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School Notes and News.

Dr. W. H. Moberley has been appointed to the Board of Governors of the School.

University Degrees and Examinations :
M.Sc. : N. A. Alston ; B.A. (Com.) :
A. H. Allman.

First M.B. Examination, Part IIA :
Botany and Chemistry, N. D. Cousins ;
Botany, R. J. Crompton, R. Judson, and
A. R. Kennedy.

Diploma in Dentistry : Dental Metal-
lurgy, D. R. Dickson ; Dental Mechanics,
J. E. Ellis ; Botany, J. M. Gibbons.

Intermediate B.Sc., Tech. : J. Ferguson.

Manchester City Scholarships have been won by C. G. E. Holehouse, T. W. M. Bland, J. Midgley, A. Cartwright, and J. F. Caldwell.

At the Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board Examinations held last July the following successes were gained :

Higher Certificates : C. Wilkes, N. Copeland, G. H. Platt, J. C. Ratcliffe and G. Woodhouse in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, and English Literature ; J. F. Caldwell in French, German, History, and English Literature ; C. G. E. Holehouse, A. R. Andrew, T. W. M. Bland, A. Cartwright, J. Midgley, and R. Millner in

English Literature, History, Latin, and French.

Matriculation Certificates with Distinction in the subjects named: G. E. Bishop (Mathematics), P. N. Cantrill, H. R. Cayton (Chemistry), G. Cocker, D. Coe (French, Physics), A. M. Holden, R. C. H. Lowe (Mathematics, Physics), T. Roberts, H. M. Taylor (Mathematics), H. J. Widdows, J. I. Williams, B. J. Bentley (Mathematics), C. A. Burnside, J. Chatwin, G. A. Clare, A. Dalton (French), D. L. Doff, P. Hodgkinson (History, French), W. G. Jackson, R. C. Jennings, J. Mark (1), E. W. Rose, H. Sambrook, P. M. Thomason (History), C. A. Coard, W. M. Garvie (Chemistry), and D. D. Y. K. Merer.

School Certificates: G. B. Barker, H. Dick, W. S. Grimshaw, W. L. Kidd (Chemistry), A. F. Mackay, K. F. Moore, A. J. H. Scholefield, A. G. Sidebotham (Physics), N. Stoddard, T. M. Tillotson, H. B. Brownridge, S. Cole, F. W. Drummond, C. E. Hall, J. L. W. Jordan, W. Peak, E. Phillips, E. B. Richards, J. G. Richards, R. O. Venning, N. B. Wilkinson, J. B. Holt, T. M. Jones, and W. B. Stansby.

Awards made by the Governors to boys in the School: Foundation Scholarships, value £21 a year, to H. B. Brownridge, S. Cole, R. C. Jennings, H. Sambrook, and A. J. H. Scholefield.

Leaving Exhibitions: £40 per annum, tenable for three years, to T. W. M. Bland who has gone to Corpus Christi College, Cambridge; £20 per annum, tenable for three years, to C. G. E. Holehouse, C. Wilkes, and J. C. Ratcliffe, who have entered Manchester University.

The Prefects for the year are A. Wilkinson (Head Prefect), F. P. Harris, S. D. Cleworth, J. Midgley, R. Millner, A. K. F. Nicol, P. H. Taylor, L. W. Kershaw, W. G. Jackson, C. A. Burnside, and A. R. Merchant.

An Honours Lacrosse Cap has been awarded to F. P. Harris.

Four members of the Old Hulmeians lacrosse team, J. P. V. Woollam, T. R. Lea, N. A. Barber, and M. D. Pearson, were chosen to play for Lancashire against Yorkshire.

We record our thanks to Mrs. G. Blackstock, Manley Road, for the articles she has presented to the school museum.

W. Porthouse has passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Bankers.

It will be a matter of interest to those boys who have left School in recent years, just as it is one of pleasure to those still attending, to know that the work of levelling the field is now completed. Thanks are due to all those boys who, inspired by the excellent example of the Headmaster and Mr. McConnell, worked so hard to this end. The temporary roadway along the north side of the field has now served its purpose, and, when levelled, should add appreciably to the area of the field.

News of Old Hulmeians is always welcome. All communications should be addressed to Mr. Barber or to the Editor at the School.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *Ulula* (2), *The Buxtonian*, *The Waconian*, *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*, *The Frome County School Magazine*, *The Savilian*, *The Leigh Grammar School Magazine*.

For Old Boys the subscription to *The Hulmeian* is 1/6 per annum, which should be paid to Mr. J. A. Barber at the School.

Calendar for Lent Term: The term begins on Thursday, January 10th, at 9 a.m. Half Term, February 23rd and 25th.

School Sports, Tuesday, March 26th, at noon.

Easter Holidays will extend from Wednesday, March 27th, at noon, to Tuesday, April 9th, at 9 a.m.

BIRTHS.

SWINN.—On October 21st, at Ashleigh, Marsland Road, Brooklands, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. SWINN, a daughter.

SWINN.—On October 29th, at Anderby, Northenden Road, Gatley, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. SWINN, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BRIGGS—JONES.—On September 10th, at the English Congregational Church, Old Colwyn, by the Rev. D. J. Griffiths, M.A., and the Rev. S. T. W. Barker, RICHARD WARD, elder son of the late Mr. John BRIGGS, late of Rothsay, Alexandra Park, Manchester and Mrs. BRIGGS, of Homefield, Llantrisant, Glam., to NORAH ALDWYTH, only daughter of the late Rev. Morgan JONES and Mrs. Morgan JONES, of Oakleigh, Old Colwyn.

JACKSON—ONLEY.—On September 12th, at St. Edmund's Church, Alexandra Road South, by the Rev. F. Addison, M.A., rector, ERIC, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. JACKSON, of Manley Road, Whalley Range, to DORIS LUCY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. ONLEY, of Corporation Road, Audenshaw.

ALLMAN—BROWN. On October 8th, at St. Anne's Church, Sale, ALAN HENRY, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. ALLMAN, of Whalley Range, to DORIS ALEXANDRA, daughter of Mrs. BROWN, of Ashton-on-Mersey, and the late Mr. William BROWN.

BOWDEN—WALTON.—On October 24th, at St. Paul's Church, Kersal, by the Rev. A. H. Jeff, M.A., Rector of St. Paul's Church, Heaton Moor, LESLIE, younger son

of Mr. and Mrs. J. BOWDEN, 45 Derby Road, Heaton Moor, to JOYCE, daughter of the late Mr. J. Woodruff WALTON and of Mrs. WALTON, 427 Bury New Road, Higher Broughton.

BLACKSTOCK—HEATH.—On December 6th, at St. Margaret's Church, Whalley Range, by the Rev. W. J. Canton, M.A., Rector, assisted by the Rev. W. G. Peck EDGAR BLACKSTOCK to EVELYN HEATH, both of Whalley Range.

DEATH.

TWELVES.—On Saturday, November 17th, at Old Whittington, near Chesterfield, KATHLEEN MARGUERITE, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. TWELVES.

Miss Twelves.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Miss Twelves at her home, near Chesterfield, after a prolonged illness. She was first taken ill in August, 1927, and remained away during the Michaelmas term that year. Her health again broke down in May, 1928, and though undergoing an operation, she was never able to return to School. Miss Twelves joined the staff of the Preparatory Department in September, 1919, and was closely identified with all the work of that section of the School, taking an active part in organising the games, the entertainments, and the annual sports of her diminutive charges; on occasion she also appeared in the choir at school concerts. She was an excellent teacher, her kindly, sympathetic disposition, and her bright, cheerful manner peculiarly fitting her for the work she had undertaken.

Speech Day.

This event, the most important in the school year, took place on Monday, July 23rd, when, with the Archdeacon of Manchester (the Venerable Noel Lake Aspinall), Chairman of the Board of Governors, presiding, the Right Rev. the Bishop of Middleton (Dr. Parsons) attended to distribute the prizes and address the School. For some years lack of accommodation had compelled us to divide the function into two parts, but with the completion of the new hall we were this year enabled to do away with such an awkward yet unavoidable arrangement, though, indeed, with the attendance of parents and friends being greater than ever this time even the increased space seemed inadequate. The Chairman, after a few brief remarks, called upon the Headmaster to read his report on the work of the School for the year.

Mr. Trevor Dennis began by speaking of the successes and achievements of Old Hulmeians at the universities and elsewhere, and mentioned that thirteen higher school certificates and thirty-five matriculation and school certificates had been won by boys in the School. After alluding to the completion of the new class-rooms, he said that an improvement in the work had already been shown, due to the new buildings, the consequent reduced pressure, and the more comfortable conditions generally; the number of absences was also decreasing. After reference to the feat of the Old Boys lacrosse team in winning the North of England League Championship, the Headmaster went on to speak of the games at School, and remarked that the most important thing in this connection was that at least half the boys in the School were on the field each half holiday, the number on one occasion being 273, and an attempt was being made to devise schemes whereby the ordinary boy without any particular ability

in athletics could receive all the good and enjoyment possible out of games. In talks with business men, the speaker continued, he had gathered that while they wanted boys with brains, they wanted, above all, boys who would get them business, and to do that, they said, the most important thing was to be friendly and sociable and join in clubs and games in all possible directions. Mr. Dennis then went on to refer to the Cadet Corps work, and pointed out that this side of School life gave a non-athletic boy an opportunity to give some devoted service to the School, and to assert himself in a proper way outside the form room.

The Bishop of Middleton in his remarks emphasised the importance of taking a broad interest in all branches of the School work, and said that, judging from its many activities, the School seemed to live a vigorous life. He spoke of the power for good that a cadet corps could be in a school, and added that the boy who was found in it was generally a good type. The Bishop concluded by telling the boys to be observant and to cultivate the habit of forming opinions, but warned them against intolerance of the opinions of others.

A vote of thanks to the Bishop was moved by the Chairman and seconded by Mr. H. Cardwell.

The School orchestra played during the afternoon.

After the speech-making was over, many of the visitors found their way to the art room where there was an attractive exhibition of painting, leather work, and woodwork.

PRIZE LIST.

The special prizes, and the form prizes for the Sixth and Fifth forms which are awarded on the results of the Certificate Examinations were presented this term.

Special Prizes :

The Vlies Modern Languages Prize for Sixth Forms : J. F. Caldwell.

Williamson Science Prize for Sixth Forms : G. Woodhouse.

F. Dehn Classical Prize for Sixth Forms : J. Midgley.

C. Dehn History Prize : Sixth Forms, A. R. Andrew ; Fifth Forms, P. Hodgkinson.

Oldfield English Prize for VI C.M. : T. W. M. Bland ; for VI S. : J. C. Ratcliffe.

Lymer Mathematical Prize for Sixth Forms : G. Woodhouse.

Dorrington Latin Prize for Fifth Forms : D. Coe.

Bazley Modern Languages Prize for Fifth Forms : A. Dalton.

Aspinall Religious Knowledge Prize : 1. G. C. Evans ; 2. G. O. Holt.

Oddy Prize : 1. G. Woodhouse ; 2. C. Wilkes.

Art Prizes : Fifth Forms, A. Dalton ; Fourth Forms, R. C. Dyson ; Third Forms, H. G. Gartside ; Second Forms, T. F. Swindells ; First Forms, A. Carmichael.

Form Prizes : VI C.U., T. W. M. Bland ; VI M.U., J. F. Caldwell ; VI S.U., G. Woodhouse ; VI C.L., R. C. Gaul ; VI M.L., H. Barratt ; VI S.L., G. C. Evans ; Va., 1. R. C. H. Lowe ; 2. D. Coe. Vb., 1. P. M. Thomason ; 2. P. Hodgkinson. Vc., 1. C. A. Coard ; 2. W. M. Garvie. IVa., 1. E. Saunbury ; 2. T. G. Robinson. IVb., 1. J. Mark ; 2. L. Roberts. IVc., 1. G. E. Wild ; 2. F. B. Mayo. IIIa., 1. G. A. Roe ; 2. E. Lindley. IIIb., 1. W. Bowden ; 2. W. C. Harris. IIIc., 1. I. D. Burke ; 2. G. S. Walker. IIa., 1. W. Edwards ; 2. F. Luckman. IIb., 1. H. B. Johnson ; 2. G. R. Lamb. IIc., 1. A. L. Mosley ; 2. I. Humphreys. Ia., 1. T. F. Redman ; 2. H. E. Tunstall. Ib., 1. R. Mark ; 2. D. W. Pursglove. Ic., 1. A. Carmichael ; 2. O. J. Charnock. Ll., 1. J. S. Shayler ; 2. D. A. E. Chambers.

The Arrival.

From out of the mists which had gathered in the night a gentle breeze brought out to us the clean, unmistakable smell of pine. So it came about that my first acquaintance with Finland was not by sight, nor even by hearing, but by the sense of smell, and what better way could there be of encountering a country for the first time than by smelling the great forests that cover it? Aided by the light wind, a promising sun was rapidly dispelling the mist, and by nine o'clock the horizon was clear. Finland revealed itself as a long strip of very low, very densely wooded country about three miles away ; there was hardly any trace of a beach, but the trees and bushes seemed to grow right down to where the fresh waters of the tideless Baltic lapped about their roots.

On our British coasts there is ceaseless war between land and sea. Each day brings its two tides to batter at our crumbling cliffs, each day sees them repelled, but they leave their mark. Perhaps another fragment of cliff has been eroded, another foot of territory gained ; perhaps Neptune has defeated his own ends by hurling particles of rock at our shores, there to accumulate into the sandy protection we call a beach. Round Finland, however, land and sea are at peace. The great forest (its other end who knows where?) comes to an end in a sharp line at the water's edge ; there is no strip of arid waste ground which neither land nor sea can claim.

We were now rapidly approaching the Grekora beacons, two objects like torch brackets, which were sticking up out of the water a few hundred yards ahead. Abreast of them the ship turned northward towards a lightship, which marked the entrance to Bjorko Sound. We were keenly observing the anchored vessel through binoculars, for, although the signal flag

denoting our need of a pilot had been up some minutes, it had drawn forth no reply. At last an answering flag fluttered jerkily up, while a boat put off to intercept us. The captain went to the engine-room telegraph and signalled, "Stand By"; a few minutes later the bells jangled again—"Dead Slow." Then the pilot's dinghy bumped against the ship's side and made fast below the rope ladder. The pilot, a sturdy Finn who looked like a W. W. Jacobs character, clambered up and was at once taken to the bridge by one of the mates. His boat cast off again, and once more the telegraph rang a message, "Full Speed Ahead."

At first the coast-line had seemed to be unbroken, but now a gap in the trees became visible. It was for this channel that we were heading, a strait between the mainland and the island of Bjorko. As the Sound opened before us, it revealed nothing more than that same dense mass of sweet-smelling forest, scrupulously following the line of the shore. A lazy spiral of smoke suggested the presence of a village, and a change of course took us round a bend and into sight of a cluster of small wooden houses. They made a picturesque scene. The ochred walls and coloured roofs, lined with white, the dark background of forest, and the blue water and sky, were in complete harmony. On the shore a woman stopped in her washing to watch us pass, while the white linen scarcely moved in the still water. Another bend in the channel and the scene was gone like a vision, but we had instead the first view of our destination.

Jutting out towards us was a rounded promontory, on which were one or two buildings of a commercial type, a noisy sawmill, and a large white house nestling in the few trees left there. To the right of these were many acres of neat stacks of sawn timber, each with its sloping roof to carry off rain. Two wooden jetties led out from amongst the stacks, and from them

great rafts of timber were being formed to be towed to those ships that had not been able to berth at the quay. Further round still was a white beach, and then a handsome red and white villa with a small pier and boat-house. Here, we learned from the pilot, the Czar and the royal family used to stay every summer for a few weeks. Now it belongs to a timber merchant. To the left of the point we could see a short granite quay and the masts of eight or nine ships. Ten minutes more, and we were at anchor.

Immediately three small steamers and a motor launch were fast alongside, and we were boarded by the various harbour officials, and, most welcome of all, the ship's agent with the mail. All at once disappeared with the captain into the saloon, where the formalities of arrival had to be completed. At last the agent rose to go ashore, and gave a telegram form to the captain, who addressed it to the owners in Scotland. The message consisted of one word, "Arrived."

R.M.H.G.

The Entertainments.

The appeal of these entertainments spreads with the years. Not only are there now more boys who weekly seek diversion at the Tuesday afternoon entertainments from the more serious affairs of school life, but the regular attenders among parents and friends increase from year to year. The number of season tickets sold this year—526—is easily a record. Except for a few minor and unimportant details the stage arrangements are as last year, but the stage workers have not been idle; much ingenuity and effort has been expended by them on making

properties for the Christmas play, "Make-believe." They are cunning workers, these stage hands, and will turn you out a throne, a Christmas tree, a cavern, or a barge, on the shortest notice; if the moon must shine, or "a dim religious light" is required, you can have it. To all who so enthusiastically help we "Can no other answer make, but thanks, and thanks, and ever thanks."

DEBATE.—October 9th. The subject, "That we are too much the slaves of convention," was one that offered a wide scope for discussion, and the principal speakers wandered into the realms of art, literature, music, and dress, in the course of their arguments. F. P. Harris put the proposition and was seconded by A. K. F. Nicol: the leader of the opposition was J. Midgley who had R. Millner as seconder. Other speakers were, H. Barratt, R. C. Gaul, P. H. Taylor, W. G. Jackson, C. A. Burnside, L. W. Kershaw, E. C. P. Butler, J. Mark (2), F. B. Stevens, J. W. Yates, H. C. Dumler, R. Jones, and H. R. Clayton. On the motion being put by the chairman (the Headmaster) it was carried by 273 votes to 82. It cannot be too firmly impressed upon those taking part in the debates that the most convincing points and the most devastating arguments fail if heard only by those in the immediate vicinity of the speaker. The debate was arranged by Mr. Anderson.

PLAY.—October 16th. "Elegant Edward" (Gertrude Jennings and E. Boulton) is the story of how an ordinary crib-cracker is bluffed by a swell crook who, in turn, finds that his own little plan "gangs agley." The play was cleverly presented by the following cast: "Mr. Treherne" (Mr. Brierley), Bill (Mr. Powell), Mrs. Treherne (G. E. Wild), Sergeant of Police (A. M. Hadfield), Policeman (H. G. Walker). Producer, Mr. Brierley.

CONCERT.—October 23rd. Programme:
1.—Symphony No. 39 in E Flat (Mozart)

andante con moto, minuet and trio, the Orchestra. 2.—Symphonic variations for 'cello and piano (Boellman), S. T. Harrison and J. I. Williams. 3.—Folk Song, "Bobby Shafto" (arr. W. G. Whittaker), the Choir. Community singing completed the programme. The concert was arranged by the Headmaster.

LANTERN LECTURE.—October 30th. Mr. Davies had an interested audience who listened to a very entertaining lecture on "Ships."

PLAYS.—November 6th. Form IIa performed a Latin play, "Virginia," under the guidance of Mr. Brown. Three boys of the form who did not appear in this play took part in a little sketch, "Sam Weller's Valentine," adapted from "The Pickwick Papers." This was produced by Mr. Eyre. Cast: Mr. Weller, Sen. (R. H. Pear), Sam Weller (M. Ballinger), The Maid (F. H. Collins). The scene was laid in the parlour of "The Blue Boar."

PLAY.—November 13th. "The Bishop's Candlesticks" (Norman McKinnel) was played by VIC.M.L. The scene is a room in the bishop's house and a good performance was given by the following cast: The Bishop (F. W. Drummond), Persomé, his sister (J. Mark, 1), Marie, a maid (W. S. Grimshaw), Sergeant (H. Sambrook), Gendarme (W. G. Jackson), Convict (C. A. Burnside). Play produced by Mr. Parren.

CONCERT.—November 20th. Programme: First and last movements of Mozart's Symphony in E Flat, the Orchestra. At this performance D. M. Brierley (O.H.) initiated the new tympani. The Choir sang two Folk Songs, "Just as the Tide was Flowing," and "The Sheep under the Snow." The remainder of the programme consisted of community singing. Concert arranged by the Headmaster.

PLAY.—November 27th. An excellent performance of "The Grand Cham's Diamond" (Monkhouse) was given by IVb. Cast: Mr. Perkins (T. L. Gillison), Mrs. Perkins (K. R. Gray), Miss Perkins (C. L. Hilbert), The Man in Black (J. Bertenshaw), Albert, a detective (W. M. Nicol). The play was produced by Mr. Gatley.

The Library.

Librarian: Mr. PERRATON.

Our thanks are tendered to C. G. E. Holehouse and to A. Cartwright for books presented to the School Library on leaving the Sixth Form.

Thanks are also due to R. G. Gregory, A. R. Andrew, F. P. Harris, and other members of last year's Sixth for very useful work in stocktaking and cataloguing.

Some dozen new books have been added to the scientific section this term, including:

- Methods of Measuring Temperature *Griffiths Ezer.*
- The Acoustics of Buildings. *Davis and Kaye.*
- X-Rays, Past and Present. *Pullen and Wiltshire.*
- Practical Television. *Larner.*
- Astronomy and Cosmogony. *Jeans.*

Other additions this term include:

- England under the Stuarts. *Trevelyan.*
- Goethe. *Robertson.*
- The Infinitesimal Calculus. *Caunt.*

It is encouraging to notice that the Sixth and Fifth Forms are increasingly using the School Library, both for the preparation of

School work and for their own interest. We have now arranged that as far as possible an assistant librarian shall be on duty each evening at 4 o'clock to give such information and advice about available books as may be required. With all our improvements, however, one great difficulty remains: will borrowers please help us to make the library still more useful by observing scrupulously the rules about the returning of books?

The Marathon.

Two hours and twenty-four minutes ago they had started on their arduous run of 42,195 metres. In four minutes' time, according to the programme, the winner may be expected.

The thousands of spectators, ranged in tiers around the arena, are in a state of excitement, everywhere subdued save only for that section where the Japanese, still excited over the recent announcement of their countryman's leading position in the last stage of the race, are chatting volubly.

Nearer to us several argumentative Americans, confident in the ability of the American to triumph in the face of overwhelming odds, dismiss as insignificant the fact that in the last report their man was stated to lie tenth.

It is an ideal day for running, cool and grey. Not a breath of wind disturbs the multi-coloured flags as they hang limp on their flagstaves along the wall that encircles the stadium. The Olympic Torch, to denote the presence and approval of the gods, stands on guard outside the stadium looking like a great square factory chimney. From the bowl on its summit, a thin column of dark smoke, intertwined with an occasional

tongue of blue flame, twists a tortuous path into the even grey of the sky.

Suddenly a change in the buzz of conversation, a heightening of its note, draws attention to the activity of a group by the great bronze gates. A second later these swing slowly open amidst growing excitement. All eyes are on the entrance now. The tension is terrific, when in trots a stout little figure, clothed in black and carrying a tremendous camera.

For a moment there is absolute silence; then a stupendous roar of laughter bursts forth, in tone a little hysterical because of the strain of the moment. A little army of reporters, cameramen, and officials pours through the gates, dotting the fresh green of the arena with black. Gradually the laughter subsides, and the entrance once more becomes the centre of attention when a low murmur obtrudes itself, growing perceptibly louder every instant; it is the cheering of the crowds lining the route.

The stream of reporters and officials has ceased, and they themselves have come to rest in little groups, some opposite the gates, and others on each side of the white tape which marks the finish. The cheering outside grows to a roar. Movement ceases. Time has stopped, or is marked only by the noise outside from which we seem, somehow, completely detached. The eyes are focussed on the entrance and are held there for tense ages until, wearying of the strain, attention wavers and idly fixes itself on the cameramen who are slowly turning the handles of their machines. The next instant, there, between the open gates, where before had been empty space, a tiny white figure is outlined, its whole appearance suggesting utter fatigue and indifference.

A thunder of cheers, rising louder and ever louder till it is overpowering in its intensity,

greet this insignificant looking winner of the world's championship as he staggers along the last two hundred metres of his course and breaks the tape. For one brief moment an ideal is realised as with one voice all nations acclaim him, the hero, the symbol of man's endurance.

He stands wearily and rather dazedly before a battery of cameras for a while and then walks quietly off the field.

J. C. P. B.

The Scientific Society.

President : THE HEADMASTER.

Vice-President : Mr. F. ADAMS.

Secretary : S. T. HARRISON.

Treasurer : S. D. CLEWORTH.

Committee : L. W. KERSHAW, P. H. TAYLOR, and A. G. SIDEBOTHAM.

The new season began at mid-term and has been very successful. There are at present 65 members in the Society, this being the highest number we have yet attained. Meetings have been held every Thursday, and the high attendances have been very encouraging.

The first lecture was given by Mr. Adams on November 8th, and the subject chosen was "Photography." Many interesting experiments were done to illustrate the making, the exposure, developing, and fixing of a photographic plate. A little was said about the after-treatment of a plate.

On the following Thursday an interesting talk was given by S. D. Cleworth on "The Dispersal of Seeds and Fruits." The speaker first told us how seeds are fertilised by the pollen, and went on to discuss the many methods which nature uses to spread the ripe seeds over the world. The lecture was illustrated by a large number of slides.

On November 22nd, S. T. Harrison gave a lecture on "The Interiors of Stars." He first showed how the conditions of the insides of stars can be calculated by the modern atomic theories, and then considered the ages of the stars. The meeting finished with a brief discussion on stellar evolution.

The following meeting was taken up by a lecture on "Bridges," given by L. W. Kershaw. The general construction of bridges and their foundations was described in a very attractive manner, and we were then shown a series of slides illustrating these principles in use. The construction of the recent bridge at Newcastle was described, and a series of slides showing the building of a skyscraper was shown.

On December 6th, E. Davy gave us a description of modern Television. He commenced by giving us the history, and after an experiment illustrating the basis of modern methods, we were told about the modern devices invented by Baird in England and Jenkins in America.

Mr. Stockdale was down to lecture on the Relativity Theory on December 13th, but, unfortunately, this meeting had to be cancelled. The lecture will be given next term.

S. T. HARRISON, *Hon. Sec*

The Old Hulmeians Association.

The 14th Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Wednesday, September 12th, 1928, at 8 o'clock. There were 118 members present. The suggested Constitution as revised by the Rules Sub-Committee was passed with two slight alterations.

A number of suggestions were made for the consideration of the General Committee, chief of which were that the Dance should be held at the School and the Football and

Lacrosse Sections should be responsible for the cost of the teas provided.

The following officers were elected :

President : Mr. W. F. Merchant.

Vice-Presidents : As before.

Hon. Treasurer : Mr. G. Greenup, 9 Knutsford Avenue, Whalley Range.

Hon. General Secretary : Mr. A. L. Powell, Hulme Hall, Victoria Park.

Hon. Assistant Secretary : Mr. G. Fowler.

Committee : Messrs. F. Ashworth, J. A. Barber, and C. D. Campbell (together with Messrs. Trevor Dennis, J. A. W. Jones, and H. H. Vlies, from the retiring Committee).

Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring President, the Hon. Auditors, the Hon. Treasurer, and the Hon. General Secretary for their services during the past twelve months.

The Annual Hot-Pot was held on November 24th, 1928, at Parker's Restaurant, St. Ann's Square. There were 98 present, and the evening provided quite a lot of enjoyment for all present. One of the chief features was the community singing which seemed to be a great success. The best thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. Rayfield for playing right through the evening, and to Mr. Duprez, the entertainer.

The production of "Dear Brutus" by the Musical and Dramatic Section is dealt with elsewhere.

The attention of all Old Hulmeians is drawn to the Annual Dinner to be held at the Manchester Limited on Saturday, March 2nd. Circulars will be issued later, but tickets may be obtained from the Hon. General Secretary.

The Annual Dance is to be held at the School on Friday, January 4th, 1929. Tickets, price 7/6, may be obtained from Mr. E. Barnes, 49 Holland Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy. Telephone, Chorlton 1249.

The Old Hulmeians War Education Fund

(Registered under the War Charities Act).

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1927-8.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
E. Bazley	1	1	0	<i>Brought Forward</i>	20	18	0
S. R. Bensford	2	2	0	R. M. Lorimer	1	1	0
S. R. Best	1	1	0	B. Muth	1	1	0
J. M. Bertwistle	1	1	0	S. R. Oddy	2	2	0
R. Bradshaw	1	1	0	Sydney Payne	1	1	0
A. E. Cadman	1	1	0	"One of the Patriarchs"	1	1	0
D. Cardwell	1	1	0	A. E. Rowbotham	1	0	0
H. Cardwell	1	1	0	C. H. Saxelby	0	10	6
R. G. Clarke	1	1	0	S. W. Saxelby	2	2	0
G. Classen	1	1	0	S. A. Smith	1	1	0
H R. Classen	1	0	0	Walter Thorpe	1	1	0
T. Fisher	3	3	0	H. H. Vlies	5	0	0
G. W. E. Gilliat	1	1	0	L. E. Vlies (The late)	2	0	0
J. W. and G. Greenup	1	1	0	J. M. Walker	2	0	0
O. Hague	1	1	0	J. H. Wright	1	1	0
E. G. W. Hewlett	1	0	0	E. Youatt	1	1	0
Dr. J. Arnold Jones	1	1	0	G. Youatt	1	1	0
<i>Carried Forward</i>	20	18	0	<i>Total</i>	45	1	6

The Report and Balance Sheet for the year 1927-8 has not yet been sent out to subscribers, as it is hoped, if all last year's subscriptions can be collected, to close the Fund. Subscribers will be circularised as soon as the Hon. Treasurer has been able to complete this task.

The Old Hulmeians Football.

The season is now rapidly nearing the half-way line, and unfortunately the teams have not done anything startling so far. The second and third teams won their respective matches on the opening date, whilst the first were unlucky to lose by the odd goal in three.

It will be remembered, however, that the first team played well in the latter half of last season, and won six or seven matches against the leading clubs in the League, and there is no reason why history should not repeat itself this year.

The section has suffered rather severely from injuries, the most unfortunate being on October 13th, when the football secretary, F. Ashworth, sustained a broken leg—from which accident it is pleasing to know he is slowly but surely recovering.

Players are, however, still refraining from crying off until the Friday or Saturday mornings, and naturally matches cannot be won unless the "cry offs" come in early, thus leaving reasonable time for advising the reserves, so that the best teams may be fielded.

There were eight recruits to the section at the commencement of the season, and all are showing great signs of promise. It was

our ambition to run four teams this season, but, very unfortunately, it does not seem that this end will be achieved until the certain amount of slackness which creeps in from time to time is eliminated, and a larger proportion of boys leaving School join the section.

The results of the matches played so far are tabulated below, and we hope to show far better results at the end of the season than at present.

C.B.

First Team.

Date.		Ground.	For	Ag.
Sept. 15.	v. Heaton Chapel.	Away.	1	2
" 22.	v. Chorlton.	Home.	2	3
" 29.	v. Old Boltonians.	Away.	0	1
Oct. 6.	v. Blackburn Tech. Coll.	Home.	0	4
" 13.	v. Bury Amateurs.	Home.	2	2
" 20.	v. Fulwood.	Away.	0	10
" 27.	Lancashire Amateur Cup Preliminary Round.			
"	v. Chapel Moor.	Home.	2	1
Nov. 3.	v. Whalley Range.	Home.	4	9
" 10.	v. Bolton Wyresdale.	Away.	2	4
" 17.	L.A.L. Cup. First Round. v. "Odyssey."	Home.	3	3
" 24.	v. Crumpsall.	Away.	0	6

Second Team.

Date.		Ground.	For	Ag.
Sept. 15.	v. Heaton Chapel	Home.	5	3
" 22.	v. Chorlton.	Away.	1	3
" 29.	v. Old Boltonians.	Home.	2	4
Oct. 6.	v. Blackburn Tech. Coll.	Away.	3	4
" 13.	v. Bury Amateurs.	Away.	0	4
" 20.	v. Fulwood.	Home.	1	5
Nov. 3.	v. Whalley Range.	Away.	1	6
" 10.	v. Bolton Wyresdale.	Home.	1	5
" 24.	v. Crumpsall.	Home.	2	2

Third Team.

Date.		Ground.	For	Ag.
Sept. 22.	v. Hulme Grammar School.	Away.	3	1
" 29.	v. Chorlton Old Boys.	Home.	7	2
Oct. 6.	v. Y.M.C.A.	Home.	3	1
" 13.	v. Whalley Range.	Home.	4	6
" 20.	v. Old Boltonians.	Home.	2	4
" 27.	v. Bury Amateurs.	Home.	2	3
Nov. 3.	v. Lancashire Ind. College.	Away.	1	7
" 10.	v. Barclay's Bank.	Home.	0	5
" 17.	v. Old Margaretians.	Home.	4	3
" 24.	v. Y.M.C.A.	Away.	2	3

The Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

Nearly half the league fixtures have now been completed, and all the four Old Boys' teams show very creditably in their respective league tables.

The first team are second amongst the first division clubs, being one point behind Stockport. Out of ten matches they have lost two, one to Stockport and one to Boardman, both of these games being played on grounds which are seldom productive of good form in the Old Boys; it is hoped, however, that they will be able to master these clubs in the return fixtures at Whalley Range.

In the flag competition the team is safely through the first round, having beaten Disley at Cale Green by thirteen goals to three; they have, however, a stiff game before them in the next round, when they meet Boardman on December 15th.

The attack this year has been without the services of K. Rains, who has been unable to play owing to injuries; his place has been filled by F. G. Bray, who is settling down nicely and gaining confidence each week.

It is very satisfactory to note that four of the team, Woollam, Lea, Pearson, and Barber have been chosen to play for Lancashire against Yorkshire on December 8th, and N. R. Coe and J. C. Jarvis have been selected to play for the county junior team on the same date.

The "A" team also occupy second place in their league, having lost to Heaton Mersey Guild and Stockport. With the exception of these two clubs, however, they have not experienced much difficulty in gaining their points. In the first round of the Junior Cup Competition they drew a bye and are matched against Ashton "A" in the second round.

The "B" and "C" teams have shown really excellent results this year, the "B"

having lost only one game, whilst the "C" is still unbeaten.

The club is better off for playing members at present than it has ever been, no difficulty being experienced in fielding four full teams each week, with a few players to spare. It is rather unfortunate that owing to a shortage of members last season the "C" were this year placed in the lower division and are not getting quite as good fixtures as they should, but there is little doubt that they will be in the higher division next year with a correspondingly better fixture list.

L.S.

First Team.

Date.		Ground.	For	Ag.
Sept. 22.	v. Heaton Mersey Guild.	Away	6	5
" 29.	v. Cheadle Heath.	Home.	11	2
Oct. 6.	v. Old Mancunians.	Away.	5	4
" 13.	v. Eccles.	Home.	10	4
" 20.	v. South Manchester.	Away.	10	7
" 27.	v. Heaton Mersey.	Home.	7	0
Nov. 3.	v. Stockport.	Away.	5	6
" 10.	v. Disley. First Round	Cale		
	Flags.	Green.	13	3
" 17.	v. Cheadle Hulme.	Home.	21	1
" 24.	v. Boardman.	Away.	2	4

"A" Team.

Date.		Ground.	For	Ag.
Sept. 22.	v. Heaton Mersey Guild.	Home.	5	7
" 29.	v. Albert Park.	Away.	21	1
Oct. 6.	v. Old Mancunians.	Home.	11	2
" 20.	v. South Manchester.	Home.	10	0
" 27.	v. Heaton Mersey.	Away.	11	8
Nov. 3.	v. Stockport.	Home.	4	5
" 17.	v. Cheadle Hulme.	Away.	8	5
" 24.	v. Boardman.	Home.	10	1

"B" Team.

Date.		Ground.	For	Ag.
Sept. 22.	v. Heaton Mersey Guild.	Away.	10	10
" 29.	v. Hulme Grammar Sch.	Away.	8	2
Oct. 6.	v. Old Mancunians.	Home.	4	5
" 13.	v. M/c. Grammar School.	Away.	12	6
" 20.	v. South Manchester.	Away.	11	2
" 27.	v. Heaton Mersey.	Home.	6	4
Nov. 3.	v. Stockport.	Home.	6	1
" 17.	v. Warehousem'n & Cl'ks.	Home.	1	0
" 24.	v. Boardman.	Away.	1	0

"C" Team.

Date.		Ground.	For	Ag.
Sept. 22.	v. Wythenshaw.	Away.	22	2
" 29.	v. Birch.	Home.	1	0
Oct. 6.	v. Old Waconians.	Away.	18	3
" 13.	v. Eccles.	Away.	24	2
" 20.	v. Heywood "A."	Home.	10	3
" 27.	v. South M/c. (Friendly).	Away.	1	0
Nov. 3.	v. Cheetham.	Away.	1	0
" 17.	v. Cheadle Hulme.	Away.	1	0
" 24.	v. Cheadle Heath "A"	(Friendly). Home.	10	3

The Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

The membership of the Society has increased this season, and now stands at about 55, of whom some 15 are members of the orchestra.

The season has so far been very successful. "Dear Brutus," produced on November 16th and 17th, is reported elsewhere, and while it is not yet possible to publish detailed accounts, it is hoped that there will be a small profit.

The Play Reading Sub-Committee arranged a meeting for October 9th, when William Archer's play, "The Green Goddess," was read. This proved very popular, and provoked a discussion on the ability of our stage committee to provide a "practical" aeroplane.

A social was held at Parker's Rooms, Chorlton, on October 3rd, and some 54 people were present. While this taxed the capacity of the room to the utmost, we should like to see more of our friends, and are quite prepared to take a larger room if necessary.

Rambles have been held on the first Sunday of each month, and there have seldom been less than 20 present. It is noticeable that the party is in personnel always the same—a good proof of their enjoyment.

The next production is fixed for March 22nd and 23rd. The play is not yet chosen, but the Committee have several under

consideration, and an announcement will be made in due course.

Owing to the resignation of R. L. Eastwood and P. M. Dale, certain changes have been made among the officials. E. Barnes has been appointed Treasurer, D. M. Brierley, Musical Director, and N. E. Hawley has been elected to the Committee.
D.S.

"Dear Brutus."

With extra outlays in the purchase of necessary properties, which, of course, become assets of the Society, the profits accruing from the production of "Dear Brutus" may not be great, but, whatever the financial result of the two performances, the Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society can with reason feel very satisfied with their work in this play—it was a very pleasing entertainment. "No profit grows where is no pleasure ta'en" says a character in "The Taming of the Shrew"; in terms of pleasure given, the Society should be handsomely in pocket over "Dear Brutus." The play, with Barrie in whimsical mood, takes us away from realism and the rigid facts of life, and, by a cleverly constructed bridge, carries us over into the land of "make-believe." The theme, "a second chance in life," is a favourite one with Barrie, for in several of his works we find him playing with the wistful thought, "what might have been." In "Dear Brutus" a number of dissatisfied and ill-assorted people have been invited to the house of Mr. Lob. Among these is Lady Caroline who is particularly spiteful towards Mr. Lob's pilfering butler, Matey; Mr. Purdie who is always musing how happy he might have been had he married otherwise; Mr. Coade who is contentedly married and ascribes his happiness to that fact; Mr. Dearth, a painter ruined by drink, who sighs, "if only I had had a child"; Mrs. Dearth who petulantly reflects how happy she might

have been if she had only married the Hon. So and So. After dinner at Mr Lob's house the guests go out and are lost in a magic wood that has suddenly sprung up (the time is Midsummer night), and it is here that the vital scenes of the play take place. Lady Caroline finds herself married to the Matey that might have been, and worshipping him without really being much happier for it; Mr. Coade finds himself wifeless, but contented, for the secret of his happiness lies in his own cheerful temperament; Mr. Purdie is married to the other woman, and is as miserable with her as with his other bride. Only Dearth (C. D. Campbell) is blessed with the fulfilment of his longing, and the acting in the scene between him and his "daughter," Margaret (Miss Chignell), reached a high standard. This wood scene was a triumph in staging, and to say that the acting was in keeping with its setting is high praise. Mrs. Baker's part as the hard and selfish Mrs. Dearth was not easy, but her performance was very convincing. Lady Caroline Laney (Miss Elderton), "from the enormously select school where they are taught to pronounce their r's as w's," was at ease in her part, while Miss Jones as Mrs. Purdie, and Miss Hughes as Joanna Trout, together with J. C. P. Besford as Mr. Purdie, were responsible for some clever scenes though they at first seemed somewhat uncertain of themselves. Mrs. Coade (Mrs. Dakyns) moved and spoke with a quiet dignity and composure that well befitted her matronly position, and N. E. Hawley as her husband played as if he thoroughly enjoyed his part. Matey is an excellent creation, and was capitally played by Mr. Dennis. Mr. Rayfield made of Lob, who seemed to be a kind of grown-up Puck, a fascinating and interesting character. Altogether the play went with a smoothness and a precision that bespoke earnest work, careful rehearsing and a sympathetic understanding of their parts by the players. It might contribute in some measure to the enjoyment of these performances if it could

be found possible to cut down the intervals. No doubt such breaks give an opportunity for Old Boys to meet and talk, but after all on these occasions "the play's the thing."

The play was produced by Mr. Powell.

The Old Hulmeians Orchestra, with D. M. Brierley as conductor, played during the evening.

Cadet Notes.

At the end of last term we made our fourth visit to the battlefields. The tour this year was organised by the Warwickshire Territorial Army Association, and on July 31st a party of 40 left London Road Station for the Wellington Barracks, London, where we were billeted the first night.

Two special trains conveyed between 900 and 1,000 Cadets from St. Pancras Station on Wednesday, August 1st, to Tilbury docks to board the S.S. Lorraine for Dunkerque, where we had a most enthusiastic reception on arriving at 6.40 p.m. After the usual compliments had been exchanged we marched through crowded streets to the Caserne Jean-Bart, which was to be our headquarters throughout the tour.

August 2nd was an easy day consisting of a short march and a bathing parade at Malo-les-Bains.

On August 3rd we visited Zeebrugge and Bruges leaving Dunkerque at 9 a.m. and returning about 6 p.m.

On Saturday, August 4th, we spent a full day at Nieuport and Leugenboom, visiting the "Better 'Ole" and wandering through the trenches which are being specially preserved for sightseers. The great gun known as the "Leugenboom" was installed by the Germans near a small place called Moere, and was used to shell Dunkerque and other parts of the allied line. It had a range of 46 miles and its exact position was never located.

Sunday was a very busy day. After a Church Parade on some open land adjoining the racecourse at Malo, we had a Review by General de Bailleul at which French troops were present. In the evening a concert was given by the bands of the Battalion.

On Monday, August 6th, a visit was paid to Ypres and a ceremony held at the Menin Gate Memorial, followed by a visit to Kemmel Hill.

Tuesday, August 7th, was an easy day, spent chiefly in visiting local objects of interest and in getting ready to leave for home. We sailed from Dunkerque about 11.30 p.m. and reached Tilbury about five o'clock on Wednesday morning.

The whole tour was splendidly organised, and the weather was as near perfect as anyone could wish.

Recruits this term are being enrolled almost every week, but we are not up to last year's numbers as yet. All boys over 13 are eligible and we want to beat all records in camp next Whitsuntide.

As far as we know at present, we shall hold our annual camp next Whitsuntide on our site at Grange-over-Sands, and arrangements are already being made to go into camp on Wednesday, May 15th.

The following promotions have been made to date from October 15th.

Lance-Corporal R. Millner to be Corporal.

Corporal R. Millner to be Sergeant.

Lance-Corporal S. D. Cleworth to be Corporal.

Cadets L. W. Kershaw, C. A. Burnside, and A. R. Merchant to be Lance-Corporals.

J. A. BARBER,

Cadet Major,

Officer Commanding.

Homeward Bound.

"Come on! Get your kit down." We are going home after an enjoyable week in France with the cadet battalion. Snatching at kit-bags, we join the crowd of rushing, heaving figures on the uneven stairs, and in a twinkling find ourselves before a mule-cart on the parade ground. A sergeant hurls our kit at the cart where it is seized by two laughing and gesticulating *poilus* whose arms are always ready to catch the flying bundles. Each cart is loaded in a frenzy of excitement, for each wants to gain an early place in the line, while the mules flap their large ears and wink seriously at the bystanders. Occasionally one throws its hind legs into the air in a spirit of *joie de vivre* (they are French mules, of course). As the carts receive their full complement of kit-bags, the baggage-men scramble on top and are instantly whisked away in a cloud of dust and sparks raised by the flying wheels.

We parade and listen to a short speech by the Commanding Officer, say our last prayer on French soil for at least twelve months, and commence the march down to the quay. The volatile French are torn between two emotions, distress at our departure and ecstasy at the good time we have had in their company; in this dilemma they rush hither and thither in great excitement.

At the quay the steamer is alongside (some of the veterans wish it were the destroyer, the "Yarmouth"). We suddenly swing in to the right to avoid the mule carts, rattling past at a tremendous pace. The delightfully inconsequential muleteers have whipped up their charges and now ignore them, while they devote their energies to screaming and whistling after us.

H.G.S. have warm, dry quarters below. The sergeants, however, manage to claim room on the deck, and are soon fast asleep beneath piles of warm blankets.

The night is very calm; there is not a breath of air, save that created by the movement of the ship. As the harbour lights fade into the distance we can still hear the irrepressible French children cheering after us from precarious stands at the farthest limit of the quay to which the vigilance of the officials allows them to penetrate. Silence gradually falls over the ship. There is not a sound save the soft swish of the water along the hull and the dull throbbing of the engines; the moon rises out of the sea, and turns the water into a dazzling expanse of ebony and silver. We doze and then fall into a quiet sleep.

After a while we are awakened by the tolling of a mournful bell. Gradually the note swells, beating a monotonous rhythm to the swell of the sea. Our wash disturbs it, and it clangs in discordant anger. We gaze up at the myriads of stars and fall to wondering if we have ever seen so many. A feeling of contentment steals over us, and we sleep again.

When next we awake it is drizzling, and we can see the lights of the English coast. Coloured warning beacons flash on all sides as we enter the Thames. Two or three sinister grey cruisers are passed on the star-board side, and, as it is still dark, lights are seen moving about on board, while from the gloom a cheery voice hails us.

We wander down below out of the drizzle and find a droll spectacle. Most are asleep on deck chairs, others are slowly awakening, while a few are ready to jeer at us for getting wet up on deck, when cosy quarters awaited us down below.

"Hullo! what is that?" Everybody is flung over to port; all the sleepers awake with a start. We have grazed hard against the end of a stone jetty; the side bulges in, and a strong wooden cargo-guard snaps with a loud bang. Feet rush over the deck above our heads; a sailor shouts in an unintelligible language; the engines throb on a different note, and we swing out of

danger. The screw slows and stops, and we feel a deadened bump as we close on the fenders at Tilbury quay.

Securing the boat is the work of a moment, and we file off through the Customs sheds on to the platform where we board the train for London. As we draw out of the station the steamer's syren shrieks a strident farewell, and we settle down, feeling that our voyage home has been a pleasant ending to an enjoyable and eventful tour.

F.P.H.

Cricket, 1928.

In the July account of the cricket it was suggested that, if things went well in the last fortnight when we still had quite a number of matches to play, the team might turn out to be a really good one. Everything did go well, and the 1928 team were unbeaten in school matches. As only three colours were left at the beginning of the season, this shows a great deal of keenness and grit.

The final result was :

School Matches : Won 5, Drawn 4, Lost 0.

All Matches : Won 9, Drawn 10, Lost 4.

The batting prize was won by G. Woodhouse, the bowling prize by R. R. Farrell, and Mr. Classen's fielding prize by W. B. Stansby.

1st XI BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings	Times Not Out	Runs	H'st Score	Av.
G. Woodhouse	23	3	634	78	31.70
W. B. Stansby	23	2	623	85	29.67
P. Hodgkinson	23	2	534	76*	25.43
C. A. Burnside	15	5	229	40	22.90
R. Astin	19	5	232	61*	16.57
A. R. Merchant	10	1	90	27	10.00
E. B. Richards	14	1	104	28	8.00
C. W. Mason	7	2	35	15*	7.00
L. L. Cooper	12	2	66	18	6.60
J. C. Ratcliffe	11	4	24	5*	3.43
R. R. Farrell	11	4	17	6*	2.43

The following have also batted :

N. Stoddard	7	0	42	26	6.00
A. Wilkinson	7	1	20	10*	3.34

* Indicates not out.

1st XI BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	M.	Runs	W.	Av.
G. Woodhouse	16.1	3	46	9	5.11
C. W. Mason	60.4	18	193	18	10.72
J. C. Ratcliffe	208.4	50	538	46	11.69
R. R. Farrell	289	77	711	57	12.47
L. L. Cooper	21	5	73	5	14.60
W. B. Stansby	123.5	15	486	22	22.18

FIRST XI MATCHES.

v. PARENTS.

July 14th. Home. Won by nine wickets.

THE PARENTS.

G. F. Anderson, b Farrell	1
D. Cardwell, c Merchant b Ratcliffe	0
P. Rowson, b Ratcliffe	7
E. S. Chambers, b Stansby	12
J. Astin, b Mason	3
V. Watts, c Merchant b Mason	1
A. Emery, st Merchant b Stansby	4
H. Johnson, b Mason	0
A. O. Holt, b Cooper	11
E. Widdows, b Cooper	1
H. H. Wenborne, not out	4
W. F. Merchant, c and b Mason	14
J. S. Walsh, b Farrell	2
C. Field, b Farrell	0
Extras	8
Total	68

THE SCHOOL.

W. B. Stansby, c Anderson b Watts	25
P. Hodgkinson, not out	76
G. Woodhouse, not out	42
Extras	5
Total (for 1)	148

R. Astin, A. R. Merchant, C. A. Burnside,
L. L. Cooper, E. B. Richards, J. C. Ratcliffe,
C. W. Mason, R. R. Farrell, did not bat.

v. THE STAFF.

July 17th. Home. Won by 121 runs.

THE SCHOOL.

W. B. Stansby, not out	38
P. Hodgkinson, c Dennis b Williams	49
G. Woodhouse, c Barber b Harris	78
R. Astin, not out	5
Extras	9
Total (for 2)	179

THE STAFF.

T. Dennis, c and b Farrell	6
B. Brockbank, lbw b Farrell	11
J. A. Barber, b Ratcliffe	11
J. McConnell, b Farrell	0
E. W. Burn, b Farrell	7
F. S. Harris, c Merchant b Mason	12
D. M. Williams, not out	0
E. O. Robinson, b Mason	0
W. A. Brierley, b Mason	0
A. H. Ginever, b Mason	2
A. L. Powell, c and b Farrell	5
Extras	4

Total 58

v. CRAVEN GENTLEMEN.

July 19th. Home. Lost by six wickets.

THE SCHOOL.

W. B. Stansby, c James b Hope	6
P. Hodgkinson, b Hope	3
G. Woodhouse, b Griffiths	74
R. Astin, b Davies	18
C. A. Burnside, not out	20
A. R. Merchant, st James b Stockton	5
L. L. Cooper, b Griffiths	10
E. B. Richards, c Rothband b Griffiths	0
C. W. Mason, c Davies b Griffiths	0
J. C. Ratcliffe, not out	2
R. R. Farrell, b Rothband	2
Extras	31

Total (for 9) 171

CRAVEN GENTLEMEN.

L. Oliver, c Merchant b Ratcliffe	11
P. A. Cartwright, c Farrell b Mason	67
F. D. Beattie, lbw b Stansby	14
H. D. Davies, b Woodhouse	63
J. A. Fallows, not out	2
U. Hope, not out	12
Extras	10

Total (for 4) 179

Rev. H. James, C. D. Campbell, G. Rothband, C. Griffiths, and A. F. Stockton did not bat.

v. WILLASTON SCHOOL.

July 21st. Away. Won by four wickets.

THE SCHOOL.

W. B. Stansby, c Wild b Jones	37
P. Hodgkinson, c and b Jones	26
G. Woodhouse, b Jones	7
R. Astin, not out	40
C. A. Burnside, c Wright b Wade	38
A. R. Merchant, b Wade	3
R. R. Farrell, b Wade	4
Extras	14

Total (for 6) 169

E. B. Richards, L. L. Cooper, C. W. Mason, and J. C. Ratcliffe, did not bat.

WILLASTON SCHOOL.

C. Fox-Parker, c Stansby b Ratcliffe	0
C. G. Wright, b Farrell	0
A. C. T. Vaughan, hit wkt b Ratcliffe	5
R. D. Atkinson, not out	19
R. B. Wade, c Ratcliffe b Farrell	3
W. D. Jones, b Ratcliffe	6
W. Wynn Jones, b Farrell	1
P. J. Rossington, c Merchant b Farrell	0
D. L. Lishman, b Woodhouse	31
P. V. Walker, b Farrell	15
G. P. Wild, lbw b Woodhouse	1
Extras	5

Total 86

v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM.

July 25th. Home. Won by 77 runs.

THE SCHOOL.

W. B. Stansby, c McLellan b Estcourt	85
P. Hodgkinson, b Estcourt	12
G. Woodhouse, lbw b Parker (J.N.)	1
R. Astin, c Estcourt b Parker (J.N.)	2
E. B. Richards, b Parker (J.N.)	3
A. R. Merchant, c Parker (J.N.) b Wood	0
C. A. Burnside, b Drummond	11
L. L. Cooper, lbw b Estcourt	18
J. C. Ratcliffe, b Wood	3
C. W. Mason, c Parker (J.N.) b Estcourt	2
R. R. Farrell, not out	0
Extras	14

Total 151

KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL.

J. N. Parker, c Burnside b Ratcliffe	10
G. D. Butler, b Farrell	0
D. L. Cooke, hit wkt b Farrell	2
W. M. Wood, c Stansby b Farrell	9
W. R. Parker, b Farrell	0
C. H. Brierley, c Astin b Mason	16
F. C. Coop, c Merchant b Farrell	2
J. McLellan, st Hodgkinson b Stansby	10
E. Estcourt, lbw b Mason	13
W. R. Drummond, c and b Stansby	4
A. Kershaw, not out	0
Extras	8

Total 74

SECOND XI CRICKET.

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL 2nd.—July 11th.

Home. Won by 53 runs. Second Eleven: E. Lindley, 1; N. B. Wilkinson, 11; W. S. Davies, 18; G. C. Willis, 20; H. Dick, 57 not out; N. Stoddard, 3; L. W. Kershaw, 0;

F. W. Derbyshire, 0 ; W. G. Jackson, 16 ; R. S. C. Hadfield, 1 not out ; L. S. Walsh did not bat. Extras 7. Total, 134 for 8 dec. Bolton School, 81 (Hadfield, 5 for 20).

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2nd. July 18th. Away. Drawn. Manchester G. S., 147. Second Eleven : E. Lindley, 13 ; N. B. Wilkinson, 0 ; W. S. Davies, 2 ; G. C. Willis, 1 ; H. Dick, 21 not out ; N. Stoddard, 12 ; L. W. Kershaw, 2 ; F. W. Derbyshire, 36 not out. Extras, 11. Total, 98 for 6.

v. BAINES'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—July 21st. Home. Drawn. Second Eleven : E. Lindley, 5 ; N. B. Wilkinson, 1 ; W. S. Davies, 6 ; G. C. Willis, 17 ; H. Dick, 60 ; F. W. Derbyshire, 21 ; L. W. Kershaw, 3 ; N. Stoddard, 7 not out ; W. G. Jackson, 8 not out. Extras, 27. Total, 155 for 7 dec. Baines's Grammar School, : 65 for 8.

v. PRESTWICH MENTAL HOSPITAL.—July 25th. Away. Lost by four wickets. Second Eleven : E. Lindley, 0 ; N. B. Wilkinson, 6 ; W. S. Davies, 0 ; G. C. Willis, 2 ; H. Dick, 17 ; F. W. Derbyshire, 11 ; N. Stoddard, 0 ; L. W. Kershaw, 0 ; W. G. Jackson, 5 ; R. S. C. Hadfield, 6 not out ; L. S. Walsh, 2. Extras, 7. Total, 56. Prestwich Mental Hospital, 59 (Hadfield, 4 for 16 ; Davies, 2 for 2).

2nd XI BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings	Times Not Out	Runs	H'st Score	Av.
H. Dick	16	5	281	74*	25.5
W. G. Jackson	4	1	36	16	12
W. S. Davies	16	0	179	31	11.1
F. W. Derbyshire	15	2	143	36*	11
G. C. Willis	15	0	140	33	9.3
N. B. Wilkinson	16	0	145	23	9.06
L. W. Kershaw	16	0	98	30	6.12
N. Stoddard	7	1	35	13	5.8
R. S. C. Hadfield	10	4	33	9	5.5
L. S. Walsh	13	6	33	8	4.7
E. Lindley	5	0	19	13	3.8

The following have also batted :

C. W. Mason	9	1	53	19	6.6
F. Griffiths	6	1	31	13*	6.2
F. C. Harte	3	0	18	13	6
G. A. Cooke	7	0	12	6	1.6

* Indicates not out.

2nd XI BOWLING AVERAGES.

	Overs.	M.	Runs	W.	Av.
R. S. C. Hadfield	121.3	36	230	31	7.42
G. C. Willis	37.2	7	93	11	8.45
L. S. Walsh	141	52	243	27	9
W. S. Davies	97.4	19	250	26	9.61
The following have also bowled :					
C. W. Mason	104.1	47	158	36	4.39
W. G. Jackson	10	4	12	1	12
G. A. Cooke	23.2	4	76	5	15.2
F. C. Harte	10	1	49	2	24.5

The fielding prize, presented by Mr. Merchant, was won by H. Dick.

The lay of the last Digger.

The story of Lake Trasimene,
Of Waterloo, or of Bouvines,
Or Austerlitz, or Bannockburn,
Of which we schoolboys have to learn,
Is oft shown in a clearer light
By little plans in black and white ;
Those fields where heroes fought and died
Where prince and peasant side by side,
Regardless of the golden crown,
Or shining armour, or " Sam Brown,"
Risked all in battle hand-to-hand,
And fought to save their fatherland ;
—Those fields we now depict, I say,
In our cold, unromantic way,
With rectangles and contour-lines,
And lettering, and other signs
Which, though describing deeds so bold,
Leave our imagination cold.

There is at school, hung up for all
To see, a plan upon the wall,
A plan in yellow and in red,
Which shows where finer heroes bled
Than those in brightest steel arrayed,
Who wielded swords, but ne'er a spade.
More vivid this, and brighter far
Than those of towns which Hamilcar
Defended, or which Marlb'rough took,
Which we see in our hist'ry book.
But yet it never can express
The work we did at H.G.S.,
In levelling our far-famed field.

There, unprotected by a shield
 From mighty spades which little boys
 Would often try, and fail, to poise ;
 Pressed into service (dare I say
 Against our will?—perhaps I may :
 Ingenious story and excuse
 Were never any earthly use) ;
 Oft finding bricks and pots and pans
 To blunt our spades upon, perchance ;
 Yet for long years we struggled on,
 On Sat. and Wednesday afternoon,
 Till now the plan is mainly red,
 Red with the blood we once did shed.

The work can now be left to men
 Who feel no patriot fire in them
 When they unearth the syrup-tin
 From some forgotten, old dust-bin ;
 The mercenary may complete
 Our work, and make it nice and neat.
 Be't so ; our glory ne'er will fade
 While Greek meets Greek, and spade meets
 spade.

J.M.

Football, 1928-9.

First XI.

The beginning of the season was the worst for years, and one despaired of ever winning a match. However, there has been quite a lot of improvement, and, though we are still below normal strength, we should at least show fight. Our main hope is in encouraging keenness and determination. Apart from lack of ability to control the ball and kick with both feet, practically the whole team is apt to falter in the last yard, and thus allow an opponent to get to the ball first. Another weakness which has not been very apparent in previous years is the frequency with which one or two players turn their backs to an opponent when he is about to kick the ball. On occasion this has resulted in the absurd situation of a player cowering from a shot, while his opponent is

calmly moving the ball to a more favourable position.

Jackson in goal has been excellent. Wilkinson, who has captained the side, has played well at right back after the first game or two, but Griffiths at left back is not very strong in his tackling. Derbyshire at right half shows much promise. Stoddard has played well at times as outside right, but does not tackle well. Burnside as inside right has improved considerably, and is now playing very well. Barratt (centre forward) has scored quite a lot of goals by pressing on the opposing backs. Crawford (inside left) controls the ball well, but is apt to dribble when he should shoot or pass. W. S. Davies (outside left) has a strong kick and has put in some good centres but lacks energy at times. Kershaw (centre half) has improved wonderfully.

It is to be hoped that the present improvement in the play will continue next term. If it does our record should improve.

REPORTS OF FIRST XI MATCHES.

v. BAINES'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday September 22nd. Away. Lost 3—8. We gave a thoroughly bad display which indicated a very unsuccessful season. There was little, if any, ball control and tackling was very poor. We shall need to show much more determination if we are to win any matches at all.

Team : F. W. Drummond, A. Wilkinson, F. Griffiths, F. W. Derbyshire, L. W. Kershaw, J. H. Hall, R. C. Jennings, C. A. Burnside, N. Stoddard, N. W. Crawford, and W. S. Davies.

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL.—Wednesday, September 26th. Home. Lost 0—3. We rearranged the team somewhat from the last match, with some success, but our play was still very feeble, and our opponents were much quicker in getting to the ball. When we did get possession nobody seemed to know what to do with it and we sent in very few shots.

Team: W. G. Jackson, A. Wilkinson, F. Griffiths, F. W. Derbyshire, L. W. Kershaw, J. H. Hall, N. Stoddard, C. A. Burnside, H. Barratt, N. W. Crawford, and W. S. Davies.

v. FARNWORTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Wednesday, October 3rd. Home. Lost 3—4. There was some improvement in this game against a good side, but the ball control was still poor, and there was far too much evidence of inability to kick with both feet. This obviously narrows the possibilities of distributing passes.

v. LANCASHIRE COLLEGE.—Saturday, October 13th. Home. Won 6—1. This was the first game this season when our side played with any real keenness, and enthusiasm, and against a heavier side. Both defence and attack showed quite a lot of improvement. Our forwards pressed more closely and shot oftener. The score rather flattered our superiority.

v. HULME HALL.—Wednesday, October 24th. Home. Lost 0—5. In this game there seemed to be a reaction from the previous match. There was a strong wind blowing from goal to goal, and when we crossed over, after kicking against the wind with the score only 0—2 it looked as though we should win comfortably. However, they ran straight down from the kick-off, and added another, and after that we never seemed to make an effort, and our opponents were frequently allowed to race our players for the ball when we were quite a dozen yards nearer to it. It was a very discouraging game in that it was lost by lack of grit.

v. LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE.—Saturday, November 3rd. Away. Won 1—0. After a very pleasant morning in Liverpool, where we went over the Cathedral and the Docks, including the Canadian Pacific Liner "Montcalm," the School played their best game so far. Conditions were ideal for

football, and the pace was fast throughout, and our defence particularly played very well, especially Jackson who played brilliantly in goal.

v. HARTLEY COLLEGE.—Wednesday, November 7th. Home. Lost 3—5. This was a very enjoyable game, and though we lost, it was quite a creditable defeat. Kershaw at centre half played a very useful game, working hard throughout. They were a bigger and heavier side, but faster than the School.

v. BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Wednesday, November 21st. Home. Won 4—2. The standard of play was not quite so high as in the previous game, but the improvement was maintained. There were weaknesses in both attack and defence, but it was not slackness. Crawford and Burnside showed considerable improvement, and were always dangerous to the opposing defence.

SECOND XI.

Not much need be said of the doings of the second eleven this term, for the chronicle of their deeds—or misdeeds—is it not written in the table of results? True, they started off with a win, and that, too, on foreign territory, but thereby they but flattered to deceive, for their record since then does not make cheerful reading. Of course, one must not be too disappointed if, after such a good season as last, we experience a somewhat lean year due to a general exodus of players, but, even so, better results were expected from the material at hand. It is not easy to see where the trouble lies, but the defence seems too hesitant and slow, while the forwards lack dash, and are too timid to risk a shot. The whole team must put more life into their play, and learn to move quickly with the ball while keeping it under control.

REPORTS OF MATCHES.

v. BAINES'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—
September 22nd. Away. Won 4—2.

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL.—September
26th. Away. Lost 2—6.

v. BOWDON COLLEGE 1st XI.—October
3rd. Home. Won 5—2.

WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOL.—
October 13th. Home. Lost 0—8.

v. STRETFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—
October 24th. Home. Lost 1—10.

v. HEATON MERSEY COLLEGE 1st XI.—
November 3rd. Away. Lost 1—2.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—
December 1st. Away. Lost 1—7.

v. BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—December
5th. Home. Won 4—1.

The team has usually been the following :
S. D. Cleworth, R. R. Farrell, N. B. Wilkin-
son, R. C. Jennings, L. S. Walsh, R. F.
Peacock, G. R. Adams, E. J. P. Hewitt,
J. Fallows, P. H. Taylor, and D. Flanagan.

The following have also played : F. W.
Drummond and A. K. F. Nicol.

"A" TEAM MATCHES.

v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XI.
October 17th. Away. Lost 1—13.

v. ALTRINCHAM COUNTY SCHOOL 1st XI.—
November 14th. Away. Lost 3—9.

v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XI.
November 28th. Home. Lost 2—4.

THIRD XI MATCHES.

Played 6 ; Won 2 ; Lost 4.

v. OLD HULMEIANS THIRD.—September
22nd. Home. Lost 2—3.

v. BOWDON COLLEGE SECOND.—October
3rd. Away. Won 11—1.

v. BOWDON COLLEGE SECOND.—October
17th. Home. Won 10—3.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL
(Fallowfield First XI).—October 24th.
Away. Lost 2—3.

v. NORTH MANCHESTER SCHOOL.—
November 10th. Away. Lost 0—4.

v. ALTRINCHAM COUNTY H.S. SECOND.
November 14th. Home. Lost 0—3.

Usual team : P. H. Taylor, E. C. P.
Butler, G. A. Clare, E. T. Davies, C. W. F.
Deakin, P. P. Francis, K. B. Hilton, D.
Meachin, J. Mark (1), E. L. Pollock, and
C. S. Smith.

Also played : R. F. S. Searle, D. P.
Burke, W. S. Grimshaw, F. Thorpe, L.
Hayles, E. W. Rose, and A. M. Hadfield.

UNDER 14 XI.

This season's record so far serves to
illustrate the dictum that a few good
individual players do not constitute a team.
We have one or two good forwards who are
capable of winning matches, if our defence
can avoid losing them. Weakness on the
part of the full backs has lost us many
matches ; but the whole of the defence should
cultivate kicking decisively first time and
should be less reluctant to use weight. Some
of the forwards tried would have been more
successful if they had shown more thrust
when in possession of the ball and not been
satisfied with merely attempting to retain it.

The following boys have most frequently
been included in the team :

T. S. Meehan, J. L. F. Crompton, J. H.
Little, W. Dickson, G. R. Lamb, H. B.
Johnson, B. C. K. Ballinger, G. H. Nicholls,
G. S. Walker, A. A. Cooper, and A. Scott.

Others who have played are :

W. T. Barrett, T. G. Moore, W. Torking-
ton, K. A. Menzies, G. Richmond, R. D.
Sunderland, W. M. Nicol, and L. R. Morgan.

The results to date are :

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL.—September 26th. Home. Lost 4—1.

v. STRETFORD G. S.—October 5th. Home. Won 5—2.

v. HEATON MOOR COLLEGE.—October 13th. Away. Lost 7—1.

v. WARRINGTON G. S.—October 17th. Home. Won 5—4.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL (Fallowfield).—October 24th. Home. Lost 2—0.

v. HEATON MOOR COLLEGE.—November 7th. Home. Won 7—6.

v. STYAL HOMES.—November 10th. Away. Lost 8—1.

v. ALTRINCHAM C. H. S.—November 14th. Away. Lost 7—3.

v. BURY G. S.—November 21st. Home. Lost 7—2.

v. WARRINGTON G. S.—November 28th. Away. Lost 8—4.

Lacrosse, 1928=9.

We did not expect a very successful season from the material we had to choose from at our opening practices, but as usual the improvement has been steady, and this year's first team can be classed as a good average one. Without Merchant not many games would have been won, but he has been well played up to, and credit for the successes gained so far is due to the team as a whole.

Up to November 24th, 12 matches have been played and only two lost, one against a very strong College of Technology side, and the other against the Old Hulmeians "B," who were our first opponents of the season. We have had two very good games against

the Manchester Grammar School, the first being drawn and the second resulting in a very good win for us.

The defence, composed entirely of newcomers to the team, are settling down into a dour, sturdy lot, and when they learn to clear more quickly will be quite up to the average. They have not yet learnt to trust one another with short passes when hard pressed, nor do they get free quickly to take the ball from the goalkeeper, but there is an improvement, and some good, solid practice of giving and receiving passes during the holidays ought to remedy these faults. Harris at centre is always ready to help either the defence or the attack, but has not yet mastered his 'crosse.

The attacks can all handle and pass fairly straight, but with the exception of Merchant, are not too sure of the return pass, probably due to nervousness.

FIRST XII LACROSSE REPORTS.

v. OLD HULMEIANS "B."—September 29th. Home. Lost 2—8. Our attack, which was very light, seemed rather nervous against a heavy defence, and the passing was rather erratic. Towards the close of the game both attack and defence settled down and seemed much more confident. The defence played a sound game, but our attack could not finish a movement initiated on the defence. The Old Hulmeians fielded an excellent team and we were very fortunate not to lose by a larger margin.

Team : F. Delsaux, F. W. Drummond, H. G. Walker, W. G. Jackson, F. Griffiths, C. A. Burnside, F. P. Harris, L. O. Mosley, A. Wilkinson, K. W. Watts, H. Barratt, and A. R. Merchant.

v. STOCKPORT "B."—October 6th. Home. Won 15—4. Stockport, who were a heavier side than we, borrowed two players from a junior game as they were short of players. We established a lead of two goals early in the game. Stockport were within a goal

of our score at half-time. In the second half our attack showed splendid combination and played a very open game, with the result that we added 12 goals very easily. There was a marked improvement on last week's play; the attack was open throughout the game and the defence very steady, although we gave our opponents one goal through a misunderstanding. E. C. P. Butler replaced L. O. Mosley on the attack, and F. W. Derbyshire the place of F. Griffiths on the defence.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—October 10th. Home. Drew 10—10. A very exciting game. We let our opponents score five goals in quick succession in the first half. At half-time the score was 8—3 against us. Our defence play was weak and our passing very feeble on the attack. As in the last game we recovered in the second half, and equalised a quarter of a minute from time. We made a remarkable recovery but we would not have had to struggle so hard had we played a more combined and compact game in the early stages. The M.G.S. played a very fine game in the first half, but they were not so sure in their passing in the second half.

v. ALBERT PARK.—October 20th. Away. Won 12—0. Albert Park turned out only five men. We lent them six men off the School third. At the end of the twenty minutes we had scored 12 goals, our opponents having failed to score. The game was uninteresting for both sides so we made a "pick up" and had an enjoyable game.

v. ASHTON.—October 27th. Away. Won 12—9. Ashton were late in turning out as they had difficulty in finding a twelfth man. The ground was very difficult, being rough and wet, especially on the wings. The standard of play was low on both sides, but our homes were surer in their passing than Ashton.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—October 31st. Away. Won 14—7. We opened the scoring early in the game,

Manchester drew level and we continued to score alternately for several goals. Gradually we drew ahead and at half-time were leading 7—3. Manchester played a very good game, attempting several forcing movements from the defence. Our defence played magnificently. Towards the end of the game it was almost impossible to see the ball and several goals were scored on each side owing to the bad light. Manchester made several strong rallies towards the end which our defence staved off.

v. OLD HULMEIANS "C."—November 3rd. Home. Won 6—5. We played a team composed of five first team players and the remainder second-teamers. The light was very bad, and we only played 35 minutes each way. After a very close game we scored the winning goal a few minutes from time. The Old Boys gave us several openings through rushing the attacks, and our defence on the other hand let their attacks rush past them instead of waiting between their men and the goals.

v. THE COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY.—November 7th. Away. Lost 7—12. We could not play our full first team owing to the fixture clashing with the football matches previously arranged, but Mr. Barber played for us. The College attacks gave us an object lesson in attack play, and the lesson did us good.

v. HEATON MERSEY GUILD.—November 10th. Away. Won 7—3. The ground was very difficult, being wet and rough. Our opponents played a strong game but were rather noticeably lacking in combination. We gained an early lead but scored much less easily later in the game. Heaton Mersey Guild's goalkeeper played a splendid game, saving many difficult shots; our score would have been much higher but for his vigilance.

v. UNIVERSITY.—November 14th. Home. Won 12—9. We had a very strenuous game on the muddy ground. Although we reached the neighbourhood of our

opponents' goals very frequently we seemed unable to score. The University were held out by our defence, supported at point by Mr. Barber, while most of the goals were due to Merchant, who played an exceptionally good game. A noticeable fact in this game as in several previous games was the number of goals scored in three passes from the centre.

v. ASHTON.—November 17th. Home. Won 10—0. Ashton turned out a much stronger team than faced us on their ground, and seemed confident of an easy victory. We lost the toss and had to face a strong wind and play on the muddier end of the field, but combination compensated for these difficulties. Barratt played on the wing, where he is much more useful than at third home, and Kershaw was introduced as third man, Griffiths moving back to cover-point. Ashton were very keen and checked hard, especially in the second half. Delsaux played his best game.

v. OLD HULMEIANS.—November 24th. Home. Won 11—8. Old Hulmeians turned out a better team than on the occasion of the first match. Very early in the game we scored several goals in quick succession, and the Old Boys never drew nearer than three goals. Our defence played well, especially towards the close of the game, when our opponents tried forcing tactics from the defence. The Old Hulmeians played as individuals rather than as a team, while our team work was rather better than usual. Merchant scored some remarkably clever goals, being well supplied with passes.

SECOND XII.

Played 9, Won 8, Drawn 1, Goals for 82 against 38.

The Second XII has maintained its long unbeaten record—it is three years since its last defeat but the team is scarcely

up to the standard of the last two years. The defence is sound, though rather slow in clearing. Compson and Derbyshire have been the most conspicuous, but all play hard, and are learning to cover each other quite effectively. Walsh is plucky in goal, but must learn to get the ball away to the wings without loss of time.

The attacks have fallen away after a promising start. Injuries and changes on the first, as well as one or two new 'crosses, have resulted in an epidemic of bad handling. The team works hard, but many goals have been thrown away by bounced passes and dropped catches. The whole team, and particularly the attack, should practise handling on every possible occasion. Mason has scored most of our goals, and recently his best supporter has been Mosley.

Sambrook has been a very sound centre and a most keen and efficient captain.

RESULTS.

September 29th. *v.* Chorlton "B." Away. Won, 7—5.

October 6th. *v.* Old Mancunians "C." Away. Won, 15—6.

October 10th. *v.* Manchester Grammar School. Away. Won, 9—7.

October 13th. *v.* Oldham and Werneth "B." Home. Won, 8—6.

October 20th. *v.* Stockport "C." Away. Won, 10—2.

October 27th. *v.* Davenport "B." Home. Won, 10—0.

October 31st. *v.* Manchester Grammar School. Home. Drew, 4—4.

November 10th. *v.* Oldham and Werneth "B." Away. Won, 9—0.

November 17th. *v.* Disley "B." Away. Won, 10—8.

THIRD AND UNDER 15 TEAMS.

A great many fixtures have been arranged for the junior teams this season, and it is hoped that everybody in the School will play both lacrosse and football. It is hoped to develop two entirely separate teams, but so far, as the age of the third team is very low, most of the third also play on the "Under 15." Great keenness has been shown, but it is important for young players to learn one or two simple rules. A defence player must watch the body of his opponent and not the 'crosse. Attacks must pass hard and run hard with the ball. Gentleness never won a lacrosse match.

The standard of play on both teams is good, and promises well for our hopes of the shield in future years. K. B. Hilton has kept goal excellently; he is not afraid of stopping a hard one with his body. At point M. Alexander is a steady rock and G. R. Vlies and G. R. Adams are both developing into hard-working and skilful defence men. On the attack, R. H. Pear and J. Little handle excellently, and in a year or two will be the centre of a very dangerous attack. E. E. Britton has made a hard-working captain and centre.

THIRD.

October 6th. *v.* Stockport Secondary School 1st. Home. Lost, 4—7.

October 10th. *v.* Manchester Grammar School 3rd. Home. Won, 5—1.

October 27th. *v.* Stockport Secondary School 1st. Away. Won, 10—7.

October 31st. *v.* Manchester Grammar School 3rd. Away. Lost, 6—8.

November 10th. *v.* South Manchester "C." Home. Won, 12—0.

The team has usually been E. E. Britton (captain), M. Alexander, G. R. Vlies, G. R. Adams, J. A. West, E. L. Pollock, G. C. Hadfield, V. H. Hilton, R. W. Crouch, R. H. Pear, and J. H. Little.

R. Jones, H. M. Sutherland, B. C. Scammell, and J. K. Sheppey, have also played.

UNDER 15.

November 14th. *v.* Manchester Grammar School "Under 15." Home. Won, 7—6.

November 17th. *v.* Stockport Secondary School 2nd. Home. Won, 20—1.

The team has usually been G. R. Adams (captain), B. C. K. Ballinger, G. R. Vlies, B. C. Scammell, J. H. P. Slade, A. D. Leigh, E. Neesom, B. D. Norris, H. M. Sutherland, R. H. Pear, J. H. Little, and J. Turton.

A. B. Maddocks, W. H. Gorton, D. R. Kendall, have also played.

House Games—Football.

As there is no "digging" this year, it has been necessary to provide a game for another 22 boys. This has caused, upon occasion, some slight rearrangement of the games, but so far all the difficulties have been overcome and games have been provided for at least two teams from each House every half holiday except when wet. There has been an average attendance of 203.

Two rounds of the Football Shield have been completed and the points to date are as follows: Dalton, 106; Gaskell, 98; Heywood, 75; Whitworth, 69; Byrom, 57; Fraser, 45.

Swimming Sports.

Secretary : Mr. ADAMS.

The Swimming Sports were held at the Withington Baths on the afternoon of Friday, July 20th. There was a great improvement in the number of entries, nearly one hundred boys participating in the various events.

J. C. P. Besford (O.H.), who was chosen to represent England in the 100 metres back stroke at the Olympic Games gave an exhibition of swimming during the afternoon.

Mr Brierley and Mr. Johnson acted as starters, Mr. Adams as timekeeper, and the Prefects as judges.

The programme and heats were drawn up by C. Wilkes.

The Lady Mather Swimming Cup was won by S. D. Cleworth. Byrom House won both relay races and obtained the greatest number of points.

BEGINNERS, BREADTH : 1. A. D. Leigh .
2. G. Baird.

BEGINNERS, LENGTH : 1. J. M. Bowers ;
2. E. Green.

ONE LENGTH, *under 13* : 1. R. D. Sunderland ; 2. T. H. Graham.

TWO LENGTHS, *under 14* : 1. H. V. Wilkes ;
2. P. Rogers.

TWO LENGTHS, *under 15* : 1. F. Langford ;
2. D. R. Hodkinson.

OBSTACLE RACE, *under 15* : 1. J. K. Sheppey ; 2. D. R. Hodkinson.

TWO LENGTHS, *under 16* : 1. A. G. Brand ;
2. A. J. Brain.

TWO LENGTHS, *open* : 1. J. F. Sleat ;
2. E. B. Richards.

FOUR LENGTHS, *back stroke* : 1. C. A. Burnside ; 2. S. D. Cleworth.

SIX LENGTHS, *open* : 1. S. D. Cleworth ;
2. J. F. Sleat.

NEAT DIVE : 1. A. G. Brand ; 2. E. B. Richards.

FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP : 1. H. V. Wilkes ; 2. H. J. Symons.

SENIOR RELAY : 1. Byrom ; 2. Whitworth.

JUNIOR RELAY : 1. Byrom ; 2. Whitworth.

Entertainments for Next Term.

Jan.	15—Play : "The Native Question," VI S.L.	
„	22—Lecture : "The Frozen North," Mr. Gatley.	
„	29—Play : The Cadet Corps.	
Feb.	5—Play : "The Enchanted Wood," Ia.	
„	9, 11, 12 (7-30)—Play : "R.U.R." (Karel Capek)	
„	19—Greek Play : IIa and IIIa	
„	26—Play : "Rory Aforesaid" (John Brandane), IIIb.	
Mar.	5—Plays : IVa and L.I.	
„	12—Play : IVa.	
„	19—Play : IVc.	

The Hulme Grammar School Cadet Corps Camp Account.

WHITSUNTIDE, 1928.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			£	s.	d.
To	Balance in Bank				40	17	7	By	L. M. & S. Railway Co. for Fares ..	32	5	6
"	Camp Fees				252	10	0	"	L. M. & S. Railway Co. for Carriage on Equipment	16	3	10
"	Donations for Extra Prizes—							"	L. M. & S. Railway Co. for Winder- mere Trip	6	18	0
	Mrs. Sunderland	1	1	0				"	W. Sedgwick for Camp Site	12	2	6
	A. L. Powell, Esq.	1	1	0				"	Do. for Milk and Eggs	5	9	6
	J. O. H. Norris, Esq.	0	10	0						17	12	0
	R. W. Lymer, Esq.	0	10	0				"	T. D. Smith Ltd. for Bread	21	6	0
	Mrs. Barber	0	5	0				"	J. Askew for Meat	10	12	0
					3	7	0	"	B. W. Harvey for Groceries	47	14	0
					3	6	9	"	W. & T. Tyson for Greengrocery ..	4	12	9
Profit on Dance								"	Sundry Purchases, food & gratuities	9	10	11
								"	Q.M.'s Purchases	2	9	6
								"	R. Wilson for Carting .. £7	0	0	
								"	Do. for Coal	2	0	0
										9	0	0
								"	J. Langdon & Sons for Hire of Equipment	26	8	11
								"	Scholfield Ltd. Insurance of Camp Equipment	1	17	0
								"	Baxendale & Co. for New Fire Plate and Bricks	1	3	0
								"	New Instruments for Band	12	16	0
								"	Grange Hotel for Billet	2	8	0
								"	Subscription to Public Secondary Schools Association	1	1	0
								"	Evans Sons, Lescher & Webb	1	11	0
								"	Western Command for Equipment Deficiency	0	5	3
								"	Grange Council for Water	0	2	6
								"	Competition Prizes	6	7	0
								"	Donation to United Yeast Football Club (for services rendered) ..	2	2	0
								"	Bank Cheque Book and Commission, less Interest	0	1	3
								"	Balance in Bank	65	13	11

Audited and found correct, November 30th, 1928,
A. L. POWELL.

J. A. BARBER, O.C.