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School Notes and News.

Two Old Hulmeians were elected Members of Parliament at the General Election last December, one of whom, Dr. Haden Guest, mentioned in our last number as Labour Member for North Southwark, is now in the Government as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health.

The other, Mr. Eric Macfadyen, was returned as Liberal Member for the Devizes division of Wiltshire. He was one of the first generation of Hulmeians, entering the School when it was first opened in January 1887. Our hearty congratulations to both of them, as the first Old Hulmeians to enter Parliament. The School prizes will be distributed by Dr. Haden Guest on Speech Day, July 28th next.

In the list of School Prefects given in our last number the name of W. Williamson was accidentally omitted.

University of Manchester: Final M.B. and Ch.B., F. R. Lockhart has passed in obstetrics and surgery.

E. C. Davies, M.Sc., member of the Pharmaceutical Society, has been appointed assistant lecturer in Chemistry at the Natal Technical College, Durban, South Africa.

Incorporated Society of Accountants: Final examination: G. Craven.

N. Hands was one of six secondary schoolboys selected by the Calico Printers Association for training under their educational scheme, and is now spending a year at their works and office in Rouen, after which he will go to a German speaking country.

N. A. Barber has been selected this year for a similar training by the C.P.A.

The levelling of the School Field has made substantial progress this term. 600 square yards have been done, making a total of 2,720 yards for three years' work. 1,280 square yards have been levelled this winter, as against 800 and 640 in the previous seasons.

The School Allotments showed a balance in hand of £7 7s. 4½d. on December 31st. 99 plots have been let for this season, at a rental of 1/-.

Mr. Curt G. Dehn (O.H.) has very kindly undertaken to continue the History Prizes which have hitherto been given annually by Mr. T. H. Davies-Colley since 1902. They have done much to encourage the study of history in the highest forms and we remain under a debt of gratitude to Mr. Davies-Colley for his long-continued kindness.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. Arthur Payne (O.H.) who has presented the School with a gramophone as a memento of his year of office as President of the Old Hulmeians Association. This is a very welcome gift and opens out many useful possibilities.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *Ulula*, *Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine* and the *Wacobian*.

The Subscription to *The Hulmeian* for Old Hulmeians is 1s. 6d. per annum, to be paid to Mr. Barber at the School.

Midsummer Term begins on Tuesday, April 29th, at 9 a.m.

BIRTHS.

BARRETT.—March 10th, at 6 West Meade, Chorltonville, to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Barrett, a son.

CARDWELL.—January 20th, at 14 Blair Road, Alexandra Park, to Mr. and Mrs. David Cardwell, a daughter.

GILLIAT.—December 4th, at 26 Albert Road, Whalley Range, to Mr. and Mrs. G. N. E. Gilliat, a son.

GINEVER.—October 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. Ginever, a son.

LE MARE.—February 24th, at Merlewood, Kiln Lane, St. Helens, to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Le Mare, a son.

SWINDELL.—January 20th, at 2 Oak Road, The Cliff, Higher Broughton, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swindell, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BRETNALL—SHANKS.—February 20th, at the Congregational Church, Marple Bridge, Charles Gordon Brentnall, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., youngest son of Mr. and the late Mrs. S. Brentnall, to Janet Helen, fifth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shanks, Marple Bridge.

BREWIS—EVANS.—March 18th, at Moss Side Baptist Church, by the Rev. T. J. Whitman, Robert Harold, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Brewis, of Whalley Range, to Myra Evans, of Birmingham.

BRISTER—CHURCHWARD.—February 14th, at Hong Kong, John H. Brister, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Brister, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, to Amelia Doreen Churchward, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Churchward, of Sydney, Australia.

CARDWELL—TRAKRANEN.—April 2nd, at Manchester Cathedral, by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Manchester (Canon N. L. Aspinall, M.A.), Henry, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cardwell, to Agnes, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Trakranen, all of Whalley Range, Manchester.

ELLY—FRANKLAND.—April 3rd, at St. Catherine's Church, Barton-upon-Irwell, Herbert, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Elly, of Clarence Rd., Withington, to Grace Pollitt, younger daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Frankland.

FOXWELL—BROWN.—January 15th, at the Cathedral, Manchester, Harry Laurance, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Foxwell, of Brookbank, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, to Phyllis Mabel, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brown, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

HESSEY—DUNNING.—March 1st, at the Cathedral, Manchester, F. Norman, son of Walter Hessey, Esq., of Clairville, Carlton Road, Whalley Range, to Doris, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dunning, of Whalley Range, Manchester.

NEEDHAM—DENNE.—February 23rd, at Johannesburg, Oscar Stockton Needham, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Needham, of Alexandra Park, Manchester, to Mary B. Denne, daughter of Major and Mrs. Allured B. Denne, of Johannesburg.

POOL—WALLBANKS.—December 4th, at St. Paul's Church, Nelson, Robert Townsend Pool, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Pool, Greenwalk, Whalley Range, Manchester, to Alice, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallbanks, of Boston, Lincolnshire.

DEATHS.

PELL-ILDERTON.—March 9th, at Saxonholme, Higher Openshaw, Manchester, Frederick George Pell-Ilderton, M.B., Ch.B., in his 44th year.

SHEAVES.—January 29th, at Orchard Road, Altrincham, Harry Mozart Sheaves, aged 47 years.

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

This year's collection on behalf of the Procter Gymnasium and Hulme Lads' Club amounted to £174 2s. 10d. This is £5 3s. 7d.

less than last year, when, it will be remembered, we made a record collection. Considering the badness of trade and consequent scarcity of money, we have good reason to be satisfied with the result.

The highest individual contribution, £25 17s. 4d. was made by Remove A., with an average of 19/11 per head. This is by far the largest collection yet made by a form, and we congratulate the form and its master very heartily on their achievement. The next largest amounts were collected by V.A., £13 3s. 5d., and First Form, £12 5s. 2d. The Sixth Form and Remove B have also good averages—8/7 and 8/4 respectively.

The Preparatory has again beaten its record and contributed the handsome sum of £13 13s. 3d.—£2 11s. 5d. more than last year. We tender the mistresses and boys our best thanks.

The amounts collected by the various Forms, with the average per head, were as follows:—

	Av'ge per head			
	£	s.	d.	s. d.
Sixth Form	9	18	3	8 7
Remove A	25	17	4	19 11
Remove B	7	10	3	8 4
Remove C	6	0	0	4 5
V.A.	13	3	5	10 2
V.B.	6	13	6	4 7
V.C.	5	18	6	4 9
IV. A	6	18	10	4 9
IV. B	8	8	0	5 5
IV. C	5	17	9	4 1
III. A	10	12	10	6 8
III. B	7	9	0	4 8
III. C	10	0	0	6 5
II. A	6	16	6	4 5
II. B	8	2	0	5 1
II. C	6	3	3	3 10
First Form	12	5	2	7 5
	£157 14 7			

To this were added contributions of £133s. 3d. from the Preparatory and £2 15s. from the Staff, making a total of £174 2s. 10d.

J.W.M.

Sir Roger de Coverley at the Pictures.

"Life in itself is neither good nor evil: it is the place of good or evil, according as you prepare it for them."—*Montaigne*.

It was towards the end of Sir Roger's visit, that I had taken him to my country house for a short rest from the hurry and noise of modern town life which he disliked so much. When we were walking together one evening he suddenly said to me "Frankly I cannot, after my visit to you in the present world, see any signs of your twentieth century progress. Can you show me any real advantage in being able to fly from London to Paris in less than an hour? You have your wireless, yet are you any the better for it? If I turn to what you fondly call your social progress, what do I see? You have recently passed through the greatest war which the world has ever known. Your excuse is, that it was a war to end wars, yet your heart still craves for war. If the choice lay with me, I should much prefer to live in the good old days of the eighteenth century when a gentleman was a gentleman." These reflections of his on the modern world strengthened a doubt I had long felt as to whether we were really advancing; whether at the root of the matter, we were any better than our great-great-grandfathers. Sir Roger had given me much food for thought and, having a great respect for his judgment in all matters (especially when he was looking at the twentieth century with the eyes of the eighteenth), I could not but believe that there was much truth in what he said.

A week after the above conversation, when I was settling myself down to a comfortable evening, I heard a loud voice below enquiring whether the twentieth century wonder was at home. At the same time I heard the landlady's little child naively answering that there was no such object in the house, but that there might be one in the travelling

circus on the fair ground, and then followed a description as to how he was to get there (I think the child had grave doubts as to his sanity). I hastily descended and gave him a hearty welcome, while the little girl returned to the back regions very much mystified. "My good friend" said Sir Roger, "I know that you are wondering at my venturing out alone when night is coming on, but I thought there could be no better way of spending one of my last nights here than in going to the pictures, of which I have heard so much." I had been dreading this intention from the beginning of the knight's visit, as I feared that his eccentricity would lead him into some unpleasant encounter with normal cinema goers, and that he would think no better of the pictures than of our other discoveries, so that for these reasons I had refrained from offering to take him there. While I was getting ready the knight stipulated as a condition of his going, that I should take a thick oaken plant with me, instead of my customary light cane. "Although," he said, "I feel very much safer in your modern well lighted streets I still retain some of my old dislike of being abroad after dark." When I had furnished myself with a stick which satisfied him we descended and entered the cab in which Sir Roger had arrived. "Nothing," said he in answer to my look of surprise, "will ever induce me to enter a motor-car, which I regard as being driven by the devil himself." Our arrival at the cinema in a cab aroused no little amusement amongst the bystanders, through whom Sir Roger strode with an outraged look. We entered the gaudy building, resplendent with electric lights and posters, and bought our tickets.

Sir Roger settled into his plush chair with a sigh of comfort, remarking that "If the theatre seats in my day had been as comfortable as these, I would have gone to the play oftener." A moment later he remarked to me on the freedom with which the people were smoking and wondered why the attendants did not check them. I hastened to inform him that indulgence in smoking was

one of the many concessions made by the cinemas to make them popular.

When the first picture appeared on the screen I observed Sir Roger give a sudden start. His astonishment was unbounded, but I should have been better pleased if he had not expressed it in such audible tones, as I noticed several curious glances being cast at us. Sir Roger's first idea (and his succeeding ones) amused the surrounding people immensely. He thought the stage must be some sort of art gallery, and on my pointing out to him the flat screen, he instantly jumped to the conclusion that the pictures were hung on it. When I told him that this was also wrong he thought that it must be a revolving cylinder showing different views in succession. As our neighbours were getting rather loud in their laughter, I pointed out to the knight the beams of light proceeding from the back of the hall and explained how the picture was thrown on the screen. On hearing this his amazement did not lessen, and it was heightened when he saw a record of a public event which we had observed from the Strand on the previous day. "Marry," he exclaimed, "this is what we saw yesterday in the Strand. It is truly wonderful that I see it again to-day. There is that very horse," he added with interest, "on whose loose crupper I remarked." After this outburst Sir Roger relapsed into a mystified silence until the end of the picture, when he confided to me that he had been too hasty in his judgment of the generation, as he considered himself to be beholding one of the greatest wonders of civilization. I was pleased with the old knight's enthusiasm, but was doubtful as to his good opinion of the next picture—doubts which I soon found were fully justified.

This picture—an Eastern one of love—very soon drew a remark from Sir Roger, that the hero seemed English although somehow vaguely different. I told him that he was probably an American and that the picture had been filmed in America. The "close-ups" also puzzled him and for a

considerable time he could see no point in them. I had expected him to betray more interest in the doings of the characters, but I soon found that he thought the whole show worthless. He considered that the female characters were very weak and that his widow was an infinitely superior type of woman to the heroine of the film. At the end of the picture I found the knight's enthusiasm considerably damped, while the attitude of the surrounding people had changed from amusement to pity (his remarks about the heroine had been loud enough to scandalize several of our neighbours). He whispered to me that he had been too sanguine and he was pleased to express his opinion that, "When this generation gets hold of a good invention it cannot rest until it has perverted it to some evil use." In these circumstances it was most unfortunate that the next picture should have been "Felix in Love." I had little doubt as to what the knight's opinion would be, and felt ashamed when I thought that he would hear the hall echoing to peals of laughter. Sir Roger's first idea was that Felix was a performing cat, of which I speedily disillusioned him. His next idea was that Felix was an unqualified failure and the whole picture utterly absurd. He could not for the life of him imagine what all the people were laughing at. This opinion was considerably strengthened when he discovered that a peculiar noise coming from an instrument in the orchestra was supposed to represent Felix talking.

The last picture—Harold Lloyd in "Safety Last"—kept the knight in suspense from beginning to end. He was in an agony of apprehension as to what was going to happen (I believe he thought for the moment that the events were actually going on in front of him). I felt quite sorry for the knight at the crucial moments of the climb up the building. He was constantly asking me in a whisper whether "I couldn't stop that fool committing suicide?" Sir Roger's relief at the end of the picture was very great. If

he had had his way we should have been the first to leave the building, but I prevailed on him to wait to the last.

As there were no cabs to be had at this hour, and Sir Roger would not consent to walk a step of the way home by himself, I accompanied him home to his lodgings. On the way he appeared unusually thoughtful, and before parting with me for the night, he uttered some words which have remained stamped on my brain ever since. "I often wondered," he said, "when I was on earth how the world would go on after my death. I wondered also, whether, if I had lived my life in some other age, I should have made a greater success of it. After what I have seen to-night, I have no doubt. A century which allows such things does not appear to me one whit better than the eighteenth;" a sentiment which I sorrowfully felt was partly true.

A. H. R.

Library.

It is satisfactory to note that the number of boys who use the School Library (Room No. 10) regularly, has greatly increased during the past winter. The demand for books *throughout the School* has caused several Form Libraries and Sectional Libraries to spring up under the supervision of form masters, and one form has gone so far as to make its own bookcase in the School joinery—an excellent example to others. We hope the boom will continue.

Books may be obtained from the School Library on application to Prefects Turner or C. G. Eastwood, after morning or afternoon school; at other times only if the book is urgently needed.

Our thanks are due to Mr. J. D. Hannah, M.Sc.Tech., A.I.C., for a reprint of his paper on "Crystallisation Effects on Galvanised Iron," which was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Institute of Metals, 1923.

New Book by Dr. Hall.

LAYAMON'S BRUT. Selections, Edited with Introduction, Notes and Glossary by Joseph Hall, M.A., Hon.D.Litt. (Durham), Oxford, at the Clarendon Press. Pp. xx., 150.

Old pupils of Dr. Hall will be interested to know of his continued activity in the field of scholarship which he has made his own. His latest work, a copy of which he has kindly given to the Library, is a selection of some 1,900 lines from the Middle English poem of Layamon, a secular priest of King's Areley on the Severn, who wrote it sometime between 1189 and 1207. The passages chosen are representative of the narrative and descriptive power of the poet, who, Dr. Hall says, was the first to tell the story of King Lear in English, and has no equal among his many successors until Shakespeare. The building of Stonehenge, and the legend of Arthur and the Round Table are among other of the stories told. The text, notes and glossary show the wide knowledge and exact scholarship which, it is needless to say, are characteristic of Dr. Hall's work.

Scientific Society.

The term opened on January 21st, with a lecture by D. N. Beggs, on the more advanced theory of wireless. Having explained simple crystal reception in a previous lecture, the lecturer now boldly attacked the subject of valve transmission and reception, and with the aid of some clear lantern slides gave us an interesting lecture.

On January 28th, Mr. L. Heathcote (O.H.), gave us an enjoyable lecture on "Locomotives," with a very complete history of steam locomotion from its earliest developments to modern times. Some 60 slides, both photographs and diagrams were shown; several of them had been made by the lecturer himself.

A lecture on 4th February was unavoidably cancelled, but the meeting was nevertheless a

success, mainly owing to the efforts of D. N. Beggs and C. S. Paulden.

The concluding lecture of the season, entitled "Evolution," was given by Mr. Kendall on the 18th February. Despite its formidable title, the lecture, which was well illustrated by lantern slides, proved very interesting, and was later given to the whole School in the New Hall.

On the whole, the season 1923-24 has been an undoubted success. Ten meetings have been held, and not one could be described as a failure even by the most critical. Our only difficulty has been low attendance at one or two lectures. It is hoped that this will be remedied next season.

G. F. DRUMMOND, *Hon. Sec.*

The Wireless Society.

Meetings for next term will be held every Monday, at 4 o'clock. We hope to be able to arrange discussions, etc., during the term.

Arrangements have been made with the British Broadcasting Company to visit 2ZY, the Manchester station, on Saturday, May 24th.

D. N. BEGGS, *Hon. Sec.*

Natural History Society.

On December 13th the usual Society's Soiree was held. A most entertaining and enjoyable event it proved to be. Mr. McConnell first gave a lantern lecture on the Lake District, and then came an important event on the programme—a delicious tea, to which all of the members did full justice. After tea a miscellaneous entertainment was provided. Songs were given by Mr. Davies, Mr. Williams and Mr. Burn. Mr. Holehouse gave us several recitations. A. K. Westbrook rendered us several songs in his usual able manner, E. L. Wilkes recited, and C. G. E. Holehouse and E. W. Forrest showed us how easy it was to make a wireless set work in spite of all difficulties.

J. McC.

Chess Club.

The Chess Club have played three matches this term—with disastrous results. Although we were handicapped on two occasions by the absence of one or two good players, it was clearly evident that our opponents were the better teams, and that our players require more practice. Results:—

January 29th, v. ALTRINCHAM COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.

		ALTRINCHAM COUNTY	
Wins.	THE SCHOOL.	HIGH SCHOOL.	Wins.
0	J. E. Evans	H. Sutcliffe	1
0	K. I. Oldcorn	G. C. Franklyn	1
0	G. Corbett	R. W. Jakeman	1
1	R. Cocker	S. A. Male	0
1	G. F. Drummond	J. P. Rowe	0
0	J. W. H. Curry	G. A. Croft	1
0	J. Midgley	G. A. Fontes	1
0	J. K. Laughton	W. A. B. Nicholson	1
2			6

March 11th, v. ALTRINCHAM COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL.

		ALTRINCHAM COUNTY	
Wins.	THE SCHOOL.	HIGH SCHOOL.	Wins.
0	H. E. Elderton	H. Sutcliffe	1
0	W. Williamson	G. C. Franklyn	1
0	K. I. Oldcorn	J. P. Angold	1
$\frac{1}{2}$	R. Cocker	R. W. Jakeman	$\frac{1}{2}$
0	G. Corbett	W. A. B. Nicholson	1
0	G. F. Drummond	J. G. Worrall	1
0	J. W. H. Curry	J. C. Gaukroger	1
$\frac{1}{2}$			6 $\frac{1}{2}$

March 20th, v. ALBERT PARK CHESS CLUB.

		ALBERT PARK CHESS CLUB.	
Wins.	THE SCHOOL.		Wins.
1	R. Cocker	Absentee	0
$\frac{1}{2}$	H. E. Elderton	Mr. Barber	$\frac{1}{2}$
0	W. Williamson	Mr. Kay	1
0	G. Corbett	Mr. Headey	1
0	G. F. Drummond	Mr. Bowman	1
0	R. L. Eastwood	G. Mountain	1
1	J. W. H. Curry	T. Bradley	0
2 $\frac{1}{2}$			4 $\frac{1}{2}$

G. F. DRUMMOND, *Hon. Sec.*

The Entertainments.

The programme of the Tuesday entertainments since our last number appeared has been as follows:—

DEBATE.—December 4th. The Head Master in the Chair. The motion "that the policy of the Liberal Party best serves the interests of the country" was proposed by D. Ll. Griffiths and seconded by W. J. W. Gibb. It was opposed by H. E. Turner from the Labour side, and by F. E. Buckley as a Conservative. The proposal was supported by M. C. Forrest, R. L. Eastwood and L. Mount, while P. M. Dale (Cons.) and P. H. Goodwin (Lab.) opposed. The debate aroused great interest in view of the approaching General Election and the motion was carried by 101 votes to 75.

LANTERN LECTURE.—December 11th (Natural History Society). Mr. Davies spoke of the "Story of the Isle of Man," its Norse crosses and medieval remains.

CAROLS.—Friday, December 14th. A costume recital of Christmas Carols "by a party of Cumberland Shepherds" was given by Miss Evans, Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Dennis, Mr. Adams, Mr. Williams and Mr. Perraton. Programme:—God rest you merry gentlemen (16th Cent.), To us is born a little child (J. S. Bach), A virgin unspotted (Gilbert's Carols, 1822), While shepherds watched their flocks (Old Lancashire), Blessed be that maid Marie (William Ballet's Lute Book, c. 1600), Sweet was the song the Virgin sung (do.), The First Nowell (Sandys' Collections), The Seven Joys of Mary, Good Christian men rejoice, In dulci jubilo (14th cent.), A babe is born in Bethlehem (14th cent.), The Holly and the Ivy (Harley M.S. c. 1450), What child is this? (My Lady Greensleeves 16th cent.), Good King Wenceslas (13th cent. melody), Cradle Song of the Blessed Virgin (J. Barnby), Nowell, Nowell, Good News I tell (J. S. Bach), The Wassail Song.

CAROLS AND PLAYS.—Tuesday and Wednesday, December 18th and 19th. 7-30 p.m. The Cumberland Shepherds appeared again with their lanterns and gave nine of the Carols performed on the previous Friday. "The Drawback" an amusing dialogue by Maurice Baring, produced by Mr. Morley, showed us a corner in Kensington Gardens where a lover (C. G. Eastwood) was at pains to confess to his lady (A. K. Westbrook) the drawback to their union. After unsuccessful approaches, he finally disclosed his father's profession of hangman, which proved a fatal obstacle. "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler" (W. W. Jacobs and Charles Rock) produced by Mr. Dennis, was a scene in an old-fashioned country hotel where a discussion on ghosts ended in a wager. One of the guests (Mr. Dennis) impersonated Jerry Bundler, who just escaped being shot by the Doctor (Mr. Anderson) and won his bet. Other guests were taken by Mr. Morley, H. E. Elderton, N. A. Barber and G. F. Drummond, and the waiter by Mr. Davies. In "Elegant Edward" (Gertrude Jennings and E. Boulton), a gentleman burglar in evening dress (Mr. Brierley) who enters a Mayfair flat, poses as the occupier to Burglar Bill (Mr. Powell) and the police (M. C. Forrest and L. W. Horner), is waited on by the lady of the house (K. I. Oldcorn), takes her necklace but restores it in return for her kind attentions when he discovers the pearls are paste. Produced by Mr. Brierley.

During the intervals the School Orchestra conducted by Mr. Kelsey played Handel's minuet from *Berenice*, Brahms' Hungarian Dance, Boccherini's Minuet, Two Waltzes by Coleridge-Taylor, and Strauss's Blue Danube Waltzes.

PLAY.—January 15th. Remove B gave "The Playgoers" by Pinero, produced by Mr. Dennis. A domestic incident in which the master and mistress (Mr. and Mrs. Dennis) propose to give their servants a night at the theatre. The kind proposal is however not welcomed by the Cook (K. W.

Adams), Kitchenmaid (P. V. Skaife), Parlourmaid (W. W. Simpson), Housemaid (A. P. Ryder), Useful Maid (F. Nutter), or the Odd Man (D. Ll. Griffiths).

The Play was repeated the following night at the Hulme Lads' Club with a musical programme of Madrigals, Songs and orchestral Selections, given by Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Miss Evans, Mr. Adams, Mr. Williams and the Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Kelsey.

LANTERN LECTURE.—January 22nd. Mr. Anderson gave an account of the Cadet Corps' visit to the French Battlefields last August, with interesting views taken by members of the party, including some of the Whitsuntide Camp.

PLAY.—January 29th. Remove A gave "The Critics" by St. John Ervine, who kindly gave permission for performance without fee. The scene was outside the Abbey Theatre Dublin where a "new" play was being performed by the Irish Players. Much of the amusing dialogue is quotation from actual comments made on the production of a new play at the same theatre. In the "Critics" the play is Shakespeare's Hamlet. Cast:—Barbary, Mr. Powell; Attendant, F. E. Buckley; Dramatic Critics, A. V. Williams, A. Vernon, J. Fitzgerald. Produced by Mr. Powell.

LANTERN LECTURE.—February 5th (Natural History Society). "Reptiles." Mr. McConnell spoke of various kinds of creeping things, serpents, lizards, etc., with interesting slides.

PLAYS.—February 12th. "Black Jake's Treasure" written and performed by Form I., produced by Mr. Williams. The action dealt with the recovery of treasure on an island, the clue to which was an old map which Ralph Rover receives in reward for rescuing an old sailor (W. H. F. Munday) from drowning. A surprise attack on the pirates who are after the same treasure ends happily in their defeat and the finding of the treasure. The pirate chief was taken by E. C. P. Butler,

and his gang by R. Hinde, A. A. Moss, E. C. Britton, W. H. Gorton, K. B. Clayton and A. Knibbs. The honest and successful party was represented by J. G. Whitman, T. C. Bilsbury, E. K. Green and A. G. Benham. F. W. Derbyshire was a sailor and the whole of the rest of the form took part.

"Scenes from Nicholas Nickleby" by 3A, produced by Mr. Brown, showed some of the features of school life at Dotheboys Hall. Characters;—Nicholas Nickleby, E. Kirkland; Mr. Squeers, J. Midgley; Mrs. Squeers, R. G. Gregory; Wackford Squeers, C. A. Gibb; Fanny Squeers J. E. Chatfield; Smirke, J. I. Robinson; Tilda, R. Millner; Phib, B. J. Lord; John Blowdie, G. Woodhouse.

PLAY.—February 19th. V.B. performed scenes from Goldsmith's "She stoops to Conquer," produced by Mr. Franklin, under the title "The Old House a New Inn." The scenes chosen were those at Mr. Hardcastle's house before and after the arrival of the visitors, and that in the inn when Tony Lumpkin (G. E. Horton) arranges the trick of directing them to the old hall as a wayside inn. Characters:—Mr. Hardcastle, R. W. Lymer; Mrs. Hardcastle, C. G. E. Holehouse; Marlow, E. W. Forrest; Hastings, R. V. Stevenson; Landlord, A. B. Wood; Fellows at the Inn, A. K. Brown, C. N. Eaton, T. H. Rothwell, E. A. Walton; Servants, A. F. Shepherd, W. Starr.

COMIC OPERA.—Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, February 26-29th, 7-30 p.m. Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore." Produced by Mr. Brierley. Musical Director, Mr. Dennis. The Scenery was designed and painted by Mr. Brierley with the assistance of J. A. Dyson and P. H. Goodwin. It represented the quarter-deck of H.M.S. Pinafore and was built under Mr. Bentley's supervision by D. N. Beggs, R. G. Green, K. Massey, J. E. Peters, R. H. Green and A. H. Roy. The costumes

for the girl characters were made by Mrs. Bentley and parents. This production went off very successfully and an additional performance was given on Friday, the hall being full for all four nights. An appreciation of the performances will be found below. The cast was as follows:—

The Right Hon. Sir Joseph Porter, K.C.B. (First Lord of the Admiralty), Mr. Brierley; Captain Corcoran (commanding H.M.S. Pinafore), Mr. Williams; Ralph Rackstraw (Able Seaman), C. G. Eastwood; Dick Deadeye (Able Seaman), A. G. Campbell; Bill Bobstay (Boatswain), M. C. Forrest; Bob Beckett (Boatswain's Mate) R. L. Eastwood; Josephine (the Captain's Daughter), W. W. Simpson; Hebe (Sir Joseph's First Cousin), B. M. Brook; Little Buttercup (A Portsmouth Bumboat Woman), A. K. Westbrook; Midshipman, H. J. Widdows.

Chorus of First Lord's Sisters, Cousins and Aunts:—(1st Trebles) J. C. Scammell, D. K. D. Shaw, E. N. Sholl, G. E. Preston, T. M. Tillotson, H. A. Mitton, A. H. Schofield, N. E. Kilvert, J. Byrne, H. Sambrook, E. Phillips, J. G. Rickards; (2nd Trebles) P. H. Taylor, G. E. Widdows, J. I. Williams.

Chorus of Sailors:—(Tenors) Mr. Davies, Mr. Powell, J. Turner, W. Williamson, F. W. Almond; (Basses) N. A. Barber, H. E. Turner, J. Short, R. Cocker, D. Sherratt, A. F. Crawford, J. E. Ellis, J. E. Peters, N. E. Bladon, G. H. Dennis; (Marines) N. A. Alston, J. Fitzgerald, R. W. Lymer.

Orchestra:—Flute: W. Lingard; Violins (for Oboes): R. Rogers, G. C. Willis; Clarinets: Mr. Bentley, Mr. Evans; Trombone: J. Kershaw; 1st Violins: P. M. Dale, Mr. Ginever, E. Sharples, A. A. Clarke, C. S. Young, R. Millner; 2nd Violins: Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Dennis, F. B. Proctor, H. Dick, T. A. Broomhead, H. Cocks, F. J. Taylor; Viola: Mrs. Bentley; Cello: Mr. Hewlett; Bass: F. M. Booth; Drums: Mr. James, I. H. Coop; Pianoforte: D. M. Brierley.

LANTERN LECTURE.—March 4th. (Natural History Society). Mr. Kendall on

"The Story of Life," a simple account of evolution with views of the most rudimentary forms of life and their variation and development into more highly organised animals.

PLAYS.—March 11th. "The Good Samaritan," told by Form II.C. E. Davy and E. S. Benson, part authors. Produced by Mr. Burn. Goodheart, J. Henshall; the Traveller, E. Davy; the Priest, H. F. Cooke; the Levite, A. R. Bell; Thieves, H. Dick, R. R. Farrell, W. Grimshaw, L. S. Walsh; the Innkeeper, R. Gaul; two men, F. M. Ayrton and E. Daw; Roman Centurion, A. F. Mackay. The dressing was carried out by H. Wilkinson. "Spreading the News" by Lady Gregory, performed by Remove C, produced by Mr. Davies. In Lady Gregory's play of Irish peasant life Jack Smith (A. Arbuckle) leaves his pitchfork in the market-place and Bartley Fallon (Mr. Davies) "goes after" him with it to restore it to its rightful owner. Gossip develops the story in a very entertaining way until Bartley is arrested for murder. F. W. Burns made a good peasant woman at her stall and other parts were:—Peasants, G. H. Dennis, E. C. Kendall, J. Woodward; Mrs. Fallon, A. K. Westbrook; Mrs. Tulley, a village gossip, I. H. Coop; Policeman, J. Kershaw; Magistrate, L. W. Horner.

FRENCH PLAY.—March 18th. "Le Voyage de M. Perrichon" (Labiche and Martin) by the Sixths, produced by Mr. Perraton. Cast: M. Perrichon, J. E. Shortland; Madame Perrichon, W. Hilton; Henriette, K. I. Oldcorn; Armande, W. Williamson; Daniel, H. E. Turner; Le Commandant, N. A. Barber; Innkeeper, A. G. Campbell; Servant, C. G. Eastwood.

HOUSE BOXING COMPETITION.—March 24th. Judge, Mr. Johnson; timekeeper, Mr. Barber. Competition arranged by Mr. Anderson and Mr. Johnson. The points were as follows:—Dalton 54, Fraser 53, Byrom 51, Heywood 45, Whitworth 45, Gaskell 42.

The "Pinafore" Performances.

It seems a pity that such an excellent performance as that recently given of H.M.S. Pinafore should be allowed to pass without more than a formal record. In the writer's opinion it is the best performance he has ever seen given by a school, and this opinion was shared by many competent critics in the audience. The outstanding merit of the performance was the excellent ensemble—by which all performances should really be judged—good individual performances are, more or less, the result of accident, but a good ensemble is only attained by hard, conscientious work on the part of everyone concerned. The main credit for this is, of course, due to Mr. Brierley, who produced the opera, and to Mr. Dennis, who directed the music; but such a good result could only be achieved by the willing, whole-hearted co-operation of principals, chorus and orchestra.

Of individual performances the first to be mentioned must be the Sir Joseph Porter of Mr. Brierley, who has had much experience and would grace a company of professional actors. His nimbleness on his feet was a great asset, especially in the trio with Josephine and the Captain, which was the most applauded of any number. Mr. Williams, who played Captain Corcoran, is gifted with an excellent voice, which was heard to special advantage in the solo at the beginning of the second Act. Probably the most noteworthy performance in the whole opera was that of A. K. Westbrook as Little Buttercup. This boy of fifteen played the Bumboat Woman to the life and never in the whole course of the opera did his face cease to wear a suitable expression. W. W. Simpson as Josephine looked the part well and improved each night in his acting. The part is a long and arduous one, requiring a good high soprano voice, and a boy might easily have been daunted by its difficulties, but Simpson tackled them

manfully and made the most of his resources. C. G. Eastwood sang and acted well as Ralph Rackstraw. M. C. Forrest has a fine bass voice, which he used to good effect as Bill Bobstay; he looked the British Tar to perfection. A. G. Campbell as Dick Deadeye had the most difficult acting part in the opera; it can be no easy task to maintain the crouched, deformed attitude needed for the part during the whole evening—let alone sing in it. But Campbell overcame all the difficulties and, so far as the writer observed, never once yielded to the temptation to straighten himself out, which must have been almost irresistible. The smaller parts of Hebe and Bob Beckett were capably rendered by B. M. Brook and R. L. Eastwood. H. J. Widdows as a pert midshipman and the three marines, who never forgot that they were soldiers, added finishing touches to the picture.

Both choruses were good. The men, who with the exception of Mr. Davies and Mr. Powell, were boys of sixteen or seventeen, made fine, stalwart British tars; and the girls looked well in their dainty frocks, which were specially made for the production under the superintendence of Mrs. Bentley, though, of course, they could not overcome the natural disability of hands and feet and a certain masculine awkwardness of movement.

The orchestra acquitted itself nobly and might have taken an encore for the overture on any of the four nights. The wood wind, consisting of two clarionets and a flute, was specially noticeable. The writer heard some fears expressed lest the drums should be burst in the crash at the end of the duet between the Captain and Little Buttercup, which was enjoyed with equal gusto by performers, orchestra and audience. Cannot some kind patron be found to present a pair of kettle-drums to the orchestra? Those which were used on this occasion are relics of the old drum and fife band. We may add here that no more acceptable gift could be made to the school than instruments for

the orchestra. If the instruments are there, players will be found for them.

The scene representing the poop of H.M.S. Pinafore, with practicable steps leading to the bridge, was extremely effective. It was designed by Mr. Brierley and executed wholly by boys of the school under his direction and that of Mr. Bentley. Altogether a noteworthy achievement.

J.W.M.

The Entertainments Fund.

The accounts for the afternoon Entertainments have not yet been made up for the term which is just over, but we give below those for the Michaelmas term and the Evening Entertainments given up to the time of going to press:—

Afternoons (Michaelmas Term). Receipts £32 16s. 9d., made up of season tickets at 2s. 6d. £12 15s., season tickets at 1s. 6d. £6, weekly collections £14 1s. 9d. Expenses £31 12s. 6d. (plays 13s. 5d., music £2 9s. 11d., hire of costumes £2 6s. 6d., sundries £1 6s. 9d., Capital expenditure: wood for stage £11 5s. 8d., purchase of wigs and costumes £4 8s. 10d., curtain £8 17s. 11d., triangle 3s. 6d.). Profit on term £1 4s. 3d.

Evening Performance, December 18th and 19th. Receipts £33 9s. 3d. (Tickets £31 3s., Programmes £2 6s. 3d.). Expenses £20 15s. (Fees £4 4s., Printing £4 9s., Sundries £1 5s. 1d., Capital expenditure: electric lighting £10 16s. 11d.). Profit £12 14s. 3d.

H.M.S. Pinafore, February 26th—29th. Receipts £120 3s. (781 Tickets at 2s. 6d. £97 12s. 6d., 331 Tickets at 1s. £16 11s., 478 Programmes at 3d. £5 19s. 6d.). Expenses £61 11s. (purchase and hire of music £5 13s. 5d., printing £9 3s. 6d., hire of costumes £16 6s. 1d., Stage fittings £12 2s. 9d., Fees £4 4s., sundry expenses

£7 10s. 9d., Capital expenditure: purchase of wigs £2 15s., electric fittings £3 15s. 6d.). Profit £58 12s.

At the close of the 1923 Season there was a balance of £39 4s. 7½d. which has defrayed the cost of the new platform and stage. Thanks to the work of Mr. Bentley and his assistants, whose names have already been mentioned, this has been done at the cost price of the material, £37 3s. 6d. The estimates obtained from outside for erecting the platform and stage ranged from £80 to £130, so that a substantial saving to the school has been effected.

The disposal of the profit on the entertainments will be guided chiefly by the requirements of the future, and the enlargement of the orchestra. A trumpet and case have already been ordered and a case for the trombone. A new drop curtain is also contemplated.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The Annual Dance was held at the School on Friday, January 4th. There were not as many present as usual, but those who did come had a thoroughly enjoyable evening. The best thanks of the Association are due to the Ladies' Committee for making the School look so gay.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Queen's Hotel, Manchester, on Saturday, February 23rd. After the toasts of The King, the Fallen and the Pious Memory of William Hulme, Dr. J. Arnold Jones, in a delightfully witty speech, proposed "The School" to which the Headmaster replied. After Mr. Sydney Payne had proposed "The Association" and Mr. Arthur Payne as President had replied, we listened to an excellent entertainment provided by Messrs. George Till, R. J. Stephenson and Glyn Jones. There were 48 present.

The Association is raising an Old Boys XI. to play the School Cricket Team during the coming season. The match will probably take place on Friday July 25th, at 4 o'clock. Those wishing to take part should send their names to the Hon. Gen. Sec., Mr. A. L. Powell, at the School.

Old Hulmeians Football.

The promising start we made for the Season has not altogether been upheld, as owing to illness and injuries since the end of December we have scarcely had the same team out two consecutive weeks, consequently the results have not been as good.

The First Team, with two games to play, are at present occupying the eighth position in the League table, which is the same as at the corresponding time last season.

The Second have improved considerably in one respect, as they have scored in every game but one since the New Year, but unfortunately they have not improved their position. However, we hope they will manage to do so before the end of the season.

Considering it is their first season, the Third eleven have had a very successful time, and are to be congratulated upon the regular manner in which they have turned out full teams. If we have as many promising recruits from School as we had last year, there will be a considerable improvement in both the second and third elevens, and the Football Secretary will be glad if boys who are leaving School at the end of the summer will let him know if they wish to play football. His address is 20 St. Werburgh's Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

The results up to April 5th are as follows:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drn.	Goals		Pts.
1st XI.	26	10	12	4	For	Agst.	
2nd XI.	26	2	23	1	45	53	24
3rd XI.	22	3	16	3	24	103	5
					42	87	9

1923.		1st XI.	2nd XI.
Dec. 1—	Stand	H 3-2	A 1-7
" 8—	Hollinwood	A 2-0	H 0-0
" 15—	Whalley Range	H 1-3	A 0-4
" 29—	Crumpsall	A 3-0	H 0-5
1924.			
Jan. 5—	Heaton Chapel	H 1-1	A 0-3
" 12—	Bolton S.O.B.	H 4-4	A 0-4
" 19—	Old Chorltonians	A 1-2	H 1-3
" 26—	Chorlton-cum-Hardy	H 2-0	A 2-1
Feb. 2—	Manchester Y.M.C.A.	A 1-3	H 3-4
" 9—	Smithills	H 0-5	A 2-6
" 16—	Bolton Wyresdale	A 1-3	H 3-7
" 23—	Old Boltonians	A 0-0	H 3-4
Mar. 1—	Bury Amateurs	H 2-7	A 1-6
" 8—	Hollinwood	H 3-1	A 3-4
" 15—	Whalley Range	A 0-0	H 3-6
" 22—	Stand	A 1-2	H 2-0
" 29—	Crumpsall	H 2-1	A 0-3
Ap. 5—	Bury Amateurs	A 1-3	H 0-7

1923.		3rd XI.	
Dec. 1—	Old Trafford St. John's	A	1-3
" 8—	Whalley Range	A	7-6
" 15—	R.N.V.R.	A	1-3
" 22—	R.N.V.R.	H	5-0
" 29—	South Manchester	A	0-4
1924.			
Jan 12—	Davenport Rovers	A	6-4
Feb. 2—	Hulme G.S. 2nd	A	1-1
" 9—	St. James	A	1-5
" 16—	South Manchester	H	2-7
" 23—	Whalley Range	A	3-6
Mar. 1—	St. Bede's	H	1-3
" 15—	Davenport Rovers	H	3-6
" 22—	Hale Albion	H	0-1
" 29—	Hulme G.S. 2nd	A	3-4

F.A.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

Just before Christmas when the last notes on the Old Hulmeians Lacrosse were written, mention was made of the fact that we had hardly ever been able to turn out a full team. Since then matters have not improved, H. A. Linfoot and J. P. V. Woollam, two of our outstanding players, having often been unable to play.

Our position in the League is not consistent with the position we held as Flags' Holders;

our best game being the Semi-Final against South Manchester. On this day, T. R. Lea played his best game of a very good season, on the most dangerous attack in the North—G. B. Leigh.

The "A" team after playing well and reaching the Final round of the Lancashire Junior Cup Competition were defeated by Heaton Mersey, whose "A" team curiously enough always seems to be better than their first. The results of the "B" team are the best and most consistent the Club can show. They are to be congratulated on only losing on three occasions.

The "C" team has also only lost three times, but as is inevitable, they have not always been able to field a full team. Try as they will, the Committee cannot avoid this.

The Captaincy of the 1st Team next year will pass from J. A. Barber to R. Buckland, a player whom all Old Hulmeians will be glad to see hold this position. In Mr. Barber's years, the Club gained the Senior Flags and the "B" teams Shield. We hope in Mr. Buckland's time to repeat this, with the addition of the Lancashire Junior Cup.

The results to date are:—

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
1st Team ...	20	8	11	1
"A" Team ...	20	10	8	2
"B" Team ...	17	14	3	0
"C" Team ...	13	8	3	2

FIRST TEAM MATCHES.

Dec.	8 v. Boardman	A	Lost 4-9
"	15 v. Albert Park	H	Lost 8-10
"	22 v. South Manchester	A	Lost 3-7
"	29 v. Southport	A	Won 15-6
Jan.	5 v. Disley	A	Won 13-2
"	12 v. Eccles	H	Lost 8-9
"	19 Lancashire v. Cheshire.		
"	26 v. Disley	A	Won 11-7
Feb.	16 v. Chorlton	A	Won 17-7
"	23 v. South Manchester	H	Lost 8-7
Mar.	1 v. Heaton Mersey	H	Won 7-4
"	8 North v. South.		
"	15 v. Stockport	A	Lost 2-19
"	22 Final Flags.		
"	29 v. Old Mancunians	H	Lost 4-9

"A" TEAM.

Dec.	8 v. Barton Hall	A	Won 9-4
"	15 v. Albert Park	A	Drawn 6-6
"	22 v. Urmston	A	Won 6-4
Jan.	5 v. Birch	A	Won 9-5
"	12 v. Eccles	A	Drawn 6-6
"	19 v. Heaton Mersey	A	Lost
"	26 v. Rochdale	H	Won 17-2
Feb.	2 v. Albert Park	A	Won 7-4
"	16 v. Chorlton	H	Won 16-2
Mar.	1 v. Heaton Mersey	A	Lost 4-17
"	8 v. Stockport	H	Won 7-5
"	15 v. Heaton Mersey		Lost 4-17
"	29 v. Old Mancunians	A	Lost 3-9

"B" TEAM.

Dec.	8 v. Boardman	Won...17-7
"	15 v. South Manchester	Won... 8-7
Jan.	5 v. Monton "A"	W.O.
"	12 v. Eccles	Won...12-4
"	19 v. Warehousemen and Clerks	Lost
Feb.	2 v. Albert Park	Won...10-5
"	16 v. Chorlton	Won...12-1
Mar.	8 v. Heaton Mersey	Won... 6-5
"	15 v. Hulme Grammar School	Won... 6-5
"	22 v. Stockport	Won... 4-3

"C" TEAM.

Dec.	8 v. Rochdale "B"	Won...14-2
"	15 v. Urmston "B"	Won... 9-5
"	22 v. South Manchester	W.O.
Jan.	5 v. Heaton Mersey Guild "B"	Won...20-4
"	26 v. Manchester Grammar School	Lost... 3-8
Feb.	2 v. Oldham and Werneth	Won... 3-8

Cadet Corps.

This term has been one of the best the Corps has had for recruiting since the reaction after the armistice. There are now over 80 Cadets on the roll and there is plenty of work before us to get all these recruits ready before the unit goes into Camp. If the present promise is fulfilled, next Whitsuntide Camp will be a record as far as numbers are concerned.

There are still a few Cadets who occasionally absent themselves from parade without a very good reason, and in making up our Camp strength, preference may be given to Cadets who show the greatest percentage of attendances at parades.

All arrangements for Whitsuntide are now being made and the site will be the same as last year. It is intended to go into Camp on Wednesday, June 4th for 14 days.

The Range continues to be made fuller use of, but there is still plenty of room for improvement, particularly in the case of the older Cadets. There are several promising shots amongst this year's recruits.

The Lord Lieutenant has approved the promotion of Cadet Lieutenants A. O. Gatley and H. R. W. Anderson to the rank of Cadet Captain, with effect from the 9th February, 1924.

The following promotions have been made this term, to date from February 1st:—

From Corporal to Sergeant, N. A. Alston.

From Lance-Corporal to Corporal, D. Sherratt.

J. A. BARBER, *Cadet Major,*
Officer Commanding.

Football, 1923=4.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Powell; *Captain:* A. G. Campbell; *Vice-Captain:* W. Williamson.

This season has been most disappointing. At times, mainly when the opposition has been strongest, the team has played very well and shown that it would have been possible to record a really good season. As it is, the results are poor. Our chief weakness has been once more in the attacks—we have no forward who can shoot. They have sometimes worked hard but there have been few shots worthy of the name during the season.

Pimblott was safe in goal, and when he left in February, Mount took his place. Campbell is one of the best full backs we have ever had but he has been badly handicapped this term by a troublesome knee. Jarvis promises well and is learning to kick

with both feet. Williamson at centre half plays a scientific game with great success and Barber, at right half, has played really well at times, while Forrest, M. C. (left half) has made up in energy anything that he lacks in skill. Elderton at right outside has put in some excellent centres, but does not control the ball very well. Horner, at inside right, has played one or two good games but has not fulfilled the promise of last year. Dennis at centre forward uses his head well and works hard. Alston, at inside left, has improved this term and has been one of the most regular goal-scorers. Crawford, at outside left, has been perhaps the most consistent of the forwards. Without any great show he has never failed to put in plenty of good centres.

The needs of the 1st XI. at the moment are:—

1. Boys who can put in first-time shots without waiting for the ball to stop bouncing;
2. Boys who can kick equally well with both feet.

If future first-teamers will keep these points in mind we shall do better in the future.

Both the Second and the Under 14 have had a good season. J. Turner has captained the former successfully and they have come out with a good record.

The Under 14 XI. have lost only to the Warehousemen and Clerks' School and to Swinton. The return matches with both were won with some ease. C. A. Copper, who has scored 42 goals, has been the outstanding player of the season. E. G. Widdows has proved an excellent captain.

SAMUEL JONES FOOTBALL SHIELD.

Three rounds have been played and the points are now as follows:—Dalton 24, Fraser 23, Gaskell 17, Heywood 16, Byrom 10, Whitworth 0.

FIRST TEAM MATCHES.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—December 8th. Home. Lost 1-7. We were without Campbell, but this in no way accounted for our wretched display. Our forwards missed many chances from as close in as the goal line and our solitary goal was from a penalty. The defence tried hard but received no relief from the attack. We owe our thanks to Councillor Bloor for refereeing this game.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—December 15th. Home. Lost 1-3. As usual this was a closely contested game. Our defence worked hard, but the forwards were very feeble in front of goal and the Macclesfield goalkeeper did not have a single shot to stop. We were handicapped in the second half by Campbell's knee giving way.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—January 19th. Away. Lost 0-1. We were anxious to avenge the defeat at home and during the first half we gave a much better exhibition than in the previous game. At times our forwards looked liked scoring and Horner put in one good shot which unfortunately hit the crossbar. Towards the end we had less of the play and our combination was poor. The signs of improvement however were very welcome.

v. HARTLEY COLLEGE.—January 26th. Home. Lost 2-3. This was the best game since the match against Hulme Hall. The whole team was much improved and held their own against a heavier side which included several players who could shoot quickly and well. If we could reproduce the form shown in this match we should probably not lose a single school game.

v. HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL, OLDHAM. January 30th. Home. Won 5-2. At first it looked as though the game would be fairly even, but after a quarter of an hour our forwards, working together, had most of the game, and goals were added regularly.

v. ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE. February 13th. Home. Drawn 1-1. The high wind was against good football, but under the circumstances the quality of the play was good and we were unlucky not to win. With the wind slightly in our favour in the second half we pressed strongly and for some time kept the game in our opponents' half. We showed a marked improvement in controlling the ball, but failed to penetrate their defence.

v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 27th. Home. Won 6-0. Part of the game was played in a blinding snow-storm, after which the sun shone cheerfully. Our forwards gave their best display of the season and Alston scored three good goals. The whole line worked well together and shots were fairly frequent.

v. BOLTON SCHOOL.—March 12th. Away. Lost 0-2. The ground was very lumpy after the frost and the ball difficult to control. During the first half the game was fairly even, but our forwards missed many chances. In the second half our forwards were nearly always mixed up with our own defence, who as a result were unable to get the ball away. There was a good deal of miskicking. For the last twenty minutes we never looked like improving our position.

v. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—March 26th. Away. Drawn 2-2.

RESULTS FOR SEASON.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals for	Goals Against.
19	7	8	4	40	44

SECOND TEAM MATCHES.

Dec. 8	v. Manchester Grammar School..	Lost...	0-2
" 15	v. Macclesfield Grammar School..	Won...	3-2
Jan. 19	v. Macclesfield Grammar School..	Won...	4-2
" 30	v. Stretford Secondary 1st.....	Won...	3-1
Feb. 2	v. Old Hulmeians 3rd.....	Drawn	1-1
" 13	v. St. Bede's College.....	Lost...	2-3
" 16	v. Manchester Grammar School..	Lost...	1-3
" 27	v. Warrington Grammar School..	Won...	8-1
Mar. 12	v. Bolton School.....	Won...	2-1
" 26	v. Stand Grammar School.....	Drawn	3-3
" 29	v. Old Hulmeians 3rd.....	Won...	4-3

RESULTS FOR SEASON.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals for	Goals against
21	13	5	3	63	53

Team: L. Mount, J. Kershaw, W. Sproule, R. W. Lymer, K. Rains, J. Turner (Captain), F. J. Hilton, E. Barnes, R. M. Thorpe, H. Lowther, C. E. Godbold. The following have also played: F. W. Burns, A. G. Gunn, J. T. Joinson, N. N. Robson, P. V. Skaife, A. V. Williams.

THIRD TEAM MATCHES.

Dec. 8 v. Manchester Grammar School..	Lost...0-15
Jan. 26 v. Altrincham County School 2nd.	Won... 3-2
30 v. Stretford Secondary 2nd.....	Won.. 10-5
Feb. 16 v. Manchester Grammar School..	Won... 1-0
Mar. 26 v. Stand Grammar School.....	Lost... 3-4

Team: R. L. Eastwood (Captain), J. Fitzgerald, D. R. Dickson, N. J. Silvester, J. G. Dent, J. W. H. Curry, N. N. Robson, A. G. Gunn, P. V. Skaife, M. C. Forrest, J. T. Joinson.

UNDER 14 MATCHES.

Dec. 8 v. Manchester Grammar School..	Won... 8-5
" 15 v. North Manchester School.....	Won... 6-3
Feb. 13 v. St. Bede's College.....	Won... 7-0
" 16 v. Manchester Grammar School..	Won... 5-0
" 27 v. Stretford Secondary	Won... 4-3
Mar. 12 v. Bolton School	Won...10-0
" 19 v. Swinton School.....	Won... 4-2
" 26 v. Stand Grammar School	Won... 7-5
Ap. 2 v. Warehousemen and Clerks	Won... 6-0

RESULTS FOR SEASON.

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals for	Goals against
18	15	2	1	113	38

Team: G. T. Mountain, J. C. Ratcliffe, H. F. Cooke, F. B. Proctor, W. B. Stansby, E. B. Richards, B. M. Brook, E. G. Widdows (Captain), G. Woodhouse, C. A. Copper, N. D. Cousins.

Also played: G. C. Willis, S. Shevloff, R. Astin, F. H. Marshall.

Lacrosse, 1923-24.

FIRST TEAM RESULTS to March 25th.

Played	Won	Lost	Goal for	Goals Against
19	16	3	242	97

NOTES.

Of the three losses two were by the odd goal against the "B" teams of Stockport and the Old Hulmeians. The third reverse was in the second round of the "B" teams and Schools Competition against Old Mancunians "B", who eventually won the trophy.

The past season must be a record for goals scored by a School team, and when the quality of the opposition is taken into account, the results have never been excelled. Two wins against the College of Technology, three against the Manchester Grammar School, the defeat of Woodhouse Grove School away and the Old Hulmeians "B" are outstanding results. Fortunately, we have been able to keep a settled team together, and when it has been necessary to fill a vacancy, the substitute has more than justified his place.

Jarvis is undoubtedly a first class goal-keeper and richly deserves his colours. Dale, Cocker, Eastwood, R. L., and Buckley who took Pimblott's place in the first Woodhouse Grove match with such distinct success, have all rendered the side sound service. Their improvement during the year has been most marked. A. G. Campbell at third man has been a conspicuous success. Barnes has made great strides as a centre and was playing well at the time of his being taken ill. He will be more than useful next year. The work of the attack at present shows a thorough understanding amongst the players owing to long association and the unselfish manner in which the wings do all the foraging whilst the homes do the scoring. All through the season Elderton has worked most unselfishly for the homes, and has improved both in crosse handling and in passing. His has been a

happy season. Forrest, at times brilliant, has always been a help to the team, and Rains has improved markedly since he secured a permanent place at first home. The captain and vice-captain will be much missed men when a new lacrosse season opens. Their association during the last three seasons has been both fruitful and happy. Both are at the top of their form this term, and opposing defences hardly know what either of them will do next.

The County match against Yorkshire was played on the School field on Saturday, February 16th, and resulted in a win for Lancashire by 19 goals to 6. At long last a win has been recorded against these doughty Yorkshire school boys, and our representatives were N. A. Barber (Captain), N. A. Alston, A. G. Campbell, J. C. Jarvis, J. Pimblott and E. Barnes.

The Second team have had a much fuller season of fixtures, and amongst their successes are two victories against the Manchester Grammar School.

A Third team has been turned out on three occasions and have had two wins.

The Under 14 team opened the season rather badly, but have considerably improved. Unfortunately, most of their fixtures this term have been cancelled owing to bad weather.

The First team has been represented by N. A. Barber (Captain), N. A. Alston (Vice-Captain), A. G. Campbell, J. C. Jarvis, P. M. Dale, R. Cocker, R. L. Eastwood, J. Pimblott, E. Barnes, H. E. Elderton, M. C. Forrest, K. Rains and F. E. Buckley.

The Second team has been chosen from F. W. Almond, A. K. Westbrook, R. W. Lymer, W. Porthouse, E. C. Kendall, B. A. Billings, C. E. Godbold, F. J. Hilton, J. Fitzgerald, F. G. Bray, L. Mount, A. Vernon, G. F. Drummond, F. W. Burns. J.A.B.

FIRST TEAM MATCHES.

v. OLDHAM AND WERNETH "B."—December 1st. Home. Won 18-1. Our

opponents were short and late and we soon established a superiority. We continued to command the game and finished easy winners. Rains was the principal goal scorer.

v. COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY.—December 12th. Home. Won 12-10. The playing conditions were ideal and the game started at a sharp pace. We gained a lead of two goals which was soon neutralised by our opponents, who scored twice in quick succession. The first half was a ding-dong struggle, but at half-time we were leading 5-3. The second half continued at the same pace and ten minutes from time we were level at 10-10. We put on a spurt and finished winners by two clear goals. Our opponents had brought an exceptionally good team which, however, we managed, not without exertion, to beat. Our team was: J. C. Jarvis, P. M. Dale, R. Cocker, A. G. Campbell, J. Pimblott, R. L. Eastwood, E. Barnes, H. E. Elderton, M. C. Forrest, N. A. Barber, N. A. Alston, Mr. Barber.

JUNIORS' CHALLENGE SHIELD (1st round).

v. BIRCH "B."—December 22nd. Away. Won 4-3. The team was the same as for the previous match, except for Mr. Williams in the place of Mr. Barber. The weather conditions and the ground were all against good play and at half-time we held a slight advantage. In the second half we played slightly better and managed to retain the lead throughout the game.

v. OLD HULMEIANS "C."—January 12th. Away. Won 22-0. This was only a scratch side but, nevertheless, our opponents gave us little opposition. Rains was prominent at first home.

v. SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY.—January 16th. Away. Won 18-2. We included Mr. Barber in order to strengthen the attack. Our opponents were unfortunately a man short, and we proved too good for them. As the score indicates we had little difficulty in winning. Despite the state of the ground the game was quite enjoyable.

JUNIORS' CHALLENGE SHIELD (2nd round).
 v. OLD MANCUNIAN "B."—January 19th.
 Home. Lost 8-14. Mr. Williams played at first home. The ground was in perfect condition and the first half produced an even struggle. The second half continued at the same fast pace and although at first we looked capable of holding our opponents they proved too good for us.

v. WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS SCHOOL.—February 2nd. Home. Won 13-6. Rains was again included in the side. Our opponents were soon off the mark and scored first. We equalised and continued to score with fair regularity until the later stages of the game, when our opponents rushed four goals through in quick succession. The game was played at a sharp pace throughout.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 6th. Home. Won 7-6. Owing to frost and a light rain our ground was exceedingly slippery and undoubtedly handicapped both attacks. Though we were leading for the greater part of the game it cannot be said that we always had the upper hand. Our defence were not up to usual form, though Dale played an improved game at point, and our attacks found it hard to put the ball past our opponents' goalkeeper.

v. WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL.—February 20th. Away. Won 19-11. We were without Forrest, but Westbrook proved a good substitute. The game started at a fast pace and Alston opened the scoring for us. He soon added three more and our opponents found it wise to change his man. They then made determined attacks on our goal with no little success. However we steadily increased our score, which included a good goal by Barnes who was playing well, and at half-time we were leading 9-6. We were superior to our opponents in the second half and their attacks made little impression on our defence. Buckley played well on Martin, their star

attack, while Jarvis played brilliantly in goal. On the attack Rains played an improved game, scoring five goals, while Elderton and Westbrook did a lot of useful work.

v. OLD HULMEIANS "B."—March 8th. Away. Won 6-5. We were not long before we opened the scoring, but our opponents soon took an advantage of a slip made by our defence and equalised. The first half was even and the score at half time was 3-3. The second half was again even and five minutes from the end the score was 5-5 when Alston made a determined effort and scored the winning goal with but a few minutes to spare.

v. BIRCH "B."—March 15th. Home. Won 19-0. Westbrook played in Forrest's place. We had most of the game and proved easy winners.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—March 19th. Away. Won 10-5. Unfortunately, Barnes was ill but Forrest took his place at centre with no little success. Westbrook was included on the attack. A combined movement opened the scoring for us. Our opponents made little headway and at half-time we were leading 6-2. In the early part of the second half our defence went to pieces and allowed our opponents to score three goals. We pulled ourselves together, however, and after a good game we finished winners.

v. COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY.—Thursday, March 20th. Away. Won 15-7. In order to strengthen the team, Mr. Barber played for us. A. G. Campbell, after beating his man, opened the scoring for us, but our opponents soon equalised and then took the lead. The first half was an even struggle and although we were down by 3-5 the score at half time was 6-6. In the second half our defence was extremely solid while our attack was most penetrative and we finished winners by 15 goals to 7.

SECOND TEAM MATCHES.

Feb. 9 v. Urmston "B"	Won... 9-0
" 16 v. Manchester Grammar Sch. 2nd.	Won 13-12
Mar. 15 v. Lancashire Hili 2nd.....	Lost 11-15
" 19 v. Manchester Grammar Sch. 2nd.	Won...12-5

THIRD TEAM MATCHES.

Feb. 23 v. Boardman "C"	Lost...3-25
Mar. 15 v. Lancashire Hill S.S. 2nd.....	Won ... 8-3

The following have played: D. Sherratt (Captain), J. M. Gibbons, N. W. Sunderland, A. Vernon, T. A. McDonald, L. A. Angell, C. G. Eastwood, T. G. Bray, J. G. Dent, B. K. Thompson, F. W. Burns, J. Ferguson,

H. Hales, C. N. Eaton, C. H. Jones, J. G. Haworth, S. Shevloff, A. J. Kendall, H. H. Midgley.

UNDER 14 MATCHES.

Feb. 2 v. South Manchester School.....	H...W. 7-3
Mar. 29 v. Warehousemen and Clerks.....	H...L. 4-8
April 5 v. South Manchester School.....	A...W. 4-3

The following have played: W. W. Simpson (Capt.), C. H. Jones, H. H. Midgley, N. D. Cousins, K. W. Watts, G. Holt, A. J. Kendall, S. Shevloff, E. V. Kent, T. M. Tillotson, W. B. Stansby, A. R. Merchant.

The Hulme Grammar School Games Club.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1923.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grant from Governors—									
Lent Term ...	59	11	0						
Midsummer Term	56	11	0						
Michaelmas Term	99	5	0						
				215	7	0			
„ Profit on Sports Day Tea...				0	14	8			
„ Profit on Athletic Sports ...				0	17	7			
„ Swimming Sports Entries, etc. ...				3	0	1			
„ Fines for Lost Books, etc...				1	3	9			
„ Sale of Horse ...				5	0	0			
„ Donation from Butcher for Sheep Ley ...				2	2	0			
„ Donation from Old Hulmeians Football Team				1	5	0			
							229	10	1
„ Balance due to Bank ...	87	0	3						
Less invested in Savings Certificates ...	85	5	0						
				1	15	3			
							1	15	3
							£231	5	4

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Bank ...	93	14	0			
Less invested in Savings Certificates ...	85	5	0			
						8 9 0
„ Materials for Games ...						52 13 10
„ Travelling Expenses of Teams ...						40 11 1
„ Professional's Wages ...						78 0 0
„ Horse for Mowing ...						10 0 0
„ Food for Horse ...						3 13 0
„ Repairs to Mowing Machine ...						10 7 0
„ Printing Fixture Cards...						4 12 6
„ Teas to Visiting Teams...						7 4 10
„ Whitening, Oil, etc. ...						5 12 3
„ Games Colours ...						1 13 9
„ Stamps and Postages ...						2 0 8
„ Swimming Medals ...						4 0 10
„ General Expenses ...						0 5 9
„ Bank Interest, less Commission ...						2 0 10

£231 5 4

Audited and found correct, March 27th, 1924,
W. M. STONE, A.C.A.

J. A. BARBER,
Hon. Treasurer.