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## Notes and News.

Among the names that appeared in the New Year's Honours List was that of the Rev. Arthur L. Bradbury of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, who twenty-five years ago left Salford, where he had been a curate at St. Philip's Church, to go to India. Since 1920 he has been doing a unique piece of work as manager of a criminal tribes settlement at Hubli, Bombay, which the S.P.G. took over at the request of the Government. The settlement includes dispensaries, schools, clubs, training centres, workshops, church and welfare settlements.

Manchester University Examination results :—

Final M.B. and Ch.B. (Part I.): C. D. Coe.

Third M.B. and Ch.B. (Pathology and Bacteriology): E. Saunbury; (Pharmacology): A. D. Leigh (with Distinction), R. Cocker.

Degree of B.D.S., First Examination: D. A. E. Chambers.

On Friday, February 26th, a beginning was made with the work on the new buildings which are to include an art school,

woodwork rooms, an armoury and an orderly room. It is expected that the buildings will be ready by September when the School reopens after the summer holidays.

\* The row of young trees along the north side of the playing fields has now been completed and extends from the School to the Princess Road entrance.

\* As a Jubilee gift, the Head Master, Mr. Trevor Dennis, has presented the School with a chair, the work of his own hands. It is a solid piece of furniture of English oak, and is in keeping with the dignity of its position on the platform in the hall. The back panel is beautifully carved and bears the School coat of arms and the dates 1887—1937.

\* An Old Hulmeian who wishes to remain anonymous has given a prize to be presented annually which, out of his regard for Mr. Hewlett, who retired in 1924, is to be called the Hewlett Prize.

On another page an Old Hulmeian pays tribute to Dr. Hall, the School's first Head Master, in an article that should stir many memories in those who were at School under him.

An oil painting of Dr. Hall, the work of a rising young artist, Bernard Hailstone, has found a place in the School hall. It is the gift of an Old Hulmeian.

The following Colours have been awarded :  
Lacrosse, W. V. Wadsworth, F. Clarke,  
P. S. Preston, B. Race, P. N. Knight.  
Rugby Football, P. S. Preston, D. C. A.  
Bevis, N. G. McCready, W. Graham, H.  
M. Burton, P. W. Carnie, G. Goddard.

In the North v. South Lacrosse match N. R. Coe of the Old Hulmeians Club played for the North : E. Barnes and P. Rogers (Willoughby) and N. Pearson (Hampstead) played for the South.

The Golf Section of the Old Hulmeians Association hold their annual competition for the Bradbury, the Vlies and the Merchant Cups on the Chorlton links on Thursday, May 6th. Being Jubilee year it is hoped there will be a gathering worthy of the occasion.

Calendar for Midsummer term :—

The term will begin on Tuesday, April 6th, at nine o'clock.

The Whitsuntide Holidays will extend from Tuesday, May 11th, at noon, to Thursday, May 27th, at nine o'clock.

The School Certificate Examinations will begin on July 2nd.

Midsummer Term will end on Monday, July 26th, at 4 p.m.

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

## DEATH.

BUCKLAND.—On the 28th January, at The Cotswold, Leys Road, Timperley, GEORGE FREDERICK, the beloved husband of FRANCES BUCKLAND.

## George Frederick Buckland.

A wide circle of Old Hulmeians would hear with great regret of the death of G. F. Buckland, which took place at his home in Timperley on January 28th as the result of pneumonia. He was one of four brothers who played lacrosse for the Old Hulmeians, all gaining County and North of England honours. In his day he was one of the greatest lacrosse players in the country, and his great reputation helped to make the School's name known wherever lacrosse was played. Few defence men could hold him, and, when he was at centre, he was the most dangerous man playing in that position. Born in 1883, he entered the School in 1893, leaving in 1899. Taking up lacrosse, he soon showed his prowess at the game, and he was captain of the School lacrosse team that won the North of England Schools' Challenge Flags in 1898. On leaving School he joined the Old Boys' team which was then playing in the Second Division of the Lacrosse League, and, in 1904, he played for the Second Division against the First and was also reserve for the County. He captained the Old Boys' team that won the North of England Lacrosse Association Flags, the Iroquois Cup and the Championship of England in 1910. In 1905 he first won a place in the County team, and held it till 1914, and from 1906 to 1914 he played for the North of England on a number of occasions. At the Olympic Games in 1908 he played for England, and though on the losing side against Canada he scored no less than nine of England's ten goals. He served in France during the war, being severely wounded, and thereafter he played on only a few occasions. In the summer cricket claimed his attention, and, after leaving School, he played regularly for Whalley Range until the war. He was popular with his fellows, and he carried modestly the many honours he had won.

## The late Mr. J. W. Morley.

All who knew the late Mr. J. W. Morley would read with great interest the scholarly tribute to his memory in the last issue of *The Hulmeian* by Mr. Hewlett, one of his contemporaries on the staff of the School, and, like Mr. Morley, held in the highest esteem. As an Old Boy perhaps I, too, may be permitted space to record some very vivid recollections of "Peter," by which name Mr. Morley was popularly known, why, I could never discover.

Appreciation of the many qualities possessed by the competent and successful schoolmaster increases as schooldays recede, and, so far as I am concerned, this is specially true of Mr. Morley, outstanding amongst whose gifts, viewed from a distance of some 23 years' time, were a genial and forceful personality, a capacity for imparting, by methods not always orthodox but none the less effective, his intimate knowledge of the languages he taught, and a knack of getting down to his scholars and making them feel thoroughly at ease with him. Well do I remember my first impressions of him and my first lessons in his form: how pleased I was, and rather astonished after several years' experience of the severe discipline and restricted atmosphere of an elementary school, at the happy relations between master and boys. Everything about my new school was so different, and Mr. Morley himself, with his ever-ready smile and joke, such a contrast to the teachers I had been used to. And, as the years moved on, there came closer acquaintance with his little whims and mannerisms—what a saucy tilt he gave to his mortar-board!—his asides and interruptions for discussion on any and every topic so that the "spasm" sometimes became more a social affair than a lesson: cherished memories!

And who could forget Peter on his bicycle? My way to School lay through the Park and along Spring Bridge Road, and,

in earlier days, before I had a bicycle of my own, Mr. Morley would usually pass me on his. With what dignity did he ride it! A man of imposing substance, to carry whom the small saddle seemed utterly inadequate, he would progress at a leisurely pace, sitting perfectly upright and obviously enjoying the air and the gentle exercise his machine provided. To boys wearing the School cap, respectfully touched on his passing, he would incline a benign nod and continue sedately on his way, not disturbed by the narrowness of the passage through the wooden stumps near the School, the negotiation of which in his case called for excellent judgment.

Of his whims in class, memory chiefly recalls his habit of consulting the little collection of "classics" he kept in a drawer of his desk. What others were there I don't know, but the Bible, Shakespeare, Tennyson, and Huckleberry Finn (a special favourite) were certainly among them, and out would come one of these when some passage appropriate to the work in hand occurred to him. No time would be lost in turning up what he wanted—he knew the contents so thoroughly—and an extract would then be read with due fervour or humour. An amusing passage never failed to convulse him, however often repeated, and a gentle wringing of the hands, and a rapt and far-away expression when reciting from "Come into the Garden, Maude" and the like—he had, I feel sure, a soft spot and courteous regard for the fair sex—invariably accompanied the reading. And were he moved to anger, which was seldom, he displayed an extraordinary control in overcoming it. He could be quite terrifying one moment, pass his hand over his face and emerge the next with a smile and an air of apology for his lapse from his usual good humour.

It is my great regret that I had not met or seen him since shortly after I left School. A fine teacher and a warm-hearted and lovable man: peace to the memory of dear old Peter!

OLD BOY (1906—1913).

## The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

The hopes of increasing the total collected last year were fully realised, and in this, the Jubilee year of both School and of the Club, the total reached £320 17s. 3d., which is a record except for 1928 when an individual donation from an important London Dinner amounted to over £40.

Again this year we find the highest collections at the bottom and the top of the School. The highest amount per head was collected by V. A with the creditable result of £1 5s. 2d. per head. Mention should be made this year of the excellent work done during the last seven years by D. W. Preston and N. W. Preston, who have so far collected between them a sum of over £140 for the Club as a result of untiring effort and keenness. This must be easily a record.

A letter of thanks was received from Sir Christopher Needham, the President of the Club, who very kindly addressed the School after prayers on the morning of November 5th.

The amounts collected were as follows:—

Form.	Amount.			Average per head.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Prep. ....	8	13	3			
Lower 1 .....	19	1	9	1	0	1
1 A .....	10	0	7	0	8	4
1 B .....	12	10	6	0	10	11
1 C .....	11	6	10	0	9	5
2 A .....	12	2	11½	0	8	1
2 B .....	17	2	2	0	11	5
2 C .....	12	17	5	0	6	0
3 A .....	20	0	6	0	13	4
3 B .....	13	2	7	0	8	9
3 C .....	10	15	2	0	10	3
4 A .....	9	17	10	0	9	11
4 B .....	14	17	4	0	11	5
4 C .....	12	0	6	0	8	0
5 A .....	37	15	3	1	5	2
5 B .....	16	16	0	0	11	7
5 C .....	21	11	1½	0	15	5
6 S.L. ....	12	13	6	0	11	6
6 C.M.L. ....	8	3	7	0	9	7
6 S.U. ....	26	9	4	1	2	1
6 C.M.U. ....	7	6	5	0	11	3

A. L. P.

## The Entertainments.

With the Lent term ending on March 23rd, the entertainment season has been shorter than usual, but it has lacked nothing in interest. The programme has been as varied as in past years, though dramatic performances have predominated, but, as plays are the most popular form of these shows, nothing was lost, and the entertainments again proved the strong hold they have on the School. The principal items on this term's programme have been "The Man at Six," a detective play, and the Sacred Concert given on Tuesday, March 23rd. We have to thank the stage hands for their work behind the scenes, and the artists who have provided such an attractive series of posters.

Programme :—

PLAY.—December 8th. "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" was played by the Preparatory School (reported on another page).

LANTERN LECTURE.—December 15th. A lecture on "Paris" was a joint effort by D. R. Wood and D. H. Griffiths of VI. S.L., and described a visit paid to that city by a School party last Easter. The slides, which showed most of the famous buildings of Paris and also a few of Versailles, were excellent, and the commentary interesting though occasional inaudibility took away from the effect.

PLAY.—On December 18th, 19th, 21st the School gave evening performances of "What Happened to George" (Vera Beringer). A report will be found on another page.

PLAY.—Monday, January 25th. Owing to the Jubilee celebrations that were to take place on the Tuesday, this play had to be given on a Monday. Form II. B attempted the ambitious project of presenting "The Poetasters of Ispahan" (Clifford Bax), a play written in verse, but the players dealt

with the rhythm in a way that showed understanding. G. C. Lee gave a good performance as Nejrihal, the pastry cook, and received staunch support from F. J. Briggs as Ala'd'din, a vendor of perfumes, and R. B. Herbert in the rôle of Hallaj, the public letter writer. Others in a good cast were Guleesh (B. Doherty), Suliman, the barber (C. Clay), Ibn Hassim, a rich old sheik (J. R. Whitaker), Silvermoon (G. E. Whitehead), Slave (H. B. Clarke), Negro Slave (G. H. Sykes).

Producer, Mr. Rainbow.

PLAY.—February 2nd.—"A Cash Concern" (E. M. Fotheringham) was presented by Form III. C, and produced by Mr. Martin. The cast went through the play at a rapid speed, but they were never inaudible, and all seemed to have spent much time conning their parts. Altogether it was a creditable performance that went speedily on to its end with only one slight sign of hesitation, and there was scarce need for "William" to suggest that professional acting was so much better than that of III. C. Cast : Mrs. Sykes (P. C. Crabtree), William, her elder son (D. A. Hague), Timothy, her younger son (R. Redfearn), Simpson, Senior, friend of William (W. W. Mills), Marmaduke (K. F. Brown), Miss Murgatroyd (L. S. Pope), Tomkins, a butler (B. E. Adams).

PLAY.—February 6th, 8th, 9th. On these dates the School gave evening performances of "The Man at Six" (Jack Celestin and Jack de Leon). A report of this will be found on another page.

PLAY.—Tuesday, February 16th. On this date VI. C.M.L. presented Act I. of "The Admirable Crichton" (Sir J. M. Barrie). A difficult undertaking, this required a large cast, and, while they gave a good account of themselves, the performance was a little marred at times by inaudibility. The costumes, especially those of the ladies, deserve some mention. Cast: Ernest (H. R. Crichton),

Crichton (R. Kirby), Agatha (R. J. Young), Catherine (H. K. Joseph), Lady Mary (R. Brown), Rev. Mr. Treherne (H. Embleton), Lord Loam (K. L. Holland), Lord Brocklehurst (G. M. Williams), Mrs. Perkins (R. Morgans), M. Henry (H. Arnold), Mr. Rolleston (G. Barrow), Mr. Tompsett (S. Reid), Miss Fisher (A. Wrigley), Miss Simmons (J. C. W. Hargreaves), Mlle. Jeanne (A. Robinson), Tweeny (J. E. Lister), Stable Boy (K. A. Stark), Page Boy (J. B. Redfearn).

Producer, Mr. Parren.

PLAY.—February 23rd.—“Hamlet, Prince of Denmark” or “Death walks in Elsinore” from the original play by William Shakespeare, very freely adapted, revised, modernised and altered out of all recognition by IV. C. So said the poster, and the production justified the description. It was altogether a gay performance. The introduction of a harmonica band, complete with ukelele, and the singing of some negro spirituals proved entertaining though their immediate connection with the grim title was not quite evident. Those members of IV. C whose part in the production was to lead the cheers and declamations were not the only ones to appreciate the performance. Cast: Prologue (W. K. Cooper), Hamlet (J. T. Emery), Claudius (A. B. Haward), Ophelia (W. P. Harris), Polonius (K. J. Brittlebank), Laertes (G. F. Deacon), Ghost (R. Jones), Guard (R. H. Bloomfield), Laurel (A. Welby), Hardy (A. Crawford), Minstrels (Mr. Lowther, P. R. Edwards, C. Newman, W. Dixon, C. F. Stapleton, J. G. Thompson, R. W. Hancock, C. H. Connor, A. R. Horwood, L. Hicks, E. W. Stanley).

Producer, Mr. Lowther.

PLAY.—March 2nd. “The Reluctant Dragon,” adapted from Kenneth Grahame’s story by Harcourt Williams, was presented by II. A and produced by Mr. Forrest. This was a difficult thing to do involving,

as it did, much changing of scenery, a task that was speedily done on each occasion under cover of music dispensed from a gramophone behind the scenes. The cast was a large one, embracing the whole Form, but only five were required to speak. The remainder appeared in varied costumes to spur on their favourite in the combat that convention demanded between St. George and the Dragon, a struggle that was enjoyed by both the cast and the audience. The principal parts in the cast were: The Boy (B. A. Ratliff), His Mother (W. L. Tonge), The Dragon (J. O. Spalding), Boy’s Father (J. B. Redfearn), St. George (A. Whitehead).

### Preparatory School Play.

We have come to look for something interesting from these Preparatory School Plays, and this year’s performance of “The Pied Piper of Hamelin,” given on Tuesday, December 8th, in the School hall came fully up to expectations. This play was presented some years ago by the “Prep.,” and it is interesting to note that at least one boy who took part in that performance was playing in the last School play. The settings were good, and the players were filled with enthusiasm for their work, with the result that we had a spirited performance. The piper seemed to enjoy his part, while the mayor bore himself with a pompous dignity becoming his high office, and the members of the corporation showed themselves worthy to belong to that august body. Limping across the stage on his crutch the lame boy made a pathetic little figure. The crowd of townsfolk set about their work with evident relish, and the rats scampered round in true rodent fashion. Resolved that the audience should not be ignorant of what was to take place, the two speakers piped up their words in confident manner. In such a play as this the dressing of the characters is of great

importance, and those responsible for the costumes are to be commended on their work.

Cast: Speakers, M. J. Mather and R. Wilson; The Piper, I. M. Ross; The Mayor, T. T. Norris; Corporation, K. A. Worthington, E. G. Barrow, W. G. Simcock, H. McKerlie, B. J. Porter, N. S. Kiernan; The Lame Boy, J. F. Patrick. The remainder of the Preparatory boys made up the townsfolk, children and rats.

Producers: Miss Berry, Miss Caiger, Miss Qualtrough.

### **"What Happened to George."**

This three-act comedy by Vera Beringer, played by the School on December 18th, 19th and 21st, may not be a great play, but it was, at any rate, good fun, and made a bright ending to the Michaelmas term. Here we had the story of a schoolboy's holiday containing a judicious admixture of the dramatic and the comic with the latter predominating, and, though the play runs through some fourteen scenes, there was scarcely a dull moment in the proceedings. The settings were something of a triumph, but perhaps the most picturesque was the scene on the island, where, also, we had some of the best acting. It is impossible to deal here with all that might deserve mention, but it must be said that, throughout, the standard of work was good—sometimes very good—the humour of the comic situations being fully brought out, while justice was done to the more grim episodes. As George Maitland, the boy round whom the action takes place, M. T. Fitzgerald had an exacting part, but he rose to the occasion and did his job well, while as his "pal," Robert Carnduff, F. J. Whelan gave him noble support. In the Fatty Bill presented by Mr. Powell we had a matey, philosophic sort of tramp with a benign disposition ever

ready to do a good turn, and we came to look forward to his appearances, while Mr. Brierley gave us an interesting and able study of the sinister Albert Pennyquick, whose wife, Emeline, a kindred spirit, was competently played by A. Robinson. One of the brightest bits of work in the play was B. A. Ratliff's presentation of Zara, the gipsy girl, a part for which by his actions and manner he showed himself well fitted. F. Clarke as Colonel Maitland, D. R. Wood as Mahmoud, and H. S. Priest as Annie all attracted notice in their parts. Others in the cast were Annabel Prance (W. L. Tonge), Mr. Prance (R. Brown), A Maid (R. Rayner), A Ticket Collector (H. Arnold), A Porter (W. Brown), A Muddle-Headed Lady (W. A. Mallinson), An Old Woman (J. T. Emery), A Well-Dressed Man (H. R. Crichton), Georgie Barstow (J. D. Boardman), A Cross Old Man (R. Kirby), A Paper Boy (J. D. Currie), A Refreshment Boy (P. W. Calkeld), Martin Eversleigh (H. K. Joseph), Mr. Smith (P. H. Richards), Mrs. Smith (N. G. Bullivant), Doctor (R. J. Young), Inspector Mackenzie (R. Billington), Keeper of a Private Zoo (D. W. Fox).

Producer, Mr. Brierley.

### **"The Man at Six."**

The second of the School productions, "The Man at Six" (Jack Celestin and Jack de Leon), was presented in the School Hall on February 6th, 8th and 9th. A detective play, it is by way of being a thriller, and contrived throughout to live up to that description. Like most of its type it set a problem, but the answer produced was not very convincing, nor would the playwright's method of working it out have gained full marks. At times, and particularly in Act I., there were periods of rather aimless cross-talk, tiresome explanations and wildly speculative theories, many of which seemed to lead nowhere. Still, as against this, to

stir our interest and create an atmosphere we had a mysterious note about "the man at six," the strange story of a vanished lady, the finding of a dead body under a couch, and, leading into a moonlit garden, an old French window through which characters came and went at unexpected moments, some bent on mysterious errands, others to search for a mysterious evil-doer. It was all rather "spooky" at times, and, with a cast that was not slow to catch this atmosphere, the performance went easily and smoothly to its conclusion—a conclusion that confounded most of our conjectures. In the part of Campbell Edwards, a private detective, O. R. Dennis played with an easy assurance that carried conviction, while Mr. Powell in the rôle of Chief Inspector Dawford, C.I.D., questioned, fussed and blustered with all the bluff of a harassed and baffled detective. In make-up, manner and bearing Mr. Dennis gave us a good study of the decrepit and feeble Sir Joseph Pine, and J. S. Battersby as Joseph Atkinson, by his agitated and worried bearing readily suggested that he was an unwilling party to the whole affair. The two women in the play were widely different characters: on the one hand we had the boisterous, bustling and alert charwoman, Mrs. Cumberpatch, very effectively played by W. T. Curtis, on the other the quiet, sedate Sybil Vane, a rather difficult part carefully, if somewhat too quietly played by D. R. Wood. Of the others, N. G. McCready, as George Wolmer, made a vicious-looking villain, and A. L. Dennis was well cast as Frank Pine. The comic element was provided by the two members of the police force, H. Cartwright revealing to us the complete incompetence of the garrulous Sergeant Hogan, while F. Clarke was a clever caricature of a serious but ineffective police sergeant. R. P. Smith looked business-like in his small part as police surgeon.

Producer, the Head Master, Mr. Trevor Dennis.

## The Old Hulmeians Association.

Since the last notes appeared, the School Jubilee has come and gone. An account appears elsewhere in these columns.

No attempt was made on January 26th to extract money or recruit members, but the Committee hope that all those Old Boys who have allowed their membership to lapse will take steps to rejoin the Association. The Hon. General Secretary (A. L. Powell, 29, South Drive, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester) or the Hon. Treasurer (S. Whittingham, 38A, Ryebank Road, Firwood, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester) will be pleased to help in any way. They will also be glad to give information about the Endowment Scheme to anyone interested.

The Annual Dance at Longford Hall on Friday, January 22nd, was a great success, and there were 192 present. As a result a profit of £7 10s. 6d. was handed to the Association by the Hon. Dance Secretary, Mr. Vernon Oddy.

## The School Jubilee.

The arrangements made to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the School attracted a large number of Old Hulmeians and parents. The publicity given in the Press, particularly the *Manchester Guardian*, brought some Old Boys whose addresses were unobtainable.

In the morning the whole School, including the Preparatory Department, joined with Old Boys and parents in a most impressive service at the Cathedral, where the congregation numbered about 2,500. The hymns were chosen from the School hymn-book, and the descants, led by the choir and well supported by the present boys, were very effective.

The Dean of Manchester, Chairman of the School Governors, preached a sermon which will long be remembered by those who heard it. Starting with the historical background of social conditions in 1887, the year of the opening of the School, he proceeded through the changes in the intervening years to the state of the country and the world at the present time. He held the attention of his congregation in a way that seemed to react on himself and inspire him with wonderful eloquence and power. He appealed to the School and the Old Boys to take their rightful place in the changing social system.

Not the least beautiful part of the service was the reading of the lessons by the Bishop of Middleton (Vice-Chairman of the Governors).

The service was followed by lunch at the Midland Hotel attended by 177, made up of Old Boys and their wives and a number of parents. The following guests were present:—The Dean of Manchester, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Mainprice, Alderman Woollam, Councillor Ackroyd, Mr. K. G. Fison, Mr. J. I. Franklin, and Mr. J. Midgley (*Manchester Guardian*).

The Headmaster, as President of the Old Hulmeians Association by whom the lunch was arranged, was in the chair. Brief speeches were made and full advantage taken, before and after lunch, of the opportunities for renewing old friendships.

A hundred or so went on to the School to watch the two lacrosse matches. The Old Hulmeians 1st lacrosse team beat an Old Hulmeians XII. recruited from those not playing for the Old Boys' teams. In the second game the Old Hulmeians "A" beat the School 13—6.

In the evening the School was crowded for a reception by the Headmaster and Mrs. Dennis. The Hall was fitted up with a microphone and loudspeakers. The room was packed and the stage filled with prominent Old Boys.

The Headmaster opened by reading an account of the beginnings and development of the School. This account, which is summarised elsewhere, was written by Mr. E. G. W. Hewlett, who, unfortunately, was not able to be present on account of indisposition. Mr. Brice and Mr. Kelsey also sent apologies for their absence and messages for the meeting.

Reference was made to the recent death of Mr. J. W. Morley, so beloved by all who knew him.

The next speaker was Mr. Franklin, who spoke of Dr. Hall and the great work he did in laying the foundations of the present School. He then unveiled a painting by Mr. Bernard Hailstone of Dr. Hall. This painting has been presented to the School in place of the coloured photograph, by an Old Hulmeian who wishes to remain anonymous. The donor has also had the painting set into panelling to match the walls.

Then followed a chain of speakers covering the whole of the fifty years of the School's existence. Mr. B. Muth, who must have been the most photographed man in Manchester on account of being the first boy to enter the School, began by describing the buildings and the staff as they were on January 26th, 1887, and went on to tell of his experiences on the first and succeeding days.

He was followed by Messrs. S. R. Oddy, F. E. Dehn, D. Cardwell, A. L. Powell, J. Lord, D. Ll. Griffiths, E. Barnes and C. G. Dennis. All the speakers paid tribute to the School, and spoke affectionately of the Headmasters and masters of their time.

It had been arranged that these speeches should be brief so that from 9 o'clock it would be possible to walk round, meet old friends, and see the exhibition of photographs of School life lent by Old Boys and arranged and mounted by Mr. Brierley. Actually the speakers warmed so to their subject that the speeches lasted until 10-40,

thus curtailing the time left for refreshments and general conversation. It was, however, much later when the last of the guests departed, thus concluding a memorable occasion.

May the hundredth anniversary be even more successful! A. L. P.

## A Brief History of the School.

[This is an abridged form of the notes on the School's History written by Mr. Hewlett for Jubilee Day.]

When we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the School it is right that we should begin by paying reverence to William Hulme, the founder of the great Charity to which the School owes its existence, although it never entered into his dreams.

William Hulme belonged to an old family of freeholders with considerable property in Reddish, Withy Grove, Fennel Street, Shudehill and elsewhere. Having lost his only son at the age of 15, he left the income from his property to "such four of the poorest sort of Bachelors of Arts in Brasenose College, Oxford, as shall resolve to continue there by the space of four years after such degree is taken." Hulme was buried in the Hulme Chapel, founded by his ancestors in Manchester Cathedral.

The first exhibitioners (receiving £10 a year each) were to be nominated by the Warden of the Collegiate Church of Manchester, the Rectors of Prestwich and Bury, and their successors. The value of the property increased so considerably that at the end of the 19th century the Charity Commissioners approved of a scheme founding new schools in Manchester, Oldham and Bury. The annual value was then nearly £9,000.

By this scheme a school for boys in or near Manchester to be called "The Hulme Grammar School" was to be founded under a Board of Governors on which the Hulme Trust was to be represented.

The Governors appointed as first Head Master Joseph Hall, and the School opened on January 26th, 1887, with 64 boys and four assistant masters—A. D. Hall in Science (now Sir Daniel Hall), R. Holmes in Mathematics, W. A. Badham in French and German, and E. K. Brice in Drawing and Writing.

The number grew rapidly for a time to about 250, but, beyond that, there was no substantial increase for many years.

Dr. Hall's aim of an all-round school life based on the English tradition of the old Public Schools was not then so familiar in a day-school as it has since become, and, in carrying it out, he was greatly helped by the keenness of his young staff, and particularly by Mr. W. E. Urwick, who had been at Uppingham under Thring.

Dr. Hall set his face against external examinations of the "local" type, but the general efficiency of the School was brought to public notice when provision of secondary education devolved by Acts of Parliament upon the Lancashire County Council. In three years the School took 67 exhibitions and seven scholarships offered by that body in science and commercial subjects.

The leaving age was at first fixed at 16, but was raised by successive amendments in 1890 and 1909 to the end of the School year after 18. The age of entry was fixed at 9, but in 1908 a Preparatory Department was started under Miss M. E. Smith, and, in 1918, this was transferred to Peveril Mount.

The games of the School were cricket and Association football, and lacrosse was introduced by Mr. W. A. Badham.

The School field was extended by four acres to Princess Road in 1899 as a result of a bequest of £2,000 from Mr. William Roberts. Athletic Sports were first held in 1888 and Swimming Sports in 1893.

In 1910 the School was divided into four Houses with House Masters and Prefects, to serve as a basis for competition in games and athletic sports. The number of Houses was later increased to six. The names were taken from prominent Manchester men or friends of the School.

In 1890 there were enough Old Boys to form an Old Hulmeians Games Club for Association football, and they played in the Lancashire Amateur League until 1931.

In <sup>1895</sup>1896 an Old Boys' Lacrosse Club was formed, the first captain being P. M. Bennett. Its distinguished record in the Flags and Cup Championship is familiar to all followers of the game.

In 1912 the O.H. Games Club was extended to embrace social as well as athletic activities, and the present Old Hulmeians Association was then formed and various sections for Rugby football, golf, motoring, music and drama have been added since.

The first collection in the School in aid of the Hulme Lads' Club was made in 1893, and since then an increasing interest has been shown by the School and its Old Boys in the work of the Club. Over £5,000 has been collected, and most of the Committee are Old Hulmeians. For twenty-five years Mr. J. W. Morley was the Chairman, and he was succeeded by Mr. H. E. Walker (O.H.).

The need for an adequate School Assembly Hall had soon been felt, and, in 1911, four bays of the present Hall were opened. Two new classrooms were provided, and the basement was made available for handicraft to become part of the regular timetable instead of an optional out-of-school

subject as it had been since 1891 under Mr. J. Durrans.

An anonymous gift of £500 to the new buildings should be mentioned.

The School was inspected by the Board of Education for the first time in 1906, and the Report was highly satisfactory. The decision of the Governors to accept the conditions on which Government grants were receivable led indirectly to Dr. Hall's resignation, which was reluctantly accepted in 1913. He had directed the School for twenty-six years, and, at the time of his retirement, seven of his staff had been working with him for twenty-two years. He had laid down the lines of the School's development and fostered the growth of a high tradition. He died in 1927.

Dr. Hall was succeeded by the Rev. W. A. Parker Mason. Within a year the war broke out and left a deep mark on the history of the School. The numbers in the School increased considerably, calling for an increase in the staff. This was made all the more difficult by the demands of the war. A Cadet Corps was established, and some members were old enough to pass into the army before the war was over—a few indeed never to return. At least 670 Old Hulmeians served and 111 are known to have fallen. Seven gained the D.S.O. and twenty-nine the Military Cross.

After the war a Committee of Old Boys, under the chairmanship of Mr. S. W. Saxelby, raised £2,000 for the purpose of providing a memorial for fallen Old Hulmeians. A bronze tablet, designed by Mr. E. K. Brice, recording the names of the fallen was placed in the School. On Armistice Day every year wreaths are placed below this tablet, and, after a short service, the School and those Old Hulmeians who can attend, file past in silent tribute.

Playing fields, held jointly with the Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis

Club, were purchased at Woodlands Road and opened in 1923.

Another Committee provided for the education of the three children of an Old Hulmeian killed in the war.

Individual memorials were the founding of the Dorrington and Williamson prizes.

Among the minor by-products of the war were the Harvest Camps at Wooler and the School allotment gardens adjoining the School field.

In 1920 the Rev. Parker Mason retired and was succeeded by Mr. Trevor Dennis, Head Master of Lady Manners School, Bakewell. The development since 1921 is shown by the following figures:—

	1921	1936
VI. Form ... ..	11	78
School Certificates ... ..	16	52
Higher School Certificates ... ..	2	24

Whereas in 1918-19 thirty-six boys left under 16 years of age and thirty-seven over, in 1935-6 nine left under 16 and sixty-three over: and in 1932-33, when statistics were collected, the average length of a boy's stay in the School was eleven months greater than the average for Manchester and Lancashire.

In 1927 the Hall was completed and Science buildings and a gymnasium were opened by Lord Derby. The School field has been enlarged by five acres and a pavilion erected chiefly through the generosity of Mr. Walter Thorpe.

In 1931 Association football was given up for Rugby football, and an Old Hulmeians Rugby Section started in 1935.

In 1935 the School Corps was recognised as an Officers' Training Corps, and in the first examination for Certificate A in November, 1936, sixteen out of seventeen candidates were successful.

## Memories of Dr. Hall.

*" . . . . and his judgment directs me in  
" my studies; for truth, honour and  
" knowledge are the shining qualities  
" which mark his character."*

Some hundreds of Old Boys were present at the School on the evening of January 26th, 1937, when a portrait in oils of the late Joseph Hall, Litt.D., M.A., was unveiled by Mr. J. I. Franklin. It was the fiftieth anniversary of the day on which the School had opened with Joseph Hall as its first Headmaster, a post which he occupied for over a quarter of a century. It was under him that many of us had spent our school lives, and as our thoughts turned to those early days, as we heard Mr. Franklin's address, and as we gazed on the portrait of Dr. Hall, personal memories of that remarkable man were stirred. The important part which he played in determining the lines on which the School was to develop, in guiding its destiny on those lines and in building up the School traditions has been recognised and acknowledged by others more competent to judge than I. Nor am I qualified to write of his work and attainments as a scholar. It is not to these aspects of his life's work that my thoughts turn.

Amongst the men of whose influence in my life I am conscious my father's influence was certainly the greatest, but that of Dr. Hall ranks high amongst the others. Though I only saw him infrequently after I left School in 1899, my memories of him remain vivid. First let me call to mind his finely chiselled head, a head of great dignity and distinction, which his short and slim figure, always well groomed, did little to counteract. Then I think of his strange, ascetic and impressive personality. He seemed quite different from other men, and when he entered a room his presence was

instantly felt. Amongst the boys he certainly wielded a silent power. His learning, his intellectual honesty and the rectitude of his character were unmistakable. It may be because I was young, but on me at least he made a deeper impression than most other men I have met, an impression difficult to define, but the main elements of which might be summarised as rectitude in an almost absolute sense. It is an odd thing to say of any man, but I could not picture him as succumbing to a temptation or ever having to feel ashamed of anything he had done.

When he spoke his sentences were perfectly phrased, his reasoning flawless and his meaning clear. Often his phraseology was whimsical, as when he called the younger boys "those boys whose legs are encased in stockings." He preferred to use words in their true rather than in their colloquial meaning. "Conceit" to him meant an accurate and not an exaggerated opinion of oneself. He was, I believe, quietly conscious of his own abilities, but there was never a trace of arrogance or ostentation. His culture and scholarship were just part of the man himself, and he could not show himself in anything but his true colours. He was modest in the sense that whilst he knew his own value he never sought applause. Not much applause—nor what the late Lord Birkenhead called "glittering prizes"—ever came his way. In one of the "Letters" of the younger Pliny there is a passage which is apposite and which, translated, reads :—

" . . . how much nobler it is to place  
" the reward of virtue in the silent appro-  
" bation of one's own breast, than in the  
" applause of the world. Glory ought to  
" be the consequence, not the motive of  
" our actions; and though fame should  
" sometimes happen not to attend the  
" worthy deed, yet is it by no means the  
" less amiable for having missed the  
" applause it deserved."

It is also from the "Letters" that I have chosen the superscription to this article. I think Pliny would have enjoyed extolling Dr. Hall's virtues.

That his personal relations with his Assistant Masters were admirable has often been acknowledged by them, and, indeed, it is established by the fact that seven of them remained associated with him on the teaching staff for over twenty years, a rare, if not a record, occurrence in the history of schools. But it was not a case of *primus inter pares*. I think his personality silently impressed and dominated them just as it impressed and dominated the boys. They all felt a respectful devotion to a man of character and learning.

I rarely saw him angry, and I rarely saw him laugh. Hearty and infectious laughter was rarer still, but he often had a twinkle in his eye that was whimsical and kindly. It conveyed far more than smiles.

His emotions always seemed to be under the steadiest control. On the playing field a boy had committed some flagrant act of disobedience and been ordered to return to the School buildings. He started strolling back in leisurely fashion and was ordered to run. The boy still defiantly strolled and the Headmaster, now really angry, took the boy by the scruff of the neck and ran him along. "I am running," said the boy. "Run faster—run faster—run-as-fast-as-you-can" panted the Headmaster as he ran the boy into the School. No word of abuse, and nothing to impair his own dignity, though inwardly he was at boiling point.

He had a sure instinct for the emotions of others. I shall never forget a day of great sadness. A boy, who was a great favourite with everyone, had met with a shocking accident on the lacrosse field, and he died the same night. This tragedy overwhelmed us all, and the Headmaster realised that

no ordinary words of grief or sentiment would help us. We needed some definite idea that we could get hold of, that would comfort us and pull us together. At prayers, the next morning, with an instinct as sure as it was kindly, he recited to us Ben Jonson's poem, the lines of which I have ever since remembered:—

*It is not growing like a tree*

*In bulk, doth make men better be;*

*Or standing long an oak, three hundred year,  
To fall a log at last, dry, bald, and sear:*

*A lily of a day*

*Is fairer far in May,*

*Although it fall and die that night;*

*It was the plant and flower of light.*

*In small proportions we just beauties see:  
And in short measures life may perfect be.*

He had an almost judicial sense of fairness. As in punishment or blame, so in praise, too. If work had completely satisfied him, his praise was crisp and unqualified. It was not that he wanted to be generous, but that he wanted always to be just. I saw a boy's mid-term reports (not, alas! mine) which ran "Excellent in all respects," and, when that boy was receiving a prize on Speech Day, he was introduced as "a true classic." The word "true" was characteristic.

In games he took no part, but he recognised and insisted on their value in the School curriculum. He himself planned and carried out an extensive scheme of levelling, and often when his work was done could be seen with spade and wheelbarrow, a lonely labourer in the field.

It may be that there were not many who regarded Dr. Hall as having what is commonly called a "lovable personality"; he

was too quiet and reserved, too undemonstrative, too "far away." He seemed to be a man who could have nothing romantic in his life other than the adventure and romance of his work. To his duty, as he saw it, he was inexorably devoted.

Some few years before his death when my wife and I were spending a day or two at Oxford, he came over from Woodstock and lunched with us at the "Mitre." His interest in the events of my school days—then twenty-five years past—and his recollection of them were remarkable. We spoke of a boy who was then playing a distinguished part as a Socialist Member of Parliament, and I asked Dr. Hall if, as a boy, the politician in question had shown any socialistic proclivities. He answered at once: "A remember um coming to me and complaining that the Science Fifth were not receiving the privileges that were due to um." "And what did you say to him?" I asked. "A told um to think a little less about 's privileges and a little more about 's duties." (*My spelling may enable those who remember Dr. Hall to recapture the intonation of his voice.*) After lunch we went over to Woodstock where he took us through the Park at Blenheim, and then we had tea with him and his sister, who had lived with him all his life. A wonderful library indicated that he was spending his declining years as he had spent all his days—in working. It was the last time I saw him. He died on the 7th of November, 1927, but I did not hear of his death until after the funeral. I would have travelled many miles to pay the last tribute to him.

C. G. DEHN.

London,

February, 1937.

## An Old Hulmeian's Reminiscences.

[The following is by Mr. B. Muth, who was the first boy to enter the School when it was opened on January 26th, 1887.]

It is with rather mixed feelings that one receives an invitation to put in cold black and white the impressions and reminiscences of the School and its life fifty years ago. What is it that will interest most the readers of the Hulmeian about those early times? Is it the building itself? The old part is practically the same as it was then, and how wonderfully the red brick has kept its colour notwithstanding its nearness to the Manchester atmosphere! Is it the masters, the boys, the games or the lessons? Frankly, the writer does not know, and he must take a chance that a judicious mixture of them all will not be too boring to those who read this article. He feels that it will be better to leave the serious side to Mr. Hewlett with his admirable History of the School, read by the Headmaster on Jubilee Day, and to treat in a lighter manner the reminiscences of a schoolboy in those early days. If only that boy had had an idea of what is now expected of him, what interesting notes he might have made of that first day or week! Memory only can come to his aid in recalling impressions such as a much-too-early arrival on the morning of 26th January, 1887, the passing to and fro of workmen still occupied on the premises, the smell of new wood and paint, the waiting in the old hall for something to happen, the occasional appearance of a cap and gown (fearful to one who had never seen them before), the assembling for prayers in the Drawing School, where the five masters, with Dr. Hall in the centre, faced the 64 boys, the formation of four forms, one Science, one Latin and two French forms, led off to class-rooms on the

gallery (no rooms on the ground floor were furnished in those early days), and the Latin form waiting in idleness the whole morning for its master, Dr. Hall, who was busily occupied with other duties! Not very much after all to remember of that first day, which ended at noon, as was usual at the commencement of each term.

But what memories come rushing over the teens of years of the subsequent weeks and terms of the eighties and early nineties of last century! Memories of the meeting in the Drawing School to vote whether Association or Rugby football should be played; of the first football kicked out into the six-acre field with nearly all the School pack chasing after it; of the first goal posts used, iron rods with the point in the ground and a triangle at the top, soon replaced by small wood posts, hexagonal in section with a piece of pink tape as a crossbar! There are memories, too, of Mr. Sykes, the first Secretary of the School, selling, single-handed, books and stationery (exercise sheets ten a penny!) to an unruly mob before nine in the morning from the present Prefects' room, which was then his office; of the first cricket professional, old Tom Whatmough, with his frequent advice to "put that theer right leg out an' coot 'em." Whatmough was a great favourite of Dr. Hall, and commenced with him the first levelling of the School field. He travelled backwards and forwards daily from Beswick, which was no small journey with the slow transport of those days. Then there was the first bicycle, Mr. Fison arriving one morning on what was then known as a "boneshaker," nowadays referred to as a "penny farthing"; and how envied was the first boy who became possessor of an early "safety," a machine with a cross-frame and solid tyred wheels!

Many may be surprised to know that a tennis court was laid out against the south

wall of the School and specially reserved for the masters, that flocks of sheep once pastured on the playing field to keep the grass down, and that one spring many of the boys moved to Port Erin under the charge of some of the masters during a severe epidemic of measles which had closed the School.

The House System was not in vogue during those early years, so that School sides were confined mostly to Classics versus Moderns, and Patriarchs versus the Rest, the Patriarchs being those who entered the School in 1887, but one finds it difficult to say anything different about the games, which were played, won and lost, in the same spirit as they are to-day, their results being the most important thing on earth at the time to the players.

One remembers the opening about 1891 of that pride of Dr. Hall, the woodwork shop, in the room half-way down the stairs to the Dining Hall, and the advent of Mr. Dorrans. Somewhere about the same time lockers were introduced (2/6 was the charge then to replace a lost key) and a library and museum started.

In spite of what Mr. Franklin said on Jubilee Day, an examination by an outside body was held at the School about this time. It was not an education authority, but the Manchester Chamber of Commerce which entered the School, doubtless by invitation of Dr. Hall, and carried out an examination of its own. The entrance fee was 5/- and, in cases of success, the money was returned plus a certificate. Naturally a sufficient percentage of entrants had to fail in order to cover the expense of the examination. The writer remembers a General Knowledge paper in that examination which contained a question of this nature. If one were standing at a certain spot in Liverpool and desired to reach another locality in the same city,

state what route would be taken and name the streets through which one would pass! Fancy asking a Manchester schoolboy such a question about a town at the wrong end of the Mersey! It was simply inviting the reply of many that they would "ask a policeman."

This reminds one of another General Knowledge paper in which the whole School took part when one boy described a barometer as "a wooden box in which the works were put." He may be an engineer now of high standing. We know what has become of the boy who, during a demonstration on the electrolysis of water, asked in all sincerity what was left after all the oxygen and hydrogen had been extracted. Well, there might have been something despite the indignation of the master.

Then there was the master who initiated us into the manner of making out an I.O.U. This document had to be correctly made out whenever a punishment task was given, and redeemed when the task was handed in on the due date! His career at the School was very short.

An approximate date in Manchester's history is for ever fixed in the mind of the writer by the recollection of Mr. Tristram running a part of Thirlmere into a beaker (so he said) the day after the opening of the wonderful pipe-line. Everyone knows how easy it is to recall innumerable incidents, trivial and otherwise, which go to make up a school life, and how, like golf stories, the relating of them can bore both reader and listener, so the writer hopes he has not delayed too long in bringing to a close these recollections of forty to fifty years ago, which, if they have done nothing else, have brought pleasure to at least one Old Boy during the present Jubilee.

## Half-a-Century of Lacrosse.

During the fifty years of the School's existence it has earned, perhaps, more distinction upon the lacrosse field than in any other sphere. Every honour possible has been won at the game by both the Old Boys and the School teams, and, through lacrosse, the fame of the School has been spread far and wide. This is, therefore, an admirable opportunity to delve into the past and give a brief record of how the School started playing the game, and how it came to win for itself such distinction.

Lacrosse was first introduced into the School by Mr. Badham, one of the earliest masters, in 1887, and it had a warm supporter in the Headmaster, the late Dr. Joseph Hall. It took two or three seasons to establish a really good side, but in 1893 the School won its first competition, the North of England Schools Flags (Junior) by beating the Western College, Harrogate. Keeness and enthusiasm for the game were widespread in the School, and, for the next few years the Flags, first won in 1893, were rarely out of the School hall. Certainly within ten years of playing the game the School had established itself as one of the most important lacrosse training grounds in the country, and, in those days, there were many more schools playing the game than there are to-day.

Up to the present time the School has held its high position in the lacrosse world; its name has often adorned the Juniors Challenge Shield, and several boys each year earn County colours. Indeed, only in very recent times, a School team, probably as good as any we ever turned out, went through the season with a prodigious record, went up to Cambridge and beat the University side 14-10, and challenged and defeated the Old Boys' "A" team. This team was spoken of in senior lacrosse circles

as a model for clubs to copy, and a story is told that, when the members of this side were having some refreshment in a café in Cambridge during their visit, someone at a neighbouring table asked his companion who these boys were and got the reply "That's the team from Hulme—the lacrosse school."

The Old Hulmeians Lacrosse Club was formed on May 16th, 1895, the first captain being P. M. Bennett. They started to play in the Fourth Division, but in two seasons were promoted to the Third, and, in 1898-9, were top of the Third Division and won the Lancashire Junior Cup for the first time. In 1902-3, although the Club was now in the Second Division, W. A. Hobbins and P. J. Jefferis played for Lancashire, and the former was picked for the North and, the following year, for England. The Old Boys' team was beginning to force itself to the top.

The season 1904-5 was an important stage in the Club's history, for it was their first season in the First Division, and they established a record by reaching the semi-final of the Senior Flags; they finished fourth in the League and, among their successes, defeated the champions, Heaton Mersey. The following season saw the three Buckland brothers playing together on the attack for the first time along with J. A. Barber, and this was to form the nucleus, in the years to follow, of probably the best club attack which ever played the game. The Buckland brothers used to be able to stand opposite the lamp-post outside the School, taking shooting practice at it, and never miss it, while H. Buckland, who never failed to score from close in and had every goalkeeper in the game completely scared every time he got near, attained such accuracy because he would stand opposite a brick wall and shoot the ball at each brick in turn. The late G. F. Buckland (whose death we regretfully note on another page) gained his Olympic colours in 1908 against Canada, and was the

most brilliant player on the field. Britain lost 10—14, but Buckland, at right attack, scored nine of the ten goals.

In 1906-7 the period of supremacy began. The team, captained by S. R. Oddy, won for the first time, the North of England Flags by defeating South Manchester in the final 10—7, and the Iroquois Cup and Championship of England by defeating Surbiton 12—0. The story is told of the match with South Manchester how Dr. Hall paid three times to go in. About five minutes from time Old Boys were down 6—4, and, as Dr. Hall liked to get away before the crowd, he thought it was all over, and left. Going down the road he heard a tremendous roar, rushed back and paid another shilling and was told that Old Boys had made it 6—5. He stayed until two minutes from the end and then left again, and, at almost the same place down the road, he heard another roar. A third shilling he spent in entrance money, and it must have been one of his best investments, for he found Old Boys had drawn level just before the final whistle. Extra time was played during which Old Boys scored four and South Manchester scored only once. Being rather younger and fitter, the Old Boys completely outplayed their opponents in the extra period, and the heading of the report in the *Manchester Guardian* was "Youth Will Be Served!"

From then until the war, the Old Boys' team was supreme. They won the Iroquois Cup again in 1907-8 and in 1909-10. In 1912-13 they were League Champions, only losing one match and having six players on the North team, G. F., H., and R. Buckland, and W. A. Hobbins, H. Shorrocks and F. Jefferis. The last season before the war they won the Championship, the Flags and the Iroquois Cup under the captaincy of W. A. Hobbins, and were widely described as "the best club side ever produced in England."

After the war the process of team-building had to begin afresh. There followed a season or two of reconstruction, during which the foundations of a successful post-war period were laid and the Flags were won again in 1922-3. Two seasons later, in 1925, Mr. J. A. Barber retired from the first team after twenty-three years of service. The distinction that the School and the Old Boys have won at lacrosse is due very largely to Mr. Barber's keenness and enthusiasm for rather over thirty years, and to the long experience he brought to his coaching. Outside School and the Old Boys' Club he has probably done as much for the game as anyone who ever interested himself in it.

In 1927-8 the club again won the Championship and the Referees' Trophy in their most successful season since the war, and in the summer J. P. V. Woollam won his Olympic colours with the British team at Amsterdam. From 1928 until 1932 the Old Boys' team emulated successfully the exploits of the pre-war team. They were Northern Champions from 1930 to 1933, and, in 1932, won the Iroquois Cup and English Championship once more, under the captaincy of J. P. V. Woollam.

To-day, there are only four members of the 1932 team still playing for the first team, but the process of team-building continues, and there is plenty of good material available in the club, and also, we hear, playing at School. The first team is well-placed in the First Division, and the club is in the unique position of having its first three teams in the first three divisions.

Fifty years of lacrosse have earned the School much fame, and a great tradition has been established. The Old Boys' club means to uphold it, but in the end it is the boys at the School now who are the trustees of that tradition, and it is for them to see that the next fifty years will be worthy of the last.

J. M.

## The Jubilee Concert.

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Given in the School hall on Tuesday, February 16th, the concert was in many ways the best thing of its kind the Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society has given us, and the unstinted appreciation shown by the audience was some reward to the performers and those who organized the event for their efforts to make the function worthy of the Jubilee year. The attendance was the best we have yet had at any of the Society's concerts, and it is not too much to hope that those who have now found what a pleasant entertainment this is will make every effort to be present at the next. For the first time there was no choir, but while this was a disappointment to those who enjoy the vocal items, no fault could be found with the programme, which was happily arranged to give both variety and interest. The engagement of Miss Isabel Baillie as soloist showed great enterprise on the part of the Society. The concert opened with the overture "The Thievish Magpie." One of Rossini's latest works, this calls for very delicate handling by the orchestra and, as they were not lacking in this respect, an enjoyable performance was the result. Miss Baillie's first contribution to the programme was a group of songs from Brahms and Schubert. Being well known to lovers of music by her broadcasts and concert performances, the audience was naturally very expectant when she appeared, and, to judge from the applause that greeted her efforts, they were not disappointed. The first half of the concert closed with a performance of Mendelssohn's violin concerto by P. M. Dale and the orchestra. Such a work, demanding, as it does, a great deal of study from both soloist and orchestra, does not seem well suited for an amateur society. The work was performed competently, but lacked life, and there were indications amongst the audience that it was perhaps a

little too long. The first item of the second half of the programme was the Hungarian March by Berlioz. This appeared to suit the orchestra, for they played it at a speed and with a zest thoroughly in keeping with the dashing prowess of the hussars for whom it was written, and the spectacle of the "brass" players attempting, as it were, to spur their charges to keep up with the music was indeed an inspiring sight. On her second appearance Miss Baillie gave us a group of songs by more modern composers such as Sinding and Grieg, and her finished rendering of these compelled her to give four encores before the audience would consent to her leaving. Throughout the whole recital her accompanist had played with taste and judgment, and he was warmly applauded for his work. The concluding item was three movements from a suite taken from "The Bartered Bride" (Smetana, arranged Lotter), a performance in which the skill and precision of execution showed that the conductor had got the best out of his orchestra.

Conductor, D. M. Williams.

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## Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

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Since these notes last appeared the position of the Club has improved a little. Although the first team was defeated in the Flags against Mellor 12-8, they put up a very good fight, and are quite well placed in the league. Their best performance was in beating Boardman and Eccles 8-6 on January 2nd. N. R. Coe, G. W. Orr and N. A. Barber have been selected for the County, and N. R. Coe is included in the North side to play the South.

The "A" team were in danger at Christmas of being relegated, but, since then,

they have done considerably better, and, if they can make sure of two more points, may be considered safe. This is due to a more settled team being played and the consequent improvement in team spirit. K. B. Hilton in goal has played very well throughout the season, and useful players have been discovered in H. A. Whatley, B. D. Norris and A. B. Whitehouse. M. W. Flinn is playing an excellent constructive attack game, and the team owes a good deal to the able captaincy of A. W. Orr.

The third team is our most successful team this season. They have an excellent team spirit, and rarely experience any cry-offs. They have won their way to the final of the Lancashire Junior Cup and meet Old Mancunians "A" on March 6th. Their defence is weighty and very safe, and the attack, built round A. R. Merchant, has played very well. We are glad to see Merchant turning out again after an enforced absence, and he has been in brilliant form. D. R. Hodgkinson has played well and is, apparently, tireless, and the team has been excellently captained by T. L. Gillison.

The "B" team have suffered a good deal this season from cry-offs all through the club, and these have been far too numerous. Admittedly we have been unlucky with injuries and the influenza epidemic early this year, but the "B" has rarely been able to turn out a similar team two weeks in succession, due to cry-offs on the senior teams. There is, however, the makings of a good team in them, P. Jones, L. M. Hartley and R. Cocker being especially good, while D. M. Arrandale, I. A. McTaggart and J. H. Boardman show promise of being very useful men. C. W. F. Deakin has, unfortunately, been compelled to resign the captaincy after some years of valuable service, but an able successor has been found in J. F. Caldwell.

J. M.

## RESULTS.

### FIRST TEAM.

Dec. 12.—v. South M/c. and Wythe. ....	3—6
„ 19.—v. Blackley Park .....	2—4
Jan. 2.—v. Boardman and Eccles .....	8—6
„ 9.—v. Mellor .....	8—12
„ 16.—v. Offerton .....	4—8
„ 23.—v. Mellor .....	6—12
„ 30.—v. Cheadle .....	6—4
Feb. 13.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild .....	10—0

### "A" TEAM.

Dec. 12.—v. M.G.S. ....	7—11
„ 19.—v. Old Stopfordians .....	8—14
Jan. 2.—v. Cheadle Hulme .....	7—6
„ 9.—v. Leicester .....	7—1
„ 16.—v. Disley .....	3—15
„ 23.—v. Rochdale .....	0—3
„ 30.—v. Cheetham .....	5—8
Feb. 6.—v. Chorlton .....	7—9
„ 13.—v. Cheadle Hulme .....	12—6
„ 27.—v. Albert Park .....	13—6

### THIRD TEAM.

Dec. 19.—v. Old Mancunians "A" .....	16—8
Jan. 2.—v. Stockport Seconians .....	3—13
„ 9.—v. Urmston .....	14—4
„ 16.—v. Ashton "A" .....	12—5
„ 23.—v. Old Mancunians "A" .....	1—12
„ 30.—v. Mellor "A" .....	6—2
Feb. 6.—v. South M/c. and Wythe. "A"...	10—3
„ 13.—v. Worsley .....	9—4
„ 20.—v. Wilmslow .....	12—2

**"B" TEAM.**

Dec.	12.—v. Chorlton "A" .....	3—4
"	19.—v. Rochdale "A" .....	3—8
Jan.	2.—v. Heaton Mersey "A" .....	7—9
"	9.—v. M.G.S. ....	0—17
"	16.—v. Disley "A" .....	14—0
"	23.—v. Worsley "A" .....	0—1
Feb.	6.—v. Heaton M. Guild "A" .....	0—6
"	13.—v. Chorlton "A" .....	1—5

**Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.**

The outstanding event since the last issue of *The Hulmeian* has been the concert which was held at the School on Tuesday, February 16th. The Society was fortunate in having Miss Isabel Baillie as soloist, and her two groups of songs were greatly enjoyed by those present. A detailed report of the concert appears elsewhere in this issue.

At the time of writing many members are busy preparing for the last production of the season, "Loaves and Fishes," by Somerset Maugham, which will be over by the time this appears in print.

Rambles have been held regularly, and, in spite of very bad weather, have been well attended and enjoyed by all who took part. It is intended to continue them as usual on the last Sunday of each month during the early part of the summer.

The attention of Old Boys, whether members of the Dramatic Section or not, is drawn to the Dance, which is to be held at the Embassy on Wednesday, April 7th. Tickets, price 2/6, may be obtained from any member of the Section.

It is hoped to hold the Annual General Meeting early in May, and the Committee will be greatly helped if all who owe money for tickets will send it to the Ticket Secretary without delay, so that the accounts may be closed and audited.

G. A. N.

**Old Hulmeians Rugby Football Club.**

The second season of the Rugby Club has been even more encouraging than the first. Four teams have been run as against three last year, and each team has a better record than last year's. In view of the fact that the fixture lists have been considerably improved there is every reason to be satisfied with the performances of the teams.

It is a pity that the achievement of the first team in winning 19 out of the 21 matches played will not be reflected to any extent in next year's fixture list, which was arranged early in September, but there is every prospect of further improvements in the fixture list for 1938-39. As it is, the first team will meet new opponents next year in Ormskirk, Broughton Park "A," Warrington Park "A," and Old Sandbachians.

Since the last appearance of these notes the first team has only lost one match. Their opponents were Sealand R.A.F., who won by 17—11. The remaining nine matches have been won, and only in three of these was the result in doubt. Old Boys were rather lucky to defeat Sale Schools XV. (9—0) and Orrell (4—3), while the match with Ashton-on-Mersey on Boxing Day was extremely exciting and only won in the closing minutes.

The excellent form shown by the forwards has made it difficult to choose the scrum, and since Christmas there have always been eleven candidates for the eight places. This was partly due to the success of D. E. Hutchinson, J. D. Rainbow and J. Hartley on the "A" team. N. H. Jackson, J. C. Blakey, N. B. Smethurst, E. H. Vlies, W. J. Littlefair and R. Mark have won regular places in the team, and S. Plant and J. K. Nicholson have usually been included.

Littlefair was particularly unfortunate to injure his collar bone at the end of February, as he was in excellent form at the time. His

injury prevented his playing again this season. Blakey and Smethurst have been the best forwards, and they have been keenly backed up by the others.

W. Ll. Lloyd and E. B. Jackson have continued a successful partnership at half-back, and S. R. Blakeley has made many spectacular runs on the wing.

The "A" team has had quite a successful season, and is indebted to D. H. Elbourne and N. Meakin at half-back. Both have played some excellent games, and Meakin's kicking has been of great value to the side. R. Kenworthy joined the side soon after Christmas, and he has been in splendid form. The forwards, who have been well led by G. C. Lockwood, have met some formidable opponents, but they have rarely been beaten. J. Hartley and G. Edwards have been most successful.

At the time of writing nine matches have been won and nine lost out of the 21 played. The team has improved considerably since last year.

The "Extra A" have had about the same success, winning six matches out of 13. The side has played an excellent game when it has been possible to field a full side, and has scored more than 20 points on four occasions. Sometimes, however, the team has been so reduced by the calls of the first and "A" teams that it has been overwhelmed.

Excellent "outside" play has been provided by W. A. N. Ellis, A. Hesford and I. D. Burke, while H. R. Carver, J. F. Weatherby, A. Carmichael, G. S. Moss have been the most consistent forwards.

The "B" team has suffered more than any other from postponement by opponents, and although only two matches have been won, the side has shown praiseworthy keenness. R. A. Prideaux, G. C. Barrett, J. K. Brierley, A. White, D. Scott and H. W. Amos have been outstanding, and have played well whenever called upon by the "Extra A."

"Rambles" in the country have been continued on the second Sunday in every month throughout the winter, and training on Wednesday evenings in the School Gym. under Mr. Johnson has been well attended. Membership has now reached 75, but there is still opportunity for new members to get on any of the five sides we hope to run next season.

The last match this year will be on Easter Monday when the first team play Sale "A" at Brooklands. The General Meeting and Hot-pot will be held at the Yew Tree Inn on April 14th, and the season will end with the Manchester Seven-a-sides, for which we have entered a team, on April 21st.

C. G. D.

## RESULTS.

### FIRST XV.

Dec. 12.—v. Kersal "A" .....	A	33-3	W.
„ 19.—v. Sale Schools XV. ....	A	9-0	W.
„ 26.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey .....	H	8-0	W.
Jan. 2.—v. Sealand R.A.F. ....	A	11-17	L.
„ 9.—v. Toc H. ....	H	30-5	W.
„ 16.—v. M/c. Univer. Medicals ...	H	32-6	W.
Feb. 6.—v. Toc H. ....	A	29-0	W.
„ 13.—v. Orrell .....	H	4-3	W.
„ 20.—v. M/c. Univer. "Extra A"...	A	48-0	W.
„ 27.—v. Blackburn "A" .....	H	31-0	W.

### "A" TEAM.

Dec. 12.—v. Old Salfordians "A" .....	H	0-33	L.
„ 19.—v. Broughton Park "B" .....	H	6-6	D.
„ 26.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey "A" ...	A	3-6	L.
Jan. 2.—v. Orrell "A" .....	H	0-15	L.
„ 9.—v. Orrell "A" .....	A	0-21	L.
„ 16.—v. Broughton Park "B" .....	A	8-3	W.
Feb. 13.—v. Heaton Moor "B" .....	A	33-3	W.
„ 20.—v. Oldham "A" .....	H	5-5	D.
Mar. 6.—v. Ashtonians "B" .....	A	3-8	L.

**"EXTRA A" TEAM.**

Dec. 12.—v. Old Salfordians "Ex. A"...	A	0-18	L.
Jan. 2.—v. Birch .....	A	20-0	W.
„ 16.—v. Didsbury & Bowdon "B"...	H	3-12	L.
Feb. 6.—v. Old Salfordians "B" .....	H	25-6	W.
„ 20.—v. Broughton Park "Ex. A"...	H	0-45	L.
„ 27.—v. Metrovick "C" .....	H	21-5	W.

**"B" TEAM.**

Dec. 12.—v. Old Salfordians "B" .....	H	0-21	L.
Jan. 9.—v. Bowdon "C" .....	H	17-5	W.
„ 16.—v. Sedgley Park "B" .....	A	5-12	L.
„ 23.—v. Eccles "B" .....	H	21-3	W.
Feb. 13.—v. Bowdon "C" .....	H	3-3	D.
„ 20.—v. Davenport "B" .....	A	0-33	L.
Mar. 6.—v. Bowdon "C" .....	H	0-21	L.

## The Cambridge Old Hulmeians Association.

Once again a Lent term is ending in Cambridge, but there is little to indicate that the Summer term, with its many diversions, and, unfortunately, the examinations, is only a few weeks off. Indeed, the snow now in the Courts and Backs should effectively cool the brows of those who are going down, in more senses than one, with Trip fever. It is, however, only likely to accentuate the cold feet possessed by those who proclaim that "it will probably be best, after all, to take another year over Part I."

Of the Old Boys in residence D. C. Snow (Queen's) appears to be distinguishing himself most. He is to be congratulated particularly on being awarded his half-Blue for 'crosse this term. The inter-Varsity match at Oxford ended in a draw (5—5), but Cambridge were heavily beaten by the visiting

Manchester University side, containing several Old Hulmeians whose presence in Cambridge was very welcome.

G. R. Lamb (Downing) has only been seen on infrequent occasions, although it is known that he still plays his trombone, and has an urge to go to Town on Thursdays.

G. C. Evans (St. John's), when not demonstrating, supervising, researching or amusing his many friends, is engaged in writing the inevitable thesis. He has also acquired another car, the last having died from inertia last year.

An opportunity of supplying stop-press news is not often given, but J. Mark (Trinity) provided this by making a sudden re-appearance in Cambridge just before the end of term after an absence of nearly two years in Germany. It is understood that he will be joining the ranks of Cambridge Old Boys again next year. M. B.

## Old Hulmeians Motor Club.

For the sporting run held in January the weather was of the standard we now expect, namely, exceedingly wet. The attendance, however, was quite good, and an enjoyable day was the result. The greasy state of some of the course caused one or two failures, at least that is the reason given by those concerned, though other competitors may have other views.

The "Shortest Route" competition in February was favoured by a fine day and a good turn up. After a roundabout route of forty-five miles (official measurement) we finished at the "Bells" at Peover. The discussion there revealed that one competitor did go round the course without exceeding

forty-five miles, but the remainder took anything up to sixty-seven. It should be mentioned that no maps were allowed, and all the information given was a list of places to be visited.

The annual dance was held this year at the Brooklands Hotel, and was one of the most enjoyable for many years. During the supper it was announced that our Captain, N. C. Vlies, was unable to be present owing to illness.

R. B. G.

### O.T.C. Notes.

The term opened on a cheerful note. On the day we resumed after the Christmas holidays, notification was received that of the seventeen candidates who sat for Part II. (written) of the Certificate A examination, the following sixteen had passed:— Sergeants O. R. Dennis and J. S. Battersby; Lance-Sergeants D. Barnes and A. F. Brazier; Corporals R. C. Spooncer, R. P. Smith, D. A. Marsh; Lance-Corporals D. C. A. Bevis, H. Cartwright, W. T. Curtis, C. R. Peers, D. W. Preston; Cadets J. D. Brooks, H. R. Crichton, J. F. S. Walton, T. A. Yates. On the 23rd of last month our second group of candidates underwent the Part I. (practical) examination, when the following fourteen Cadets were successful: Cadets R. Morgans, C. T. Sutcliffe, G. R. Taylor, K. White, G. W. Garner, F. Clarke, R. J. Reynard, P. W. Carnie, J. P. Colbeck, R. B. Fitzgerald, E. A. Robinson, S. J. Eastwood, G. M. Williams, K. F. Blackshaw. The Part II. was taken on Tuesday, March 9th, but the results of this will not be known till some time in May. Major-General K. G. Buchanan, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., who inspected us last June, has noted our successes in the examinations, and, in a letter to Captain Anderson he

says, "I congratulate the Hulme Grammar School contingent on the excellent start it has made." All this is very encouraging, and it should be the aim of all who come after to maintain this standard of results. Throughout the term parades have been well attended, and in the work that has been done the successful Certificate A candidates have shown promise in instructing the junior Cadets, who have responded well. Recruits keep coming in, and by Whitsuntide our strength should be at least 120. The summer term promises to be both a busy and an interesting time. Already preparations are in hand for the Whitsuntide camp, which will soon be upon us, when we hope to break new ground in the nature of the work undertaken. During that period some preparation will be done for Tuesday, June 15th, when we are to be inspected on the School field by Colonel Baillie-Hamilton, commanding the 127th Infantry Brigade. The work in musketry has been largely confined to practice for the *Country Life* competition, which was fired off on Friday, March 12th, but next term there will be much activity both on the open range at Stalybridge, and on the School miniature range, and we hope to do as well as we did last year.

We have been instructed that the official O.T.C. camp will be held at Tidworth Pennings from Tuesday, July 27th, to Wednesday, August 4th. The site lies in interesting country, and is near the scene of the Tidworth tattoo to which an outing for all Cadets will be arranged.

### The Library.

The large number of books borrowed each term, and the number of boys who use the Library for private study, clearly indicate that the School will welcome the increased

facilities and accommodation when, with the completion of the new buildings, the present Drawing School is transformed into the Library. Apart from volumes used merely for reference, the rate of borrowing is about 170 books per month, a state of affairs that means much supervision by the librarians. There is still, and especially in the Science section, some inattention to the rule about renewing borrowings every fortnight, but it is hoped that the few offenders will see to this in the future. There are altogether 120 borrowers on the register. We are indebted to K. A. Hilton for further volumes of the "National Geographical Magazine," while other additions include a number of books in classics. To make room for these, some old bound periodicals have been removed, and five shelves rearranged. This in turn has entailed some revision of the card index.

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## Rugby, 1936-37.

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The promise indicated in these notes at Christmas has not been fulfilled, and we have lost three out of the four matches played this term.

A good deal of the weakness originates in the set scrums. Even when we have secured the ball, the heeling has not been clean, but in most games we have not seen very much of the ball. Again, when it has eventually come out, we have often not made the best use of it. A solo effort from behind the scrum may occasionally score a spectacular success, but, as a general policy, it is a failure.

Wadsworth at stand-off half has played very well indeed. If only he could kick with his right foot he would go far. Spooncer has done a lot of good work, and Yates has

saved us on countless occasions. His catching has improved considerably, and his tackling is a model.

The three-quarters have improved in their tackling and marking, but the ball has not always travelled across as it should do. Actually most of our opponents' tries have been scored by their forwards. The forwards have played fairly well in the loose, but, with one or two striking exceptions, their following up has left much to be desired.

v. MANCHESTER "B."—Saturday, December 12th. Home. Lost 6—11.

The team did not play as well in this game as on the previous Saturday, and we lost by a goal and two tries to two tries. The ground was very wet, and our handling was creditable considering the conditions. The forwards held their own against their older opponents, but the three-quarters could not break through the heavier opposition. They scored their first try after a forward rush, our forwards being at the other end of the field, while two centres and Yates fell on the ball in turn. They converted this try, but we replied shortly afterwards, Wadsworth drawing his own man and a centre for Spooncer to cut through and send Preston, who was backing up well, in to score. In the second half they scored two more tries as results of forward rushes, and our only reply was a try scored after a good run by Brazier, the forwards dribbling over and Kirby touching down.

v. SANDBACH.—Wednesday, January 19th. Away. Won 21—12.

With a rather depleted team we met an even more depleted Sandbach team, and avenged our previous defeat. The margin by which we won, however, was chiefly due to Wadsworth's kicking; he converted three out of five tries. In the first half we scored three tries through Preston (2) and Burton, and our opponents scored two, leaving the

score 13—6. The second half consisted of a prolonged maul, the monotony of which was varied only occasionally when the ball came out of the scrum. Graham and Dennis scored for us in this half, both as a result of combined three-quarter movements, and our opponents scored twice from scrums close to our line, their scrum half breaking through. The three-quarters played badly, running slowly and passing badly. Preston, however, who came out of the scrum to form a fifth three-quarter, played excellently, as did Clarke in the loose.

*v.* CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—Wednesday, January 27th. Away. Lost 0—8.

With Spooncer missing from the backs and Rider and Kirby out of the forwards, we were a little under strength. The School pack was beaten for possession in the set scrums and failed to keep on the ball in the loose, consequently our backs saw little of the ball. Just before half-time our opponents scored an unconverted try from a break through in the centre. Immediately after the interval they scored again after a forward rush. Our forwards now livened up, starting several dangerous movements, and the final whistle saw us pressing heavily on their line.

*v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, February 13th. Home. Lost 3—9.

We were without Brazier and Burton, so that we had to play Preston at wing three-quarter and bring Clarke and Somerset into the scrum. The ground was very heavy, and we followed our usual habit of losing on a wet ground. Our forwards played very well in the loose and pushed our opponents in the tight, but their hooker gave their backs the ball almost every time. Our defence, however, was good, especially Yates and Preston, and we have mainly the former to thank in this game, as in many others, that our opponents did not score more frequently. They scored once in the

first half and doubled their score with a penalty goal soon after resumption. We, however, scored a try after a long dribble started by the backs and finished by the forwards, Preston touching down. Their scrum half cut through shortly afterwards, however, and passed to their fly half, who scored.

We have been unable to play the same team for two successive matches since last writing owing to illness chiefly, and the most regular representatives have been R. C. Spooncer, T. A. Yates, O. R. Dennis, W. Graham, A. F. Brazier, W. V. Wadsworth, G. Goddard, N. G. McCready, R. D. Rider, H. Cartwright, R. Kirby, D. C. A. Bevis, H. M. Burton, P. S. Preston, P. W. Carnie, F. Clarke.

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## SECOND XV.

*v.* MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—December 5th. Home. Lost 3—6.

*v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—February 13th. Away. Lost 0—11.

The team has been :—R. J. Young, H. R. Crichton, K. H. Joseph, I. A. Crompton, H. Houghton, W. T. Curtis, W. K. Bevan, J. S. Battersby (captain), J. F. S. Walton, D. H. Griffiths, G. S. Somerset, P. B. Eastwood, D. M. Herbert, R. P. Smith, F. Clarke.

Also played :—A. L. Dennis, D. R. Wood, R. Morgans, R. H. Bloomfield, J. C. W. Hargreaves.

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## COLTS XV.

One match only was played against M.G.S. The team had to be changed as Mair, a promising centre and the captain,

was unfit. We lost 0—22 to a team we had beaten in the previous term by 39—0. Presumably lack of practice and weak tackling account for this unexpected result.

Team: G. W. Battersby or H. J. Abraham, W. Brown, S. Gill, W. J. Mair, E. T. Worthington, G. T. Bassil, P. T. Flinn, W. Dixon, R. Batley, A. R. Cole, J. Buckland, J. G. Storry, T. R. Dixon, G. M. Baron, H. Kay.

### Lacrosse, 1936-7.

Two wins and four losses is our record this term, and, although some of the losses have been against good sides, the team is not up to our usual standard. The defence is good, but the attacks lack determination and are poor 'crosse handlers. The passing of the attacks is also below the standard of School teams.

Our win against Cheadle Hulme School on their ground was the team's best performance, and, had we won the toss in the semi-final of the Juniors Challenge Shield, we might have reversed a 7—9 loss against the Manchester Grammar School. The team fought hard for forty-five minutes against a very powerful wind, to be only 3—6 down at half-time, and some of the team were too exhausted to take full advantage of the elements in the second half.

T. A. Yates, the captain, has been our outstanding player, and it is a pity he has not had a better side. Jones has played well in goal, and Young's positional play is perfect. H. Cartwright, F. Clarke, R. D. Rider, and W. V. Wadsworth (when not playing on the attack) have all given their captain good support. Had R. C. Spooncer been a better 'crosse handler more games would have been won, as he has generally

been much too fast for the opposing centre. The attacks are all speedy, but will not play on goal.

T. A. Yates, R. J. Young, R. C. Spooncer, O. R. Dennis, A. F. Brazier, H. Cartwright and B. Race have been chosen to play for the Lancashire Schoolboys.

### RESULTS.

v. BARTON HALL.—December 19th.  
Home. Lost 5—8.

From the first this was a close game, and, until the last few minutes, the result was always in doubt. The attack was somewhat weakened by the absence of Brazier, but Spooncer, at centre, and Race worked hard and did much to keep the score level at half-time. After the interval the game continued even, but the attack was slow in finding the free man. Wadsworth showed great promise on his first appearance on the defence, his clearing in particular being excellent. Ultimately our opponents scored twice through forcing, to win 8—5.

### 2ND ROUND JUNIORS CHALLENGE SHIELD.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XII. January 9th. Home. Won 16—3.

Until almost half-way through the first half the score remained one all. Henceforth our attack settled down, and the opposing defence failed to maintain the pace. Our attack, however, missed many opportunities through faulty handling. At half-time the score stood 7—2 in our favour. After the interval we scored rather more readily, although our opponents' tendency to pack in front of goal slowed the game down. Spooncer, at centre, worked hard, and Knight deputised creditably for Brazier (ill).

Scorers: Race (5), Dennis (4), Knight (4), Spooncer, Preston, Yates.

v. OLD WACONIANS "A."—Saturday, January 23rd. Away. Lost 3—16.

The absence of Spooncer necessitated a rearrangement in the attack. Knight came in on the wing, and Preston played at centre. The Old Waconians set the pace and scored four goals in quick succession. School fought back, and, for a time, held their own. After the interval the game continued evenly, but the attack failed to hold the ball and the clearing of the defence was poor. Consequently, the defence was hard pressed, and ultimately conceded many goals to the most powerful attack yet encountered.

v. OLD HULMEIANS "A." Jubilee Day. Home. Lost 6—12.

A much improved School attack started in fine style, and good work by Knight and Goddard soon established a lead of three goals. The Old Boys then woke up and took the score to three all. Just before half-time School again scored, and led 4—3. Immediately after the restart the Old Boys equalised, but we gained the lead with a good goal by Preston. At this point Young met with an injury and had to go off. The defence, already weakened by the absence of Wadsworth, collapsed to lose 6—12.

v. WILMSLOW. Saturday, January 30th. Home. Lost 8—10.

We began well by scoring four goals before our opponents replied. The game now resolved itself into a closely contested struggle. The attack, although they held the ball longer, failed to make much use of it, and our opponents took the lead before half time. In the second half we were handicapped by weak shooting. The defence also did not check hard enough, and conceded goals that might otherwise have been prevented.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Wednesday, February 4th. Away. Won 8—7.

This was quite the best display we have yet given. In the first half the conditions—

wind and slope—favoured us, and we made full use of them to establish a useful lead. The attacks, which included Curtis in place of Brazier, were always on the lookout for an opening. Passes found the free man more often and were used to advantage. The defence, meanwhile, had the opposing attack under control. We led 6—2 at half-time. Soon after the restart they quickly scored two. The defence worked hard, and close marking, bodying and determined checking had the desired effect. Young held their best attack, and the defence, brilliantly supported by Jones in goal, played a sound game. Race scored twice for us in the second half. Scorers: Race (3), Preston (2), Dennis (2), Curtis.

SEMI-FINAL OF THE JUNIORS CHALLENGE SHIELD. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Saturday, February 7th. Away. Lost 7—9.

Spooncer was fit and came in on the wing, while Wadsworth played at third home. We started well and scored almost immediately. Then our opponents replied through forcing by their defence. We again took the lead only for our opponents to equalize and draw ahead due to mistakes by the defence. The game continued fast, and by means of short dashes into goal and accurate passing, our opponents were leading 6—3 at half-time. The defence now settled down and held the opposing attack. Cartwright subdued their best attack, and Jones played with confidence in goal, making many fine saves. School attacked repeatedly with Spooncer outstanding and always dangerous. Goals by Knight, Spooncer and Race swung the game in our favour, but we failed to score again. Scorers: Wadsworth (2), Race (2), Spooncer, Knight, Preston.

v. MR. ANDREW'S XII. Saturday, February 27th. Lost 1—5.

Until late in the first half there was no score, and both sides appeared to be evenly

matched. Our opponents then took the lead, and, at half-time, led 4—0. The attack missed many opportunities through faulty passing, and met with little success. In the second half the defence, which included A. L. Dennis in place of Young, held the opposing attack, who scored but once. Our only reply was a goal by Preston.

## SECOND XII.

Only two of the team have played in all matches this term, and the team has not been the same for any two games. In the circumstances the results have been reasonable. After four defeats, all but one by narrow margins, we defeated Manchester Grammar School in the last match.

The defence is still weak in covering, but has played well individually, and the attack has steadily improved, except in shooting.

Twenty-four players have been called on this term, on account of illness on this team and the first:—D. Barnes (captain), A. L. Dennis, G. D. Clark, W. T. Curtis, D. C. A. Bevis, J. S. Battersby, R. Billington, J. B. Colbeck, G. Goddard, R. Kirby, D. A. Marsh, I. Gray, P. N. Knight, R. D. Rider, A. Wrigley, B. Race, K. F. Blackshaw, J. Buckland, S. Gill, V. A. Inman, R. Joyce, W. J. Mair, A. H. C. Ratliff, R. P. Smith.

## RESULTS.

1936.

Dec. 5.—v. Urmston "A" .....	A Won 15-6
„ 9.—v. Manchester G.S. ....	H Lost 6-8 (1st Round Juniors' Challenge Shield.)
„ 12.—v. Stockport Sec. School 1st.H	Won 12-3

1937.

Jan. 23.—v. Stockport G.S. ....	A Won 10-7
„ 30.—v. Manchester G.S. ....	A Lost 1-6
Feb. 24.—v. Manchester Univ. "B"...	H Won 7-5
„ 27.—v. Manchester G.S. ....	H Won 6-3

## UNDER 15.

The optimistic hope expressed in the last issue that the present Under 15 teams would emulate those of last year in going through the season without defeat was, unfortunately, not realised. In their second game with Cheadle Hulme the first team lost by 9—11. This is the only game, however, in which we have suffered defeat on either team, and we have every reason to be satisfied with the season as a whole. Both teams have been rather unsettled this term owing to illness, and the play has not quite fulfilled its earlier promise. The chief fault at the moment lies with the defence players, who stray too far up the field and consequently cannot assist their fellow defenders when they are in difficulty.

During the season the first team has played Manchester Grammar School (12—3, 18—3 and 30—3), Burnage High School (16—1 and 11—7), Cheadle Hulme School (11—11 and 9—11), and Stockport Secondary School (17—4). The second team has defeated Manchester G.S. Under 15 2nd three times.

The teams this term have usually been: First—H. J. Abraham, G. W. Battersby (captain), W. Brown, J. Buckland, A. R. Cole, P. T. Flinn, S. Gill, K. Halstead, E. Hubbert, W. J. Mair, W. A. Merchant, J. G. Storry. Second—G. M. Baron (captain), J. D. Boardman, R. M. Collins, F. W. Cooper, W. J. Duerden, P. R. Edwards, G. G. Fisher, P. B. Herbert, N. M. Hicks, W. W. Mills, B. T. Plaskett, H. S. Priest, R. G. Ralphs.

## House Games.

Games have been cancelled five times this term up to the beginning of March because of bad weather. Consequently only six

games have been played by each House. An average of 256, however, has been playing on half-holidays.

Fraser House are at present leading in the league table sixteen points ahead of Gaskell who are second. There is a large gap between second and third place, Gaskell House having obtained 41 points to Dalton's 28. Consequently the games between the first two teams and those below have been rather uneven.

Fraser House have been lucky in being able to play four members of the School second team in most of the matches. With a good defence, only three points have been dropped since the beginning of term. The first team has scored 48 goals and lost 25, while the Under Fourteen team has been even more successful, having won every match.

Gaskell House have performed almost as well, but the Under Fourteen has not been as successful as the first team. Led by R. P. Smith, they have lost only to Fraser, after drawing the first match.

Dalton House have not been very strong this year in either of the teams. W. Graham and J. S. Battersby have played well, but the defence has not been sound enough.

Whitworth House failed to repeat its performance of last year in winning the lacrosse flags, but the Under Fourteen team has played well. The House is expected to do well in the knock-out competition, when they will be strengthened by three members of the School first and two of the second team.

Heywood, with D. Barnes being able to play on several occasions, have had some close games.

Byrom have occasionally had G. D. Clark, D. A. Marsh, and I. Gray from the second team playing, but otherwise have been very weak. The Under Fourteen team,

however, has been consistently good, J. D. Boardman and P. M. Breton being the chief scorers.

The lacrosse knock-out competition was started on March 3rd, and Byrom beat Gaskell 14—9, and Fraser beat Dalton 4—3. The latter was a very close game, and Dalton would have won with better finishing. The handling of the Fraser attacks was very bad, and Dalton, taking advantage of the many mistakes, were attacking for most of the first half. The scoring was opened by Goddard, and Dalton were leading 1—0 at half-time. Armitstead scored twice, but then Fraser scored four times through A. L. Dennis, D. B. Flunder, O. R. Dennis and P. B. Herbert.

The Rugby football knock-out competition was won by Dalton House after beating Fraser House by 15 pts. to 3. An even first half ended with Dalton leading by two tries to a try. Somerset scored for Dalton, and Preston for Fraser. Playing with the wind in the second half Dalton added three more tries. Their forwards were much superior both in the tight and in the loose, but the backs were evenly matched.

House colours for lacrosse have been awarded to the following :—

Byrom.—A. Thorp, S. Gill, W. A. Merchant.

Dalton.—N. G. McCready, R. L. Armitstead, A. R. Cole, J. B. Swarbrick, H. S. Priest.

Fraser.—G. H. Gill, O. M. Herbert, G. G. Fisher, F. Nuttall, P. B. Herbert.

The positions in the league table are :—

1, Fraser, 57 pts. ; 2, Gaskell, 41 pts. ; 3, Dalton, 28 pts. ; 4, Whitworth, 27 pts. ; 5, Heywood, 16 pts. ; 6, Byrom, 11 pts.

O. R. D.

## The Hulme Grammar School Games Account.

*Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1936.*

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank, 31st							By Materials for Games ... ..	61	12	1
Dec., 1935 ... ..				22	17	2	„ Travelling Expenses of Teams ...	57	8	7
„ Grant from Governors—							„ Groundsman's Wages ... ..	78	0	0
Lent Term ... ..	107	2	0				„ Repairs and Replacement of Mowing			
Midsummer Term...	106	16	0				Machines ... ..	32	4	11
Michaelmas Term...	110	14	0				„ Petrol, Oil, Lime and Paint ... ..	23	1	2
				324	12	0	„ Extra Hose Piping ... ..	4	2	2
„ Profit on Athletic Sports ... ..				0	1	5	„ Teas to Visiting Teams ... ..	7	7	8
							„ Racks for Games Materials ... ..	10	18	0
							„ Printing Fixture Cards & Subscriptions	7	13	9
							„ Stamps, Postages and Telephone Calls	2	15	4
							„ Honours Caps ... ..	2	8	2
							„ Macclesfield Infirmary ... ..	0	10	6
							„ Bank Commission and Cheque Book,			
							less Interest ... ..	0	12	9
							„ Balance in Bank, 31st Dec., 1936 ...	58	15	6
				£347	10	7		£347	10	7

Audited and found correct, 24th February, 1937.

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