



## The Magazine of William Hulme's Grammar School

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### Notes and News.

In our effort to have the fullest possible record of Old Hulmeians serving with H.M. Forces we publish still another list. We thank those who have already written to us, and shall be grateful for all information on this subject.

We welcome to the School Mr. J. S. Broome, M.Sc. (First Class Honours) and Mr. L. A. Jecny, Ph.D., University of Vienna. Before he retired at the end of last year Mr. Broome was Head Master of the Warrington Secondary School for many years. Mr. Jecny, who has joined the

Modern Languages side of the School, came to us from Sedbergh.

G. B. Warburton has been awarded an Exhibition in Mathematics at Peterhouse, Cambridge.

Oxford University Results:—

Honours School of Modern Languages, Section M.I., French: M. F. Wood (Exeter).

First Examination for the degree of B.M. (Anatomy and Physiology): D. R. Wood (Brasenose).

At London University F. H. Holmes has taken his B.Sc. degree with First Class Honours.



Manchester University Degrees and Examinations:—

Third M.B., Ch.B. Examination, Pathology and Bacteriology: J. S. Battersby, D. C. A. Bevis, T. A. Yates; Pharmacology: W. V. Wadsworth.

First M.B., Ch.B. (Part II. a): A. Haward has passed in Botany.

Degree of B.D.S., Third Examination: P. H. Taylor.

Diploma in Dentistry (Anatomy and Physiology): D. Burke.

A Manchester City Scholarship was awarded to D. M. Lever last September.

Out of thirty-five applicants for the post, S. L. Latham was appointed Fire Guard Staff Officer for Bolton.

On Founder's Day, January 26th, the School attended a service at the Cathedral, when Canon Woolnough, Chairman of the Governors, gave the address. Many parents and a number of Old Hulmeians home on leave from the Services were present.

First Team Football Colours have been awarded to C. Clay, B. S. Waltho, L. Robertson, D. S. Hewet, N. G. Bullivant, P. H. Richards, A. R. Hall, F. G. Higgins, R. J. Salthouse, J. R. Whitaker, D. Gibson.

First Team Lacrosse Colours to P. H. Richards, C. Clay, B. S. Waltho, A. R. Hall, B. Rourke. The following awards were made last May but were not recorded: P. J. Croxford, L. Robertson, J. D. Robson, A. R. Rodgers.

Arrangements are already being made for Harvest Camps to be held at Grange-over-Sands and at Worcester during the summer holidays. The nation's need is greater than ever this year, and it is hoped every boy will feel it his duty to take part in this very important work.

G. C. Waters has been appointed Captain of the 1st XI. Cricket team, with P. Cloughley as Vice-Captain.

Calendar for Midsummer Term:—

The term will begin on Tuesday, April 14th, at 9 a.m.

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Thursday, May 21st, at noon, to Thursday, June 4th, at 9 a.m.

The term will end on Monday, July 27th, at 4 o'clock.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following magazines: *The Savilian*, *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*, *The Aldwinian*, *The Waconian*.

## BIRTHS.

LOWTHER.—On August 3rd, 1941, to Anne and Harold Lowther, a son.

MARK.—On March 2nd, 1942, to Kathleen, wife of Robert Mark, a son. 22, Daventry Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

PETERS.—On March 10th, at Cheadle Hulme, to Mary, wife of James E. Peters, a son.

## MARRIAGES.

VLIES—SCANLON.—On September 12th, 1941, GORDON RICHARD, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Vlies, to MARGARET, daughter of the late Dr. Scanlon and Mrs. Scanlon, of Whalley Range.

ANDREWS—DEARDEN.—On October 6th, 1941, at St. Michael's Church, Flixton, Pilot Officer HENRY WOLFENDALE ANDREWS (R.A.F.V.R.), only son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Andrews, of Whalley Range, to OLIVE, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dearden, of Flixton.



**LITTLE—PARSONS.**—On December 12th, Lieut. JOHN HARRISON LITTLE (Royal Northumberland Fusiliers), son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Little, of Chorltonville, to ISABEL, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. T. Parsons, of Chorltonville.

**EMBLETON—ROBINSON.**—On December 22nd, ROY FREDERICK EMBLETON, 2nd Lieut., only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Embleton, 80, Alexandra Road South, Whalley Range, to EVA, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Robinson, Wordsworth House, Sockbridge, Penrith.

**FORSYTH—HERRING.**—On January 19th, 1942, at St. Margaret's Church, Whalley Range, JOHN BREWSTER (R.A.F.V.R.), younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Forsyth, of Creeforth, Broadway, Cheshire, to RITA, only daughter of Mrs. Herring and the late Mr. H. Herring, of 26, Blenheim Road, Firswood, Manchester.

**GILLISON—HAMMONDS.**—On February 20th, at Reykjavik, Iceland, Captain T. LESLIE GILLISON, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Gillison, of Old Trafford, Manchester, to OLGA, youngest daughter of the late Mr. H. Hammonds and Mrs. Hammonds, of Newcastle, Staffs.

**COCKER—JACQUES.**—On March 7th, at the Friends' Meeting House, Manchester, RALPH, son of Frank Barlow and the late Mary Cocker, to MARGARET, daughter of William and Agnes Jacques, of Tyldesley.

DEATH.

**LINFOOT.**—On January 18th, 1942, at 3, Priestnall Road, Heaton Mersey, GERALD, the dearly beloved husband of Irene L. Linfoot.

Roll of Honour.

Official confirmation has been received that WALTER ALAN STEAD, East Riding Yeomanry, was killed in action in May, 1940.

GEOFFREY RUSSELL ADAMS (1931), Sergeant Observer, R.A.F.V.R., killed in action during an operational flight over Crete.

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

The annual collection was made at School last term for the Hulme Lads' Club, and the form totals were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
6 C.M.U. ....	6	9	0
6 S.U. ....	8	19	4
6 C.M.L. ....	8	11	6
6 S.L. ....	8	4	1
5 A ....	12	1	2
5 B ....	11	3	1
5 C ....	6	17	3
4 A ....	13	15	9
4 B ....	9	16	8
4 C ....	9	19	6
3 A ....	13	7	0
3 B ....	13	9	9
2 A ....	10	15	9
2 B ....	12	3	5
2 C ....	9	0	0
1 A ....	17	2	11
1 B ....	18	0	0
L 1 ....	25	13	1½
Prep. ....	25	11	0

Certain other subscriptions were received, and a receipt for £257 14s. 0d. has been sent by the Club Secretary to the School.

Sir Christopher Needham, President of the Club, has sent the following letter to the Headmaster:—



Hulme Lads' Club,  
26th January, 1942.

Dear Mr. Trevor Dennis,

It is with very great pleasure that I again write to thank you on behalf of the Hulme Lads' Club for this year's collection, amounting to £257 14s. 0d.

The increase of £27 12s. 2d. over last year's total is most welcome, and I hope I may mention especially the part Mr. Parren must have played in reaching this gratifying total.

I am told that there has been very keen rivalry between Forms for this year's effort, particularly in the younger section of the School, and that your Preparatory Department, in reaching their record total of £25 11s. 0d., have only just lost a very close competition with the youngest Form, Lower I. That these younger boys lead the results is, I trust, a good augury for the continued support of our work by the School, on which we are so happy to be dependent.

Will you please convey our very grateful and sincere thanks to all concerned?

Yours sincerely,  
C. T. NEEDHAM.

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

- Adderley, G. G. (1938), R.A.S.C.  
 Andrew, H. W. (1923), Pilot Officer, R.A.F.  
 Batley, R. (1938), Corporal, R.A.F.  
 Blair, C. (1939), Loyal Suffolk Hussars.  
 Booth, C. J. (1938), R.A.S.C.  
 Brittain, C. J. (1938), Leading Aircraftsman, R.A.F.  
 Buckland, J. (1938), Fleet Air Arm.  
 Calkeld, J. R. (1939), R.A.F.  
 Collins, R. M. (1939), 2nd Lieut., Royal Corps of Signals.  
 Dockeray, C. P. (1941), R.N.  
 Duerden, W. J. (1939), Fleet Air Arm.  
 Duff, H. A. R. (1930), Lieut., Army Dental Corps.  
 Edwards, P. R. (1939), Sergeant Pilot, R.A.F.  
 Forsyth, J. B. (1927), R.A.F.  
 Green, R. H. (1924), Canadian R.E.  
 Green, G. E. (1922), Troop Sergeant-Major, R.A.  
 Hicks, L. (1939), R.N.  
 Kirkman, E. W. (1922), Leading Aircraftsman, R.A.F.  
 Lodge, J. H. (1921), Sergeant, Royal Armoured Corps.  
 Mark, John (1930), R.A.F.

- McTaggart, I. A. (1934), Sergeant, R.A.  
 Mercer, K. B. (1934), Captain, Nigerian Regiment.  
 Mount, L. S. (1926), Pilot Officer, R.A.F.  
 Peers, C. R. (1937), Lieut., Army Dental Corps.  
 Redfearn, R. (1939), Royal Corps of Signals.  
 Roberts, J. D. W. (1935), Sub-Lieutenant, R.N.  
 Rose, W. C. (1929), Highland Light Infantry.  
 Sampson, N. M. (1940), R.N.  
 Stead, G. A. (1934), Trooper, E.R. Yeomanry.  
 Swain, C. H. (1938), Leading Aircraftsman, R.A.F.  
 Taylor, K. D. (1938), Trooper, R.A.C.  
 Thomas, E. G. (1940), O.C.T.U.  
 Walton, W. C. (1936), Sergeant Pilot, R.A.F.

## PROMOTIONS, ETC.

- Barnes, E. (1926), to 2nd Lieut., Royal Armoured Corps.  
 Barrett, T. H. (1937), to Sergeant Pilot, R.A.F.  
 Batty, D. G. (1933), to 2nd Lieut., Royal Corps of Signals.  
 Benson, E. S. (1928), to Squadron Leader, R.A.F.  
 Burcham, R. E. (1933), to Pilot Officer, R.A.F.  
 Gillison, T. L. (1931), to Capt., Duke of Wellingtons.  
 Hesford, A. (1936), to Lieut., Manchester Regiment.  
 Joyce, R. (1939), to Sergeant Pilot, R.A.F.  
 Kershaw, H. (1934), to Sergeant, Cheshire Regiment.  
 Lowther, R. (1912), to Lieut., R.A.  
 Taylor, G. R. (1937), (Prisoner of War), to Lieut., Lancashire Fusiliers.  
 Whitehouse, A. B. (1935), to 2nd Lieut., R.A.  
 Sergeant J. H. Lodge, Royal Armoured Corps, 1st Dragoon Guards, has been awarded the Military Medal "in recognition of gallant and distinguished services in the Middle East."

## J.C.C. Notes.

Since our last notes a very important change has taken place in the organization of the Junior Training Corps. The age of entry has been lowered from 15 to 14, and there is to be a free issue of battle dress to all who join, though it may take a little time before the necessary arrangements can be completed.



We quickly got into our stride at the beginning of this term, and, on January 26th and 27th, ten days after the Christmas holidays, we had a Certificate "A" examination when the following fifteen candidates passed: Cadets R. L. Archer, M. Broady, D. B. Clarke, D. Hirst, D. Huxstep, R. G. Jenkin, G. Kettlewell, G. C. Lever, G. E. Marsden, C. H. Nesbitt, A. W. Peers, P. H. Richards, G. C. Waters, B. M. Williams, E. G. Williams. This brings the total of cadets holding Certificate "A" up to the record figure of 46. Already much has been done in preparation for the next Certificate "A" examination to be held next term on the new syllabus that came into force on 1st February. An important alteration is that candidates can now take the examination in two parts, the first at 15 years of age, and the second at 16, and the syllabus has been extended to include air-craft recognition, as well as other new features. There are now over 60 cadets taking the Certificate "A" course, and it has been found necessary to divide them into four classes.

We have been rather unfortunate in the weather, but this has not greatly handicapped us, as we have been able to get through a great deal of "inside" work, such as map-reading, aircraft recognition and musketry.

The War Office has recently been stressing the great importance of physical training, and the post-Certificate "A" cadets have been doing some energetic work under C.Q.M.S. J. O. Spalding, Corporal P. Cloughley, Cadets N. G. Bullivant and B. M. Williams, who attended a special P.T. course at York during the Christmas holidays. The junior platoon, under Sergeant D. S. Hewet has made excellent progress.

Permission to hold our annual camp at Grange-over-Sands during Whitsuntide has been granted by the War Office, and Western Command has kindly agreed to give us the necessary equipment, but the

food problem has still to be solved, and much will depend on the answer to that. Meantime, arrangements are being made for the holding of several field days next term which should prove both valuable and interesting.

The report on the inspection held on November 27th, 1941, by Colonel S. J. Worsley, D.S.O., M.C., of the War Office, Chief Inspector of Junior Training Corps, has come to hand, and we give here a few extracts:—

Drill: "The cadets marched well, and were steady on parade."

Post Certificate "A" Training: "Cadet N.C.O.'s render excellent reports on the instruction given."

Discipline: "Very good."

Arms and Equipment: "In good order."

General Remarks: "This is a good contingent limited only by its geographical position, which makes tactical training and field-craft difficult. The work which can be done, on the other hand, is done excellently. The camp at Whitsuntide is an excellent idea, and shows energy and initiative out of the ordinary."

It is up to every cadet by regular attendance and hard work to see that the standard of attainment indicated in this report is maintained.

On Wednesday, February 18th, Major Lennox-Boyd, of the Royal Scots Greys, visited the School and gave us a very interesting talk on the work of the Royal Armoured Corps.

Great progress has been made with the shooting, and Sergeant Salthouse has done excellent work on the range during the term.

A friend of the School, who wishes to remain anonymous, has very kindly sent a cheque for three guineas to purchase some suitable trophy for competition by the members of the J.T.C. This is a very generous gesture, and we much appreciate it.



## Old Hulmeians' Association.

In times such as we live in to-day, when Association functions are few and far between, it is gratifying to record that we were recently able to co-operate in the Founder's Day Celebrations, and a luncheon was held at Beresford's Restaurant, Pall Mall.

The attendance was not as high as in previous years, but, under present circumstances, and in spite of unavoidable short notice, could be considered very fair. Among those present were the President, Canon Woolnough, and Mr. John Lord.

In the short speeches which followed the lunch, Mr. Gilliat, President, welcomed those present. Mr. Lord proposed the toast of "The School," the reply being made by the Headmaster, Mr. Trevor Dennis.

Prior to the luncheon members of the School and School staff, parents and members of the Association attended the Founder's Day Service in the Cathedral, Canon Woolnough officiating. Amongst the Old Boys attending were several who are now members of H.M. Forces.

A. I. R.

## Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

Owing to the call up of more players we have, unfortunately, had to cancel all second team fixtures from January 31st. Since our last lacrosse notes our losses in players have been W. J. Duerden, J. E. Raines, J. Mark, J. Buckland, H. G. Edwards, and N. M. Sampson, all of whom are now serving in various branches of His Majesty's Forces.

J. Buckland, who was called to the Forces in January, is now training with the Fleet Air Arm. His dash and determination on the attack have been missed by the whole team.

At the time of writing we have only sixteen playing members, which leaves rather a close margin for choosing a team, especially as "cry-offs" are so numerous, though this cannot be helped owing to present conditions.

We have been very glad to have N. R. Coe back with us again; his assistance to the side has been invaluable.

The first team has had some good games with S.S.S., Old Mancunians and Old Waconians, all of which have been very close. The attack has consisted mainly of N. R. Coe, S. Gill and N. E. Hawley, and has been well backed up by J. P. V. Woollam and G. R. Vlies. L. A. Angell and A. W. Orr have been the backbone of our defence, while H. Milgate shows good promise of developing into a good class defender. F. W. Cooper in goal has played some good games, and we have much to thank him for.

We have had the pleasure of playing J. R. Howard, who was on leave during one of our matches, and whose assistance on the attack was much appreciated.

P. B. M.

### RESULTS.

#### FIRST TEAM.

Dec.	6.—v.	S.S.S.	.....H	Won	4-3
"	13.—v.	Stockport	.....H	Won	19-9
"	20.—v.	Old Mancunians	.....H	Won	12-6
Jan.	24.—v.	Old Maxonians	.....H	Won	10-5
"	31.—v.	Cheadle (N.F.S.)	.....H	Won	17-4
Feb.	7.—v.	Old Waconians	.....A	Lost	6-10
"	14.—v.	S.S.S.	.....H	Won	9-4
"	21.—v.	Old Waconians	.....H	Lost	7-10
"	28.—v.	Old Mancunians	.....H	Won	9-8

#### SECOND TEAM.

Dec.	6.—v.	N.F.S. (J. Division)	.....H	Lost	4-12
"	13.—v.	Old Maxonians	.....H	Won	10-3



## Oxford Old Hulmeians.

The last weeks of term saw an outburst of pent-up physical activity on the part of members of the University. Previous "inclement weather" gave way to breezes and even, at times, sunshine, which made grounds playable and players more amenable to taking exercise.

The Inter-varsity Rugger match produced some very good football, and the score of 18—7 in Cambridge's favour hardly did credit to Oxford's play.

Our Brasenose contingent, consisting of G. A. Weeks, D. R. Wood, J. Wilks and S. S. Wilson, are still living in Christ Church. Weeks has regularly played squash for the College and has also had an occasional game of lacrosse. Wood has played rugger when possible.

J. D. Robson (Corpus Christi) has been met several times over a tea-table, and delights in showing his visitors the conveniently-placed door between his bedroom and his scout's pantry. This is obviously responsible for the appearance of a cup of tea with his morning shaving-water!

M. F. Wood (Exeter) seems to divide his existence between reading French and taking countless Air Squadron tests and examinations. Having been promoted Corporal in the O.U. Air Squadron he has now more letters and figures following his name in the Air Force list. He has recently been awarded his College rugger colours.

All of us have important examinations in June. Weeks will be sitting for Chemistry Schools, Robson and Wilks for the shortened Physics School, Wilson for Maths., Mods., and M. F. Wood for Part I. of the Modern Languages School. We expect a crop of good results.

D. R. W.

## The Entertainments.

After a lapse of over two years the entertainments had become almost a mere memory, and it was quite like old times again this term to find the School crowding into the hall on a Tuesday afternoon for one of these shows. These entertainments were a very important part of the social life of the School before the war, and it is all to the good that we should take the first opportunity of resuming them. In present conditions, of course, it is not possible to run a full season's programme, as the hall has not been "blacked out," and consequently all rehearsals and performances must be over before darkness falls. It was not till the Lent term was some weeks old, February 3rd to be exact, that the first Tuesday entertainment took place. The School had, however, already given a performance of "The Case of the Frightened Lady" (Edgar Wallace) on Founder's Day, January 26th. Another play, Sheridan's "The Critic," was performed by the School on March 14th and 16th, while a Sacred Concert on Sunday, 29th March, brought the season to an end.

### Programme :

Play.—Monday, January 26th. "The Case of the Frightened Lady" (Edgar Wallace). A report will be found on another page.

Play.—Tuesday, February 3rd. On this date VI. C.M.L. gave a bright performance of that clever little piece, "Shall we join the Ladies?" (Sir James Barrie). The play, somehow, leaves us in a state of suspense and with a feeling that there is something more to come. Its chief merit lies in its scintillating dialogue, and Barrie's understanding of human reactions. Most of the players seemed to grasp what was expected of them. The most successful of them was, perhaps, R. A. Onions as Sam Smith, while E. Collier as Captain Jennings and M.



Broadly as Sir Joseph were competent. Others taking part were: J. H. Dye (Dolphin the Butler), A. W. Peers (Miss Isit), P. W. Watkins (Mrs. Preen), T. H. Dakin (Mrs. Castro), G. D. Hansom (Lady June), P. S. Hewitt (Lady Wrathie), D. J. Price (Mr. Gourlay), P. H. Richards (Mrs. Bland), T. K. Robinson (A Maid), B. Rourke (Mr. Preen), E. Shufflebottom (A Policeman), A. G. Smith (Vaile), G. Wilkinson (Miss Vaile). The dresses of the ladies deserve special mention, and were a successful feature of the show.

The play was produced by Mr. Parren.

Play.—February 10th. V.A. presented an old favourite, "The Bathroom Door" (Gertrude Jennings). As a farce, the play allows much scope and freedom in representation of the characters. The players providing the love interest, The Young Man (Mr. Glasgow) and the Prima Donna (J. W. N. Glover) were convincing. The Old Man (F. A. Stone) seemed very agile for his years, and so, too, was the Old Lady, whose portrayal by R. P. Handford was dynamic if not quite true to life. The Young Lady (D. Watkins) was completely charming and feminine, while F. Cawley as the Cockney "Boots" gave what was probably the most finished performance of a successful production.

Producer: F. G. Higgins.

Debate.—February 17th. Owing to unforeseen circumstances a readjustment of the programme had to be made on this date. It was not till the last minute that a debate was arranged, and the four principal speakers, who readily agreed to lead, had not much time to prepare for the stern encounter. The motion before the House was, "That Modern Civilization is a Failure," a comprehensive subject from which even the Brains Trust might pardonably have shrunk, but the School, undaunted, set about the discussion in a manner that bade fair to settle the

affairs of mankind for all time. B. S. Waltho led for the motion and, speaking in deliberate fashion, got home some good points: he was gallantly supported by W. L. Tonge. The leader for the Opposition, P. G. Reynolds, while somewhat hesitant in his delivery, put forward sound reasons for his point of view; J. C. White, as seconder, gave him strong support. When the discussion was thrown open, many speakers rose to contribute, and it was unfortunate that the closure had to be applied before all who desired had an opportunity of airing their views. Those who spoke were: F. G. Higgins, J. S. Stacey, R. A. Onions, B. P. Topley, E. Collier, M. Broadly, A. Whitehead, C. Clay, R. S. Mahomed, P. W. Watkins, F. J. Whelan.

On being put to the House the motion was defeated by 156 votes to 72.

The debate was arranged by Mr. Anderson, who acted as Chairman.

Brains Trust.—February 24th. This was an innovation, and, while modesty forbids us to claim that the "Trust" was a serious rival to the B.B.C. body, general opinion voted the experiment a great success. It was possible to get through only a small proportion of the many questions which covered a wide and varied range of subjects, though only a few really called for much discussion. The questions did, however, raise some interesting topics, and brought forth many equally interesting and satisfying answers. Members of the Brains Trust: Miss Green, the Head Master, Mr. Adams, Mr. Morley, Mr. Glasgow, Mr. Jecny.

Question Master: Mr. Anderson.

Plays.—3rd March. We had a double show on this date, both plays proving very entertaining. The first was "Mr. Fox" (Clemence Dane) played by III. B. "Mr. Fox" was a grim Western melodrama with straightforward characters. Thus, the villain (N. I. Cross) had a beard and



moustache and wore city clothes; the heroine (A. Salmon) was as pure as her gown of white; and the hero (I. A. Carter) was rough but honest and wore buckskin.

The plot was as honestly unpretentious as the characters, and we were relieved to find that the hero, Jimmy Red, was not really dead, after the inevitable exchange of shots, and was able to claim his Marquita (heroine) while the corpse of Lamans (villain) was being removed.

P. S. Boswara as "Sadie—a coal-black Mammy" was excellent. Not everyone spoke as audibly as he might.

The other characters were:—Glory Be (C. G. Gregory), Buck (H. G. Brocklehurst), Shorty (B. P. G. Adams), Clarence (F. S. Jones), Hop Lee (M. C. Cousins), Don Miguel (A. Wilson), Minister (J. N. McManus), Minister's Wife (F. M. Broadhurst), Sheriff (S. A. Smith), Officer (B. D. Etchells).

"The Good Deed" (E. A. Beecham), presented by 2B. This was almost something more than a play, and was brimming with a spirit of jollity which seemed to evoke a like mood in the audience.

In the less important dormitory scenes J. J. Nesbitt as Whiteley Minor is worthy of note.

The King and the Queen (P. Milgate and D. A. Robertson) both acted effectively. Robertson bore his assumed femininity uncommonly well. A. Wilkinson as St. George was, perhaps, a better schoolboy than a dragon-slayer. Of St. George's trusty men, A. Morley was quite disarming. The Chamberlain (C. F. F. Dunn) clowned admirably. The cast's confidence in their singing and dancing increased in direct proportion to the joviality of the audience. In the presentation of this play 2B certainly achieved their good deed for the day!

Other characters were: Bentley Major (D. R. Gibson), Schoolmaster (J. D. Wightman), Courtiers (A. F. Crowther, A. J. Standring, J. G. King), Sir Valiant Bumble Puppy (M. J. Delany), Sir Cowardly Custard (G. D. Simcock), Pages (P. W. Howard, P. Harrison).

F. G. Higgins produced both plays.

## "The Case of the Frightened Lady."

"The Case of the Frightened Lady" (Edgar Wallace) was presented at School on the afternoon of Founder's Day, Monday, January 26th.

The play is full of mystery and surprise in the true Edgar Wallace tradition, and the cast made good use of all the tricks to keep us baffled and suspended until—just before the final curtain—Lord Lebanon (played by B. M. Williams) solved the mystery so effectively that we quite forgot to remember how well he was acting.

Lady Lebanon (B. A. Ratliff) made us believe in her, too. Lady Lebanon's case was worth fighting, and the quiet, dignified persistence she showed, even in the way she carried her head, won sympathy for her cause. Of her household servants, Kelper (J. C. White), Gilder (B. S. Waltho), and Brooks (C. Clay) were convincing. White, an agitated, forceful and most deferential butler; Waltho, mysterious, confident and cunning; Clay, villainous, with a most suspicious snarl; each of them was as baffling to the "policemen" in the case as they were to us.



The C.I.D. men, in the first act, which was rather slow, were disappointing. Tanner (F. J. Whelan) was quite at home in his interview with Lady Lebanon later in the play, but the beginning of the play lacked reality. Perhaps one never saw a more orderly and attentive lecture room!

F. G. Higgins got many laughs, but one felt that he sacrificed himself for the Comic Muse rather too readily. Ferraby (P. Cloughley) was handicapped—as were the others in act one—by the play's exposition. Some of the dialogue seemed to mean little. One suspects that the war-time black-outs had robbed the first act of the rehearsal that it merited.

The truth is that from the beginning of the second act (which had a superb setting) the standard of the play's acting and production was so good that in retrospect the first act suffers by contrast, although one remembers a lively character sketch by N. G. Bullivant as Briggs.

Rawbane (G. C. Waters) contributed much to the reality of the Lebanon line, and J. B. Roberts in a small messenger's part was interesting.

G. E. Marsden certainly was a Frightened Lady, and we wondered, with her, just what ills awaited her.

If the purpose of this play was to mystify as well as to amuse, then it was a thorough success, for the laughter began almost as soon as the play, and a dramatic tension pervaded the whole performance.

The play was produced by the Head Prefect (F. G. Higgins), and was his second notable achievement on the School stage.

D. M. P.

## "The Critic."

It is not an uncommon impression among many people that no dramatist worth remembering existed between Shakespeare's time and the dawn of the twentieth century, but, after the production of Sheridan's "The Critic" by the School on Saturday and Monday, 14th and 16th March, Hulmeians, at least, will have no excuse for entertaining so gross a misconception. Shakespeare will always be played, if only because great actors will seek the highest medium by which to reveal their mastery of their art. Sheridan, too, is worth keeping alive for, if his language is less exacting, the opportunities he provides for intelligent acting are many. Of these our actors in this production were prompt to avail themselves. The first act, something in the nature of an eighteenth century "conversation piece," though competently played, moved but slowly, and some of the sparkle of the dialogue was occasionally missed. The next two acts, on the other hand, were full of life and action. The theme of the burlesque rehearsal as used by Sheridan was no new idea. However, as our actors made clear, the captious critic and the irresponsible amateur are immortals whose prototypes exist to this very day. M. Broady as Puff, the catchpenny journalist-playwright, had obviously studied his part with considerable care. This was apparent in the first act, in which he was confidently supported by J. A. Flinn as Mrs. Dangle. He was irrepressible and "puffed" to great purpose if, at times, excessively. When he took his friends Dangle and Sneer, played effectively by D. J. Price and A. W. Peers, to the rehearsal of his impending tragedy, "The Spanish



Armada," our hearts went out to him in his disappointment at finding his novelties, his theatrical effects, and his best lines excised by the actors. But, after all, his "tragedy" was poor stuff, and not even the efforts of E. Collier as Sir Christopher Hatton and G. D. Hanson as Sir Walter Raleigh, could save it. P. Cloughley's silent entrance as Lord Burleigh was almost as eloquent as the author intended.

Notable performances were given by the Beefeater (T. K. Robinson) and Tilburina (J. P. Chilton). In one respect, however, Mr. Puff was abundantly successful—in the "grand finale." The painted ships crossed the painted ocean in glorious combat, and sank or survived to fight another day in a style that delighted the audience. For this, Mr. Puff was indebted to the stage-craft of Mr. Brierley. Others who took part in the play were:—Sir Fretful Plagiary (A. G. Smith), Signor Pasticcio Ritornello (T. H. Dakin), Interpreter (C. P. F. Curtis), Under Prompter (P. H. Richards), Opera Singer (L. T. P. Wood), Servant (T. H. Jones), Earl of Leicester (J. B. Roberts), Governor of Tilbury Fort (B. Rourke), Master of the Horse (G. E. Marsden), Justice (R. G. Jenkin), Son (G. Wilkinson), Constable (A. R. Hall), Soldiers (R. A. Gardener and J. G. K. Hughes), Don Ferolo Whiskerandos (A. E. Papazian), Justice's Lady (P. S. Hewitt), First Niece (E. G. Smith), Second Niece (A. Greenhalgh), Thames (G. S. Hall), River Banks (A. Morley, R. W. Douglas), Confidante (K. A. Joysey).

Producer : Mr. Brierley.

## The Library.

The Library has been widely used by the Fifth and Sixth Forms this term in preparation for the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate examinations in July. The rules have been strictly enforced, and a considerable amount of important work has been accomplished during private study periods. We would ask those using the Library to see that every book is returned to its correct place on the shelf, when the reader's purpose has been served.

The records show there are some 120 borrowers, and we would impress on each one of them the importance of keeping entries in the borrowers' book up to date.

Attention is drawn to the useful "Classen Section" which appeared in the Library at the beginning of last term, and which contains many interesting volumes on very varied subjects. A number of new books were added to the Science Section recently and are now all in use.

## Lacrosse, 1941-42.

### FIRST TEAM.

This year's team has not been up to our normal first team standard, as too few of the side can catch the ball with any certainty or give an accurate pass.

In spite of the exceptionally bad weather we have been able to play six matches and lost none.

P. J. Croxford has been an excellent captain as well as an outstanding player, and



L. F. Benson has given him powerful help on the defence. P. H. Richards is a first-class goalkeeper, and P. Cloughley, who was moved out of goal to make way for him, has helped to put life into a some times depressing attack.

The season's record is Played 10, Won 3, Lost 3, Drawn 4.

## RESULTS.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—6th December, 1941. Away. 2—3 (match abandoned).

The game was played in a steady down-pour of rain, and, as the ground became steadily worse, it was impossible to play good lacrosse. Both attacks found it difficult to move rapidly, and scoring was low.

We held a slight advantage at first, and Hazell scored twice, which gave us a 2—0 lead at half-time. Cheadle Hulme scored three times in the third quarter, and then a severe hailstorm forced us to abandon the game.

Richards was away, and Cloughley returned to goal; Hazell came in on the attack.

Team: P. Cloughley, D. S. Hewet, P. J. Croxford (captain), A. R. Hall, B. S. Waltho, C. Clay, L. F. Benson, M. Hazell, L. Robertson, C. H. Nesbitt, B. Rourke, N. G. Bullivant.

v. OLD HULMEIANS "A."—17th January, 1942. Home. Drawn 3—3.

Richards returned, but Cloughley was away, and the team was otherwise unchanged. The ground was frozen hard, and stiff tufts of grass made it difficult to pick up the ball. The game started slowly, and both attacks made many mistakes. Old Boys scored once in the first quarter, and we managed to equalise before half-time.

The second half was a little better, but our attack was still much too slow. The defence forced persistently, but passes were often missed, and the defence were then a man short. Fortunately, Richards covered most of these mistakes by a good performance in goal.

v. MANCHESTER G.S.—28th February. Home. Drawn 10—10.

Cloughley returned, and Hazell was retained in place of Nesbitt.

The game started slowly, with neither attack dangerous, and throughout the game our attack was much too slow. Cloughley was the best of the attacks, and was supported by good forcing from the defence.

We led 6—4 at half-time, but afterwards Manchester improved and led 9—7. Their defence still found it necessary to force, and a dropped pass therefore found a defence man out of position. Several goals were lost in this way. In the last quarter our attacks improved, and three quick goals gave us the lead at 10—9, but we could not keep Manchester out, and they equalised in the last minute.

v. MANCHESTER G.S.—11th March. Away. Won 13—1.

Robertson was unable to play on account of injury, and Huxstep was brought in. The attack was rearranged, with Hazell and Huxstep on the wings, and Cloughley, Rourke, and Bullivant in the straight. The new order was a great success, and gave us a really fast attack for the first time this season. Both wings were able to beat their men, and this opened gaps in the Manchester defence.

We scored in the first minute, and led 5—1 and 8—1 at quarter and half-time. Many chances were lost by dropped passes and wild shooting, but the attack was always dangerous, and the defence, able to concentrate on its own work, was very sound.



The second half was not quite so fast, as the heavy ground tired both teams, but we were always on top.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—16th March. Home. Won 14—4.

We started off well, scoring immediately after the face. This quick goal was soon followed by four more. The attack was fast, and, though more passes were dropped than in the last game, they managed to score quite freely. Hazell, more experienced now, rounded his man often. Bullivant handled well, and his shooting was good. The defence was successful, not letting Cheadle Hulme score till the second quarter. Richards, both in goal and out, helped us out of several difficult situations. The forcing by the defence helped the attack to score, and Hewet got the ball from most of the faces.

By half-time we had brought our score up to 8—2, thus establishing a good lead. We increased our lead to 11—3 at three-quarter time, and in the last quarter we scored three more goals to our opponents' one.

### SECOND TEAM.

Only three matches have been possible this term. All have been against Manchester Grammar School, and were won without difficulty.

J. M. Gilliat has been a good captain and has done much to keep the team keen.

The season's record is, Played 6, Won 5, Lost 1.

The following have played :—J. M. Gilliat (captain), J. R. Whitaker, S. R. Souter, D. J. Price, C. H. Nesbitt, T. K. Robinson, D. Huxstep, E. G. Williams, F. Cawley, B. S. Galloway, G. E. Marsden, K. R. Cleland, F. S. W. Gill, G. C. Martin.

### RESULTS.

Jan. 17.—v.	Manchester	G.S.	.....H	Won 19-0
Mar. 11.—v.	Manchester	G.S.	.....A	Won 14-1
.. 14.—v.	Manchester	G.S.	.....H	Won 20-5

### UNDER 15 TEAMS.

Despite the lack of practice and the adverse conditions underfoot, junior lacrosse this term has produced encouraging results. The second team has played with its customary enthusiasm, and no little skill. The first team has improved considerably, especially in speed and catching, but the passing is still poor.

Each team has played the corresponding Manchester Grammar School side twice, and, as all these games were won, both teams have unbeaten records for the season.

The first team has usually been : D. Buckland (captain), E. P. Cosslett, A. D. Crompton, I. M. B. Darroch, A. M. Flett, J. A. Flinn, W. G. Gibson, J. F. Kay, T. Lawrence, J. T. Norris, D. A. Robertson, and R. C. Spooncer.

The following boys have played for the second team : A. C. Bryan, A. F. Crowther, N. Fletcher, B. A. Grimshaw, H. W. Hall, G. Jones, E. B. Price, J. S. Robertson, F. A. Stone, A. J. Standring, J. C. Unsworth, D. Watkins, P. W. Watkins (captain), and T. Wrigley.

### Football, 1941-42.

It has been found possible to play only two games since the last football notes appeared; both, unfortunately, have been lost.—We met Macclesfield under some disadvantage, but we had our full team against Manchester Grammar School.



The team has improved during the season, but, having had to cancel so many matches, it is impossible to say how much the improvement would have developed.

The backs lacked practice in passing and kicking; this was chiefly due to the fact that the forwards never gave them a fair share of the ball. There is also room for improvement in the tackling by the forwards.

These have been the main faults responsible for a rather unsuccessful season.

Team : D. Gibson; A. R. Hall, P. J. Croxford (captain), L. F. Benson, C. Clay; P. Cloughley, N. G. Bullivant; F. G. Higgins, P. H. Richards, R. J. Salthouse; F. J. Whelan, B. S. Waltho, D. S. Hewet, J. R. Whitaker, L. Robertson.

#### RESULTS.

Wednesday, 10th December, 1941, *v.*  
KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Home.  
Lost 0—36.

Two of our forwards were unable to play in this game; we were thus at a disadvantage in having two second team men playing.

After the kick-off we took the play well into our opponents' half, but we were steadily pushed back by a heavier and more capable pack. At length Macclesfield scored from a loose scrum. Our scrum was over-weighted, and they did not obtain the ball very often. The passing by the backs was not good, many excellent chances being spoilt by a dropped pass. Macclesfield were able to score several more tries, most of them being converted.

Saturday, 13th December, 1941. *v.*  
MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away.  
Lost 3—18.

With the kick we took the play into our opponents' twenty-five, but the livelier

Manchester pack drove us out. Play continued in mid-field for some time, but eventually Manchester obtained the ball from a set scrum, and brought the play into our twenty-five.

After several determined attempts Manchester managed to score in the corner. Until half-time the play was confined to our half of the field, but occasional rushes led by the three-quarters took the ball into Manchester's twenty-five. However, by half-time our opponents had scored three more tries, but not one was converted.

The main troubles in this game were the failure of the forwards to obtain the ball from either set or loose scrums and the fact that the backs did not pass accurately.

In the second half we started better, and, after a lively quarter of an hour, Waltho broke through and scored. Manchester managed to put on six more points before the end.

P. J. C.

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#### House Games, 1941.

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The extremely cold weather and the consequent hard grounds have, unfortunately, up to date made House games too dangerous this year on all but six occasions. If the ground was not covered with snow it was frozen hard, and a slip or fall would probably have resulted in some serious injury if we had played. There have, therefore, been no senior House Colour awards for lacrosse this year, but the House League would seem to reveal that the high standard of efficiency, enthusiasm and attendance of last year have been maintained.

Byrom won the House Football League and Shield last term, being 36 points ahead of their nearest rivals, Fraser and Whitworth.



Byrom also won the Senior House Football Knock-outs, narrowly defeating Whitworth (6—3) in the semi-final, but winning the final against Gaskell by a wider margin (23—3).

The Junior House Football Knock-outs were won by Whitworth, who "knocked-out" Byrom (12—9) and Gaskell (22—0). Both finals and semi-finals were played during the last week of last term.

F. G. H.

## War Savings.

The outstanding achievement of this term's War Savings Collection was during Manchester's Warship Week. The School collection amounted to £1,019 14s. 0d. Of this amount the Preparatory School contributed £489 14s. 0d. Since the Preparatory began a separate collection in November, 1940, their savings have reached £1,031 12s. 6d. This term's School collection amounts to £1,150 0s. 0d., which means that the School, including the Preparatory has so far contributed in savings £4,794 13s. 6d.

## Parents' Association.

**CLOTHING SCHEME.**—At a meeting held on the 3rd January last, the Committee considered the Clothing Scheme, and fully discussed the advisability of carrying on with the Scheme, owing to the poor response. It was decided that this matter should be put before the parents at the Extraordinary Meeting which was being held on the 31st January.

At this Extraordinary Meeting the Chairman reported to the parents that the Clothing Scheme was going very slowly, and he asked the parents for their views as to whether the Scheme should be dropped or continued. After some of the members had voiced their opinions on the subject, it was decided by the meeting that the Scheme should carry on for another term, as it was felt that the parents had not yet felt the shortage of coupons, but might do so in the near future, and might be only too glad to avail themselves of this Scheme when the time arrived.

An address was given by Mr. Kenneth R. Evans, M.A., A.M.I.Mech.E., of the Education Department attached to Metropolitan-Vickers Electrical Co. Ltd., on Electrical and Mechanical Engineering as a Career. It was most interesting, and greatly appreciated by the parents.

### NOTICE.

The Annual Ordinary Meeting of Parents will be held on Friday, 12th June, 1942, and parents will be, before that date, advised as to time and place. All parents are urged to be present, as the chief business of this meeting is to appoint a Vice-Chairman, Officers and Members of the Committee for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business of the Association; members are asked to bring up any material of importance for discussion.

The Committee wish to remind the parents that there will be two vacancies on the Committee as the Rev. H. Motley, our Chairman, retires automatically in June, and the Rev. W. Dockeray, who has left Manchester to take up a living in Hyde, has resigned. Will any parent desirous of serving on the Committee please send in his or her name for nomination, together with the names of six supporting members, to our Secretary, at 265, Withington Road, Manchester 21, before the 10th April, 1942?

W. H. GRANTHAM, *Hon. Secretary.*



### Worcester Harvest Camp.

AUGUST, 1941.

	£	s.	d.
To Brought forward	3	17	6
" Camp Fees at 15/- per week	158	8	0
" Refund from Worcester War Agricultural Committee	66	2	0
" Wages	129	11	8
" Bank Interest	0	1	2
	<u>£358</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

	£	s.	d.
By Food	190	6	2
" Rail Fares	38	5	10
" Hire of Equipment	14	10	0
" Oven and Oil	5	19	2
" Transport	4	12	0
" Upkeep	6	12	4
" Postage and Telephone	1	0	0
" Medical Attendance	1	0	6
" Cheque Book	0	5	0
" Bank Commission	0	5	11
" Refund at 9/- per week	94	19	0
" Cash at Bank	0	2	11
" Cash in Hand	0	1	6
	<u>£358</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>

Audited and found correct,  
**J. A. BARBER,**  
 February 28th, 1942.

**TREVOR DENNIS.**

### William Hulme's Grammar School Games Account.

Statement of Accounts for the Year ended December 31st, 1941.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1940				69	14	4
" Grant from Governors—						
Lent Term	85	19	0			
Midsummer Term	87	3	0			
Michaelmas Term	88	10	0			
	<u>261</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>			
	<u>£331</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>			

	£	s.	d.
By Materials for Games	30	18	0
" Travelling Expenses of Teams	25	12	5
" Groundsman's Wages	78	0	0
" Repairs to Mowing Machines	52	15	5
" Petrol, Oil, Lime and Paint	21	4	6
" Stamps, Postages and Telephone Calls	0	15	6
" Teas to Visiting Teams	0	6	6
" General Expenses	1	1	6
" Colour Caps	1	7	0
" Bank Commission and Cheque Book, less Interest	0	1	5
" Balance in Bank, 31st Dec., 1941	119	4	1
	<u>£331</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>

Audited and found correct, 2nd March, 1942.  
**W. M. STONE,** Chartered Accountant.

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