: I. A. B. Low (Imperial College).
B.Sc. (Hons.) Engineering, Class II, Division 1: K. Calvert.
L.D.S., R. A. Cheek.
I. A. B. Low has been awarded a D.S.I.R. Studentship at Imperial College, G. A. M. Wood a State Studentship for Post-graduate research at University College, London, and J. Davis a D.S.I.R. Studentship at Birmingham University.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY—

M.Sc. (Mathematics): G. T. Fielding.
M.B., Ch.B.: P. Bee, G. A. Eccleson, H. V. Penketh.
B.A. (Architecture), Class I: D. G. Woodcock.
B.Sc. (Mathematics), Class I: G. B. Brundritt.

B.Sc. (Chemistry), Class I: R. P. Hodge. Class II Division 2: R. Critchley.
 B.Sc. Tech. (Chemistry), Class I: D. A. Weyl.
 B.Sc. Tech. (Biochemistry), Class II, Division 2: G. H. Lynn.
 B.Sc. Tech. (Electrical Engineering), Class II, Division 1: R. G. Heaton.
 B.A. (Ordinary), D. F. Borland.
 B.A. (Com.), F. A. Watson.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY—

B.A. (Social Studies), Class II, Division 2: A. F. Bennett.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY—

B.Sc. (Physics), Class I: P. D. B. Collins.

BANGOR UNIVERSITY—

B.Sc. (Chemistry), Class I: P. A. Gabbott.
 B.Sc. (Zoology), Class II, Division 2: C. E. Bryans.

ST. ANDREWS UNIVERSITY—

B.Sc. (Physics): R. K. Davies.

It is fully realised that the above list may well be incomplete. The editor would be very grateful if he could be informed of any omissions.

The changed time of publication has made it difficult to publish letters from University Correspondents so frequently as before. Students have barely returned to their Universities when this number is produced. For our summer number they are much too engrossed in examinations. We hope, however, to include a number of such letters in our next issue.

Before concluding these notes we should like to emphasise how dependant we are on Old Boys for information about their activities and those of their friends and how grateful we are for any information which we receive.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

BIRTHS

GLOVER—On May 9, to Elsie (née Greenhalgh) and Kenneth, a son.
 HALL—On May 19, to Kenneth and Doreen (née Ashworth), a son.
 BOWKER—On May 24, to Sylvia (née Jones) and Kenneth, a daughter.
 MAIR—On June 4, to Cicely Mary (née Dumme-low) and Joseph, a son.

WALTHO—On June 8, to June (née Tancred) and Barry, a son.

EDWARDS—On June 16, to Elaine (née Dickens) and John, a daughter.

HOOD—On June 19, to Susan (née Simpson) and Donald, twin sons.

WARD—On July 9, to Sylvia and Douglas, a son.

CARTER—On July 11, to Patricia (née Woodward) and Geoffrey, a son.

GRAHAM-BRYCE—On August 1, to Elizabeth (née Metcalf) and Ian, a daughter.

GRIBBLE—On August 6, to Cynthia (née Rowley) and Bernard, a daughter.

DAVIES—On September 21, to Audrey (née Hardman) and Gordon, a son.

WATKINS—On September 27, to Noni (née Boddington) and David, a son.

ALVEY—On October 10, to Dagmar (née Dahlgren) and George S. Alvey, a daughter.

APPLEBY—On October 13, to Jean Yvonne (née Murray) and John W. Appleby, a son.

GINEVER—On October 14, to Jill (née Barlow) and David Ginever, a son.

MARRIAGES

HOSKINSON—PRATTEN—On April 16, Keith Hoskinson to Julie Pratten.

ESSON—STORRS-FOX—On April 23, Walter Reid Esson to Elizabeth Storrs-Fox.

DYSON—HAMMETT—On June 25, Anthony Oakley Dyson to Edwina Anne Hammett.

ZITTERSTEIN—FLEMING—On June 28, George Julius Zitterstein to Anne Mary Fleming.

DAY—JOYE—On July 2, Arthur Colin Day to Janet Mary Joye.

LOGUE—CANSICK—On July 9, Lindsay Arthur Logue to Sally Rosalind Cansick.

BLAKELEY—HOWARTH—On July 30, Barry Hesford Blakeley to Patricia Mary Howarth.

GABBOTT—JONES—On July 30, Peter Anthony Gabbott to Alwen Lloyd Jones.

BOND—TAYLOR—On August 13, Robert Peter Michael Bond to Anne Rosemary Taylor.

ARCHER—DYER—On August 27, Donald W. Archer to Francis L. Dyer.

CALVERT—COX—On August 27, Geoffrey Melville Calvert to Gwen Jacqueline Cox.

HAGUE—WOOD—On September 7, Malcolm Dawson Hague to Julia Sarbon Wood.

FLITCROFT—CLIFT—On September 17, Neville Flitcroft to Margaret Yvonne Clift.

JOHNSON—GORST—On September 17, Michael Craig Johnson to Patricia Gorst.

DEATHS

BANTON—On June 15, Alfred Leslie, aged 63 years.

BRIERLEY—On July 9, William Argent, aged 66 years, for 25 years Art Master at this School.

HADEN-GUEST—On August 22, Leslie, Baron Haden-Guest, aged 83 years.

HINDLE—In South Africa, John Geoffrey Maurice, aged

DUNHAM—On October 11, Thomas Fawcett Dunham, F.C.A., founder member of the Old Hulmeians Lodge.

Old Hulmeians Association

Pride of place in these notes must go to the reunion dinner held in the school dining hall immediately before the 41st Annual General Meeting held in the main hall. It will be remembered that last year the reunion was revived and some 135 members attended, of whom 109 remained for the Annual General Meeting. This year on the 21st September nearly 170 attended the dinner and about 120 remained for the Annual General Meeting. This function can, therefore, be considered an undoubted success, and it is the intention of your committee now to make it an annual event. At a time when membership of the Association tends to fall it is gratifying to have a function where the attendance has grown so appreciably. Attendance at the Annual General Meeting is approximately twice as great as it was in 1958. Our thanks are obviously due to the governors and Headmaster for making this event possible. No momentous decisions were taken at the Annual General Meeting but for the first time a son of a former president was elected to be President. This is, of course, Mr. Norman A. Barber, M.B.E., T.D., who needs no introduction to the Association. The deputy-President, a comparatively newly created office, is Mr. J. G. Bird, M.B.E., T.D., M.A., the Headmaster of the School. He will become President for the 1961/1962 year, during which time the School will celebrate its 75th anniversary.

Your clubhouse situated on the Rugby Section's ground in Brantingham Road continues to occupy much time at general committee meetings. It is now taking on a much more furnished appearance

and members should avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the clubhouse, particularly on the open evenings which are the third Thursdays of each month. We are still a long way from being out of debt and those members who have not yet subscribed towards the clubhouse fund should do so as quickly as possible to enable all loans to be paid off in the near future. The Honorary Treasurer would be only too glad to acknowledge such donations.

Thanks to the loan of cutting machinery from the School the rugby ground is improving beyond all recognition and looked to be in excellent condition on the occasion of the Rugby Section's 25th anniversary game on the 14th September. To celebrate this occasion the President of the Lancashire R.U.F.C. raised a side to play against the Old Hulmeians who included players from other than the Old Boys' club, the result being a most attractive game. Congratulations are due to the Rugby Section on their 25th birthday.

The thanks of the Association are also due to Mr. J. A. Barber for once more organising an Annual Golf Tournament on Ascension Day, 26th May, 1960, at Withington. His notes elsewhere in this magazine will report the winners of the respective trophies.

This year the Old Hulmeians Cricket Team defeated the School by eight wickets, and the experiment of playing the match on Saturday afternoon can be considered as successful. Next year it will be played again, probably on the first Saturday in July, and any Old Boy wishing to be considered for inclusion in the team should advise the Secretary.

Old Boys everywhere will have been sorry to learn of the death of Mr. W. A. Brierley and, although doubtless mention will be made elsewhere in the magazine of his activities at the School, he should also be remembered for the great assistance he gave to the Old Boys' Musical and Dramatic Society.

Sir William Coates, who will be remembered as the School doctor for so many years, celebrated his hundredth birthday in June and replied in a charming manner to a letter of congratulation to him on your behalf.

Longford Hall has been abandoned after many years for the Annual Dance. On the 10th February, 1961, a dinner dance at Abney Hall, Cheadle, will take its place. Only about 120 people can be accommodated and it is suggested that early application is made for tickets as soon as they are available.

The Annual Dinner will be held as usual on the second Saturday in March, the 11th March, 1961, at the Midland Hotel.

The special sub-committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. E. Peters, which is looking into the ways and means of increasing membership, has met on a few occasions. The members of this committee would be most grateful if any Old Boy would put forward constructive criticism or ideas to assist them in their task.

E. B.

Old Hulmeians Rugby

This year is the Silver Jubilee of the section and to celebrate this we started the season off with a 'bang'.

On Wednesday, 14th September, at 6-30 p.m. the three-hundred odd people who attended the club ground were treated to a game of Rugby of the like rarely seen around Manchester. The game was between the Lancashire President's XV and an Old Hulmeians team. The President's team, comprised mainly of county players, won 19-11, but it could have been a win for the Old Boys had there been fewer missed chances. After the game a social evening was enjoyed by the players and many of the spectators.

To follow up this memorable evening the club's teams have started off the season far better than last year. In particular the 1st XV has won three of its first four games most convincingly and everyone hopes that this form will continue.

Hot Pots, social evenings and dances have been arranged for this season—dates of these can be seen on the notice board in the club-house.

The customary trip to Twickenham is planned for February when England play France and we play Old Merchant Taylors'. Book your seat now to avoid disappointment.

Don't forget the clubhouse is open Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays. All are welcome on any of these evenings. Looking forward to seeing you.

B. A. C.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse

With the retiming of the issues of *The Hulmeian* it was possible to give a complete picture of the 1959/60 season in the June number. This report, therefore, may be devoted to reviewing

the Section's prospects for the new season, which will be under way very shortly.

The most disappointing feature of the 1959/60 season was the relegation of the Extra 'A' team to the 4th Division of the North of England League and it is highly desirable that a return to the Third Division be made as quickly as possible. To have a team in each of the three leading divisions of the League is highly important to the Club's future and it is to be hoped that promotion may be obtained this coming season.

We welcome to the Club's playing strength P. Marlton, who has returned to Manchester after a spell in the South of England, also D. H. Tredwell, a Manchester University goalkeeper, and D. J. Price, the captain of Whalley Range Cricket Club. We are also hopeful, that there may be other new members of the Section this year. It is good to learn that R. J. Winfield expects to be available more regularly and that we will have the services of D. K. Swindells, whilst he is home on leave from Rhodesia.

Unfortunately, G. D. Arnold, a county defence player, has moved to London, whilst M. F. Lockey is in H.M. Forces and neither will be available except for occasional matches. It is also unfortunate that B. T. Plaskett will be unable to play regularly, owing to pressure of business.

The First Team will again be captained by F. M. McClinton with A. E. Marsland as vice-captain. All last year's First team players are available with the exception of G. D. Arnold and B. T. Plaskett and the Club is hoping for a successful season.

M. W. Barber will again captain the 'A' team and R. B. Herbert, the Extra 'A' team. Both these sides will be endeavouring to improve on last year's records and in the case of the Extra 'A' team, this should not be exceptionally difficult.

Finally, the Club has a vital need for new members, especially recent school-leavers, and we extend a hearty welcome to any Old Hulmeian who would care to join us. The Hon. Teams Secretary: F. M. McClinton, 61 Hill Top Avenue, Cheadle Hulme. Tel. HULme Hall 1263, will gladly supply any information concerning the Club on request.

B.H.

Old Hulmeians Motor Club

As we were deprived of our usual competition venue, the season's activities were rather curtailed, summer weekends in the busiest months being unsuitable for road events.

However, the Committee has arranged a most varied programme for the forthcoming Association year, and full details will be published in the List of Fixtures. The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to give prospective members any information they need.

An important date is November 17th when the Motor Section will act as hosts to the Association at the Clubhouse. There will be a Film Show including a rather special film which will be shown for the first time in this part of the country. The Committee hopes that all sections of the Association will support the occasion and fill the room to capacity.

A.S.

Old Hulmeians Golf

We had a change of venue this year for the Captain and the Council of the Withington Golf Club were pleased to allow us to play our Annual Competition on their Course on Ascension Day, May 26th. We had a perfect day for Golf. It was fine from the time the first couple drove off at 2-30 p.m., until the last players finished between eight and nine p.m.

The Bradbury Cup was won by F. H. Marshall with a score of 80-13=67.

The Vlies Cup for the best gross was won by P. M. Warburton with a score of 76-3=73.

The Merchant Cup (for handicaps of 16 and over) was won by N. Hodson with a score of 89-20=69.

It is a pity that more cards are not taken out for this—the only occasion Old Hulmeians' Golf players meet. Cards can be taken out between 2 p.m. and 5-30 p.m., and the only expenses are the Green Fee and the Golf Subscription,—2/6 for members of the Old Hulmeians Association. The number of cards taken out increases every year, but there is plenty of room for more competitors—of all handicaps.

J.A.B.

Old Hulmeians at Oxford University

In summer terms, ere Finals have begun, Hulmeians love to loiter in the sun, And I beguiled have thus let slip the year; But now in haste th'omission to repair,

In retrospect I will review the days,
 'Though looking back the Summer term's a haze
 Of cloudy images. The punts, the Cherwell,
 The idle, dreaming hours are gone. Farewell
 To late night coffee in Hulmeians' rooms,
 And late night parties, alcohol, the fumes
 Of stale tobacco, essay crisis nights,
 Sunset on St. Mary's, other sights:
 The trees in Addison's, the bicycles,
 The High packed end to end, the GIRLS . . .
 These last are most important. Alistair,
 Alas the Pitty of it! 'cross the bare
 And ghastly Libyan desert with a truck
 Which overheats, hopes with a little luck
 To trace a dried up Wadi and forget
 A geographic undergradiette.
 While Priestly, spruce moustached and now gone
 down,

I hear is just engaged; and in the town
 A most immaculate Woolham has been seen
 Accompanied by a lady. This does not mean
 He has not worked twelve hours a day most
 solidly,

And now is off to pass a year in Germany
 As a reward for his colossal industry.
 Free from all but academic cares
 One Ian Stewart, up old and rotten stairs,
 Now reads the 'Politics' of Aristotle.
 Refreshed by recourse to a whisky bottle.
 ('Forgive the allusion, 'twas not meant to bite,
 But satire will break through what e're I write.')
 Ian's been chairman of a small society,
 But now resigned. Yet more variety!
 Young Tony Drapkin on a large guitar
 Sings Rock and Blues and THINGS; and some
 there are

Who struck with horror call the noise demonic
 Which he maintains is sweet and MOST harmonic.
 They have their comings up and goings down,
 And some there are who have laid by the gown.
 Of these we sadly see depart John
 Rimmer. New College Newts lament he's gone,
 A connoisseur of Beer! Now few can pass
 The test of telling Flowers from Bass.
 Some trial like this was qualification
 To be a Newt, exalted station!
 And others too have left. Jack Robertson
 And Barber, who when last seen was on
 A most explosive-looking motorised contraption.
 Rayman has also gone, and only Heap
 Stays on, in mathematics subtleties sunk deep
 Mid Oxford's dreamy spires of academic sleep.
 I must confess that on our younger men
 I'm at a loss to exercise my pen.
 T. Jones I've seen and Brierley and Banks . . .
 Undoubtedly I cannot claim much thanks
 For merely naming them; but I'll admit
 Invention's sparse, I'm running short of wit.
 One more Hulmeian I confess I've seen:

One M. M. Kelsall. To Moscow he has been,
 And at another time to Istanbul.
 He's now a crushing bore, completely full
 Of ill-told stories, like their teller DULL.
 And thus the role of names is made complete,
 Or more or less. 'Tis palpable conceit
 To claim the verse is good. My lines are rough,
 Full of false accents, doggerel, wretched stuff!
 The people, obvious false presentation!
 And all the verse results from education
 Which fills me with artistic aims above my station.

M. M. K.

Old Hulmeians at Leicester University

"What does Leicester possess?" asks the inquirer.

All too frequently the reply is, "Some hosiery, and boot and shoe factories, a very famous rugger team, and, oh yes, a University."

This is the position most Leicester people give to the University; but for those of us there, it is by no means the least.

In a recent edition of *Varsity*, the Cambridge University Student Newspaper, we were described as the best and most thriving *Red Brick* that Cambridge had visited.

We, at Leicester, are quite naturally very proud of our University, and although we only received our Charter in 1957, we have come on enormously since then. Many new buildings are springing up, including some excellent Halls of Residence to meet the ever pressing need for student accommodation.

On the academic side there is a wide scope, and more particularly in the Social Sciences. Many members of the staff, which includes Richard Hoggart of *Uses of Literacy* fame, are well known.

There are a great many Student Societies, catering for all tastes. The religious and sporting societies are particularly flourishing.

I have been at Leicester only one year, but have found it a very friendly and exciting place. There are only twelve hundred of us, but the place is alive, and full of interests to occupy one's non-academic hours.

Remember our motto *Ut Vitam Habeant*, and let's see more Hulmeians living a University life as it ought to be lived.

I shall be very delighted to see any Hulmeians at Leicester, so if you are coming down for an interview, or just visiting, please don't be afraid to contact me.

J. D. H.

Association of Old Hulmeians in London

Our membership continues to grow in a most encouraging manner with some recent arrivals to these parts and others who have been here some time. In the former category, J. E. O. Screen arrives from Cambridge, Dr. W. R. Lee joins the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, G. F. Drummond transfers from Glasgow and Ivor Smith returns from his extended stay in Leeds. With us again after a number of years is F. M. Dudley-Fletcher who, as a member of the Company of Pikemen of the H.A.C. helps maintain traditions at important functions for the Lord Mayor. Other newcomers to our membership are D. Neville-Willing, J. Fitzgerald, C. S. Paulden, M. J. Delaney in Southampton, and from Watford, the Rev. S. J. Forrest.

The lacrosse match with the London Section of the Old Waconians was played in April at the Kenton Cricket Ground. For the first time since this annual fixture was introduced, the opposition was too strong for our team and the score was 5-10 against. John Slater scored three times for us.

With so many on holiday in August we had a struggle to find a cricket team to play the Association of Lancastrians in London at Twickenham, but the day was none-the-less sufficiently successful for us to arrange there and then for a return game on the 18th September at Farnham Royal in Buckinghamshire. On that day, after Oliver Dennis had scored the winning run, there was sufficient time for each side to have another, rather more care-free innings. The Lancastrians' declaration left us with 35 minutes to score 51 and we still required 3 when our tenth wicket fell to the last ball of the final over, so the day finished with honours reasonably even. The players were; A. L. Dennis, J. C. Edwards, O. R. Dennis, E. B. Price, A. P. Dennis, L. A. Logue, G. Wilkinson, C. G. Dennis, A. R. Rodgers, J. N. McManus, and A. Wilkinson. Our sincere thanks are due to the Slough Community Centre for making this social occasion possible and for their excellent luncheon and tea arrangements in the pavilion, for the team and guests. Including their families, thirty-five Hulmeians gathered there. Some of our party went swimming in the indoor pool and after the game, a number enjoyed further hospitality at the main building of this Centre, reputed to be the largest of its kind in Europe.

At the time of writing these notes it seems fairly certain that all available places will be taken for our Annual Dinner on the 14th October.

Members are asked to reserve Friday, the 18th November for the Annual General Meeting and Supper at the Shakespeare's Head.

Will any O.H. who would like further details of the activities of the London Association please contact the Hon. Secretary, G. W. Creasey, 145 Copse Hill, West Wimbledon, S.W.20. WIMbledon 6778?

Parents' Association Notes

Even now in the middle of September, as these notes go to press, the success of our Dinner Dance on the 10th of November is assured, as all tickets have been sold.

Looking ahead to December we have our Christmas Party Dance, in the School, on Wednesday 21st, and tickets for this function, which will be distributed on a 'first come, first served' basis, will be available from the middle of October onwards.

We are happy to welcome the parents of the new boys to our Association, and hope, that if they have not already done so they will become subscribing members. In addition, we would like to see more Associate Members from the parents of boys who have now left the School—a single subscription of 10/- covering such membership for 10 years.

In conclusion, we give below details of our activities until the next edition of the *Hulmeian* is published:—

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| Thur. Nov. 10th | Annual Dinner Dance (Embassy Rooms, Sale). |
| Wed. Dec. 21st | Christmas Party Dance, at the School. |
| Tues. Feb. 7th | Badminton (Mixed Doubles) Parents v. The Staff. |
| Wed. Feb. 8th | Annual February Meeting. |
| Thur. Mar. 2nd | Staff & Parents' Supper Social. (Embassy Rooms, Sale). |

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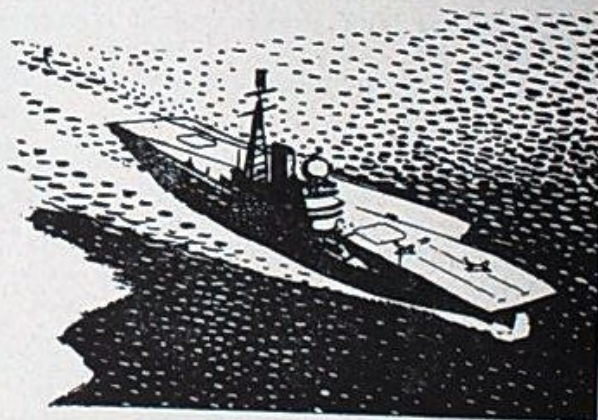


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