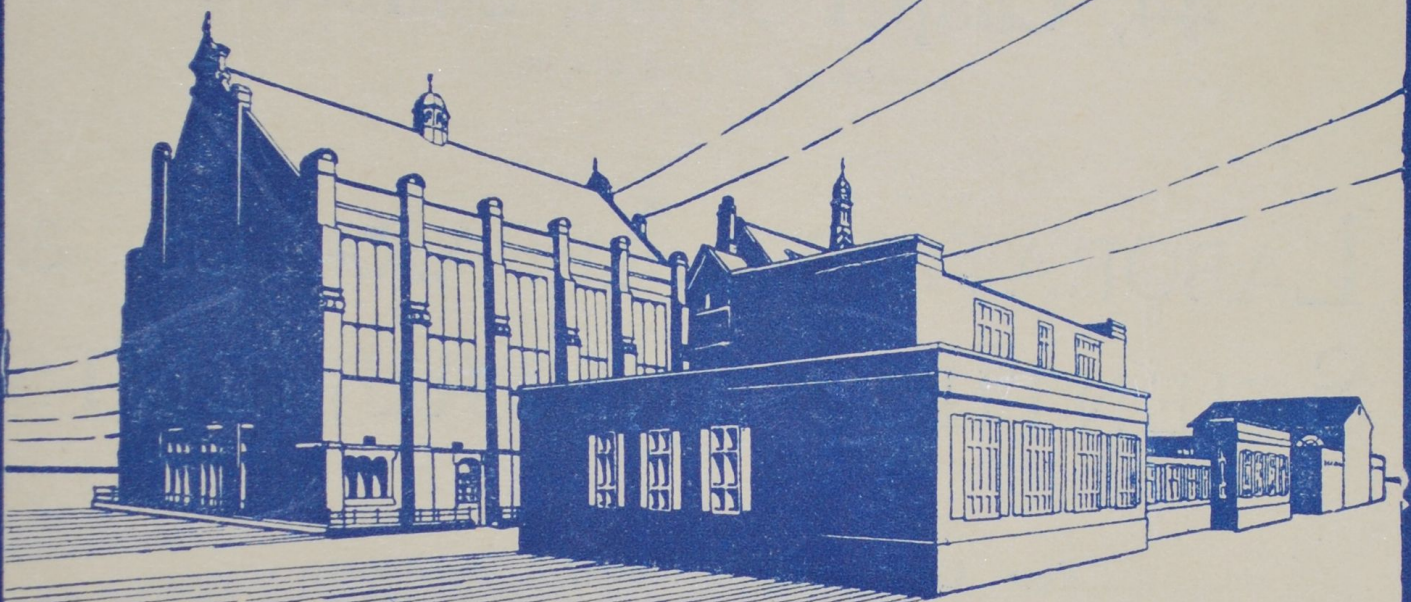




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School Notes and News.

We have learnt with regret that Mr. Ruscoe, the Assistant Secretary, is leaving us at the end of this term. We congratulate him, however, very warmly on his appointment to the Bursarship of Eltham College, Kent. His invariable cheerfulness, efficiency, and readiness to co-operate in every way have been very much appreciated during the three years he has been with us. We welcome Mr. W. Taylor, who comes to us from Cheadle Hulme School, to take his place.

We congratulate Capt. F. J. Smith on his being awarded the Territorial Decoration with two bars.

The Carol Service was held on Monday, December 18th, the last afternoon of the Michaelmas Term.

The following afternoon, the School was transformed by the Prefects and their friends for the Christmas Dance, which was held in the New Hall

and attended by some two hundred and fifty guests, including Masters, boys and friends. Mr. Morgan again kindly acted as M.C.

The Annual Founder's Day Service was held on January 26th as usual, but this year at St. Ann's Church, instead of at the Cathedral, which is undergoing considerable repairs. The preacher was the Rev. Canon F. Paton-Williams.

On Wednesday, February 14th, Mr. and Mrs. Bird kindly entertained to tea in the Dining-Hall all those in any way involved in the production of "Treasure Island," the Christmas play.

By winning the Lancashire Junior Cup for the third year in succession, the School has, according to the rules of the competition, won it outright. It is proposed to hand it back to the Lancashire County Lacrosse Committee at the end of the year for perpetual competition.

G. D. Arnold and K. Hoskinson have been appointed prefects this term.

Our thanks are due to Mr. F. Wetton who has presented to the School forty-eight copies of the *National Geographic Magazine*.

The Midsummer Term will begin on Tuesday, April 3rd, at nine o'clock.

The Whitsuntide Holidays will extend from Thursday, May 10th, at four, to Tuesday, May 29th, at nine o'clock.

Midsummer Term will end on Tuesday, July 17th, at four o'clock.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of *The Aldwinian*, *The Crosbeian*, *The Salian*, *Ulula* and the magazines of *The King's School*, *Macclesfield*, and *Manchester Central High School*.

"Treasure Island."

Mr. Williams' illness at the beginning of the term made the contemplated production of "The Mikado" impracticable. Now that he has happily recovered we trust that the performance of the Opera has been deferred only to next season. Mr. Martin very nobly stepped into the breach thus created and offered us a timely production of Stevenson's "Treasure Island," an appropriate tribute, in his centenary year, for boys to pay to the author, who has perhaps done most for them.

The dramatised version chosen was that by Jules Eckert Goodman, which is probably as effective as any. It is a commonplace of criticism that a story that is conceived and developed as a novel does not lend itself readily to dramatic reconstruction. It tends to disintegrate into a series of imperfectly related episodes; the background which gave warmth and life to the completed whole is inevitably to a large extent lost in the process of reduction. These drawbacks the dramatist has minimised as far as possible, and the unavoidably episodic character of the play gave our scenic artists perhaps greater scope than a normal first-hand play would provide. Of these opportunities they did not fail to avail themselves. The rising of the curtain was invariably the signal for a salvo of prolonged applause. The colourful and bizarre settings for the mountains and caves of "Treasure Island" itself merited and received especial applause.

The immortal and familiar tale needs no recapitulation. The story will tell itself if the actors will let it and not impede its progress. An authentic note was struck from the first scene in the "Admiral Benbow Inn." Billy Bones, the first character to appear, was ably played by J. N. Hopwood, though his lameness was somewhat intermittent. J. A. Austen's Dr. Livesey, was a clear and forceful portrait, so were A. Potter's Black Dog and W. M. Gould's Pew. B. L. Tebbutt's testy but good-hearted squire was also very successful. The play, however, inevitably turns on the youngest member of the cast, Jim Hawkins. Here is a part which any youngster with acting ambitions must pray for, just as his adult counterpart must dream of "Hamlet." R. E. Williams performed the long part with commendable clarity and faultless memory; but one did not always get the impression that his predicaments were real enough to him, thus his voice lacked flexibility and emotional range. D. R. Latham as Long John Silver showed considerable powers of expressing a variety of moods and tempers; but one missed the subtle, insinuating villainy the part entails. One did not feel he could possibly have hoodwinked even so obtuse a character as Squire Trelawney. The part of Captain Smollett was performed with commendable and appropriate dignity by D. Cooper. Here we felt was a man really in command of his ship and master of the occasion whatever emergency might arise. Even professional performances have not always given that impression. I. Ainsworth's Ben Gunn, too, was a notable performance in a very exacting part. Of the other players the mutineers and the loyal hands, too numerous to mention individually, one characteristic stood out, they moulded themselves into the play; whatever was going on they were part of it and taking a part in it, though often necessarily a passive one. Too often, in School productions, while the principals have carried on the dialogue, the minor characters have stood woodenly and uneasily about, shattering the dramatic illusion of reality. On this occasion the team work was splendid. For this, of course, we have primarily to congratulate and thank Mr. Martin. We do not overlook the excellent work done off-stage by the stage hands and electricians, under the direction of Mr. Bonnick, Mr. Barnett and Mr. Foulds. One may perhaps be allowed to make a special mention of H. Baker as stage manager, who thus terminated a long and especially enthusiastic connection with the School stage, perhaps to grace a wider one in years to come.

One may add by way of post-script that the performance received the honour of review in the *Times Educational Supplement*, and record, with due modesty, the fact that the review was by no means unfavourable.

Tuesday Entertainments.

One production took place last term after the December *Hulmeian* had gone to press. Of those that have taken place this term, almost all have had to contend with considerable difficulties. The unusually heavy epidemics of 'flu and colds have not only wrought havoc with rehearsals, but have also often involved changes in the casting of even major parts at less than twenty-four hours' notice. That there have been no postponements and no fundamental breakdowns reflects great credit on all those involved. The stage staff, free from the cramping effect of the Shrove Tuesday play, eliminated this year, has continued to give producers and players of its best. Some of the settings have been particularly striking.

On Tuesday, November 28th, 2A presented "The Grand Cham's Diamond," by Allan Monkhouse. This play has all the stock ingredients of the conventional thriller—a stolen jewel, a sinister stranger, and a disguised detective—but the mixture is not quite as before. It involves, not a problem of detection, but a problem of conduct, and the central character is not a successful sleuth, but a middle-aged housewife, who sees in the unexpected acquisition of the stolen diamond a means of escaping from the drudgery of her daily life. R. B. Edge played the long and difficult part of Mrs. Perkins with commendable feeling, but at times he seemed a little uncertain of his lines, and consequently failed to bring out fully the sense of desperate determination which the part demands. D. R. Crome gave an excellent performance as the husband, shocked and puzzled by his wife's sudden lapse from conventional morality, but overwhelmed by her strength and intensity of purpose. B. Thomas had few opportunities to shine in the part of the daughter of the house—it is unrewarding when one's part consists mainly of the repeated exclamation "Oh, Ma!"—but he tried to infuse some life into a thinly drawn character. M. A. Royle took the part of the stranger, revealing a good sense of contrast in the change of his manner from suavity to baffled villainy, while K. J. Hinson, as Albert, the detective, acted with the requisite air of resourcefulness and authority. The play was produced by Mr. Fearon.

On January 16th, V Y reopened the season. They were particularly unfortunate in that major character changes in both their plays had to be made at the last moment owing to illness. G. N. Leah as the night-watchman in Seamark's short play "The 'Ole in the Road," not only showed complete mastery of his text, despite only a few hours' notice, but also complete absorption in the part—a very different matter. I. J. G. Bryce as a chatty, belated reveller

was effective, but did not carry quite the same conviction.

The other, longer play, "Refund" by Fritz Karinthy was similarly handicapped. J. A. Austen assumed at very short notice the leading role of the Maths. Master, and gave a very convincing and clearly enunciated rendering of the part. J. C. Harrison gave an amusing performance as a Headmaster, harassed by the unprecedented demand of a former pupil for a refund of his fees. W. Blairs gave a very effective performance of this amusing part and was very ready with his simulated ignorance in reply to the questions put to him by the staff (B. D. Linley, P. B. Owen, D. A. Foxall) in an endeavour to convince him that his school years had not been fruitless. When it came to a question of computing the amount of the fees at compound interest, however, the Maths. Master dramatically proved that the work in his department, at any rate, had not been altogether neglected. We congratulate Mr. Bonnick and his cast on their courage in persevering with the performance despite the difficulties, and are pleased to record that it met with the success it deserved.

On Tuesday, January 23rd, IIIA presented "Mr. Fothergill joins the Angels," by William Dinner. The conventional verdict is that men are saints in their mothers' eyes; but far from perfect in the opinion of their wives. Mrs. Fothergill, senior (N. Elston) certainly thought her son to be a saint, but admired him no better for that; his attractive wife (W. G. Scarlett), however, contrary to custom, could find no fault in him. Mr. Henry Fothergill (M. Insole) certainly looked angelic and innocent enough. It was not surprising when he began literally to develop wings. Drs. Sopwith and Butterwell (D. F. Borland and T. W. Warnes) were called in, but were unable to prescribe effective treatment. The Vicar (J. H. Delany), too, seemed completely at a loss; but the Office Boy (H. M. Greenhalgh), disrespectful as usual, was sufficiently provocative to tempt Mr. Fothergill to forfeit his celestial honours, much to the relief of the latter's mother, if somewhat to the disappointment of his wife and her two simple-minded friends, the sisters Brown (D. G. Woodcock and I. W. Green). Mr. Morley produced.

On Tuesday, January 30th, IIB set the stage staff a formidable task by attempting two plays by L. du Garde Peach, the first of which included three scenes, all with different settings, and the other involved quite elaborate staging. A formidable task was set the cast, too, as P. J. Chew in the first play and N. D. Sedgley and B. Gaul had to learn their parts at very short notice, the previous actors having fallen ill at the last moment. It is pleasant again to be able to record that the occasion was a triumph for all concerned.

The first play, "The Stage Coach," depicted the assembling of the travellers at an inn, over which P. J. Chew presided in the character of Hostess. The travellers (C. Wilde, B. Gaul, N. D. Sedgley and J. M. Broadbridge) then boarded a very realistic and well-contrived coach, of which C. H. Jarman was coachman and D. T. Hales the very ineffectual guard, readily surrendering to the highwayman (G. H. Stockdale). In the third scene the discomfited travellers arrived at a second inn of which T. D. Scott was host, K. S. Williams and G. B. Ward ostlers.

The second play, "A Fable of Bagdad," offered a vivid contrast. J. M. Broadbridge in a well-spoken Chorus, invited us to the Arabian Night's World inhabited by Haroun-al-Rashid (B. Gaul), Giafar the Vizier (T. D. Scott) and Mesrour the Executioner (J. G. Taylor) who visit with their persons and their wrath Abdul the Cobbler (P. F. Davies), Ahmet, his grandson (N. D. Sedgley) and Ali, a rich merchant (F. Cosgrove). Both plays were produced by Dr. Jecny. Those whom illness prevented from taking part were P. Garston, R. Follows, N. Patterson and R. E. Budenberg.

On February 6th, 2Y performed Ronald Mackenzie's "Unhampered." Three preparatory school prefects (M. J. Booth, D. N. Cox and M. Williams) find themselves short of funds. An appeal to a benevolent but literary aunt results in a timely hamper, but involves them in the production of an original play. Fortunately their fag (played very realistically by D. J. Ward) comes to their rescue with a "detective story in blank verse," which was duly performed by I. M. Stewart as Sir Desmond Huntingdon, G. A. M. Wood as his Lady, J. Hewitt as their daughter, J. D. E. Rayman and G. F. Turnbull as their prospective sons-in-law. B. Bradbury was their cook; T. R. Bateson, their butler. W. D. Maughan, as Sleuthund Seeker, finally unravelled the plot. This play gave great satisfaction to their Housemaster (T. L. Venables); but the prefects' enthusiasm was considerably damped when they were rewarded with a hamper of food for the mind rather than the body. We congratulate Mr. Thornton on a very successful first production.

On February 13th, 1A presented "Gianni Schicchi," an adaptation of Puccini's operetta. The play, which is set in mediæval Florence, describes the attempt of the relatives of the recently deceased Bioso Donati to change the will of their kinsman. They invite the help of Gianni Schicchi, who impersonates the dead man, deceives both the doctor and the lawyer, and dictates a new will under the terms of which he himself becomes the chief

beneficiary. As a result of this manoeuvre his daughter Lauretta is able to marry Rinuccio, one of the Donati family.

The play was acted with commendable enthusiasm; all spoke clearly, and although at times the grouping became confused, the cast moved about the stage intelligently. R. V. Chadwick, as Gianni, gave a forceful interpretation of the part and made good use of gesture, but he must learn to stand still unless movement is essential. The members of the Donati family were played by B. J. Smith (a good study in still life), C. H. F. Turner, E. W. Dickinson, K. H. Mitchell, R. T. Wood, B. R. Hughes, M. Pembroke, A. E. Pope, D. S. Armstrong and I. A. B. Low. They were well contrasted, and convincingly portrayed their fluctuating emotions as Gianni's scheme developed; their choral speaking was at times a little slow off the mark, but otherwise their team work was excellent. M. J. Smith made the most of his one appearance as the doctor, while J. R. Baker, in the rôle of the lawyer (supported by P. G. Arnfield and W. A. Bradley as witnesses), revealed a complete mastery of legal Latin. The romantic element was easily handled by C. C. Brown as Lauretta.

Two other features deserve special notice—the very effective scenery which admirably suggested the Italian setting, and the fight which brought the play to an end; rarely can a cast have attempted a more literal interpretation of the theatrical phrase "bringing the house down."

Mr. Simpson made the adaptation and produced the play. We congratulate him on the outstanding success he achieved.

On February 24th, IVB presented "A Night at a Farm." It is usual for farmers and their labourers to grumble; but they are normally not so secretive about their grievances as were A. W. Jarvis, R. N. Colling and D. L. Marples; but when three scouts (B. MacNab, R. A. Cheek and G. H. Taylor) made their unwelcome appearance, ushered by a rural constable (G. Shaw), things began to liven up and an atmosphere of mystery developed. When a pig-rustler (D. A. Salt) came upon the scene, matters became decidedly hectic and the production began to compensate in vigour for what it lacked in audibility. Taylor seemed very happy in his part of the youngest of the trio of scouts, but was inclined to let his enthusiasm get the better of his discretion. However, he and the other two scouts set the rest of the cast a sufficiently good example in speaking up to carry the play through. The play was written and produced by Mr. Thompson.

The Debating Society.

The last debate of the Michaelmas Term, which was not reported previously, was "That the Theatre is now obsolete and should be replaced by the Cinema." The proposers, A. O. Dyson and J. G. Bramley, quoted as proof of their statement that there were one hundred and fifty cinemas to twelve theatres advertised in the entertainments columns of the evening papers. H. Baker and J. Williamson contended that the stage was throbbing with life today and that theatre-goers would never desert it whatever competition arose.

G. Beaumont fulfilled the office of Deputy-Chairman for the second half-term.

At the Lent Term General Meeting B. Seddon was re-elected to the post of Secretary, and D. R. Hankey assumed the office of Deputy-Chairman.

The term's first debate was held on 22nd January. This was definitely frivolous, and it was emphasized that the result should not go down to posterity as the considered opinion of this highly-esteemed Society! The proposer G. Beaumont, in claiming "That a Classical Education has no value," was supported by a bare majority (8 to 7 with 1 abstention). D. R. Hankey and J. N. Hopwood, the opposers, gallantly sang the praises of the classicist "with his sense of decorum and his knowledge of what was and what was not the done thing."

On 5th February, before the debate opened, Mr. Lowe suggested the formation of a group to read and appreciate poems and plays. Following this, the motion "That the entry of the Chinese into Korea should not be condemned as an act of aggression" was argued out in determined manner, the main speakers being A. D. G. Gunn and J. N. Hopwood (for), and B. L. Tebbutt and R. C. Shaw (against). It was noticeable that some speakers were definitely pro-American and others almost pro-Communist! However, the result was overwhelming—for, 16 votes; against, 7; abstained, 4.

The first poetry meeting assembled on 12th February to hear samples of several authors numbered among G. Beaumont's favourites. A far-away expression or a fixed gaze was to be seen on all the faces present during the proceedings. This may be taken as a compliment to the poetry of D. H. Lawrence, A. E. Housman, Robert Service, John Betjeman and Ralph Hodgson, and to the presentation of G. Beaumont. B. S.

The Science Society.

At the beginning of the term the efforts of the Convening Committee, formed before Christmas, culminated in the first General Meeting held at 4.0 p.m. on Thursday, January 11th, 1951.

The forty-three who attended first decided upon a constitution and then proceeded with the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—

President.—The Headmaster.

Chairman.—Mr. Faulkner.

Vice-Chairman.—J. M. Beazley.

Treasurer.—J. Williamson.

Secretary.—J. M. M. Robinson.

Committee.—From the Modern Sixth; R. D. Boyle, A. W. Sedgwick.
From the Science Sixth; D. M. Archer, G. Beaumont.

It was decided that General Meetings should be held twice each year, and that a subscription of 1/- should be payable each half year.

The first meeting, held at 7.0 p.m. on January 30th, consisted of a lecture on colour by Mr. E. Waters of the I.C.I., supported by a film of the same title. Fifty-three members were present including Mr. Adams and four of the teaching staff. An instructive and entertaining evening ended with tea and biscuits, for which we are much indebted to Mrs. Faulkner and Mrs. Foxcroft.

Three visits to the *Daily Mail* Press have been arranged for February 13th, February 20th and March 1st. At the time of writing, the first of these has taken place, and was a great success, being enjoyed by all who went. Thanks are due to Messrs. Fearon, Foxcroft and Faulkner for supervising the parties.

Mr. Adams and Mr. Wharton have honoured us by accepting our invitation to become Vice-Presidents. Both have given service to similar School Societies in the past.

In our future programme we hope to include a lecture on Biology by our former master, Mr. Caldwell, and the formation of a Photographic section.

Visits to the Kemsley Press have been arranged for September. J. M. M. R.

The Music Society.

The purpose of this, the most recent addition to the School Societies, is to promote appreciation of music in the School through the medium of Gramophone Recitals, and later, it is hoped, by attendance at concerts, etc. The Headmaster has accepted the Presidency of the Society, and Mr. Williams and Mr. Faulkner are Vice-Presidents.

At the Inaugural Meeting, held on 3rd February, G. Beaumont was elected Chairman, K. Harrop Secretary, R. G. Bowden Treasurer and I. Ainsworth, H. Davidson and J. M. Davies were elected to the Committee. It was decided to fix Saturday as the regular day for recitals and, whenever possible, to hold meetings also on Wednesday.

The first of these Recitals was held on Wednesday, 14th February, and consisted of a very "mixed grill" of records belonging to members of the Society. The Society's Pride and Joy, the new Record Player, behaved somewhat erratically, due possibly to its being called upon to play Beethoven, Strauss, Humphrey Lyttleton and Josh White with equal impartiality. The audience, a very appreciative one, overlooked these teething troubles, and we hope for better results at our next meeting.

There have been no subsequent meetings of the Society to date, owing to intervention of the Entrance Examination and Half Term. We have, however, a full programme on hand for the remainder of the year and we would welcome any new members from the 5th and 6th Forms. The subscription is one shilling per term, and the more revenue we have to buy records, the more enjoyable will be our future programmes.

K. H.

The Library.

The majority of the books purchased this year arrived shortly before the mid-term holiday. This consignment consisted of thirty volumes, several of which are most valuable at a time when examinations are not far away. The Modern Language section has been strengthened by the addition of four more dictionaries. To the Geographical section has been added "The Soviet Union," by G. Jarré, and to redress the balance "The United States," by Herbert Agar, has been placed on the History shelves.

Another acquisition is a book by Professor Butterfield—the historian whose thought ranges over such a wide field—entitled "The Whig Interpretation of History." Other new books deal with recent or contemporary history. There have also been additions to the Geography, English, Classics and Science sections of the Library. We are most grateful to a former librarian, B. J. Stone, for the gift of an interesting volume by A. P. Herbert.

E. W.

C.C.F. Notes.

In spite of the adverse weather conditions the training programme has gone with a swing. This has been very noticeable in the Cadre Platoon, where the accent has been on instruction. Each week this platoon has supplied the other platoons with extremely capable instructors, who have contributed a great deal towards raising the already high standard of efficiency and discipline.

There has been a continued improvement in the uniforms issued and the equipment of the Signals Section. The majority of the contingent have fired on the Miniature Range, and this term has seen the establishment of a Shooting Competition with a view to forming a School Shooting Eight in the near future.

Up to date the number of recruits has reached 62 and there still seems to be a steady flow. Once again we owe a great deal to the services of the Manchester Regiment. On December 11th they examined the Part I Cadets for Certificate "A," 27 passing out of 28. Of these we would congratulate Cadets Foxall and Wills who obtained "credits."

Last term we were sorry to lose the services of C/U/O Baker, to whom we wish every success during his period of National Service. His place was taken by Sergeant A. W. Crowe who was promoted to Under-Officer and consequently Senior Cadet.

With effect from December 18th the following promotions have been made:—

Sergeant A. W. Crowe to be Cadet Under-Officer; Corporals W. R. Benson and E. Wilcock to be Sergeants; Cadets G. D. Arnold, A. C. Day, A. D. G. Gunn, D. R. Hankey, I. A. Hattrick, D. M. Hilton, W. J. Morgans, A. Shields, D. M. Womersley and P. K. Wheeler to be Lance-Corporals. A. W. C.

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

This year's collection was £777, another new record, beating last year's total of £772.

The Preparatory Department again passed their previous best with a total of £77 17s. 6d., and P. J. Richards (4Y) once more set up a new individual record by collecting £71 9s. 6d. Another new record was established by P. J. Shaw (L I) who had no less than 352 names on his cards.

The willing co-operation of the whole School and of the Parents makes possible the continued success of the collection, and the existence of our Club as an independent and voluntary institution.

Reorganisation of the Lower School will involve the disappearance of Form Lower I after July, so it is only just to record their invaluable work for the Club for many years. They have seldom failed to head the list of form totals, and they leave to other forms the challenge to pass their record total of £109, made in 1950.

Form totals and averages:—

Form.	Total.			Average per head.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
6 C.M.U.	16	18	6	.....	13	0
6 M.S.U.	5	2	8	.....	9	4
6 S.U.	17	2	6	.....	10	5
6 C.M.L.	29	9	3	.....	15	6
6 S.L. (A)	8	11	3	.....	14	3
6 S.L. (B)	12	9	0	.....	9	11
5 A	15	18	2½	.....	10	7
5 B	21	12	9	.....	13	6
5 Y	23	13	8	.....	15	9
4 A	22	4	6	.....	13	10½
4 B	19	3	9	.....	12	9½
4 Y	106	17	6	.....	3	6 9½
3 A	27	8	5	.....	16	7½
3 B	19	7	8	.....	12	6
2 A	34	13	9	.....	1	1 8
2 B	41	2	4½	.....	1	5 8
2 Y	60	3	9	.....	1	17 7
1 A	36	2	0	.....	1	2 6
1 B	41	10	6	.....	1	5 11
1 C	41	1	2	.....	1	5 8
L I	81	11	3	.....	2	10 11
Prep.	77	17	6	.....	17	4

Lacrosse.

FIRST TEAM.

Although we have won the Lancashire Junior Cup for the third year in succession, the team has not been entirely satisfactory. Many changes have been made in the effort to find a balanced side, but the attack in particular is not up to the standard of the past few years. They rely too much on C. S. Smith, and if one man is expected to do most of the scoring, the opposing defence can concentrate on him. Some improvement came when Harrison was moved to centre, where his speed and boundless energy brought more life to the attack, but that left a weakness on the defence, where after various experiments, P. E. Reeve has proved the most adequate substitute.

The rest of the defence have played well, though they have become unnecessarily rattled against the nimble Manchester Grammar School attack. Lawson has played many excellent games in goal, and has captained the side well.

Apart from Smith, who has always been dangerous, Preston and Rainford have been the best of the attack. Benson can be dangerous because of his weight, strength and determination, but is handicapped by poor handling, and B. E. Reeve is too wild both in passing and shooting. The whole attack is apt to play too slowly.

One game has been lost—against Manchester Grammar School—but we have beaten them four times, including the final of the Lancashire Junior Cup. The earlier rounds, against Old Mancunians "A" and Old Hulmeians "Extra A," presented no great difficulties, and we have also beaten Cheadle Hulme School in a hard game which was even till half time. A new and very pleasant fixture was against Leeds University. We hope this will become an annual event.

RESULTS.

13th January, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
Home. Won 12—7.

The ground was in reasonably good condition, and we had a fast game. Both attacks played well, but our defence was the steadier, and Lawson was very safe in goal. Smith and Rainford were outstanding on the attack, and Hill played well on their most dangerous attack.

Team.—G. B. Lawson, J. M. Beazley, W. R. Lee, E. Hill, A. W. Crowe, J. R. L. Hall, J. Harrison, A. A. Rainford, B. E. Reeve, C. S. Smith, G. S. Preston, R. J. Winfield.

20th January, v. OLD MANCUNIAN "A." Home.
Won 21—2. (Lancashire Junior Cup, 2nd round.)

Benson took the place of Winfield on the attack, and the opposing defence seemed unable to cope with his powerful rushes. The game was one-sided at first, but the Old Mancunians improved in the second half and gave us a good game.

27th January, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
Away. Lost 11—12.

The defence failed to adapt itself to the muddy ground, and gave the opposing attack too much room. They played well and took full advantage of our faulty tactics. Our attack relied mainly on individual efforts, a mistaken policy, as their defence was equally handicapped by the treacherous surface. The game was very hard fought, and they won in the last moments.

31st January, v. LEEDS UNIVERSITY. Away. Won 6—2.

I. F. Smith came in at centre, and Harrison returned to the defence instead of Hall. Woolfenden replaced B. E. Reeve on the attack. The Leeds team was built round a nucleus of Old Hulmeians, and gave us a hard game. Their attack could make little impression on our defence, but our rearranged attack was not a success.

3rd February, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home.
Won 14—4.

Benson played at centre, with I. F. Smith on the attack, but the attack was still unsatisfactory. The game was even till half time, but our defence played very well and marked their attack so closely that they were unable to hold the ball. Their defence finally cracked under continuous pressure. Only C. S. Smith and Rainford played really well on the attack.

10th February, v. OLD HULMEIANS "EXTRA A." Home. Won 22—3. (Semi-Final, Lancashire Junior Cup.)

Preston was absent, and several changes were made in the team. P. E. Reeve came on to the defence, with Harrison again at centre. The attack consisted of Rainford, Benson, C. S. Smith, Winfield and B. E. Reeve. The Old Boys had to play several reserves, and though they fought hard, could not hold us.

14th February, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
(Exhibition game at Chadderton Grammar School.)
Won 10—8.

Preston returned in place of Winfield, and again we had a hard game. The defence did better than in our last meeting, but the attack wasted some of their work by poor shooting. We hope that the

Chadderton boys enjoyed the game enough to want to play themselves.

24th February, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
(Lancashire Junior Cup Final at South Manchester and Wythenshawe's ground.) Won 7—5.

The ground was very muddy, and as was to be expected, the game proved a terrific struggle. Benson was absent, and Winfield took his place on the attack. Our defence did well against their very clever attack, and Hill marked their best man very well indeed. Harrison played very well at centre, but our attack found their packed defence very hard to pass, and some of our shooting was inaccurate.

Manchester led by the odd goal at quarter, half, and three quarter time, but C. S. Smith and Harrison, well supported by first-rate defence play, led a final all out attack, and we scored the last three goals.

Both sides played to the last ounce of their strength under very difficult conditions, and neither side is ever likely to have a harder game.

SECOND TEAM.

The Second XII has played only five matches so far this season, and has won four of them. In the other match they lost by one goal to a strong side from Cheadle Hulme.

The main strength of the team has been in a very sound defence. The body-checking, usually the weakness of defences, has been particularly good.

The attack has been handicapped by changes, and as a result combined play, which is essential, has suffered. This weakness was brought out particularly against Cheadle Hulme, where our attack could not beat a "packed" defence. The advantage of play behind goal has also been neglected. However, some good goals have been scored, and there is some promising material for the First XII next year.

The following boys have played:—D. M. Archer, J. K. L. Hall, A. Potter, P. E. Reeve, K. Hoskinson, A. G. Firth, G. R. Arnold, L. A. Logue, I. F. Smith, D. G. Robertson, R. Braddock, D. A. Hilton, B. E. Reeve, D. Woolfenden, D. P. Easton, B. Wales, R. Swindells, S. L. Beckett, W. R. Benson.

RESULTS.

Jan. 13.—v. Manchester G.S.	H	W 24-2
„ 20.—v. Stockport G.S. 1st	H	W 9-3
„ 27.—v. Manchester G.S.	H	W 12-0
Feb. 3.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	L 8-9
„ 10.—v. Stockport G.S. 1st	A	W 11-3

D. M. A.

UNDER 15 XII.

This year's side has so far been quite successful in matches, but, more important than that, is playing sound lacrosse. Four of last year's side were available, and formed a useful nucleus round which to build the new team.

The defence has improved with experience, and is now beginning to cover intelligently. The handling is quite good, and several of them are very fast—always a great advantage for defence men. Hurd has played well in goal, though he is sometimes rather slow in clearing.

The attack can be very dangerous when they keep play fast and keep the ball moving. Passes are sometimes missed by snatching at the ball, but the attack has been very quick to follow-up and get the ball again. They must avoid a tendency to bring the ball up slowly, allowing the opposing defence to fall back and crowd goal.

The team was entered for the Junior Challenge Shield, and has reached the final without much difficulty. We do not yet know our opponents, as the other semi-final resulted in a draw.

Five of our team, Dyson, Robertson, Davies, Austin and Hurd have been chosen for the Lancashire Colts team against Cheshire.

RESULTS.

Jan. 20.—v. Manchester G.S.	A	W 14-6
„ 27.—v. Stockport G.S. (Junior Challenge Shield)	H	W 23-0
Feb. 3.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	W 13-2
„ 10.—v. Cheadle Hulme School (Junior Challenge Shield)	H	W 10-0
„ 24.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	L 4-5

The team is A. O. Dyson (Captain), R. K. Davies, J. K. Robertson, P. Marlton, J. A. Austin, I. Jameson, W. Newey, R. K. Gibson, D. F. Borland, D. S. Norbury, C. E. Bryans, W. E. Hurd. The following have also played—C. Gee, P. F. Wilde, F. Martin.

Rugby Football.

1st XV.

The following matches were played after last term's magazine had gone to press:—

Saturday, 18th November, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL. Home. Lost 0—3.

An exciting match. There was no score until about five minutes before time when Crosby scored

a try, which was unconverted. Our defeat, however, was unfortunate in that twice we were practically over their line. Crosby used the wind much more successfully than we did and consequently caused the forwards a lot of running about, which was very tiring on so muddy a ground.

Saturday, 25th November, v. OLD HULMEIANS. Home. Lost 16—9.

Unfortunately the age-old tale must be told again. The Old Boys had a pack which was heavier than ours and eventually, on a muddy ground, their superior weight began to tell. Their backs always appeared dangerous, especially their fly-half Kay, who made many of their openings.

The School played hard but just could not keep up the pace with which the game started.

I. F. Smith scored a good try from a line out.

Wednesday, 29th November, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Home. Won 11—3.

The School played well and deserved to win.

Two early tries were scored, one by C. S. Smith in the first few minutes of the game, and a second one by W. Cartwright soon afterwards.

Both tries were well made and, backed up strongly by the forwards in these and other movements, the School played much more as a team.

Saturday, 2nd December, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 19—3.

The game was much more even this time than when we played against them earlier in the season.

Their full-back, who was their captain, made our task much more difficult than ever before against this team.

The School played well and enjoyed some swift movements. The backs, especially, threw the ball about accurately and hard.

2ND XV.

Only one game was played after going to press last term:—

Saturday, 2nd December, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 11—0.

UNDER 15 XV.

Apart from one game when injuries affected the cohesion of the team, the play continued to be good. Altogether six games were won and three lost. In addition to those announced in the note last term, colours were awarded to R. N. Colling, G. Shaw and D. Wilde.

RESULTS.

Nov. 18.—v. Merchant Taylors' School..H	W 15-8
" 25.—v. Sale County G.S. ....A	L 6-25
" 29.—v. Birkenhead School .....H	L 5-8
Dec. 2.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...A	W 22-5

House Games.

As this is an exceptionally short term, it was hoped that the weather would not interfere unduly with games. Unfortunately, the weather has been consistently bad, and it has been possible to play on only five occasions. With less than four weeks remaining before the end of term, the knock-outs have not yet been started.

In the House League, at present, Gaskell is at the top, but only thirteen points separate Dalton, in second place, and Fraser, at the bottom. The Gaskell senior team is a very strong one, and Dalton and Whitworth also have good teams, but there is little to choose between the other three. Byrom, Dalton and Heywood Juniors have shown considerable promise, but all the junior teams are fairly evenly matched.

If the weather improves there should be some keen games before the end of term. In the knock-outs, Fraser and Gaskell Seniors, who do not meet in the First Round, will be hard to beat, but among the Juniors there should be some very closely contested games.

N. A. W.

First XI Cricket Fixtures, 1951.

May 2.—v. Cheadle Hulme School, Away.
" 5.—v. Manchester Grammar School, Away.
June 2.—v. Cheadle Royal, Away.
" 6.—v. Merchant Taylors' School, Away.
" 9.—v. Manchester Grammar School, Home.
" 16.—v. Macclesfield, Away.
" 23.—v. Manchester Cricket Club, Old Trafford.
July 3.—v. King Edward VII School, Lytham, Away.
" 4.—v. Whalley Range Cricket Club, Away.
" 9.—v. Wallasey Grammar School, Home.
" 11.—v. Birkenhead School, Home.
" 12.—v. Queen Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield, Away.

Winter Sports in Switzerland

Shortly before midnight on Christmas night, a very wide-awake and cheerful party of 39 boys assembled at London Road Station. They were the members of the annual School trip to Switzerland for the winter sports and were, as usual, in the capable hands of Mr. Morgan and Mr. Jecny.

We left Manchester soon after midnight, and next morning were in London. Most of us were there for the first time, and the city turned out to be quite different from what some had expected, for at that early hour of the morning there was not much traffic. We breakfasted there, but our only opportunity of seeing anything was while crossing from one station to another in a motor coach—we did pass the famous Nelson column.

We travelled by electric train to Newhaven and embarked on the Channel steamer, and left England. The question of sea sickness occupied the minds of some of us, but the Channel was calm and we all reached France in good order during the afternoon.

This was a big thrill. A foreign country, and everyone apparently speaking incredibly fast the language which we speak haltingly at School, and the trains—running alongside the main street until they left Dieppe.

When we reached Paris it was already dark, and so we were somewhat disappointed not to see the famous Eiffel Tower. However, we had a good dinner at the station restaurant, travelled by underground to another station, and left Paris. We thus had no time for sight-seeing, but hoped to be more fortunate on the homeward journey. We arrived at Basle after a nine-hour night journey, and walked from France, through two glass doors, into Switzerland! Now we began to look for scenery, and could see none, since the station buildings were in the way; however, on the journey to Lucerne we saw wooded hills and numbers of chalets. On coming out of the station at Lucerne, we saw the lake, grey and yet somehow magnificent, stretching away into the mist which hid the mountains at the other end. We crossed the lake by steamer, and as we passed each promontary, new views of wooded shores and mountains were opened up to us.

Having crossed the lake to Stansstad, we started our last train journey, and we were left spellbound by the magnificent mountains, the woods and the steep slope of the railway track! We climbed on and on, through more and more mountains, until we suddenly levelled out and ran into the valley of Engelberg. Snow-covered mountains surrounded the little town nestling at one end of the valley. The snow was

almost dazzling, although there was no sun; the mountains were magnificent and the town lay there waiting for us, tired yet happy travellers, to partake of all it had to offer. This perhaps was the biggest thrill of all: we had arrived!

In the afternoon we had our first skiing lesson, having been revived by the healthy air and a good meal. This lesson proved to be quite as amusing as had been expected, and our instructor was very patient. He deserves many thanks for his forbearance with us during the holiday.

After this it was just one glorious holiday of skiing, skating, tobogganing and, for those who had cameras, photography. We had daily skiing lessons, could hire skates and toboggans, and the beauty of the surrounding scenery is past describing. It must be seen to be appreciated. The best photograph cannot portray the glorious splendour of the mountains which encircle Engelberg with its horse-drawn sleighs and modern cars (for it is, after all, a tourist centre).

One of the most popular ways of spending two hours was to travel by funicular railway to the top of the hill enclosing one side of the valley, and from there to toboggan down the $2\frac{1}{2}$ -mile run which wound itself down the hillside through some wonderful scenery. At one point on the way down a lovely view could be obtained of the whole valley.

One full day was spent at Lucerne, and this time there was no mist. From the main bridge (there are many) which crosses one end of the lake, you can see the lake stretching away to a magnificent vista of rugged, snow-covered peaks which seemingly go on for ever. Over your right shoulder is the towering mass of Mount Pilatus, which dominates the scene.

The town itself is full of shops whose windows are packed with interesting things, and the Swiss certainly know how to lay out their shop-windows. There are quaint, wood-carved ornaments, pottery, expensive perfumes and, of course, watches, clocks and cameras—Switzerland's specialities.

A few of us enjoyed an extra thrill when we went tobogganing one night. The slight risk attached adds spice to this sport.

We had ten full days in Switzerland, but to everyone it seemed more like ten minutes! We packed those "minutes" to the full, but finally had to pack our bags and start the journey home, which we did on Saturday evening after a final thrill watching the experts ski-jumping during the afternoon.

On the journey home we had over an hour to spend in Paris, and we made good use of it. We saw the Eiffel Tower, high above the surrounding buildings, its graceful lines soaring up into the sky.

It being Sunday morning there was not much traffic, but we could imagine what it would be like on a busy day.

We left the capital of France in the morning, and were in the capital of England by the evening (the Channel not being quite as calm as could be desired!) and we had six hours in which to wander round London. This, I think, made everyone wish to see London again, for, in spite of the traffic, it is indeed a wonderful place. We were lucky enough to see the illuminated signs and advertisements in Piccadilly Circus, just before the ban on such things came into force on the following morning.

Looking back on this wonderful experience of train journeys, meals en route, accommodation, sport and everything else, we realise how much our thanks and appreciation are due to Mr. Jecny and Mr. Morgan for all they did. We hope that they too managed to enjoy the trip as much as we did.

N. A. O.

The Gamekeeper.

O'er moor and vale the winds sweep uncontrolled,
Warm South, wet West and North and East winds
cold;

But from them sheltered stands a cottage small,
With thatched roof and weather'd dry-stone wall.
'Tis here the aging keeper has his home,
For daily he must round about it roam
To keep in check the vermin he must meet
And guard the stock they else would doubtless eat.
He has a word for all upon his path
The postman and the shepherd with his staff.
To nature lovers he's a friend indeed,
More can he tell them than the books they read.
He shares their wand'rings and their humble meals
And then, to show the gratitude he feels,
He takes them home to shelter for the night;
And as they wander in the failing light,
He tells them where the buzzard soars aloft,
And of the hare's form high up on the croft.
Then, seated by the fireside, he expounds
A thousand well worn tales of fox and hounds.
At ten o'clock he looks out up the moor.
If nought he sees comes in and bolts the door,
Tends to his guest, makes sure his dog is fed,
Turns low the lamp, and goes himself to bed.

D. A. F., V Y.

The Evening Show.

Almost any summer's evening it may be. The air is still and heavy with that dull, incessant rumble which hangs over London's suburbs. The scene is a small, suburban station.

The tarred platform exudes the warmth it has stored during the day. The rails extend into the distance and shimmer in the heat. Suddenly a signal bell rings and shatters the silence. A porter emerges from the typically drab station-buildings and peers down the line, Londonwards, where the signal-gantry frames a tank-engine clanking cheerfully as she brings home a cargo of cramped suburbanites.

The engine chugs into the station and jarrs to a halt. The passengers get off, indeed some are at the exit before the train stops, but others, more conservative, wait for the last final jolt before alighting to join the throng making for the stairs. But not all. Some stroll across to the other platform.

The guard has slammed shut the last door. The engine simmers quietly. The guard leans on his van and is staring down the line. So is the porter. So are the city gentlemen. Yes! Here she comes! A thin line of swiftly drifting smoke appears on a distant cutting's horizon. The watchers catch the arresting note of a chime whistle followed by the roar of a stentorian exhaust. The roar swells into a thrilling crescendo. Suddenly from behind the signal-box looms the smooth shape of a silver-grey steamlined engine, thrusting forward with ever increasing speed.

She hits the crossing at the end of the platform. The platform trembles. She's abreast of you. Grey-tinged smoke spits from her chimney. Her driver gazes intently at the track ahead. Her exhaust beat lowers slightly as she passes, and her coaches glide smoothly behind her. Turning, one sees two winking tail-lights, rapidly receding into the distance. The "Silver Jubilee" is northward bound.

The main-line signals jerk to danger. The local signals are cleared and the tank-engine pulls herself wheezily together and puffs noisily on the last lap of her short journey. The evening show is over and the city gentlemen turn and make for the stairs.

S. C. W., IV A.

"The Hill."

It had been a very ordinary and simple burial service. The plain, red-wood coffin had been lowered into the cold, uninviting earth, while the gaunt, white figure of the priest, with thin wisps of fog

drifting and eddying around it, had turned on its heel and slowly disappeared in the approaching evening gloom. The last shovelfuls of earth had been thrown into the pit, and the golden chrysanthemums, all speckled with droplets of water and gleaming like burning lamps, had been placed around the damp and silent grave. All the mourners had left; and Matt. Oldroyd, as he stood alone, his eyes fixed upon the ground, pulled his grey cloth cap on to his head, tucked his scarf more closely round his neck and turned slowly as if to go, then, with a final glance back at the flower-bedecked patch of earth, he strode slowly homewards.

The long, tapering rows of grey stone houses loomed up to meet him as he solemnly plodded along the narrow, cobbled streets. The flickering light from some gas-lamp tried in vain to pierce the dark, murky gloom of that foggy afternoon, while the distant rattle of tramcars completed the atmosphere within the dingy precincts of the small cloth town of Huddlesford. Oldroyd pushed his frozen hands into his trousers pockets. Everything was finished for him, his wife was now dead, his son was living abroad, while before him he could only see the deserted wilderness of life on the dole, with its casual labour and mile-long queues at labour exchanges. The impact of his wife's death had finally slain what hopes he had still engendered within his heart for a life where mill chimneys and rows of dingy houses were not the natural scenery, where the air was clean and pure, and where one's life and leisure was not constantly governed by the wail of a mill's buzzer.

Oldroyd was disturbed from his reverie by the termination of the road along which he was walking. Glancing up from the glistening wet pavement, he stopped, turned right and began to walk along that street which the town council of Huddlesford had called Shoddy Hill. Shrugging his shoulders and lowering his head into the inner depths of his scarf, he hurriedly brushed past a few pedestrians, scurrying home out of the foul vapours of the fog, and slowly began to mount the now slippery and cobbled hill. The time was getting late, it must be about six-thirty, for though he possessed no watch, Matt. Oldroyd knew from fifty years of bitter experience that the evening buzzer would soon be bellowing out into the grim silence. But only a few men would come trotting down the hill on their way home, the time had gone when the street had been full of jostling, happy weavers, jauntily wending their way homewards. Oldroyd reached the top of the street. He stopped and stared across the road, his eyes wandering around the scene illuminated by the street lamp. Two small children were playing around the gutter, waiting for the arrival of their parents from the mill, so that they could go indoors and find some mean refuge from the grim world

outside. The dishevelled onlooker began to delve into the innermost recesses of his memory to remember the occasions of his own childhood. He thought of the hill, it had been there in his own childhood, the same smooth cobbles and dingy back-to-backs. He remembered the day he brought his bride to live on the hill; the same hill that had finally killed her. It had been Shoddy Hill that had driven his son away, and Shoddy Hill along which he had paced away whole years of his life while jobless. He had read somewhere in a book—he had seen a few books—of England's green and pleasant land, of some vague demi-paradise and garden of Eden, but what were they, where were they, who kept them? Oldroyd's thoughts returned to the hill. He thought of the days now sleeping in the past, days when he and his wife had fought and struggled against disease and filth, floods and starvation, days when every family had been stricken by the pangs of hunger and the lassitude of inevitable idleness.

He looked no more along the hill, at the regiment of chimneys, silent on the skyline; he was not tempted to glance down at the moving lights of the tramcars as they rattled along Millgate. Shoddy Hill had made him, it had been his life, and now it was his end. He turned and went indoors. That night he found "that other Eden."

R. C. S., VI CML.

The Circus.

The circus is coming today, today;
The circus is coming hurray, hurray;
Come along children let's run, let's run,
And then we will see the circus come.

Here's the procession. Isn't it smart?
Just look at that lovely horse and cart.
And look at the elephants all so gay,
And all the clowns acrobating away.

Here comes the band—it's starting to play;
How lovely to watch the circus today—
It's so joyful, so joyful, so joyful and gay,
I'm sure we'll enjoy the circus today.

A. J. D., LI.

The Last Journey.

Slowly, Frederick Denton became conscious; light was shining on his face and in his eyes. He turned over. His bed was hard, like a hospital bed. He was cold and just could not get to sleep again. Suddenly he remembered something that made him forget sleep in his feeling of utter despair and misery. That noon he was to be launched, on the end of a rope, out into the cold comfortless unknown, alone, all alone, an outcast from his people for what he had done—unless—unless by some faint chance he might be reprieved. His sister three days ago had talked of getting a reprieve. At the time he had thought it hopeless, but now, somehow, it did not seem possible that he was going to die. He began to picture in his mind's eye all the things he would put right if he got out of this mess alive.

He was awakened from his thoughts by the warder who brought his breakfast. He started to eat hungrily until the words "The condemned man ate a good breakfast" flashed across his mind, then the food made him sick even to look at it. But if he were to be reprieved it would never do to miss his breakfast. Even so it was still unpalatable and he pushed it away. He sat and waited for his sister to bring good news; after all his defence had been good and his sister did have some good points in favour of his release.

A gate clanged in the distance. The sound of footsteps echoed and re-echoed through the empty corridors. Was one of those footsteps a woman's? Yes, he could hear the quick high tapping of high heels standing out against the measured tread of the warders. Hope swelled out in his breast, almost choking him. His heart pounded like a steam hammer, making his head throb painfully. Cold sweat broke out on his forehead. He got off his bed and walked unsteadily to the barred door of his cell and grasped the bars with wet, shaking hands. His teeth began to chatter uncontrollably.

Any moment now they would come into view and he would know his fate. Here they were. It was his sister. He wished he could see her face a bit more plainly. They came steadily closer. Sweat dripped into his eyes.

Suddenly he seemed to sag, he grew into an old man all at once. He had no strength. His sister was weeping. He sat down on his bed and waited. The warders unlocked his cell door and came in. He glanced at them with dull uninterested eyes. One took his arm and helped him to his feet. He did not look at his sister, but he could hear her

heart-broken sobs as he left the cell. With a warder on each side supporting him, he walked slowly down the long, cold, badly lit corridor. He dreaded the moment when he should leave the building and go out into the court-yard. He could still hear his sister weeping faintly. Then a door clanged and he was shut off from her for ever. They were near the end of the corridor now. His stomach tightened and he began to shiver in apprehension like a timid schoolboy before an examination. Here was the door. Suddenly he was calm; all his nervousness left him as he stepped out into the cold, wet, sombre courtyard and felt the drizzle of rain on his head and neck. He turned his collar up, straightened his shoulders and turned to face the black-clad executioner, standing motionless on his platform. This was the end, his last journey.

W. N., V Y.

Quiz.

QUESTIONS.

Are you interested in the history of Manchester?

If so, are you aware that a pamphlet dealing with the history of Manchester has been recently compiled?

Do you know in what years Manchester fort was first built and the Battle of Bosworth fought, these being the dates between which it ranges?

Do you know by whom it was compiled, printed and published; and from whom it is obtainable?

How much does it cost, post free (1) bound; (2) unbound?

ANSWER.

An *Outline History of Manchester*, Part I, A.D. 80 to 1485, by Mr. W. H. Thomson. Unbound 1/1d., Bound 2/3d., post free.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News.

The King has approved that Lord Haden-Guest be appointed a Lord-in-Waiting.

F. G. Higgins has been appointed Senior English Master at the Worksop College, Shropshire.

Recent publications include: "In My View," by Eric Newton (Longmans, 10/6), and "Roman Road," by G. R. Lamb (Sheed and Ward, 7/6).

J. P. Chilton and A. R. Rodgers have been chosen to play Lacrosse for the South.

D. C. A. Bevis has been granted a Leverhulme Research Fellowship by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

L. Robertson has obtained the degree of M.B. at Oxford University.

It is expected that the official opening of the Gateway, erected in honour of Mr. H. R. Classen, at the entrance to the ground in Woodlands Road, Whalley Range, jointly held by the Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club and the Old Hulmeians, will be on Sunday, April 1st, at noon. It was designed by O. R. Dennis.

The Old Hulmeians' Masonic Lodge (No. 7062) will be consecrated on Thursday, 12th April, 1951.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY MR. F. ADAMS.

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the many Old Hulmeians who have made me such a very handsome gift on my retirement. I appreciate very much the kindly thought which has prompted this, and it gives me very great pleasure to think that I have earned the esteem and goodwill of generations of my former pupils, some of whom I must have tried sorely at times.

BIRTHS.

CREASEY.—On November 28th, 1950, to Hilda (née Grayson) and George W. Creasey, a son.

HAWLEY.—On December 11th, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hawley, a daughter.

GILL.—On December 26th, 1950, to Irene Marjorie (née Burton) and Gordon Herbert, a daughter.

WHARTON.—On January 21st, 1951, to Joan (née Houldsworth) and John, a son.

SAUNSBURY.—On February 19th, 1951, to Isabel (née Downie) and Philip Saunbury, a daughter.

DEATHS.

TURNOR.—On February 4th, 1951, at his residence at 95, Mainstone Avenue, Plymouth, CHARLES HERBERT TURNOR.

FITZGERALD.—On February 11th, 1951, as the result of an accident, MICHAEL THOMAS, aged 25 years.

Old Hulmeians Association.

A record number of Old Boys and their guests attended the Annual Dance at Longford Hall on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1951, and it appeared that this function was even more successful than those held in previous years.

Kenneth Rains is to be once more congratulated on his efficient organisation, and the thanks of all those who attended are surely due to him.

A Memorandum has been prepared and attached to the Endowment Fund Deed, thereby legalising the extension of the date of termination until the death of the survivor of the present Trustees.

Subscribers to the War Memorial Fund have been circularised regarding the recommendation made by the General Committee, and approved by the last Annual General Meeting, that the balance of the War Memorial Fund should be used in presenting a Memorial Clock to the School.

Little disapproval of this scheme has resulted, and while the wishes of those who were not entirely in favour of this scheme have been respectfully considered, it has been decided to proceed with the installation of the Clock at the School.

It is hoped that the Clock will be in position by Speech Day if at all possible, but nothing can be stated definitely at this moment.

The Annual Dinner will have been held at the Midland Hotel by the time these notes are published, and we feel very honoured that The Right Reverend The Dean of Manchester should have spared the time to attend this function and propose the toast of "The Association."

The death of C. H. Turnor is regretfully recorded elsewhere in this Magazine, and the sympathy of the Association is extended to his widow. C. H. Turnor is remembered as the first boy ever to go to School on a bicycle.

Dates have not yet been arranged, but it is anticipated that the Annual Cricket Match between the Old Boys and the School will take place in June, and that the Old Boys' Tennis Tournament will again be held. The Annual Golf Tournament will be held, by the kind permission of the Didsbury Golf Club, on their course on Thursday, 3rd May, 1951.
E. B.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

Three of the Lacrosse Section's members, J. Buckland, S. Gill and F. M. McClinton, are once again to be congratulated on their selection to represent Lancashire against Cheshire on March 3rd. The England and North teams have not yet been chosen, but we look forward to the Club being represented on both teams.

Our record this season is not as successful as last. The first team were undefeated until the second round Senior Flags game against Mellor, which we lost by 10 goals to 4. Since this game the side has lost confidence and in addition, either through sickness or injury, we have never been able to field our strongest team. This has not only had an unsettling influence on the first team but it has deprived, in turn, both the "A" team and the "Extra A" of their best players. In consequence the "Extra A," where cry offs become cumulative, are now in jeopardy of losing their hard won position in the third division. Lack of members has twice forced this team to concede the points. It is imperative that our playing strength is increased, and the committee hopes that in the future greater support will be forthcoming both from boys leaving School and Old Hulmeians who have come down from the Universities or have finished their National Service training. Assistance from Old Boys on leave or vacation is most valuable, and we are grateful for the help received so far from A. M. Blight, J. P. Chilton, A. L. Dennis, F. D. Bell, I. A. M. Darroch, J. Fleming, A. V. Tune, A. B. Whitehouse and G. Wilkinson.

The first team, in spite of difficulty of fielding a regular side, is still in the running for the league championship. Our ultimate success depends on the results of our two outstanding games against Mellor. The side's form has been of uncertain quality and only B. C. K. Ballinger's fine goalkeeping has saved it from more than the one league defeat as yet suffered. N. R. Coe, our veteran on defence, has played some excellent games. G. B. Appleby's play is much more confident and he is now settling down

well to first-class lacrosse. G. Price, recently promoted, has already shown ample evidence of his future value to the side. A newcomer to the attack is N. G. Bullivant, whose powerful shooting will be even more effective as he gains in experience.

The "A" team under A. Jones' sound captaincy has proved itself superior to the handicap of many changes in personnel, and holds a very good third place in the second division. It was unfortunate that, due to first team calls, the side was not at full strength for the Junior Flags semi-final against South Manchester and Wythenshawe, to whom we lost by 11-7. J. T. Emery has maintained his sound goalkeeping form and E. Barnes has been a most valuable defender. Our attack, W. T. Curtis and M. W. Flinn, have been the chief scorers. P. R. Donovan, promoted to fill Whitehouse's place on attack, shows encouraging promise.

The "Extra A" has had a lean time since these notes were last published. Most, but not all, the side's misfortunes have been due to calls by senior teams. E. S. Thelwall, the captain, has deserved more resolute support from his players than he has received. We welcome to the side A. H. C. Ratcliff, whose help is most valuable, D. W. Stone, attack, H. Milgate, centre, S. Plant and J. F. Caldwell, defence, have all played outstanding games which has received recognition by their selection as reserves for the "A" team.

Once again we have to thank the School for assistance, and to congratulate the first team on its success in winning the Lancashire Junior Cup.

N. A. B.

The following are additional results to those already published in the *Hulmeian*.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

1950.

Nov. 25.—v. Heaton Mersey	H	W 17-4
Dec. 2.—v. Manchester University ...	A	W 10-8
„ 9.—v. Disley	H	W 16-5
„ 23.—v. Boardman and Eccles	A	W 16-3

1951.

Jan. 6.—v. Cheadle	A	W 14-9
„ 13.—v. Cheadle Hulme	H	W 15-3
„ 20.—v. Mellor (2nd Round Senior Flags)	H	L 4-10
„ 27.—v. Ashton	H	W 13-5
Feb. 3.—v. Old Waconians	A	L 6-11
„ 10.—v. Stockport	H	W 14-6
„ 17.—v. Heaton Mersey	A	W 10-6
„ 24.—v. Manchester University	H	W 14-3

"A" TEAM.

1950.

Nov. 25.—v. Heaton Mersey "A"	A	W 13-6
Dec. 2.—v. Chorlton	H	W 12-4
„ 9.—v. Urmston	A	W 7-3
„ 23.—v. Mellor "A"	H	D 2-2

1951.

Jan. 6.—v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe...	H	L 3-14
„ 13.—v. Oldham and Werneth	A	W 9-4
„ 20.—v. Heaton Mersey "A" (2nd Round, Junior Flags)...	H	W 20-1
„ 27.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild	A	W 13-8
Feb. 3.—v. Old Waconians "A"	H	W 13-2
„ 10.—v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe (Semi-final Jun. Flags)	L	7-11
„ 17.—v. Heaton Mersey "A"	H	W 23-2
„ 24.—v. Chorlton	A	W 15-10

EXTRA "A" TEAM.

1950.

Nov. 25.—v. Rochdale	H	W 9-6
Dec. 2.—v. Ashton "A"	A	W 8-0

1951.

Jan. 6.—v. Cheadle Hulme "A"	A	L 8-10
„ 13.—v. Boardman and Eccles "A" A	L	0-1
„ 20.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild "A" (2nd R. Lancs. Jun. Cup) A	W	11-5
„ 27.—v. Old Mancunians "A"	H	L 5-9
Feb. 3.—v. Cheadle "A"	A	L 1-15
„ 10.—v. Wm. Hulme's G.S. (Semi- final, Lancs. Jun. Cup) A	L	1-19
„ 17.—v. Rochdale	H	L 1-12
„ 24.—v. Ashton "A"	H	L 0-1

Old Hulmeians Rugger.

The extraordinarily protracted spell of snow and frost cost the 1st XV four games, and the others five. It also cost the Association a new boiler and, as no one was so considerate as to warn us of the impending siege, very nearly claimed as victims good quantities of catering and bar stock. Dangerous radicals though the Club's helmsmen are, they performed a notably worthy rescue feat here.

A keen, unjaundiced, diarist, anxious to work everyone in in the course of the year, could regret those lost games. But with only the orphan of many non-weather storms—the "Extra A"—going strongly at the time the curtain fell, we won't complain. A certain disconnectedness in the efforts of the 1st XV forwards, a failure to play as a pack, reduces their effectiveness. But they play hard and well as individuals, with Hughes outstanding for sheer hard work, and there are signs of more fire recently. No one's bulk could be more missed than that of J. H. P. Slade, now forced out through cartilage trouble, and we cannot replace his brains and experience; his injury prefaced the Burnage crash. We have been let off fairly lightly by 'flu, however, though J. H. Cairns left the ranks for some weeks. One recalls G. J. Dunstan and J. B. Swarbrick toiling away unwearily—Swarbrick having been recalled from "A" XV skippering. Behind the scrum, J. F. Kay has been switched back to stand-off, and he and N. Fletcher combine effectively. P. Harrison is happily returned and is playing at full-back, with D. F. Walthew and J. C. Unsworth on the wings.

Candidates for the sympathy of all those who have ever laboured in vain are the "A" XV forwards. They are all worthy of praise and, one hopes, filled with charity. They frequently look more impressive as a pack than do their seniors: K. G. McGhee, K. H. Dye, R. P. Cronchley, J. W. Steer, G. J. Russon and others, whose anonymity enhances their deeds, strive ever onwards. But uncertainty and weakness in the rear deny them reward. M. H. Orr is a good scrum-half and G. J. Whitham an invaluable full-back—this must be said.

F. T. Morley and K. H. Dye have been elected to the vacant captaincy and vice-captaincy, and we look to them for great things. Recent results seem to promise them.

As was suggested earlier, however, the "Extra A" XV merit any available bouquets. Having allowed themselves to be persuaded that a team can start to avoid defeat when the game starts, rather than sacrifice itself, the members of this team have surpassed themselves. Cold spell allowed for, of their last five games three have been won and a walk-over in the fourth, kept them only from a harvest. Much of the credit is due to E. T. Worthington, but A. Wilson and P. Shires have also done well behind the scrum. A. C. G. Taylor, after playing wholeheartedly in many positions, is doing well at scrum-half. F. M. Bramwell and B. D. Etchells stand out amongst forwards whose keenness minimises other deficiencies. They put up an especially good performance in holding on against a School XV possessed of infinite energy.

With regard to social activities we are stretching ourselves a little. The new amenities at Brantingham Road have brought us more non-playing members and we are considering further types of entertainment. Ken Hughes and Ernest Worthington staged really good Hot-pots in the Clubhouse on 16th December and 21st February, and we expect to put on another at the end of the season. Otherwise, there was a well-supported Dance at the Fallowfield Hotel on 5th December and, we hope, 20th March; the film show on 24th November; and a table-tennis and darts match against the Toc H rugby club on 14th February. We repeat our invitation to all members of the Association to look in at Brantingham Road.

A. R. O.

RESULTS.

1ST XV.

1950.

Nov. 25.—v. School	A	W 16-9
Dec. 2.—v. Burnage O.B.	H	L 6-37
„ 9.—v. Old Newtonians	H	L 0-6
„ 16.—	Cold spell.	

1951.

Jan. 1.—	„ „	
„ 6.—v. Toc H (M/c.)	A	W 17-6
„ 20.—v. De la Salle T.C.	H	L 6-15
„ 27.—v. Old Aldwinians	H	D 0-0
Feb. 3.—v. Manchester Extra "A"	H	W 9-8
„ 10.—v. Leigh Tech. College	A	D 9-9
„ 17.—v. Leigh Tech. College	H	W 12-10

"A" XV.

1950.

Nov. 25.—v. School	A	L 3-6
Dec. 2.—v. Burnage O.B.	A	L 0-20
„ 9.—	Cold spell.	

1951.

Jan. 6.—	„ „	
„ 13.—v. Winnington Park	A	L 3-22
„ 27.—v. Old Aldwinians	A	L 0-15
„ 27.—v. Old Aldwinians	A	L 0-32
Feb. 3.—v. Manchester	H	D 6-6
„ 10.—v. Winnington Park	A	W 8-3
„ 17.—v. Eccles	A	W 8-3

EXTRA "A" XV.

1950.

Nov. 25.—v. School	A	W	10-0
Dec. 2.—v. Metro-Vick.	A	W	6-3
„ 9.—v. Eccles	A	L	0-20
„ 16.— Cold spell.			

1951.

Jan. 6.— „ „			
„ 13.—v. Manchester	H	W	14-6
Feb. 3.—v. Ashtonians	H	Can.	
„ 17.—v. Didsbury	H	W	W/O

Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

We have seen but little of each other this term. The usual Hilary weather—cold and wet alternately—is so much more conducive to academic pursuits than that of either of the other terms, that at least some of us have been vainly endeavouring to make up for lost time.

A number of Hulmeians were gathered together, however, on the occasion of the lacrosse match with Manchester University, whose team included no less than six Old Boys. We were very pleased to welcome them and were duly sympathetic when they found that they had to leave behind in Oxford the English Universities' Cup. The Old Hulmeians who played were D. Watkins (Captain), R. M. Threlfall, D. A. Robertson, A. G. Shuttleworth, J. J. Nesbitt and M. Bale (Manchester), and G. Wilkinson (Captain), A. Wilkinson and J. W. N. Glover (Oxford).

G. Wilkinson was extremely unlucky when, at a lacrosse practice game, he received a rather unpleasant facial injury. After a short stay in the Radcliffe Infirmary, where he seems to have found the staff both efficient and attractive, he has now had to return to Physics. We offer him our sincere sympathy and trust that he will make a speedy recovery.

A. Wilkinson, meanwhile, has taken to badminton and entertaining, and Glover has found time both to play lacrosse regularly and to read a paper to the University Heraldry Society. J. G. Wood has also been wielding a lacrosse-stick, whilst K. Carter has spent most afternoons on the Isis, rowing bow in the Brasenose Second Torpid, coached by D. Ogden. Of the activities of Old Boys in Colleges other than Brasenose, the writer of these notes regrets, with apologies, that he knows but little.

Old Hulmeians in residence this term include K. Carter (Brasenose), B. T. Gibson (St. Edmund's Hall), D. A. Ginever (Pembroke), J. W. N. Glover (Brasenose), J. N. McManus (St. Edmund's Hall), J. F. Mair (Wycliffe Hall), A. J. Odber (Magdalen), D. Ogden (Brasenose), D. Read (University), F. A. Stone (Brasenose), F. S. Sutcliffe (St. Catherine's Society), P. W. Watkins (Lincoln), A. Wilkinson (Brasenose), G. Wilkinson (Brasenose), J. Wilks (Brasenose), S. S. Wilson (Brasenose), and J. G. Wood (Brasenose).

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge.

To commence the New Year and the new half-century, Cambridge experienced all those vagaries of frost and rain, storm and sunshine, with which the rest of the country has been already familiar: one was reminded of the American comment that Britain has not got a "climate," but only "weather." Nevertheless the Manchester mind has to grasp the paradox that though it is always "damp" here, it is not so frequently "wet" as elsewhere.

Life remains very active despite the season. By the end of term, "Richard III," "Othello," "Coriolanus" and Shaw's "St. Joan," will have been given amateur production, and preparations are under way for the performance of Chonteverdi's "Vespers." At the time of writing, the term is little more than half over, so that no University or College Sports have reached the "final" stage in their games. The Lent "Bumps" take place on the Cam next week—somewhat later than those at Oxford. Unfortunately, one has to report that the Lacrosse team—which always receives a large measure of support from the School—has not been so successful this term as could have been wished.

Of the senior Old Hulmeians, J. P. Chilton (Clare) and G. R. MacLeod (Christ's) are both still "up" here: though Chilton is not often seen, and MacLeod not often communicative. D. W. Bowett (Downing) continues to be the School's second representative on the Lacrosse team. It is not known for certain whether J. V. Gosling (Gonville and Caius) is still playing rugby or not: but one thing is certain, that he has recently claimed a belated place among those fashionably suffering from 'flu. M. E. Coops (St. John's) continues to take regular exercise on the Cam under the scarlet banner of "L.M.B.C." Although his lodgings are some way out of town, he finds them handy for the river and (occasionally)

for periods of undisturbed study. V. Edkins (Pembroke) declares he is taking Mr. Micawber's financial advice, and having a "quiet term": but he too devotes much time and energy to the rivalry on the Cam, and confidently hopes to suspend a painted oarblade in his rooms shortly. D. M. Schlapp (Pembroke) on the other hand, indulges in the more traditionally Hulmeian sport of Rugger; and in the earnest pursuit of Science.

We commiserate with those who were not successful in gaining entrance in the recent examinations, but hope they will try again, and also that many more from School will seek to swell our numbers. It cannot be altogether a good thing that the numbers of Old Hulmeians at "the other place" should so greatly preponderate over those at Cambridge; but that seems to be the tendency at present.

M. E. C.

William Hulme's Grammar School Parents Association.

The Association conducted a "Careers Quiz" at the School on 14th February, by kind permission of the Head Master.

Most of the members of the Careers Advisory Panel were present on the platform, and the Rev. H. Hilton carried out the difficult rôle of Question Master to perfection. The members of the Advisory Panel, who are all parents of boys attending the School, replied to a good many questions on various careers for boys, but unfortunately time did not allow the Panel to deal with all the questions.

Approximately 250 parents attended, and we feel sure, benefited in no small measure from the excellent advice given. It was obvious from the way in which the replies to questions were received, that the advice was greatly appreciated.

The Careers Quiz evening was undoubtedly a success, and the Committee is greatly indebted to all who took part in it, and is encouraged by the good support received from members.

The following trades, professions, etc., are represented on the Careers Advisory Panel:—

Banking.
British Railways.
Civil Engineering.

Decorating and Painting Contracting.
Dentistry.
Electrical Engineering.
Local Government Service.
Medicine.
Metallurgy.
Paint, Varnish and Colour Technology.
Quantity Surveying.

It should be noted that Arts, Accountancy, Insurance, Agriculture, etc., are not represented, and we would welcome offers from parents who are suitably qualified in any of these subjects, for service on the Panel.

Our next event is a social affair, namely the Annual Supper, which is to be held on 14th March at the Waldorf Hotel, Manchester. At the time of writing, tickets are in good demand and it is hoped that the evening will be even more enjoyable than that of last year, when Staff and Parents took pleasure together.

The Annual General Meeting will be held in April or May next, and it is hoped that members will turn up in full force to elect the Committee for the ensuing twelve months, and also to express their views and suggestions regarding Association activities. Parents are reminded that voting is not restricted to subscribing members and anyone who has a boy at the School is eligible to attend meetings.

Nominations for the Committee may be made by any member provided that names and addresses of nominees are submitted in writing to the Hon. Secretary seven days before the Annual General Meeting. At present the Stockport-Marple and Urmston-Flixton areas are not represented on the Committee.

Preliminary preparations will shortly be in hand for another cricket match (or matches) against the School and Staff, and the Hon. Secretary would be glad to hear from any parent who wishes to play in these games. We must have our revenge this year!

The Committee extends its hearty congratulations to George Beaumont, who won the Parents' Association Prize, awarded last Speech Day, for the best English paper in the 1949 School Certificate Examination. The prize consisted of two books—The Oxford Book of English Verse and the Collected Works of T. S. Eliot.

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