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Notes and News.

We welcome to the School Mr. G. P. Miles, The Queen's College, Oxford (Modern Languages), and Mr. A. T. Parsons, Gonville and Caius, Cambridge (Geography).

A State Scholarship, value £100 per annum and tenable for three years, has been won by G. W. E. Stark, who is now up at St. Catherine's College, Cambridge.

Manchester City Scholarships, value £60 per annum and tenable for three years, have been awarded to F. Clarke, W. T.

Curtis, D. H. Griffiths, G. W. E. Stark and G. A. Weeks.

At the Higher and School Certificate Examinations, held last July by the Northern Matriculation Board, the following were successful:—

Higher School Certificates: F. Clarke, W. T. Curtis (Distinction in French), H. Embleton, P. N. Knight, S. Reid, K. A. Stark, R. J. Young, R. Billington, A. L. Dennis, P. B. Eastwood, D. W. Fox, H. K. Goodger, W. Graham, D. H. Griffiths, P. B. Herbert, J. B. Loebell, K. N. McIlwrick, F. Nuttall, B. Race, A. H. C.

Ratliff, A. Robinson, G. W. E. Stark (Distinction in Physics), W. V. Wadsworth, G. A. Weeks, D. R. Wood, A. Wrigley.

School Certificates :—E. Barratt, J. D. Boardman, D. Bretherton, C. J. Brittain, A. Brundrett, A. Chapman, R. R. Charnock, A. L. Dawson, P. L. Fawcett, E. Hubbert, S. B. Jackman, D. A. MacLeod, T. Seed, E. G. Thomas, D. H. Watkinson, M. F. Wood, G. S. Alvey, R. Batley, W. Brown, D. G. Castle, W. J. Duerden, G. F. Gill, K. Halstead, F. G. Higgins, G. N. Hobson, A. Jackson, H. Kay, W. A. Mallinson, J. Mills, E. D. O'Brien, H. S. Priest, J. D. Robson, C. G. Salisbury, T. W. Seddon, J. A. Stephenson, D. J. Tetlow, D. W. Walton, G. Webster, S. S. Wilson, A. B. Haward, C. T. Hough, K. J. Ruddlesdin, P. A. Webster, J. W. Pickup, E. W. Stanley.

The following awards have been made by the Governors of the School :—

Foundation Scholarships, tenable for one year, K. A. Stark; tenable for two years, E. G. Thomas, G. S. Alvey, A. B. Haward, C. T. Hough and E. W. Stanley.

Leaving Exhibitions, F. Clarke, who has proceeded to Brasenose College, Oxford; D. H. Griffiths, W. V. Wadsworth, K. N. McIlwrick and W. Graham, who are attending Manchester University.

The Prefects for the year are :—D. R. Wood (Head Prefect), A. L. Dennis, W. T. Curtis, G. A. Weeks, R. B. Fitzgerald, W. J. Mair, A. R. Cole, R. Joyce, A. H. C. Ratliff, P. W. Carnie, J. Wilks.

Manchester University Examinations :—First M.B., Ch.B., Part II. A (Botany), D. C. A. Bevis, D. W. Preston, T. A. Yates.

Second L.D.S. Examination, Part I. b (Botany), C. R. Peers.

At the Manchester Royal Infirmary D. Ll. Griffiths has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Applied Physiology, and E. Saunbury has been made a House Surgeon.

C. G. Eastwood has recently been appointed Deputy Medical Officer for Dagenham.

The Foreign Mission Committee of the Church of Scotland has appointed H. R. Cayton to be a missionary of the Church in Manchuria, and to be attached to the Medical College, Moukden.

G. H. Platt has been made Assistant Lecturer in Electrical Engineering at Manchester University.

Parents' Evening was held on Wednesday, December 9th.

We have had a letter from E. A. Brown, O.B.E., V.D., J.P., of Singapore, who asks us to mention as a matter of interest to Old Boys of the 1890—96 period the engagement of his elder daughter to Lieut.-Commander Herdman, R.N.

Calendar for Lent Term :—

Lent Term will begin on Tuesday, January 17th, at nine o'clock.

Mid-term Holiday will be on February 25th and 27th.

The School Sports will be held on Tuesday, April 4th.

The Lent Term will end on Tuesday, April 4th at four o'clock.

The Easter Holiday will extend from Tuesday, April 4th, at four o'clock, to Tuesday, April 18th, at nine o'clock.

The Examination for Scholarships for Elementary School Boys, Foundation Scholarships, Special Places, etc., will be held on April 14th and 15th, beginning at 9 a.m. each day. The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term will be held at the same time.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines:—*The Old Public School Boys' Magazine* (South Africa), *The Grammarian* (Tientsin Grammar School, N. China), *The Merchant Taylors' Review*, *Ulula*, *The Savilian*, *The Lidunian*, *Esmeduna*, *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*, *The Aldwinian*, *The Sandbachian*, *The Wittonian*, *The Leigh Grammar School Magazine*, *The Stopfordian*, *The Waconian*, *The Buxtonian*, *The Altrinchamian*, *The Frome County School Magazine*, *The Centralian*, *The Liverpool Institute Magazine*, *The Rishworth School Magazine*, *The Wigan Grammar School Magazine* and *The Magazine of the Holt School*, Liverpool.

BIRTHS.

SAMBROOK.—On September 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Sambrook, a daughter. 36, Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, Herts.

CRAVEN.—On November 30th, at 152, Seymour Grove, Old Trafford, to Kathleen M., wife of Raymond R. Craven, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

POLLARD—GATE.—On August 24th, 1938, John Garnett, only son of Mrs. Pollard of Heaton Chapel, and the late Mr. J. C. Pollard, solicitor, Burnley, to Winifred, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gate of Heaton Moor.

CRAWFORD—TRETHERWEY.—On August 27th, at Priory Place Church, Doncaster, Arthur Fredk., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Crawford, Howard Road, Northenden, to Louisa, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Trethewey, Cantley Lane, Doncaster.

HORNER—SINDALL.—On August 29th, Leonard William, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Horner, of Didsbury, to Claudia Violet, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claud A. Sindall of Didsbury.

VLIES—MISSETT.—On Saturday, September 10th, at the Parish Church, St. Annes-on-Sea, Norman Cunningham Vlies, son of the late Mr. L. Vlies and Mrs. Vlies, of 333, Wilbraham Road, Manchester, to Joan, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Missett, Ronneby, 3, Links Road, St. Annes-on-Sea, and Manchester.

ROBINSON—THOMPSON.—On September 10th, Alan Irving, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robinson, of Woodlands Road, Alexandra Park, to Jean Bishop, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Thompson, of Langside, Earlswood Road, Belfast.

HEMMERDINGER—SCARCE.—On September 17th, at St. John's, Bognor Regis, Charles Sidney, second son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Hemmerdinger, of Manchester, to Iris Alice, third daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Scarce, of Worthing.

NORRIS—GORTON.—On September 17th, at Woodchester, Gloucs., Graham Alexander, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. John O. H. Norris, of Whalley Range, Manchester, to Frances Ciceley, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gorton, of Hyde, Chalford, Gloucs.

ELLIS—HUME.—On September 24th, at Sandershead, Surrey, George Johnston, L.D.S., of Sandershead, younger son of the

late J. E. Ellis and Mrs. Ellis, of 74, Palatine Road, West Didsbury, Manchester, to Vera, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hume, of Fitzjames Avenue, Croydon.

BISHOP—PROCTOR.—On October 22nd, at Holy Innocents' Church, Fallowfield, by the Rev. J. R. H. Moorman, M.A., George Edward Bishop, B.A., only son of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. K. Bishop, of Withington, to Hilca Mary, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Proctor, of Withington.

SILVER WEDDING.

GARNER—KAY.—On September 2nd, 1913, at St. Paul's Church, Withington, Fred Garner, of Chorlton, to Ethel Kay, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Kay, of Withington. 33, Meadow Bank, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

DEATHS.

POCHIN.—On July 23rd, 1938, at 6, Highfield Road, Cheadle Hulme, Edward Arnold, beloved husband of Edith Pochin, aged 63 years.

GABBOTT.—On September 5th, at 37, King's Drive, Heaton Moor, Stockport, aged 22 years, Eric Howlett, the dearly loved son of James J. and the late Annie Gabbott.

HILTON.—On October 11th, William, the dearly loved son of Mrs. Hilton and the late Robert Hilton, of Ansdell and Manchester, aged 30 years.

BADHAM.—On October 7th, in hospital at Berwick, Nova Scotia, Walter Alonzo Badham, M.A., of Woodville, N.S., Assistant Master 1887—90, aged 76.

MILES.—Very suddenly, on December 12th, 1938, at the Cottage Hospital, Ilkley, Yorkshire, Gerald P. Miles, B.A. (Oxon.), aged 24 years.

Mr. W. A. Badham.

Old Hulmeians of the first generation will be very sorry to hear of the death in Nova Scotia of Mr. W. A. Badham, on October 7th, at the age of 76. He was one of the four assistant masters when the School opened in January, 1887, and, though he had been away from Manchester for forty-eight years, he will still be well remembered by those at the School in the early days. He had a strongly marked personality, and, as a school master, combined the strictest rule in the class-room with an informal friendliness outside. He was the first French and German master, played the organ at prayers, and took the School singing. Music, indeed, was his great hobby, and, besides singing himself, he took up various instruments in turn such as the horn, viola and trombone, and delighted to gather his friends in his rooms for part-singing or playing. His living memorial in the School is the game of lacrosse which he started and fostered in its infancy, without suspecting that the game would, in the course of time, bring great renown to the School and its Old Boys.

He was educated at his father's school in Wiltshire, and at the Moravian School at Königsfeld, Baden, where he was also a master for a time. Later he went up to St. John's, Cambridge, and took his degree in the newly established Medieval and Modern Languages Tripos, in 1886, his name appearing with two others in the first list of that Tripos. This led to his appointment by

Mr. Hall, who wanted a qualified Englishman to teach French and German in the new Hulme Grammar School. It was at Cambridge that he learnt to play lacrosse, then recently introduced into the University by a few Old Leysians. After four years at the Hulme School he took similar posts in succession at St. Dunstan's, Catford and Liverpool College.

In 1898 he left England to set up a tutorial establishment at Gotha, where he took candidates for the British diplomatic service, coaching them in French and German. Then in 1904 he gave up teaching altogether, and, with his wife, a German lady, migrated to Nova Scotia where he took a small farm in the Valley, King's County, famed for its apple orchards. This he worked until recently with his own hands with, at most, one assistant during the season. He was well-known and highly esteemed in King's County, where he was prominent in public efforts and co-operation in the fruit industry, and for a number of years had been a director of the North Mountain Fruit Company. He leaves a widow and two daughters.

E. G. W. H.

Mr. G. P. Miles.

It was with great surprise and regret that the School heard of the death of Mr. Miles, which took place with such tragic suddenness on Monday, December 12th. Though not robust, his health had given no cause for anxiety. On the Saturday he had gone to Ilkley for the week-end, and it was while there that he was seized with a heart attack that proved fatal. Mr. Miles was appointed to the staff at the end of last term, and took up his duties on the Modern Languages side

in September. His subject was German, for the teaching of which he was specially well fitted, both by his academic qualifications and by his knowledge of the language acquired by long periods of residence in Germany. This was Mr. Miles's first appointment on leaving Oxford, and, though with us for such a short time, he had shown that he would make a good teacher. He had the right kind of personality, and tackled his work with a strong sense of duty. His quiet, pleasant manner commended him to those with whom he came in contact. To his relatives we express our sympathy at his untimely death.

Speech Day.

Speech Day this year took place on Monday, July 25th, when once again the importance of the occasion and the pleasant weather conditions brought out a large crowd of parents, friends and Old Hulmeians. Our distinguished visitor this year was Sir Kenneth Stewart, K.B.E., who presented the prizes. Unfortunately, the Chairman of the Governors, the Dean of Manchester, was unable to be present, and in his absence Canon Woolnough presided.

After the singing of the National Anthem, the Chairman asked the Head Master, Mr. Trevor Dennis, to read his report, which opened with a long list of the successes and achievements of Old Hulmeians. He then went on to say that most of the boys who were about to leave School had already obtained posts, while it was hoped that others would be suited within a short period. It was very gratifying to note, the speaker went on, that the number of boys entering the School in September exceeded the number who were leaving at the

end of the term. The new buildings, which were completed in August, 1937, had been in use throughout the year, to the great advantage of all concerned. During the Michaelmas term the second of the Parents' Evenings had been held. On that occasion one parent had suggested that the boys should be able to obtain milk at the usual reduced price, and, remarked the Head Master, since that idea had been adopted, some 46,552 bottles of milk had been consumed. He then went on to speak of the School Certificate Examination. He reminded his hearers that the Matriculation was now dead, and said that in 1939 there was to be a further change in the form of this examination, making it, perhaps, somewhat easier. In regard to any alterations in the date, he disagreed with the suggestion that the examination should be held at the beginning of June. He did, however, welcome any movement which aimed at holding the examination in December, provided that the Universities as well as the schools would begin their year in December instead of September. Speaking of the O.T.C., he said that seventeen boys had gained their Certificate "A" during the year, and, at the inspection by Brigadier V. T. R. Ford, D.S.O., the contingent had been complimented on its work, and had been referred to as "keen and alive." The Head Master then went on to speak about games. A remarkable feature of the year had been the extraordinary fine weather throughout the Lent term, which enabled games to be played on twenty-one half-holidays without a single cancellation. In his final remarks the speaker thanked the Governors of the School, the members of the Staff, and all who had helped to make the past year a success.

On being called upon, Sir Kenneth Stewart began by saying a few words to the parents. He then went on to speak to the boys who were leaving. He dealt with

the question of how he thought it was possible to live a happy life. He believed that the best way to obtain happiness was to gain a certain amount of worldly success. This could best be done by first learning as much as possible about one's own job. Secondly, it was important to keep fit. He mentioned the opportunities available for boys leaving the School, if they joined the Old Hulmeians Association. Another help along the road to happiness was the living of an active life and "standing well in the eyes of one's fellow-men." Sir Kenneth then spoke about the importance of being unselfish, but commended also the importance of starting early with a bank account. He concluded by saying that one should aim at being a worthy member of society, working for the common good. If those who were leaving would accept these points, he was convinced that they would lead a happy and a useful life.

After Sir Kenneth Stewart had distributed the prizes, the Chairman said a few words to both the Old Boys and those who were still at School.

The singing of the School Song brought the proceedings to an end.

PRIZE LIST.

[The Form Prizes for the Sixth and the Fifth Forms, together with most of the Special Prizes, are awarded on the results of the Higher and School Certificate Examinations held in July, and were presented this term.]

SPECIAL PRIZES.

LYMER MATHEMATICAL PRIZE for Sixth Forms: A. L. Dennis.

VLIES MODERN LANGUAGES PRIZE for Sixth Forms: S. Reid.

DEHN HISTORY PRIZE for Sixth Forms :
F. Clarke.

DEHN CLASSICAL PRIZE for Sixth Forms :
P. N. Knight.

WILLIAMSON SCIENCE PRIZE for Sixth
Forms : G. W. E. Stark.

DEHN HISTORY PRIZE for Fifth Forms :
H. Kay.

DORRINGTON LATIN PRIZE for Fifth
Forms : A. Brundrett.

HEWLETT GEOGRAPHY PRIZE : S. S.
Wilson and H. Kay.

ASPINALL PRIZE for Religious Know-
ledge : 1, B. Bruckshaw ; 2, H. Embleton.

ODDY PRIZE : D. R. Wood.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE PRIZE : A. L.
Dennis and D. R. Wood, equal.

ART PRIZES : Fifth Forms, P. A.
Webster ; Fourth Forms, J. S. Whitelegg ;
Third Forms, J. D. Currie ; Second Forms,
G. N. Pointer ; First Forms, J. G. P.
Morton.

FORM PRIZES.

VI. C.M.U. : F. Clarke.

VI. S.U. : 1, G. W. E. Stark ; 2, G. A.
Weeks.

VI. C.M.L. : 1, C. F. Neale ; 2, R. Joyce.

VI. S.L. : 1, J. Wilks ; 2, J. Kettlewell.

V. A. : 1, T. Seed ; 2, A. Brundrett.

V. B. : 1, H. Kay ; 2, J. D. Robson.

V. C. : 1, K. J. Ruddlesdin ; 2, C. T.
Hough.

IV. A. : 1, T. I. Brooks ; 2, D. M.
Lever.

IV. B. : 1, S. Joules ; 2, G. B. Warbur-
ton.

IV. C. : 1, W. J. Onions ; 2 (equal), A. J.
Clements, P. G. Fowler.

III. A. : 1, P. G. Reynolds ; 2, H. Hinson.

III. B. : 1, K. T. Howe ; 2, R. B. Herbert.

III. C. : 1, R. J. Salthouse ; 2, J. D.
Currie.

II. A. : 1, A. Ogilvy ; 2, M. T. Fitz-
gerald.

II. B. 1, D. Hirst ; 2, B. S. Waltho.

II. C. : 1, J. C. K. Hughes ; 2, P. Slade.

I. A. : 1, K. G. McGhee ; 2, J. W. N.
Glover.

I. B. : 1, T. H. Dakin ; 2, F. A. Stone.

I. C. : 1, P. S. Hewitt ; 2, F. A. Spoon-
cer.

L. I. : 1, J. M. Mather ; 2, J. T. Norris.

Preparatory School : 1, R. A. Herz ; 2,
G. McKerlie.

Special Progress Prize : W. G. Simcock.

The Entertainments.

The opening of the entertainments season which has now run half its course, was somewhat delayed this year, the first item on the programme not taking place till after half-term, when a debate was held on Tuesday, November 1st. Thereafter, a series of lectures and plays maintained the interest in this part of the School's activities, and drew, each Tuesday, good attendances of boys, parents, and friends. Performances by the School at the end of the term of G. B. Shaw's "St. Joan", are being eagerly looked forward to. The Head Master is producer. During the term a new and stronger curtain rail has been put up, which, it is hoped, will obviate the possibility of the curtain sticking at some awkward moment.

Programme :—

Debate, November 1st.—On this evening the School turned out in good numbers to discuss the problem of Science in its relation to the future of mankind, the proposition being, "That Science will ultimately be the ruin of Civilization." The subject stirred a deal of interest beforehand, and one or two "private" discussions arose in which, needless to say, nothing was settled. The proposer, R. B. Fitzgerald, put his case with a quiet confidence that carried assurance, and gave us the impression that, unless something was done about it, all would be lost, and mankind would revert to something like the state of "nature in the raw." We began to feel apprehensive. His views were fiercely supported by his seconder, A. R. Cole, who, in a breezy speech, added still further to our uneasiness, and the grim forebodings of the speakers all but caused our

"knotted and combined locks to part
And each particular hair to stand on end".

However, the opposition proceeded to dispel the gloom and allay our fears. In a well-reasoned speech D. R. Wood, as leader, sought to save the case for Science, and after his seconder, W. T. Curtis, had given him stout support, we felt that, at anyrate, all was not yet lost. When the discussion became general, there was keen competition to catch the chairman's eye, and some interesting points of view were put forward. As the debate proceeded, it soon became evident that the weight of opinion was on the side of the opposition, but those in favour of the motion put up a good fight, though when it came to the vote, they were overwhelmed by 253 votes to 66. Those who contributed to the discussion were: R. M. Collins, A. Wrigley, A. L. Dennis, S. Gill, J. Wilks, S. B. Jackman, K. R. Bowman, J. Erskine, W. A. Mallinson, W. J. Duerden, M. T. Fitzgerald, W. J. Mair. At the end of the proceedings the chairman, the Head

Master, commended those present on their readiness to take active part in the debate, though he suggested that speakers should avoid reading their speeches, if possible.

The debate was arranged by Mr. Anderson.

Lecture, November 8th.—Mr. Morley spoke to an interested audience on the "European Situation." He told us clearly what had recently taken place in Europe, and, with the aid of maps, he went on to show what might be the future moves that would endanger peace. He insisted that the present system of separate States, each with its own boundary, must lead to war, and that peace could best be obtained by the founding of a World State.

Play, November 15th.—Form V. A. presented a one-act thriller, "In Cold Blood" (Gordon Bligh). The main burden of the play fell on C. P. Dockeray, a writer of detective stories, and on A. Whitehead, who was rather a diminutive, but withal fierce-looking, burglar. This, the first play of the season, set a standard which, it is hoped, will be maintained. Both these players did well, though, perhaps, they failed to get the full measure of excitement out of their parts. Stout support was given to the principals by F. J. Whelan, as a gentleman, and J. N. Gilliat as a nurse.

Producer, Mr. Powell.

Lantern Lecture, November 22nd.—Mr. Brumby, an official of the Imperial Cable and Wireless Company, gave a lecture on the "Cable and Wireless Communications of the World." After hearing a general survey of world communications, we were shown slides depicting the progress made in the last hundred years. Then we watched the progress of a message being sent from London to Australia. Finally, we saw how a fault or break in the cable is remedied.

Play, November 29th.—"Rory Afore-said" (John Brandane). A one-act comedy

was presented by Form IV. B. The scene was a country police court in Scotland, and the characters wrestled manfully with the Scotch accent. The play dealt with a Mr. MacCallum (F. J. Briggs) and his vain attempt to prosecute Rory MacCall (N. M. Sampson) for turning one of his sheep into mutton. Others in the play were a Court Officer (D. G. Bayliss), Mr. Mackintosh (C. Clay), Mrs. Maclean (J. A. Cross), the Sheriff (J. C. White), Spectators in court (H. B. Clarke, D. R. Aldhouse, J. R. Dutton, D. F. E. Ginever, G. C. Lever, J. R. Whitaker).

Play produced by Mr. K. P. Thompson.

Play, December 6th.—Form 4c presented "B.C. 55," a boisterous hotch-potch of "Julius Cæsar," "Romeo and Juliet," "King Lear," modern advertising and modern politics. Mr. Lowther portrayed the part of Miss Snow White, the fairy god-mother, with great liveliness and effect. Accompanying him were the seven dwarfs, taken from Lower I. and clad in the largest House vests obtainable. A small brass band helped to enliven what proved to be a cheerful entertainment. Cast: Billius Cæsar (J. D. Currie), Daughters of Cæsar (M. L. Robinson, R. J. Salthouse and P. Cloughley), Nevillius (H. R. Pollack), Hitlerius (A. W. Hallard), Musselinus (I. J. Smith). The remainder of the form took smaller parts and provided an enthusiastic audience. The play was written and produced by Mr. Lowther.

"A Thought".

Now, in these dank December days,
An image of vivid freshness plays
And sings
Within my mind; and it keeps for me,
Spring-water clear, a memory;
And brings

Thoughts of the month when Spring is born,
When shadows of leaves on a dew-wet lawn
Are cast

By a silver sun that throws off its shrouds
Piercing the dismal, wintry clouds
At last.

Thoughts of the thrush in the fragrant grass,
Of swallows and starlings that wheel and
pass,

Then throng
On the new-leaved trees in the early Spring,
Flexing their throats in full joy to sing
Their song
Of pure delight. And the song they sing
Is of Spring.

W. T. C.

The Old Hulmelans Association.

The 24th Annual General Meeting, held at the School on 21st September, 1938, was attended by 108 members, representing all sections of the Association. Mr. H. Cardwell, the retiring President, was in the chair until his successor had been appointed.

It was noticeable that, in the main, the meeting was attended by the younger generation, which, in itself, is a healthy sign, but the older members will, it is to be hoped, bear in mind that their experience may be of great value at an Annual General Meeting when questions affecting the general welfare of the Association can be discussed.

The report of Mr. Powell, the Hon. Gen. Secretary, presented with his usual bland and disarming simplicity, evoked no criticism.

Mr. S. Whittingham, the Hon. Treasurer, in whose hands the finances of the Association repose securely, presented the Balance

Sheet for the year, and the Income and Expenditure Account. After a number of explanatory observations on the accounts, he referred to the Endowment Policy Scheme, which showed that policies to a total of £1,400 had so far been effected. He appealed to those present to induce as many members as possible to take up units, each unit involving only a liability of 16s. 11d. per annum for ten years. The Association could, in this way, be placed in a position to carry out, in the course of a few years, schemes which would greatly enhance the amenities and assure the future of the Association.

Before the accounts were passed, Mr. C. G. Dehn—Coming events casting their shadow!—intervened with mock seriousness in regard to an item on the accounts which showed that over £100 had been received from "Honorary" members who, according to the rules, could only be officials and members of visiting teams. Confusion on the platform and feverish examination of the rules! Mr. Dehn was found to be right. Adsit omen!

Reports followed from various sections and were listened to with interested attention. Mr. W. H. G. Adams (Musical and Dramatic) urged members to avail themselves of facilities for obtaining season tickets, entitling them to two seats for each play and concert at the reduced prices of 10s. 6d. and 7s. 6d., with a right of selection in regard to seats.

The report of the Rugger Section was presented by Mr. N. G. McCready, who gave the gratifying news that the 1st XV. Fixture List now includes matches with the 1st XV's of no fewer than six of the senior clubs in the district, with the prospect of more next season.

Mr. John Mark (Lacrosse) spoke of the changes in the Lacrosse rules introduced after the visit of the American team, and

said that, judging by the enthusiasm already shown in this year's practices, the section should have a good season.

After describing the long list of treasure hunts, convict chases, bathing parades, and trial runs of the Motor Section, Mr. R. B. Goodwin pointed out to the meeting that they also had pleasure runs, but were in need of new members if this section was to flourish.

Mr. J. A. Barber (Golf) invited suggestions for the date, place and time of the Annual Golf Competition, with its numerous trophies.

The meeting then proceeded to the election of its officers for the ensuing year. As President, Mr. C. G. Dehn was elected; and on taking the chair, which the retiring President vacated, he acknowledged the honour and promised to serve the Association to the best of his ability. With his particular brand of humour (to which the Association will, no doubt, accommodate itself for a year), he analysed the reasons for his election, and then proceeded to take charge of the remaining business on the agenda. He slipped up on the election of Vice-Presidents, but quickly recovered himself and carried through the remaining elections so rapidly that no one had time to think of any alternative nominations, and the meeting was spared a ballot.

The proceedings concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the retiring President for the work he had done and the interest he had shown in every branch of the activities of the Association.

The various elections resulted as follows:

President: Mr. C. G. Dehn.

Hon. Gen. Secretary: Mr. A. L. Powell (29, South Drive, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester 21).

Hon. Assist. Secretary: Mr. A. I. Robinson.

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. Whittingham (38a, Ryebank Road, Firwood, Manchester 16).

Hon. Assist. Treasurer: Mr. G. R. Vlies.

General Committee: Messrs. J. S. Battersby, G. N. E. Gilliat, K. Rains (in addition to Messrs. J. A. Barber, Trevor Dennis and D. Ll. Griffiths, who continue in office without re-election).

Hon. Auditors: Messrs. Parkinson, Mather.

The Annual General Meeting this year had an interesting sequel on the following day, when the new President invited the officers and General Committee of the Association, together with the officers and representatives of each section, to meet him at the Midland Hotel. Mr. Dehn explained in a short speech of welcome, that he would like, in an informal way, to hear from those concerned, the problems likely to be faced during the coming season, and he also asked a number of pertinent questions about the working of the Association and its Sections.

As a result of the discussion which followed over tea, a number of important and useful suggestions were made. These will provide the General Committee with new fields of research and much material for consideration..

The President also arranged to keep in close touch with all the doings of the Association in order to minimise, as far as possible, any disadvantages occasioned by his living in London. He also invited those present to write to him freely at any time.

The optimism and the freshness of viewpoint shown by the President, augurs well for the progress of the Association during the season 1938-9, and any members who think that there are cobwebs in the Association house, would do well to write to him at 85, London Wall, London, E.C.2.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

The service at the Cathedral, on January 26th, will be followed by lunch at the Midland Hotel at 12-30 (for 12-45).

The Committee of the Association will be glad to welcome parents and friends of boys attending the School, as well as Old Hulmeians and their friends. It is hoped that the ladies will attend in large numbers.

The attention of business men is specially drawn to the fact that the proceedings will finish definitely by 2 p.m.

Tickets, price 5/-, may be obtained either at the School or from the Hon. Gen. Secretary of the Association.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

This is to take place at the Midland Hotel on Saturday, 4th March, 1939, at 7-15 (for 7-30).

A special appeal is made to all Old Hulmeians to bring at least one Old Boy of their own time at School.

The younger generation is always well represented, and it is hoped that this year there will be a goodly muster of Old Boys representative of all periods of the School's existence.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

This season is the second and last of the experimental ten-a-side game, and a meeting will be held next spring to decide whether to adopt it permanently or revert to the old twelve-a-side game. The altered off-side rule, by which the field is divided into three thirty-yard strips, the middle one being free to all players, has been an improvement. There are now fewer annoying stoppages due to players putting themselves off-side by stepping or reaching over the centre-line to collect short clearances, and refereeing is consequently rather more simple. On the other hand, the new rule has not introduced much more midfield play than before, and the goalmouth is apt to be just as crowded as it was in the twelve-a-side game. Opinion is fairly evenly divided as to the merits of the two experiments, so that it is not easy to forecast what will be the ultimate decision.

We are glad to report that a good contingent of new members joined from School, including three members of last year's first team. For the first time we are running five teams, and a third home ground has been acquired, adjoining the present pitches. A full list of fixtures for the additional team has been arranged.

The first team has made a good start to the season and, but for one or two lapses, would have improved their position considerably. By November the team was playing well together, and defeated their Flags final opponents of last season, Old Waconians, after a close match. This was followed by defeating Mellor away from home, and losing to Stockport by only the odd goal in thirteen. The rather heavy defeat by Boardman is to some extent accounted for by our playing a man short for the first quarter, at the end of which we were 1-8 down. M. W. Flinn and A. B. Whitehouse are playing well on attack, and

N. R. Coe, in midfield, is playing in his best form.

The "A" team started the season without their regular goalkeeper, and suffered two heavy defeats. After a few weeks a more regular team led to more settled play, but to make their position safe, they must still improve considerably. D. S. B. Vincent has been brilliant in goal, B. C. Scammell and A. Jones have worked well in midfield, while J. Buckland has proved a very useful find as an attack.

The third team, playing in the fourth division, to which they were relegated at the end of last season, are having a very successful run, and a glance at their results gives some reason for concluding that one season will be sufficient to enable them to regain their place in the third division. At the moment they are unbeaten, and have scored 179 goals against their opponents' 39. N. E. Hawley has been an excellent captain, and the whole team has worked well with him. R. J. Young has been a useful acquisition, and D. M. Arrandale has played well in midfield.

The "B" team, with a more regular side than for some seasons, has been very successful also, and they are making a great effort for promotion to the fourth division. At the moment they are second in their league. J. T. Emery is improving rapidly as a goalkeeper, and D. R. Hodgkinson has played very well both on this team and as a reserve on the third. Of the newcomers, R. Billington is very sound on defence, and P. N. Knight a fast and dangerous midfield player.

The "C" team, under the enthusiastic leadership of B. A. Marsh, have started their career well, and seem to enjoy their games immensely. As the effect of cry-offs through the club is cumulative, they, of course, usually suffer most, and their team is apt to vary considerably from week to

week. This season, however, cry-offs have been very few; only one alteration in all five picked teams being quite a common occurrence. This has given the "C" team a more settled appearance than usual, and a good team spirit has resulted. T. C. Bilsbury, I. Gray, R. D. Edwards and E. B. Williams have all played some useful games.

In September the first team was invited to give an exhibition game with Old Mancunians at Loughborough Physical Training College. This was arranged in order to interest students in the game, so that they might play it themselves and, perhaps, introduce it at schools to which they might be appointed. It was the first game of lacrosse played there, and proved to be a good, exciting match, which we won 11—7.

The annual ramble for lacrosse members and friends took place on Sunday, November 27th, and, although the weather was not good, it was reasonably well attended. We were pleased to see a sprinkling of Associate members present. Twenty-three people sat down to an evening meal at the White Barn, Cuddington, and an enjoyable evening was spent there.

J. M.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

Sept. 17.—v. South M/c. and W.	A	11-6
„ 24.—v. Old Mancunians	Loughboro'	11-7
Oct. 1.—v. Blackley Park	H	17-4
„ 8.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild	H	3-4
„ 15.—v. Old Mancunians	A	13-11
„ 22.—v. Boardman and Eccles	H	7-18
„ 29.—v. Offerton	A	19-2
Nov. 5.—v. Old Waconians	H	8-7
„ 12.—v. Mellor	A	9-8
„ 19.—v. Stockport	A	6-7
„ 26.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild (Flags)...	H	12-4
Dec. 3.—v. Disley	A	8-10

"A" TEAM.

Sept. 17.—v. Oldham	A	10-22
„ 24.—v. Old Grovians	H	15-8
Oct. 1.—v. Cheadle	A	7-23
„ 8.—v. Cheetham	A	12-4
„ 15.—v. Chorlton	H	8-10
„ 22.—v. Old Mancunians "A"	A	13-3
„ 29.—v. Cheadle Hulme	H	4-7
Nov. 5.—v. Chorlton (Flags)	A	4-10
„ 12.—v. Stockport Seconians	H	14-6
„ 26.—v. Stockport Sunday School	H	5-13
Dec. 3.—v. Ashton	H	4-10

THIRD TEAM.

Sept. 17.—v. Stockport Seconians "A"	AP'tp'd	
„ 24.—v. Oldham "A"	A	17-4
Oct. 1.—v. Old Stopfordians "A"	H	22-6
„ 8.—v. Cheadle "A"	A	23-2
„ 15.—v. Disley "A"	H	15-7
„ 22.—v. Blackley Park "A"	A	9-1
„ 29.—v. Old Stopfordians "A"	A	17-7
Nov. 5.—v. Barton Hall	H	14-3
„ 12.—v. Heaton Moor Guild "A"	A	13-3
„ 19.—v. Blackley Park "A"	H	14-2
„ 26.—v. South M/c. and W. "A"	A	17-1
(Lancs. Junior Cup)		
Dec. 3.—v. South M/c. and W. "A"	A	18-3

"B" TEAM.

Sept. 17.—v. Offerton "B"	A	1-0
„ 24.—v. Ashton "B"	H	7-14
Oct. 1.—v. Cheetham "A"	A	1-0
„ 8.—v. Urmston "A"	H	13-3
„ 15.—v. Chorlton "A"	A	23-5
„ 22.—v. Old Mancunians "B"	H	3-5
„ 29.—v. Birch "A"	H	17-3
Nov. 5.—v. Cheadle "A"	A	10-8
„ 12.—v. Boardman and Eccles "A"	H	6-3
„ 19.—v. Stockport "B"	A	1-0
„ 26.—v. Old Waconians "B"	H	15-2
(Junior Challenge Shield)		
Dec. 3.—v. Offerton "B"	H	1-0

"C" TEAM.

Sept. 17.—v. Cheadle Hulme "B"	A	6-12
„ 24.—v. Cheadle Hulme "C"	A	8-1
Oct. 1.—v. Disley "B"	H	12-7
„ 8.—v. Heaton Mersey "B"	A	1-12
„ 15.—v. Old Mancunians "C"	H	11-4
„ 22.—v. Stockport Sun. School "A" ...	A	12-6
„ 29.—v. Stockport Sunday School	H	3-7
Nov. 5.—v. South M/c. and W. "B"	H	17-3
„ 12.—v. Rochdale "A"	A	10-7
„ 19.—v. Cheadle Hulme "B"	H	8-12
Dec. 3.—v. University "B"	A	1-0

Old Hulmeians Rugby Football Club.

Of the four seasons during which the Old Boys' Rugby Club has been in existence the present one has been, as far as the actual results of matches is concerned, the least encouraging. Out of ten fixtures the first and "A" fifteens have managed to secure only one victory each.

The first impression one might get on viewing these results would be that the team must be considerably weaker than in previous years. This, however, is certainly not so, the reasons for our defeats being that we are meeting considerably better sides than we have done in the past. The fixture list of the first two seasons bears no comparison to this year's list. It is to the first team's credit that it has been able to give such good performances, as all the defeats, with the exception of one, have been by narrow margins. All the teams have been playing well, despite the fact that there have been several injuries and some members have moved to other parts of the country.

Last season it might well be said that the first team had a very promising back division and could draw upon two or three

good reserves. With the loss of D. H. Elbourne through injury, and S. R. Blakeley who is in Glasgow, the backs this year have never really found their best form, and several injuries have resulted in heavy calls being made upon the second and third teams. Fortunately we have been able to build up a strong pack, and have several good reserves. The selection committee has adopted the practice of trying out, in the first team, players from lower teams, and has succeeded in finding several promising forwards. They have not been quite so fortunate in the back division, and it seems likely that there will be many chances for aspiring three-quarters on the other teams of securing a place on the first.

Of the individual players little need be said. Throughout the club there is a really good team spirit, and the defeats of the last few weeks have in no way damped the enthusiasm. There have been occasions when the teams (first, second and third), whether winning or losing, have slackened off in the middle stages of the second half, thus losing their hold on the game, and this tendency must not be allowed to develop.

E. B. Jackson has proved himself an able captain and has shown a good understanding of the individual members of his side. R. Kirby in the forwards has been outstanding in every game, and Meakin's place-kicking has been excellent. Of the backs, J. F. Weatherby has acquitted himself well as a wing three-quarter, and J. H. Porter has helped to solve the scrum-half problem. F. Dixon, as full-back, has been as safe in his handling as ever, although his kicking has not reached its usual standard. The kicking by all members of the side requires to be greatly improved.

At the commencement of the season we welcomed D. D. Y. K. Merer who has been away from Manchester for several years. Unfortunately he was injured in the match with Ashton-on-Mersey, and is out of the

game with a fractured collar-bone. He has our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery as he is a three-quarter of no mean merit.

On the second team Aspinall, as captain, has had difficulty in keeping a regular team owing to calls from the first. The forwards, amongst whom is J. A. Berry, have generally been outweighed, but have always shown considerable determination. The back division, which has been changed about considerably, has not acquitted itself as well as it might.

The third team has been zealously captained by C. G. Dennis and, like the second team, has often been disorganised. With the exception of H. K. Joseph, who has always tackled well, the defence should be tightened up and the rule of tackling low and falling on the ball more strictly adhered to.

Despite our defeats, however, all the games have been keenly contested and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

Needless to say, our activities as a club are not confined to the Rugger field. The members of the general committee have been detailed off to perform special duties, and, as a result, the Social sub-committee having arranged a hot-pot at the School has made a small profit. Arrangements for the Section Dance on December 9th are well in hand, and a substantial profit hovers pleasingly before us.

To further the interest of the club members in the game of Rugger itself we have arranged for a moving picture of the various aspects of the game to be shown at the School. This should prove most interesting and instructive. The other social event in our calendar is the hot-pot in January to which we propose to invite Mr. H. B. Toft.

The financial sub-committee is watching the weekly subscriptions for the ground and pavilion fund and travelling fund very carefully, and is experiencing no difficulties. Closely connected with this committee is our

properties department, that is the equipment sub-committee, who have expended some cash wisely by purchasing several more baths to improve the washing accommodation at the Yew Tree Inn. This sub-committee has also been able to persuade the proprietor of the Yew Tree Inn to grant us better changing accommodation, so that we are getting better service for our weekly subscription in that direction.

Apart from the playing record the club is doing well, and has hopes of doing great things in the future. W. A. P.

RESULTS.

1st XV.

Sept. 24.—v. Manchester Ex. "A"	H	3-6	L.
Oct. 1.—v. Ashtonians	A	5-37	L.
" 15.—v. Old Salfordians	A	10-16	L.
" 22.—v. Sale "A"	A	9-12	L.
" 29.—v. Ashtonians	H	5-8	L.
Nov. 5.—v. Winnington Park	H	3-11	L.
" 12.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey	A	9-15	L.
" 19.—v. Didsbury	H	20-0	W.
" 26.—v. Manchester Ex. "A"	A	3-11	L.
Dec. 3.—v. Bowdon	A	0-8	L.
" 10.—v. Sale "A"	H	6-8	L.

"A" XV.

Sept. 24.—v. Manchester G.S.	H	0-13	L.
Oct. 1.—v. Hulme Grammar School...	A	0-12	L.
" 15.—v. Old Salfordians "A"	H	3-30	L.
" 22.—v. Sale Ex. "A"	H	7-27	L.
Nov. 5.—v. Winnington Park "A"	A	3-50	L.
" 12.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey "A"	H	5-13	L.
" 19.—v. Didsbury "A"	A	3-9	L.
" 26.—v. Toc H	H	16-0	W.
Dec. 10.—v. Sale Ex. "A"	A	0-28	L.

EXTRA "A" XV.

Sept. 24.—v. Manchester G.S. 2nd	A	6-14	L.
Oct. 1.—v. Hulme G.S. 2nd	H	6-8	L.
" 8.—v. Broughton Park Ex. "A"	H	3-3	D.
" 15.—v. Manchester Ex. "B"	H	0-20	L.
" 22.—v. Sale "B"	A	11-17	L.
Nov. 5.—v. Winnington Park Ex. "A"	H	3-22	L.
" 12.—v. Toc H. "A"	H	3-8	L.
" 19.—v. Manchester Univ. "B"	A	3-27	L.
" 26.—v. Eccles "B"	H	0-0	D.
Dec. 10.—v. Eccles "B"	H	0-34	L.

Association of Old Hulmeians in London.

On the evening of Saturday, October 29th, the Annual Dinner and Annual General Meeting of the Association of Old Hulmeians in London was held at the Hyde Park Hotel. There was a good attendance, which included a number of Old Boys from Manchester and Cambridge.

The menu was excellent, and the Hyde Park Hotel promises to become the established rendezvous of the London Association. The chair was taken by H. J. Seddon, armed with the hammer carved and presented by the Head Master, and, in front of him, stood the loving cup given last year by C. G. Dehn. There were several regrettable absences: Leslie Brown, the secretary, was laid up with a cold, and Mr. Hewlett, Mr. Fison, Mr. A. L. Powell and Mr. J. A. Barber were unable to be present.

After the toasts of H.M. the King and the Pious Memory of William Hulme and the Silent Toast had been duly honoured, the assembled members held their Annual General Meeting. The Chairman proposed C. G. Dehn as his successor, who then took the chair for the third time in the history of the Association; the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer were re-elected, and a committee was appointed for the ensuing year. A short interval followed to enable members and guests to fortify themselves for the first speech, in which Eric Barnes proposed the health of the School. He made no bones about it; he was glad to propose the toast, had always wanted to do so, and he did it well. In his reply, the Head Master aptly referred to Eric Barnes as one of the stoutest supporters the School had ever had, and then gave an account, in his own inimitable and refreshing style, of the events of the past year.

The London Association was proposed by D. Ll. Griffiths with an eloquence and flair strangely reminiscent of another D. Ll. G. in his happier days. He told some excellent stories, but the serious part of his speech was an exhortation to both Associations, Manchester and London, to exert themselves, not only on their own behalf, but for the benefit of the School. It was a salutary departure from the mutual admiration characteristic of gatherings of Old Boys, and it reminded us that we had our responsibilities.

H. J. Seddon, in excellent style, dealt with the visitors, among whom, C. G. Evans and M. Ballinger, representing the Cambridge Association, were particularly welcomed. To everyone's surprise he also had to welcome the Chairman who has the unique distinction of being at the same time President of the Manchester Association, and in that capacity, a guest. According to Seddon, C. G. Dehn had all the attributes of a dictator, and he thought it fitting to warn Manchester against a man who had reduced his committee in London to a group of obedient boys who always said "aye".

Dehn then rose and briefly referred to the Chairman's duty to protect a guest, and called on the President of the Manchester Association, as one of the visitors, to reply to Seddon's speech. Thereupon the lights went out. When, a few seconds later, the room was lit up again, it was found that the ex-Chairman and the new Chairman had changed places, and Dehn proceeded to deliver a speech as visitor. He took the opportunity to dilate on the sterling qualities of Dehn, the London Chairman, and defended him against all suggestions of dictatorship. At the same time he declined to speak of himself, as Manchester President, and failed to answer the charge, previously made, that the reason for the absence of Messrs. Powell and Barber was

that on his instructions they were hard at work in drafting a new, and presumably totalitarian, constitution for the parent Association. Among the things he said was that Old Boys, when contributing to the "Hulmeian", ought to supply the editor with reports and articles that were more interesting or even controversial. Mr. Anderson, as a visitor, also spoke.

An excellent evening, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present, concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

The Society has now held a Social Evening at the commencement of the season for the past few years, and following this laudable custom, the Society and its friends foregathered at the School on Tuesday, October 4th. There was a good turn-out, and the entertainment included a "broadcast play," a guessing competition, and even some very informal dancing. We were very fortunate in having the President of the Association with us, whose short speech was most appropriate to the occasion. Altogether it was a most enjoyable evening.

The Committee is pleased to be able to report an increase in the sale of Subscription Tickets as a result of the circular and appeal at the General Meeting. A larger number still, however, is required before the possibility of more ambitious productions may be considered. During the early part of the season we lost the services temporarily of D. Barnes, the Assistant Ticket Secretary, who has gone to London. His successor is D. R. Hodgkinson of 1, Badminton Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester 21, to whom applications for tickets should be made.

The next production, as already announced, will take place at the Lesser Free Trade Hall, Manchester, on the 26th, 27th, and 28th January, 1939, during the Founder's Week celebrations, which we hope may result in an increased audience. The play chosen is "Judgment Day," by Elmer Rice, an exciting melodrama, which in previous performances in other parts of the country, has been very well received.

R. B.

"Prunella."

In the past it has occasionally happened that the Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society, in its search for a play, has somewhat over-reached itself, and has ventured upon a production which has done justice neither to the Society nor to the play. In electing to produce "Prunella", however, the Society was on fairly secure ground, for here was a play which, though not without difficulties, was well within its compass. "Prunella" has a touch of the whimsicality of Barrie about it, and, with its quick changes from the gay to the gloomy, its varying tempo, and its pleasant music, it has a wide appeal. True, the piece becomes a little attenuated towards the end, but it is difficult to see where a cut could be effected without loss of essential continuity. The limited stage accommodation in the Lesser Free Trade Hall, where performances were given on November 3rd, 4th and 5th, is a handicap, but N. E. Hawley, who is to be commended on this, his first effort as producer for the Society, made light of this difficulty except, perhaps, for some awkward grouping at times. A more serious fault, and one for which it is difficult to find excuse, was inaudibility.

Though by no means general, it was sufficiently frequent to interfere with the full appreciation of all that was happening, and not a few good things missed their mark in this way. The setting of the play was prettily conceived, and the 'Dutch garden', with its trim borders, was neatly devised. One liked the idle old gardeners who fitted well into the peaceful scene, and who, like their prototypes in "Richard II.", seemed more interested in the affairs of their "betters" than in their profession. The mummers, too, were a likeable lot, whose merry antics and inconsequent chatter added much to the brightness of the production. But it is the principals who make or mar a play, and in selecting Miss M. Barker for the part of Prunella, the producer made a happy choice. Throughout her long part she was perfectly at ease, and never lost that charming simplicity of manner that the part demanded. What was, perhaps, the most onerous rôle, fell to M. S. H. Caw, who seemed to find in Pierrot a part that suited him, and gave, perhaps, his best performance for the Society, though he occasionally dropped his voice, especially towards the end of sentences, and left us guessing. Scaramel, his servant, Mephistophelian in make-up and manner, was cleverly portrayed by L. Roberts. We have seen N. E. Hawley in such parts before, and his performance as the Boy was what we could have expected, a lively and entertaining piece of fooling. The Aunts, altogether a grim crew, were just as unpleasant as their names, Prim, Prude, and Privacy suggested, and their austerity lost nothing in the performances of Miss B. Wright, Miss N. Wrigley and Miss C. Parkinson. Their servants, Queer (Miss K. Norris) and Quaint (Miss M. Norris), a lugubrious pair, were interesting and effective studies. As a piece of statuary in the old Dutch garden, W. H. G. Adams seemed to have rather a cold job, but mayhap the glow of his name, Love, created a kind of

central heating that kept him warm. Anyway, whatever the temperature, his was an able performance. As the hired singer, A. T. Parsons pleased.

The whole production was one of the best things the Society has done of late. The orchestra, with D. M. Williams as conductor, added greatly to the pleasure of the evening's entertainment.

The Cambridge Old Hulmeians Association.

The number of Old Hulmeians in Cambridge has again risen to ten with the arrival of D. A. Parry, who has come to do research, T. Davies who is reading theology, and G. W. E. Stark, our only Freshman, who is another engineer. Unfortunately, we shall lose M. Ballinger at the end of the term, as he is leaving to take up a post with Lever Brothers. He is reputed to have been trying to learn something about soap during the last few months, and judging from his bright and beaming countenance, his research has included several practical applications.

A meeting was held early in the term for the election of officers and, despite the fact that the retiring President made a mistake and went to a cinema, the remaining members did their duty nobly, D. C. Snow being elected President, H. Cartwright Secretary, and G. W. E. Stark Treasurer. Two other meetings were held during the term, and also a very successful grill party. One of the meetings was probably the shortest Old Boys' meeting on or off record, as only the President and the Secretary were present. The former declared the meeting open and the Secretary recited the minutes of the last meeting. This had to be done from memory,

as the official minute book, though still believed to be in existence, has not been traced. However, J. Mark thinks he has it somewhere at home! As there was no further business the official part of the meeting was closed.

It would come as no surprise if G. C. Evans were asked to give a course of lectures on "How to look five years younger," for, during the term he was stopped by the Proctor and accused of being some common undergraduate or mere B.A. breaking the law by not wearing his academic dress. Obviously someone is not up to date with his "Who's Who" in Cambridge.

In the sphere of University activities D. C. Snow and D. A. Parry have both been elected to the Natural Science Club. Unfortunately Ballinger's recitation of their virtues is not available.

D. C. Snow, R. C. Spooner and H. Cartwright have all contributed to the University Lacrosse Club's unbeaten record for the term, and J. Mark has occasionally refereed. It is hoped they will continue their list of successes during the Lent Term.

H. C.

Oxford Old Hulmeians.

The number of Old Hulmeians in residence at Oxford has risen to five this year. J. D. Rainbow is again at St. Catherine's, studying for a Dip. Ed., and in company with seven other gentlemen of his Society, he has been looking one way and going the other on the Isis. We are all very pleased to welcome him.

The undergraduate Hulmeians have clung to dry land—if the sodden sub-soil of

Oxford may be called dry land. A. F. Brazier (New College) has been for the past term Secretary of the College Rugger Club, and has conducted operations as far afield as Cambridge. He has also been doing some remarkable things in Soccer matches, but he is usually rather reticent about this. He has started a Gramophone Society in New College, and has been fortunate enough to collect a large number of subscriptions.

D. Erskine (St. Edmund Hall) has been rather bewildered; he is Secretary of the University Modern Languages Club and of the Hall Gramophone Society, and Treasurer of the Hall Conservative Group; he has just taken part in the formation of a Methuen Society, about which more may be heard later. He has played hockey this term, and has refrained for the last six weeks from running round and round a track. G. M. Williams has come up to St. Edmund Hall this year, and is reading Law. He often disappears from the Hall wearing a Boy Scout's uniform. We wonder what he does. He plays Rugger, but has so far escaped the hoodoo which has fallen on the Hall Rugger Club; his limbs are still all intact.

F. Clarke, the School's first Hulme scholar at Brasenose College, is, so far as is known, the only Oxford Hulmeian who has yet played lacrosse. For the last few weeks he has been playing for the University. With great intrepidity he is attempting the whole of Pass Moderations this term. He observes that most of his friends are American, but does not say whether this is due to the influence of the cinema.

We have no reliable information about work, that bugbear of Oxford life; but there is strong reason for suspicion that all the Hulmeians here are doing some. At least two of them claim to have written three essays at once. At Oxford things must certainly be done simultaneously if they are to be done at all.

D. E.

Motoring in France, an Episode.

In England we have cultivated the habit of concentrating our more dangerous lunatics in asylums or some such institutions, but in France they still continue to make chauffeurs of them. The degree of affliction can generally be gauged by the size of the vehicle given to them. Those in the early stages drive taxis, progressing as the malady develops, to van and lorry drivers, until they become sufficiently dangerous and irresponsible to be turned loose on a camion and trailer, or perhaps a big char-a-banc. We left the hotel in one of the latter, with a chauffeur true to the type. Fifty yards from the hotel door we swung round a corner, naturally without any kind of signal or warning, and scattered a group of early moving workmen. One, a little less nimble than the rest, managed by some miracle to drag himself away from our front wheels. This initial failure appeared to annoy the man at the wheel. He shrugged his shoulders, turned up the collar of his coat, and stamped on the accelerator. From the mumblings from inside the collar I gathered that he was determined not to miss the next opportunity. Tearing along the cobbled streets we attained our maximum speed at cross-roads and blind corners, eventually reaching the suburbs with an empty bag. As we came to the open country a surly depression set in, until passing a cemetery, when the mutterings ceased, and the light of fresh inspiration came. If the local population were not going to play, why not take it out of the passengers. Headlong down a steep hill we careered, maintaining an unsteady eighty kilometres, in spite of numerous blind bends which were, of course, taken on the wrong side. Then, on a straight stretch victory, in the shape of a small car coming uphill, came within sight. We pulled over the remaining three feet to our wrong side. Now, surely we had our man, but with only ten more yards to go the skunk pulled into

the ditch! You might conclude that the ordinary lunatic would become disheartened by such a sequence of exasperating failures. Not so with our charmer. Ahead was a level-crossing; we lurched forward with renewed purpose, only to meet a further setback, for, as we approached, the barrier slowly rose, announcing that even the train was now safely across. This seemed to be just too much; depression set in again. The reason for this became quickly evident, for a little way ahead the airport buildings came into view, and the final chance vanished. Outside the customs house we pulled-up with a jerk and a parting snarl, without even a cur to our credit. Stepping out on to hard ground we congratulated each other, and once more I realised how safe is flying these days.

H. S. (O.H.).

The Library.

As time goes on, the new library demonstrates more and more its value to the School, and this term a greater number of boys than ever resort to it for private study. Indeed, there are periods during the week when, one might say, the accommodation is overtaxed. Though there are still some delinquents, most borrowers seem now to recognize the importance of recording their borrowings; the chief trouble seems to be with the science section, where occasionally books are taken out casually and retained for long periods, thus causing the librarians much unnecessary trouble. Again we would ask readers to observe more scrupulously the rule about not taking reference books from the library. Boys working there have frequently been held up in their researches through one or more of these books being taken out and thoughtlessly retained in some class-room. According to the records

there have been over 600 borrowings this term, one boy in his thirst for knowledge being responsible for twenty-eight of these. Since September, additions have been made to our stock in English, History, French, German and Geography, but there are still many empty shelves, and gifts from Old Boys and friends of the School will be very acceptable. We have to record here our thanks to Mr. S. A. Brazier for a "History of the War," in six volumes, and to the Manchester Chamber of Commerce for a book on Manchester. The Bulletin of International News, which appears fortnightly, and for which we are indebted to Mr. C. G. Dehn, President of the Old Hulmeians Association, continues to be of great interest to frequenters of the Library.

Boys of the Fifth and Sixth Forms wishing to avail themselves of the library books must first apply for a borrower's page to the librarian, Mr. Anderson, or to any of his assistants, H. Embleton, G. E. Barritt and J. Wilks.

Lacrosse, 1938-9.

Won six and drawn one is our record to date, and these results are the best we have had for three years. The team, however, do not play together as well as their skill warrants. Individually, the defence is good, but there is no covering. To play the new ten-a-side 'crosse there ought always to be four men behind the 30 yards line, and the fourth man should be one of the rovers. In the event of one of the back three men forcing, centre, or the other rover, should get back at once and stay back until the "forcer" returns. The new game definitely encourages changing places, and, with three centres fit, goals can be prevented as well as obtained,

but Cole, Kay and Brown must be ready to play defence as well as attack, and to defend as hard as Dennis, Mair and Ratliff when they are defending.

Abraham has kept goal well if crudely; he is not afraid of standing up to all kinds of shots, but does not cover ground shots and rarely catches the ball; his clearing is good. Dennis, besides captaining the team well, is our best defence man, and his interceptions are, at times, bewildering to our opponents. Mair, besides defending well, is our best forcer, and his running into position, particularly when Gill has the ball, is well conceived. Ratliff, after a good beginning, is not now watching the ball; he must concentrate on keeping his eye on the ball, and his handling will improve. Cole, Brown and Kay are good, hard-working rovers, but only fair 'crosse handlers, and Brown in particular must let the ball rest in his 'crosse after catching it. Gill is the most dangerous attack we have had for the last three years, but Curtis and Joyce must give him all the support they can. Both are first class 'crosse handlers, though, at times, they, too, are inclined to take their eye off the ball when they are catching it.

v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY "A."—Wednesday, October 12th. Home. Won 11—6.

The start was delayed for half an hour by a downpour, which continued throughout the first half. However, the attack played well against a strong defence, scoring many clever goals. Gill (5) and Curtis (4) were prominent. The defence was not severely tested, but played a safe game.

v. MELLOR "A."—Saturday, October 22nd. Home. Drawn 6—6.

The Mellor attack, holding the ball cleverly, scored four goals to lead 4—1 at half-time. We improved in the second half, and managed to lead at 6—5, but they

scored an equalizing goal just before time. Joyce (3) played well. The other scorers were Curtis (2) and Gill.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Wednesday, November 2nd. Home. Won 14—13.

Good attack play resulted in our leading 6—0 at quarter time. In the second quarter Curtis was off, hurt, for a time, but we led 8—3 at half-time. In the second half, however, inspired by Howard, their attacks, helped by their rovers, often made free men. Our defence did not play close enough, and, as a result, they managed to draw level. Gill (7) and Curtis (6) kept us ahead, and we won by a goal.

v. OFFERTON "A."—Saturday, November 5th. Home. Won 14—2.

With a weakened team, containing three reserves, we had no difficulty in winning. Gill, who scored six times, and Curtis (2) worked hard. Our defence, against an ineffectual attack forced successfully, and Mair and Dennis both scored twice. The reserves all played well in an easy game.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, November 12th. Away. Won 12—11.

With the return of Cole to centre, after his absence in the last two matches, we hoped to win more convincingly. Our opponents played much better, however, and we did well to win, again by a single goal. With Gill well marked, our attacks found it difficult to score, and they led by two goals at the start of the last quarter.

Joyce, who scored four times, had a good game, and, with some forcing from the defence, Mair shot the winning goal. Howard was again the mainstay of their attack.

v. STOCKPORT SECONIANS "B."—Saturday, November 26th. Away. Won 16—0.

This match was the first round of the Juniors' Challenge Shield. The conditions were so bad that good 'crosse was very difficult. The ground, besides being ankle-deep in mud, had a large expanse of water across it, and a blinding hail-storm added to the difficulties. Since they turned up one short, we found it easy to score goals, and should have scored many more.

v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY "A."—Wednesday, November 30th. Away. Won 12—8.

As they had three regular first-team players, and three who had played for their first, we were up against a strong team. We led at half-time by 8—4, but then they scored three quick goals. We missed many goals by bad shooting, but Gill (4) scored from a free-throw, and then Mair (2) and Kay (2) beat their goalkeeper with good efforts. Our other goals were scored by Curtis (2), Joyce and Dennis.

The following have played :—H. J. Abraham, A. H. C. Raliff, A. L. Dennis (captain), W. J. Mair, W. Brown, A. R. Cole, R. Joyce, H. Kay, W. T. Curtis, S. Gill; also: B. T. Plaskett, P. W. Carnie, F. W. Cooper, J. G. Storry.

SECOND TEAM.

This year's second team has been reasonably successful from the point of view of results, but the standard of play, particularly on the attack, has not been satisfactory.

With a few exceptions, the handling is poor, and there is a decided lack of pace and determination. Also the passing is too slow to be accurate and usually too late to be effective. Passes should always be hard enough for the ball to travel horizontally, and should be given from the shoulder.

There have been several changes on the team, due to illness, changes on the first, and the failure of chosen men, so that we have not yet been able to settle down. Cooper has played quite well in goal, though his clearing of the ball is still weak, while Weeks and Battersby have been sound on defence.

Carnie and Halstead have been the most consistent of the centres, and Merchant has played well on the attack. Kay's strength and speed were becoming increasingly valuable, but carried him on to the first, and injury has robbed us of Storry.

The following have played:—G. A. Weeks (captain), P. W. Carnie, K. Halstead, J. G. Storry, F. W. Cooper, W. A. Merchant, G. W. Battersby, E. Hubbert, H. Kay, B. T. Plaskett, A. Wrigley, W. B. Ollerenshaw, H. S. Priest, G. E. Barritt, R. L. Armitstead, P. McLeod.

RESULTS.

Oct. 22.—v. Stockport Sec. School 1st...A	5-4	W.
„ 26.—v. Burnage H.S. 1st	A 11-4	W.
Nov. 12.—v. Manchester G.S.	H 15-7	W.
„ 26.—v. Old Mancunians "C"	H 2-7	L.

UNDER 15.

Both Junior sides are full of promise this season, but, as neither of them have yet taken part in a really close game, it is difficult to assess their true worth. Nevertheless, their play has shown that speed and whole-hearted effort which augurs well for their future success, and, with a little attention to some of the usual faults, a good season should be assured. The chief point which all players should bear in mind is that the ball is the chief objective at all times. Whether it is in the air or on the ground, every effort should be made to get to it first, irrespective of the opposing players'

movements or size. Otherwise, the main faults are those of over-eagerness, such as a defence player rushing his man instead of waiting for him, or an attack shooting or passing on the ball before he has safely caught it.

The first team composed of: L. F. Benson, J. D. Boardman (captain), P. M. Breton, R. A. Bruce, J. A. Cross, P. J. Croxford, P. G. Fowler, L. Robertson, R. P. Thomlinson, and R. A. Worswick, has defeated Burnage High School 2nd (22—0), Manchester Grammar School Under 15. (14—7), and Stockport Secondary School 2nd (15—1).

The second team has played only one game, that against Manchester Grammar School Under 15 2nd, and won 23—2; the team was N. G. Bullivant, P. Cloughley, H. G. Edwards, N. L. Galloway, D. S. Hewet, W. K. Kissack, H. Milgate, F. Pethybridge (captain), B. Rourke, N. M. Sampson.

Football, 1938-39.

After an indifferent start, the School Rugby team has reached quite a high standard of play, and has gained convincing victories over Sir John Deane's School, King Edward's (Lytham), Merchant Taylors' (Crosby), and Sandbach. Other wins were not quite so satisfactory.

The main strength of the side is in the forwards, who have shown thrustfulness and skill, marred somewhat by their failure to heel when finally held up.

The three-quarters, as a line, have been perhaps the most effective we have yet had, but their handling and passing still leave

much to be desired, and poor goal-kicking is still a great handicap.

In one respect the whole side deserves credit. Practically every member goes "all out" right up to the end of the game—a very gratifying quality. The tackling, too, has generally been good.

W. J. Mair, as captain, has set an excellent example in the things that matter most.

RESULTS.

v. SALE SCHOOLS XV.—Saturday, September 17th. Home. Lost 0—5.

The backs were mainly responsible for this defeat. Our forwards held our opponent's pack, and obtained the ball from most of the set scrums, but the backs' handling was not sure enough to score. The marking was keen, but the tackling lacked determination. Just before half-time Brown was injured, and consequently we played one man short throughout the second half.

v. BOWDON "B."—Saturday, September 24th. Home. Won 36—0.

Our forwards and backs were sound, but the backs did not make full use of their pace, and most of the movements were performed at half-speed. The handling showed a definite improvement, but our tackling was not tested.

The scorers were Kay (3), Mair (3), Dennis (2), Curtis (2). Fitzgerald converted three tries.

v. OLD HULMEIANS "A."—Saturday, October 1st. Home. Won 12—0.

The backs settled down immediately and scored in the first two minutes. Soon their line was crossed twice more, but we failed to convert both times. Our forwards were

superior in the set scrums, but were evenly matched in the loose. The tackling throughout was keen. Fitzgerald played very promisingly at full-back. The scorers were Mair (2), Kay and Carnie.

v. KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL, LYTHAM.—Wednesday, October 5th. Home. Won 44—9.

The backs got a good supply of the ball from the forwards, and, through sound handling and strong running, managed to score frequently. The forwards backed up well and took part in the handling and scoring. Our tackling was good, but not quite consistent enough to prevent our opponents from reaching our line. The lack of a place-kicker was very noticeable, for out of twelve tries only four were converted.

The scorers were Brown (4), Kay (3), Armitstead (2), Cole, Carnie and Mair.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, October 8th. Away. Lost 6—11.

Owing to bad handling by the backs in the first half, we managed to score only one try before half-time, although our forwards obtained the ball from most of the set and loose scrums. In the second half the backs moved better, but managed to add only another try. The forwards played very well in the scrums but were not very lively in the loose. Macclesfield's two tries were scored as a result of faulty marking by the backs. Brown scored both our tries.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—Saturday, October 15th. Away. Lost 15—18.

In the first half we had the wind, slope and sun in our favour, and, with an adequate supply of the ball, the backs managed to score three times, so that at half-time we were leading by 15 points to 5. In the second half, however, the ball reached the centres only twice. The forwards, who had

previously held their own, were beaten in both set and loose scrums, and our marking was not sure enough to prevent scoring. The scorers were Curtis, Kay and Brown. Kay converted all three tries.

v. SIR JOHN DEANE'S SCHOOL.—Wednesday, October 19th. Home. Won 30—3.

Our forwards scrummed better than their opponents, and, as a result, we had the most of the ball. The handling was quite good, and so we managed to score fairly frequently. Our opponents' forwards were very lively in the loose, but only managed to score one try. The scorers were Brown (5), Curtis and Mair. Kay converted three tries and kicked a penalty goal.

v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL (CROSBY).—Wednesday, October 26th. Away. Won 10—9.

The most disturbing feature throughout this game was the weather. It rained incessantly, and, in addition, it was very cold. In the first half both teams tried handling without much success, and in the second half the match turned into a contest between the forwards, with occasional signs of life from the backs. Merchant Taylors' three tries were the results of successful attempts at handling and straight running. Dennis and Mair scored our two tries, both of which Kay converted.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—Wednesday, November 9th. Home. Won 14—5.

Our forwards were slightly the better in both set and loose scrums. The backs moved very well indeed, and managed to work a man over on three occasions. In the first half the backs scored four times. In the second half, however, the backs were held and we failed to score again. While the marking was sound, their try was due to feeble tackling. The scorers were Kay (2), Joyce and Brown. Kay converted one try.

v. SANDBACH SCHOOL.—Wednesday, November 16th. Away. Won 20—9.

The ball was dry, so there was plenty of handling, especially by our three-quarters. Sandbach tackled well, and we found it difficult to score. Both sets of forwards played well, though ours played together better, and cleared soundly from within our "twenty-five." Stark was particularly outstanding in the forwards. The scorers were Brown (2) and Dennis. Kay converted one try and kicked three penalty goals.

v. SALE R.U.F.C. (SCHOOLS' XV.).—Saturday, November 19th. Home. Won 9—3.

Our pack was the lighter, and in the first half we rarely obtained the ball, but managed to keep our opponents from scoring. In the second half our forwards played strongly, and with an increased supply of the ball the backs were able to score. The tackling throughout the team was very sound. Brown scored our three tries.

v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD.—Saturday, December 3rd. Home. Won 11—3.

Though the weather was good the ground was very heavy, and the ball soon became slimy, though this is not sufficient excuse for all the bad handling. Both packs played well, and many excellent rushes were carried out. The back play of both sides was poor, partly due to bad passing and partly due to the centres keeping the ball too long. Occasionally our line got moving well, and tries resulted. The scorers were Brown (2), Kay. Kay converted one try.

SECOND XV.

The Second XV. has had quite a successful term, and so far eight matches have been played, resulting in six wins and two losses.

After a narrow win against the Old Hulmeians "B" team, in which little combined play was seen, the general standard improved very much, and we easily defeated Macclesfield, Cheadle Hulme, and Sir John Deane's School. In the last of these three games the three-quarters played really well, and crossed the line eleven times. Unfortunately, many changes had to be made on the side, with the result that team play suffered, and we were well beaten 0—12. One lesson which should have been learned from this game was the desirability of keeping on side, for we lost six points through over-eagerness.

The best game, however, was against Manchester Grammar School. The score was five points all until a few minutes from the end, when a good effort by the three-quarters enabled us to score in the corner, and so win 8—5. Our opponents had, perhaps, a little more of the play territorially, but good tackling by all the backs prevented our opponents from crossing the line in the second half. We were rather too strong for Cheadle in the return game, but lost to Macclesfield at Macclesfield by 6—9—three penalty goals to two tries.

On the whole, the forwards have scrummaged well in the tight and the loose, but there is still a tendency for thoughtless people to kick the ball too far forward, into the arms of opposing three-quarters. Slow heeling was a bad fault early in the term, but the back row has improved lately. The three-quarters have played together well, without trying to be too individualistic, and have not spoiled the open game by too much touch kicking. But what a comfort it would be if we could be reasonably sure of converting even half the tries we score!

Team: H. J. Abraham, J. G. Storry, G. W. Battersby, A. H. C. Ratliff, A. Wrigley, S. Gill, B. Vitkovitch, G. F. Deacon, A. Jackson, R. M. Collins, C. H. W. Hirs, K.

Halstead, F. R. Harrison, G. A. Weeks, R. B. Marshall.

The following played in one or two games: H. S. Priest, G. S. Alvey, E. G. Thomas, E. A. Tetlow, W. B. Ollerenshaw.

C. R. D.

COLTS XV.

A number of players from last season's team provided a good nucleus for the XV., and a useful side has been built up. The pack has generally had the advantage of weight, and has made good use of it in obtaining possession in the tight. In the loose, the wing-forwards have been quick on the ball, but they have not received enough support from the rest of the pack. Of the backs, the work of the halves and the centre threes has been outstanding, though the wings have played well at times. There is still room for improvement in defence.

Our first games were lost mainly through our inability to tackle and through attempts to counter forward rushes by "soccer" methods. At Lytham conditions were against us, but at Macclesfield a 16—0 lead at half-time should have put the issue beyond doubt. In the second half the quality of the play deteriorated, and both forwards and backs showed lamentable weakness in defence. The next two games were won through good team work, which enabled the threes to use their superior speed to advantage. Latterly, the games have been played on heavy grounds, which have necessitated mostly forward play, though the return fixture with Macclesfield was marked by some very good movements on the part of the threes.

Of games with Colts teams, four have been won, and our losses have been by very narrow margins.

RESULTS.

Oct.	5.—v. King Edward VII. School (2nd XV.)	A	0-22	L.
"	8.—v. Macclesfield G.S.	A	16-17	L.
Nov.	2.—v. Rishworth School	H	10-3	W.
"	16.—v. Sandbach G.S.	H	19-6	W.
"	19.—v. Manchester G.S.	A	0-3	L.
"	23.—v. King Edward VII. School	H	12-0	W.
Dec.	3.—v. Macclesfield G.S.	H	20-3	W.
Points for, 77; Points against, 54.				

The team has usually consisted of:—

L. Robertson, C. Clay, P. J. Croxford (captain), P. M. Breton, I. J. Smith, J. A. Cross, J. D. Boardman, A. Chapman, R. A. Worswick, C. P. Dockeray, B. Doherty, L. F. Benson, P. G. Fowler, D. S. Hewet, J. R. Whitaker. Also played: J. Erskine, H. G. Edwards.

House Games.

Only towards the end of the term did it become necessary to cancel games on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. The ground then became so bad that it was made out of bounds for some days.

In the middle of the term the experiment was tried of raising the defining age for junior games to $14\frac{1}{2}$ instead of 14 years as originally. This experiment seemed to give little help in the problem of making up full House teams when three or four School teams were playing. As usual, each House has fielded three teams each half-holiday, a first team, a junior team, and a junior "A" team.

The standard of play, on the first teams particularly, has been good. When teams were strengthened by the inclusion of

School team players, some excellent House games have resulted.

In accordance with a resolution passed at a recent Games Committee meeting, Junior House Colours for attendance and proficiency at games will be awarded in June each year. The procedure concerning Senior Colours is that which has been adopted for the past few years, *i.e.*, they will be awarded at the end of each term for Football, Lacrosse and Cricket. All such House Colours are awarded at House Committee meetings when the record of each boy is considered. This information is given in the hope that it may spur on some boys to greater effort.

We have had the usual number of boys on the field each half-holiday, and they owe a great debt to those who have so kindly refereed their games. The positions in the House Football League give a very good indication this year of the relative strengths of the Houses. These positions often differ from "Knock-out" competition results owing to the varying calls made on individual Houses for School team players.

At the time of writing, House Committee meetings have not yet been held, and the names of those who have been awarded Senior Colours for Football will be recorded next term.

No "Knock-out" games have yet been played as no convenient date has been found.

Present positions and points in the House Football League are (3rd December):—

1, Fraser 128 pts.; 2, Dalton 99 pts.; 3, Gaskell 90 pts.; 4, Heywood 69 pts.; 5, Byrom 67 pts.; 6, Whitworth 57 pts.

D. R. W.

O.T.C. Notes.

It is pleasing to be able to record that the outlook is probably brighter than it has ever been at this time. Last Christmas we were looking forward to being up to full strength by Easter, but this year, new recruits, together with boys of the junior section reaching fifteen years of age, have already brought our numbers over establishment, and by next Whitsuntide we should be well beyond our present figures. In passing, it is interesting to note that most of this year's recruits are boys from the senior forms in the School. The most important work in the early part of the term was preparing cadets for Part I. of the Certificate A examination. Eight candidates were presented, and seven were successful. The results of the written examination for which nine candidates sat, will not be known till January. Already preparation for the March examination is well in hand. Those not concerned with Certificate A have got through a deal of work, and creditable progress has been made. Again we would comment on the attendances, which have been extremely good, especially in the two senior platoons. During the term we have had visits from Major Pembroke, officer commanding the depot of the Manchester Regiment at Ashton-under-Lyne, and from Lieut. Foweraker, who has twice delivered lectures and shown us films dealing with interesting points in tactics. The film taken at Grange-over-Sands, at Whitsuntide, was run off about three weeks ago, and proved to be a very interesting record of the life at camp. It will be shown again next term. Since our last notes the O.T.C. camp has been held, and for the second year in succession we were sent to Tidworth Pennings on Salisbury Plain, but those of us who were there last year felt no disappointment at that, for it would be difficult to find a more pleasant site for a camp. The routine followed much the same lines as it did last

year, and, as the weather was good, the period under canvas was much enjoyed. A feature of the camp was "night-ops." Each of the four battalions was allotted a separate night, and the scheme was that those taking part should march out on to the plain at dusk, "bivouac" in the open, have a meal there, and, after the "battle", return to camp in the morning. This held forth great promise of adventure, and we looked forward with great enthusiasm to our "night out", but, alas! the weather played us a scurvy trick, and, just as we were due to assemble, heavy rain fell. It looked so threatening that the O.C. decided, much to our disappointment, to cancel the arrangements, and we had to resign ourselves to a comfortable night in bed! Each day brought something new, and with "schemes", demonstrations and lectures, interest never flagged. On Sunday, July 31st, we were inspected by General A. P. Wavell, Commanding the Southern Command, and later, when the lines were inspected, we came in for some favourable comment. The keenness of the contingent revealed itself in all they did, and, in his camp report, the battalion commander made the following observations—"Drill: a smart standard and steady on parade"; "Camp lines: a high standard"; "General remarks: a well-commanded contingent, with an excellent spirit and good team work." The report on the inspection of the contingent by Brigadier V. T. R. Ford, D.S.O., last June, came too late for notice in the last issue of the Magazine, but we give here some of his remarks. "Drill: very satisfactory, steadiness and carriage of a high standard"; "Discipline: of a high standard, the cadets appear happy and a family spirit exists"; "Turn out: very good"; "General remarks: a keen, live contingent, with very promising cadet N.C.O.'s". All that is very encouraging, and every cadet deserves his share of credit for such satisfactory results. Having set such a standard,

it remains for all to maintain it by steady and earnest effort. The work of the junior platoons gives every promise for the future, and the work they have done shows that, when they pass into the senior section, they will be a source of strength. Shooting practice has been going on steadily, and already several have qualified for first-class badges. With most of last year's shooting eight still with us, we hope for some good results later on. One or two matches have been arranged with other schools for next term. In a shoot against a strong team from Elizabeth College, Guernsey, we had to admit defeat.

We must again express our gratitude to Mr. J. Kershaw (O.H.) for his great kindness in supplying transport to and from the Tidworth camp, and to those cadets who, on leaving School, have presented their uniforms to the O.T.C.

Different.

You've seen the kind of man I mean
And you've felt better for the sight.
You've passed him often in the street
And felt your heart grow strangely light.

So different from the common crowd,
So wide-awake, so brisk and gay,
A man who makes you long to see
Him pass again another day.

The sort of man, you know the kind,
Who gives you strength to face a foe,
The type of man you'd like to have
Beside you during times of woe.

Now what is it that gives him strength
To trudge along the second mile?
To carry on through thick and thin?
Just this,—he's learned to smile!

S. B. J.

The Preparatory School Sports.

Twice did the Preparatory School make arrangements to carry out their sports, and twice they were thwarted by the unkindness of the weather. In desperation, it was finally decided that the programme would be run off on the first promising day, which proved to be Monday, July 18th. It was an ideal day for spectators, if somewhat hot for competitors, but this did not seem to dull the enthusiasm of those taking part, and some interesting races took place. At the end of the proceedings Mrs. Gilliat presented the prizes.

Results :—

UNDER 6.

Flat Race: 1, T. Tweed; 2, G. N. Hughes.

Sack Race: 1, T. Tweed; 2, A. R. Dabbs.

Potato Race: 1, T. Tweed; 2, G. N. Hughes.

Kangaroo Race: 1, T. Tweed; 2, A. R. Dabbs.

UNDER 7.

Flat Race: 1, G. D. Browne; 2, J. G. Hallows.

Sack Race: 1, G. D. Browne; 2, J. M. C. Coates.

Obstacle Race: 1, J. M. C. Coates; 2, G. D. Browne.

Kangaroo Race: 1, G. D. Browne; 2, J. M. C. Coates.

UNDER 8½.

Flat Race: 1, P. L. Harris; 2, A. Darroch.

Sack Race: 1, P. L. Harris; 2, T. H. Cable.

Obstacle Race: 1, C. D. Tennant; 2, P. L. Harris.

Chariot Race: 1, P. L. Harris and A. Darroch; 2, G. H. Clarke and T. H. Cable.

High Jump: 1, T. H. Cable; 2, A. Darroch.

OVER $8\frac{1}{2}$.

Flat Race: 1, I. M. B. Darroch; 2, W. G. Simcock.

Sack Race: 1, W. G. Simcock; 2, J. L. Darwent.

Obstacle Race: 1, W. G. Simcock; 2, G. McKerlie.

Chariot Race: 1, A. E. Clough and G. D. Simcock; 2, F. H. Benton and R. G. J. Mamelok.

High Jump: 1, W. G. Simcock; 2, G. D. Simcock.

The Twelves Challenge Cup for boys over $8\frac{1}{2}$ was won by W. G. Simcock with eleven points.

For the Davies Cup, for boys under $8\frac{1}{2}$, G. D. Browne and T. Tweed tied with twelve points each.

The House Shield was won by Kipling House with 59 points.

Preparatory School Harvest Festival.

The Preparatory held their Harvest Festival on Wednesday, October 12th. Many gifts were received, e.g., fruit, flowers, vegetables, bread, eggs, jam, etc.

A collection was taken, and as a result £4 4s. 6d. was sent to the fund for Czech refugees.

D. M. SCHLAPP.

Tidworth, 1938.

Packs on our backs we sat perched precariously on the edge of our seats as the bus lurched out of Tidworth Station. Looking

out of the window we saw the square, red brick buildings drop behind, giving place to the green undulations of Salisbury Plain. In five minutes or so we were passing through the thick belt of trees, sixty feet high, that separates Pennings Camp from the outside world.

Stumbling out of the bus we marched up to our lines, where the advance party were ready to greet us. A most agreeable announcement told us that there were to be only four, or, perhaps, even three in each tent. Having dumped our kit in our spacious quarters, we went down to the mess, for an eagerly anticipated meal.

The next day training commenced, and we spent the morning practising section formations. Each subsequent day the scheme grew more comprehensive, until, on the last day, we had inter-battalion manoeuvres. Here, realism was provided by the umpires laying down smoke screens to cover advances, and by firing blanks to represent bombs behind unsuspecting sections. It was on this day, too, that one of our sections was surrounded by the enemy, forced to give up its ammunition, and then ignominiously marched to the rear of the enemy's lines.

On the Friday night our battalion were due to go on Night "Ops." We were to move out about dusk, carrying out a scheme, having a meal in the open and sleeping in bivouacs. These are primitive tents constructed from two poles, two groundsheets and a piece of string. But unfortunately it rained, and the "Ops." were cancelled, perhaps not altogether to the dissatisfaction of some of the more comfort-loving cadets.

The afternoons were spent in listening to lectures and watching demonstrations. In the evenings attention was divided between the entertainment tent, where sing-songs were held, the "Naafi," and the lines. In the lines a type of mongrel cricket prevailed, in which luck was of more use than skill.

On Sunday, after a short church parade, the camp was inspected by Lieut.-General A. P. Wavell, of the Southern Command. All our spare moments before the inspection were spent in cleaning, polishing and arranging our equipment. To repay our labours we had the satisfaction of being told that our lines were the best in the battalion.

Save a few, who feared the prospect of going to bed at 2 a.m. and getting up only five and a half hours later, the whole camp attended Tidworth Tattoo on the Monday night. At 9-28 p.m. a fanfare was sounded, then, for the next two and a half hours, we watched such entertaining sights as the massed bands, nine hundred strong, in scarlet uniform, a modern mechanized army, men soldiering in the gay uniforms of the 17th century, and a frontier incident as depicted by the Royal Tank Corps. When, after a two mile march, we arrived back in camp,

we found a hot drink awaiting us. Little time was spent that night on discussions after "Lights Out."

All through camp a guard had been practising in anticipation of our contingent being asked to provide one for the camp. Unfortunately, as all duties were cancelled on the last night, our guard had no opportunity of showing its worth. On the Tuesday afternoon a party visited the R.A.F. Station at Old Sarum, where we saw the latest in "Spitfires," "Hurricanes," "Fairey Battles and Bombers," both on the ground and in the air.

On our return from Old Sarum we found the work of striking camp well advanced. At ten o'clock next morning, five hours after scrambling out of bed in the grey dawn we stood again on Tidworth station with happy recollections of our second camp at Tidworth Pennings.

J. W.



The Hulme Grammar School Corps Camp Account.

WHITSUNTIDE, 1938.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank...	50	17	2	By L. M. S. Railway Co. for Fares	32	4	1
„ Camp Fees and Fares	237	10	0	„ Do. for Carriage...	16	5	11
„ Profit on Minerals	1	15	0	„ Do. for Windermere Trip	5	2	6
„ Receipts for Windermere Trip	4	12	6	„ J. Langdon & Sons for Hire of Camp Equipment	26	2	5
„ Donations for Prizes	4	6	6	„ R. Wilson for Carting	£4	10	0
„ United Yeast Returns	2	3	10	„ Do. for Coal	4	8	9
„ Smith's Returns	0	5	9		8	18	9
„ Interest, less Commission	0	0	6	„ W. Sedgwick for Camp Site	11	7	6
				„ Do. for Milk and Eggs	9	5	2
					20	12	8
				„ B. W. Harvey for Groceries	32	10	5
				„ T. D. Smith for Grocery and Green- grocery	43	19	0
				„ J. Proctor for Meat	11	0	4
				„ Sundry Purchases, Gratuities and Advance Party Expenses	12	19	9
				„ Q.M.'s Purchases	3	2	3
				„ Prizes	5	5	0
				„ First Aid Requisites	0	3	7
				„ Medical Attention			
				„ Bay Hotel for Billet	1	2	0
				„ Hire of Wireless Set	0	15	0
				„ Grange Council for Water	0	5	0
				„ Simpson's Foods, Ltd.	4	13	0
				„ Deakin's for Apples	1	9	6
				„ H. J. Henry, Ltd.	2	11	0
				„ Grange Motor Co.	5	17	6
				„ Wilson for Repairs	2	3	11
				„ Sykes, Carriage of Rifles to Station...	0	4	6
				„ Cinema Film of Camp	8	12	6
				„ Cheque Book	0	5	0
				„ Balance in Bank...	55	5	8
					£301	11	3
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Audited and found correct, 14th December, 1938.

A. L. POWELL.

H. R. W. ANDERSON, *Captain,*
Officer Commanding.