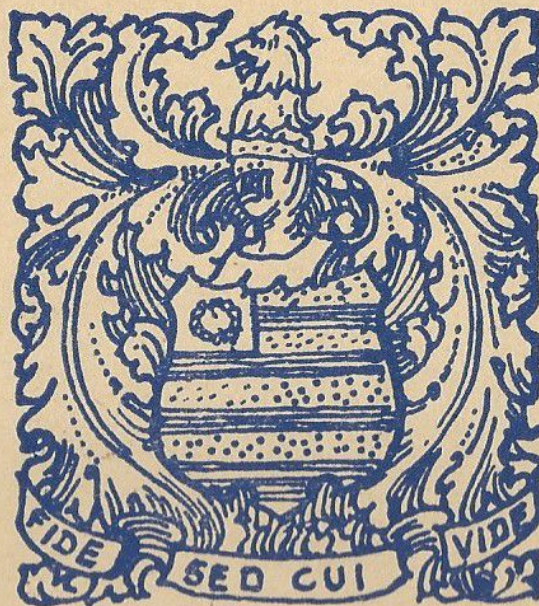


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School Notes and News

This is the first issue of *The Hulmeian* since December, 1946, that has not been edited by Mr. K. P. Thompson. At the end of last term Mr. Thompson retired after 37 years of devoted service to the School. His retirement was, however, short-lived, for when he heard during the holidays that we were experiencing some difficulty in covering his time-table, he volunteered to return and continue teaching until the end of the summer term. An appreciation of Mr. Thompson's work for the School will appear in a later issue of *The Hulmeian*; for the time being we simply acknowledge our increased indebtedness to him and our pleasure in being able to continue to draw upon his wisdom and experience.

A familiar figure was missing from the Carol Services at School and at St. Ann's Church at the end of last term when Mr. D. M. Williams entered hospital for an operation. We are glad to report that he is making a good recovery and we look forward to seeing him back at School in the very near future.

The Michaelmas Term ended with Mr. T. B. Jackson's production of *Oedipus Rex*, followed by the traditional Carol Services. Mr. K. Hoskinson deputised for Mr. Williams in training and conducting the choir.

The Prefects are to be congratulated on a very enjoyable dance in spite of a heating failure which struck a prophetic chill in the New Hall. The opening days of the present term will long be remembered for the sub-arctic conditions which

completely disrupted the start of House lacrosse. The domestic and maintenance staff worked heroically to win the battle against burst pipes, boilers and radiators, but even their efforts were defeated when the oil ran out, and the School had to close for half a day.

The School has suffered a grievous loss in the death of two of its oldest and most distinguished Old Boys, both generous benefactors to the School: Mr. Harry Vlies and Mr. Walter Thorpe. Tributes to them will be found elsewhere in this magazine.

During the Christmas holidays, Dr. and Mrs. Jeeny and Mr. I. Boustead took a party to the Austrian Alps for the Winter Sports, and thus escaped some of the rigours of an English winter.

We offer our warmest congratulations to Mr. Gardener and Mr. Greenslade, both of whom have recently married.

We congratulate the following boys on gaining awards at Oxford and Cambridge:

- M. H. Homer—a Hulme Schools' Scholarship in Classics at Brasenose College, Oxford.
- L. M. Hall—a Somerset Iver Exhibition in Mathematics; Open "pro hac vice" at Brasenose College, Oxford.
- A. R. Wood—an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Churchill College, Cambridge.
- S. M. Lomax—an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Queens' College, Cambridge.
- P. W. Norris—Open Townsend Scholarship in Physics at Pembroke College, Oxford.
- A. J. B. Hilton—an Open Exhibition in History at New College, Oxford.

The annual Play Supper was held on Thursday, January 24th, after the first production in the House Play Competition.

The following boys have been appointed School Prefects in addition to those recorded in our last issue: C. W. Beaumont, I. G. Kennedy, D. S. Gee, H. F. Lyon, A. S. Burgess, S. M. Lomax, P. W. Norris.

The Founder's Day Service was held in the Cathedral on Tuesday, January 22nd. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Percy Scott, D.Theol., Principal of Hartley Victoria Methodist College. The choir sang the anthem *To Music Bent is my Retired Mind*, a setting by R. G. H. Green to words by Thomas Campion.

The progress of the Appeal Fund for the new buildings is reported elsewhere in this magazine.

Mr. S. A. Kirkham has been appointed Housemaster of Heywood House in succession to Mr. K. P. Thompson.

Mr. C. J. Lowe is the new editor of *The Hulmeian*.

During last term Current Affairs lectures were given by the following speakers: Lt.-Col. Mackinnon on *The Commonwealth and Common Market*; Dr. Hampson on *de Gaulle*; Mr. Holloway on *Imports and Exports*; Mr. Crosland on *Smoke Pollution*; Mr. Allridge on *Journalism*; Rev. D. N.

Jenkins on *Population Problems*; Mr. K. Hoskinson on *Recent Developments in Education*; and Mr. C. Morley on *Marxism*.

There is no truth in the rumour that in future the House Knock-Out competition results will be decided by a committee of six housemasters presided over by Mr. Peat.

Mr. Collings and Mr. Timm are taking a party of twenty-eight boys to Paris during the Easter holidays. They will leave Manchester on April 2nd and return on April 11th.

The Calendar for the rest of term is as follows:

The Entrance Examination for next September will take place on February 14th and March 14th, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

Mid-term holiday will be on February 15th, 16th and 18th.

The Lent term will end on Friday, March 29th.

Mid-summer term will begin on Tuesday, April 23rd, at 10-45 a.m.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *The Britannia Magazine* (R.N. College, Dartmouth); *Enigma* (a Manchester University literary magazine edited by I. C. Stewart, O.H.); *The Birkenian*, *The Gryphon* and *Ulula*.

Oedipus Rex

Oedipus, King of Thebes	T. C. Cunliffe
A priest of Zeus	R. H. Roberts
Creon, Jocasta's brother	J. D. Shuttleworth
Teiresias, an aged prophet	G. Hibbert
Jocasta, wife of Oedipus	P. D. Roylance
A messenger from Corinth	D. M. Altaras
A Theban Shepherd	C. R. Holmes
A Palace Attendant	A. G. Broome
Antigone	K. S. Clare
Ismene	S. G. W. Naden

Chorus of Thebans:

G. Casale, E. C. Comyn-Platt, T. J. Davies, B. G. Gazzard, R. W. Quick, R. A. Assar, M. T. Brisbane, J. A. Martin, N. D. Moore, W. J. Roberts.

Citizens, Priests, Attendants:

G. R. Cocker, P. A. Guthrie, D. E. Guy, A. A. Jackson, M. A. Morris, R. C. Back, M. R. Cavanagh, R. N. Curry, I. M. K. Lowe, J. M. Roland, A. C. Mitchell, J. K. Brigham.

It needs an ambitious production to make a success of staging Sophocles' *Oedipus Rex*. There were many people prepared to nod sagely and prophesy disaster, or at least tedium, at the prospect of such a venture. Some superior prophets of woe, indeed, were prepared to explain pontifically why Greek tragedy is incomprehensible and unproducable in English. They were refuted by this production, which kept three audiences

attentive and duly appalled. The producer, Mr. T. B. Jackson, had two different problems: one was the near clean-sweep of experienced acting talent after the summer, so that he had a very young company; the other was the task of fitting Sophocles' stark and ritualistic tragedy on to a proscenium stage, with no orchestra for deploying the chorus, and a very large hall into which to project this poetically undistinguished translation of the play. His unfussy production on the whole solved the problems together, by playing the play very plain, with Oedipus conceived as a mouth-piece for the working out of the tragic irony of which the play is a rite, rather than by trying to make him a human character with tragic flaw and accompanying individual traits.

The production was surely right in concentrating above all on bringing out this sense of inevitable disaster, which was only the more appalling in its imminence in that the twisting of the humans to avoid the threatened disaster was seen more and more clearly to be a vain, self-deceiving and fore-doomed attempt to escape their fate. The more that disaster was made to seem inexorable, the more sense the play made.

The only trouble arose when the producer departed from this formal ritualistic concept: particularly in two parts that were in themselves individually praiseworthy—the chorus and Jocasta. The chorus seemed to alternate between giving a stylised and a naturalistic interpretation; similarly, whereas Oedipus was conceived impersonally as a sacrificial victim of a tragic rite, Jocasta on the other hand was a woman before she was a queen.

Thus T. C. Cunliffe, as Oedipus, provided the two main requirements asked of him: a commanding presence, with the stature to make his fate at the hands of providence seem the catastrophe that it was, and also a fine clear voice that allowed the words of the play to come through well. Indeed, the cast without exception was admirably audible: so that one was aware, despite the translator's undistinguished humdrum, of the grandeur of concept in the play. Though rightly seeing himself as someone participating in a ritual rather than being required to impersonate an individual, Cunliffe could with advantage have varied his voice, which tended to a monotonous, if unstrained, shout; he could have avoided this sameness by establishing, in the first half of the play, Oedipus's arrogance—the wilful refusal to see the obvious, which, without attempting to be a biography, nevertheless would have increased the irony in the play which traces his awful enlightenment.

Slightly at odds with this hieratic interpretation of the central character, was, as has been suggested, the concept behind the use of the chorus. Looking impressive in timeless, dignified togas, they were admirably audible, graceful in gesture,

and intelligent in their reading of the play; they yet in some odd way combined the roles of commentator and naturalistic participants, so that, for instance, they could sit in the most casual of lounging attitudes to attend to this or that new arrival, and then reassume their statuesque groupings for their next contribution. The least happy part of the production was here, too, when at dramatic moments there was several times a complete blackout, which suggested a highly theatrical production—but then the lights would come up, the re-assembled chorus would speak and the action of the play would proceed—after this unexplained intrusion into the constant Mediterranean sunlight and without interruption of the time-sequence nor with any change of place. The final perverseness of this was at the moment of revealing Oedipus after his blinding, when the blackout was relieved by a white spot which quite failed to depict the horrible sight of his streaming eyes, which would have been immediately appalling in the full light of Thebes, had it been left to shine without attempts at further theatricality. Similarly, there was an unnatural gloom at the arrival of Tiresias, followed by a slow and apologetic return to normal sunlight.

The actors who best conveyed the basic idea of the play conceived as a ritual celebration were R. H. Roberts as the priest of Zeus, G. Hibbert as Tiresias, and A. G. Broome as the palace attendant. Roberts, with great authority in his presence and a strong voice, established the catastrophic condition of Thebes which initiates the tragedy. Hibbert made us entirely forget his youthfulness, as, in a wild white wig and with a frightening sightless stare, he contemptuously stood up to the purblind Oedipus and horrified us with his clear-sighted prognostications of doom. Broome, with a beautifully modulated voice and with consummate timing of his pauses, held the stage quite remarkably in his recounting of the double disaster to the king and queen. Though fairly well managed, his miming of what he had to tell was unnecessary and a distraction from the power of his narrative.

P. D. Roylance gave the most polished acting performance of the evening in a very sensitive and intelligent portrayal of Jocasta, albeit he was not helped by his wig. The success with which he conveyed the womanly suffering of the queen was indeed, as already suggested, slightly disconcerting, as it did not quite fit in with the more statuesque figures surrounding her. D. M. Altaras and C. R. Holmes made a clear and serviceable pair of bucolic shepherds caught up without comprehension in a world of disaster in which they were but pawns.

The unhappiest casting was that of J. D. Shuttleworth as Creon, a part which he played manfully, but where he was defeated (apart from his peasant's tunic which gave him no inch of stature, and his pretty wreath of what looked like Woolworth's

holly) was in the impossibility of marrying the role of a powerful, royal, authoritarian figure with his own fresh, open, tousled appearance and demeanour. He spoke intelligently and energetically, but was not a foil or counterweight to Oedipus.

K. S. Clare and S. G. W. Naden were successfully touching as the tearful princesses (though again someone should surely have put his foot down over the matter of the wigs, which made them look like recently home-permed prissy young misses).

The set was simple, impressive, classical in feeling without attempting pedantically to be of any age; it consisted of twin porticoes, with very graceful pediments, and, centrally, a pair of handsome doors that opened smoothly to give an impression of further depth beyond in a colonnade.

The whole production was well worth presenting: it answered both the sophisticated cynics and the philistines, in demonstrating theatrically that even in translation, and given an intelligent interpretation, the play is one of the greatest of tragedies, and can provide one of the most impressive of all experiences in the theatre.

The Form Plays

THE ISLAND OF DOOM

The theatrical season was opened with a lively production, by 2A, of the *Island of Doom*, with a cast of thousands, or at least nearly a whole form. On a simple but effective set, a ragged and villainously piratical-looking crew launched the play with a chorus that sounded lively, though it could perhaps have looked livelier.

G. McKee as the Bosun was very audible and M. Derlien as the Captain was sympathetically all at sea as a pleasant fellow in an improbable role. His acting was perhaps at its best in his singing: a pathetic 'tra-la' was very sad.

There was some amiable clowning with a Maigret-like figure who turned out to be J. A. Gabbay as Daniel Defoe, and a very cook-like cook played by C. R. Lloyd who was nicely petulant at the crew's refusal of his inedible pancake (special effects by courtesy of Mrs. Taylor). The most life came from H. Bond as the mutinous Rakechain who exploded with gusto and sang with delightful clarity: his appearance also seemed to give the crew more vitality. With the arrival of Robinson Crusoe, intelligently played by B. J. Edwards as an old-fashioned gent who still believed in cricket as a source of moral uplift, the plot became pleasantly improbable and unimportant.

There were many good jokes, some of them perhaps more topical than the audience was ex-

pecting, and whether deck-swabbing or walking the plank, everyone was so obviously enjoying himself, that the audience caught the infection.

The accompaniment was played very tactfully by A. R. Cooper at a few hours' notice, and the cast managed to conceal very well any consequent uncertainties.

CLOUD OVER THE MORNING

On Tuesday, November 27th, 2C presented *Cloud Over the Morning*, by T. B. Morris. It is unusual to find a play specially written for young people which deals with a serious topic; this play is set in Cyprus at the time of the Eoka campaign, and deals with a group of Cypriot children who become involved in the terrorist movement with tragic results. It is a play with a "message"—that violence is wrong and all attempts to settle disputes by warfare or terrorism are to be deplored. It is a pity that the author had to underline this with some rather heavy-handed symbolism; a character named Pandora flits in and out with a box of shells which is eventually dropped and opened, leaving only one little shell in the bottom of the box.

The cast tackled the play with confidence and with praiseworthy clarity. The major characters quickly established themselves, with M. D. Black, M. H. Partington and A. N. W. Benson carrying the weight of the exposition and presenting the basic conflict of violence and reason; meanwhile the minor characters adequately suggested, through their bickering and warlike play, the disruptive influence of the terrorist campaign.

The dramatic temperature rose appreciably with the entrance of J. R. Haynes as a bitter and fanatical Amazon who had organized the younger children into a bottle-swinging terrorist gang. He gave the part plenty of fire, and his clash with Partington was effectively maintained. A. J. Bourne was quietly sinister as the terrorist who comes down from the hills to see that "the job" is done properly. The bomb misfires, however, and two of the children are killed, while the would-be assassin is hunted and shot down.

G. R. Owens, R. J. Finnigan, P. F. Hilditch, G. M. Young, M. R. Cummins and J. F. Ross all made good contributions to the effectiveness of the production. Costumes were varied and colourful, while a simple "set" adequately suggested the ruined Crusader fort in which the action took place.

The main weakness from the point of view of the acting was in movement; there was far too much unnecessary shifting about, crossing of legs, and vaguely indecisive gestures. But these faults

were outweighed by the clearness and intelligence of the speaking, and by the pace and liveliness of the production.

STAND AND DELIVER

2B presented a very seasonable piece of Christmas entertainment: they had the very great misfortune of having their production postponed because of fog, and, more seriously, had to wait until the next term. It was a tribute to their confidence that there was no sign of rust or dust about the production when it was at last put on.

Indeed, self-confidence was the most notable characteristic: everyone very obviously enjoyed himself, and the fun grew faster and more furious. After a virtuoso piece of miming by N. S. Lerner, the highwayman, the play opened sedately with C. G. Barnes playing a ladylike mother of the boyish and ambitious Jonathan of J. S. Rhodes, and they were served by a gormless servant played in a truly half-witted style by K. M. Dodd. When he meets a real highwayman, Jonathan is enabled to fulfil his youthful ambition. From here on, the comedy very obviously became broad farce: improbable gestures, contemporary references, and some very gusty slapstick established a rollicking pantomime style (to begin with, the production perhaps did not make up its mind whether it was the play or the actors that were being funny: when it did make up its mind, it was a very confident frolic).

D. B. Faulkner, as Lady Delaroche, arrived in an elegant sedan-chair and was soon subject to a rude arrest. The fight that followed was extremely, indeed alarmingly, vigorous. Faulkner was an athletic and vociferous victim, but was finally hidden in the chair. There followed a brainless search led by G. A. Maule, as the Magistrate. There were then some rapid twists of the plot, heroism was rewarded and villainy defeated, and the audience enjoyed the play only a little less than the cast enjoyed playing it.

Stage Notes

This term has, as always, proved to be quite a busy time for us. The set for *Oedipus Rex*, although relatively simple, took most of the term to complete. Because of its simplicity, the set needed to have a polished air about it, and this presented some problems. After the last form play, a mere two-and-a-half weeks before the school play was due to be presented, a twenty-four foot long 'flat' had to be constructed to represent Oedipus's palace. The backing flat to the palace doors presented a problem too, being 12

feet long and hence quite unwieldy. Skilful coverage hid the joints between its component pieces of scenery and a rigid and continuous appearance was presented. The temples required that two new rostra and four pillars be made, and these are useful permanent additions to our stock of scenery.

We are indebted as usual to Mr. Barnett, whose expert artistry converts our canvas and wood into such convincing masonry. Although we are proud of our work which provides the raw set, the scenery and indeed the play itself would not have been such a success without his efforts.

The electricians, too, provided excellent lighting throughout the play, their masterpiece being a most convincing altar fire.

A visit to the garden of the old house next door to the Headmaster's yielded sufficient holly and ivy to decorate the stage. This, the Christmas tree, and Mr. Barnett's delightful centrepiece transformed the severe setting of *Oedipus Rex* into an effective background for the school carol service.

T. A. Hoyle successfully converted the stage into a pirate ship for the 2A play *Island of Doom*, and A. S. Turner showed quite a flair in his first attempt at stage management when he designed a set for the 2C play *Cloud over the Morning*. Our sympathy went to G. R. Cocker whose set for the 2B production *Stand and Deliver* was dismantled, un-viewed, owing to the play's postponement because of fog. However he succeeded in resurrecting it for its presentation early this term.

We are looking forward to the House plays, although their timing makes it impossible for our ability to be used to the full as far as construction of scenery is concerned. Needless to say, the talents of the respective stage managers will be considerably taxed by the ambitious demands of their producers.

We are sorry to lose D. S. Gee and F. J. Kenworthy who have officially severed their connections with the Stage Staff. We shall miss their talents, but understand that they have been called to "higher things". Our congratulations go to P. A. Royse who has taken Gee's place as Chief Electrician.

Finally, these notes would not be complete without reference to the hours of work Mrs. Lowe spent making some new curtains for the stage. These take the place of the ugly khaki curtains which used to hang behind the Headmaster during prayers in the morning, and we are very grateful to Mrs. Lowe for the time and effort she devoted to them.

C.C.F. Notes

Field Day was held at Crowden on Wednesday, 3rd October. "A" Company carried out an exercise "under nuclear conditions", aided by Signals, who worked fairly well. "B" Company had a morning

of theory—section in attack and patrolling—and in the afternoon attempted to put into practice, with varying degrees of success, what they had learnt. It was "C" Company's first Field Day and they were taught Basic Fieldcraft—in which keen interest was shown.

A party of cadets and N.C.O.s under 2nd-Lt. Boustead went to Crowden later in the month for an Arduous Training Weekend, sleeping under canvas and cooking on primus stoves. The night exercise, a recce patrol, was successful despite disappointing rehearsals.

The highlight of the term was undoubtedly the Cert. "A" Part I and II examinations, taken at School towards the end of November. In the Part I examination there were 12 credits out of 37 passes and only one failure. In the Part II examination all the candidates passed, 25 credits being gained in 34 passes.

The successful candidates have now started post-Certificate "A" training, either in the Signals Platoon or in the N.C.O.'s cadre which is being run by instructors kindly provided by the 8 Bn. Manchester Regiment T.A. We are also indebted to the Manchester Artillery—252 Field Regt. R.A.—for running a course in gunnery for senior cadets.

It is with regret that we announce that R.S.M. G. Linder, our School Staff Instructor, has left us to emigrate to Australia. During the past two years he has been with us he has contributed much to the Contingent, and our very best wishes go with him.

Annual camp this year will take place at Stoney Castle, Pirbright, near Aldershot from 18th—26th July; the Camp is organised and administered by the Guards.

The Donner Union

The Michaelmas term proved successful for the Donner Union, with a wide selection of speakers and fairly large, always enthusiastic audiences; the interest shown by many fifth formers has been especially gratifying. The quality of speaking from the floor of the House has often been disappointing. Nor has the delicate balance between popularity and refinement been achieved: thus one debate was very well attended and enjoyed, but unruly; another, which appealed to the intellect failed to attract the masses. The unfortunate tendency towards abstention on principle, and towards attacking the wording of the motion has persisted, but a majority of members have shown themselves more committed to definite opinions and ready to air them than in previous years.

The highlights of the term are inevitably school matches. The most lively and outspoken debate of

all was at Chetham's Hospital School on 22nd October, when F. J. Kenworthy clashed with B. G. Gazzard in urging the House to "Abhor the establishment"; he just failed by 28 votes to 23 with 3 abstentions. On 12th November, Manchester High School visited us to decide whether "Too much money is spent on space travel." The school's representatives were R. H. Roberts (proposing) and E. R. G. Hyde, the latter triumphing by 17 votes to 10 with 24 abstentions. On 21st the Society greatly enjoyed a reading of Shaw's *Pygmalion* at Withington Girls' School. The main male parts were read by R. W. Wetton, D. J. Howard and J. A. Martin. Finally, on 26th, Whalley Range Grammar School were our hosts. D. J. Howard argued against J. A. Martin that "The woman's place is in the home," but failed by 31 votes to 19 with 14 abstentions.

Earlier, on 25th September, the team had got off to a popular start when Mr. Beeley delivered a lecture on his visit to Soviet Russia. He illustrated his stimulating and vividly informal description of the people, buildings and cultures of Leningrad and Moscow with postcards, maps, frivolous anecdotes and apologetic digressions. The next meeting, held on 2nd October, took the form of a debate upon whether or not "Dead languages ought to be buried." From the point of view of sheer oratory, this was perhaps the most satisfactory meeting: R. J. Q. Gristwood's slow, rounded and polished periods, punctuated by pointed pauses, proposed the motion, seconded by the smooth fluency and easy simple sentences of J. A. Cowan. On the other side were D. E. B. Pollard—informal yet authoritative, with the casual appearance of thinking aloud—and R. Hughes of the satiric wit and suggestive sarcasm. The House, having decided that life was "a mess," defeated the motion by 40 votes to 4.

The other meetings were all of a political nature. The by-election for the Moss Side constituency (9th October) proved to be the usual 'Eatanswill', with R. A. Charlton polling 27 votes to bring the Liberal party success at last; P. W. McNulty, on behalf of the Labour party, polled 22 votes and R. J. Q. Gristwood, for the Conservatives, 16. There were 3 abstentions, and 9 Conservative votes were deemed to be 'rigged' and therefore disallowed. On 16th October, M. T. Brisbane and J. A. Cowan insisted that the House should "Deplore the victimisation of Colin Jordan"; however, J. A. Martin and M. R. Heilbron had little difficulty in dissuading the House, and the motion fell by 30 votes to 5 with 5 abstentions. On 19th November, R. E. M. Lee and I. T. Campbell "Deplored C.N.D.," but in the violent struggle between previously committed opinions, R. P. Trevitt and P. S. Booth, were successful in defeating the motion by 27 votes to 15 with 7 abstentions. Finally, on 5th November, R. J. Q. Gristwood led a lively discussion on the Cuban crisis.

At the Annual General Meeting the following appointments were made: Dept. Chairman, B. G. Gazzard; Secretary, A. J. B. Hilton; his assistant, I. T. Campbell; Committee Members, A. R. Wood, J. A. Martin, M. R. Brisbane, R. A. Assar, R. H. Roberts, J. Roland and P. L. R. Wood. Finally, we must thank P. C. Allen and A. R. Wood for painting our posters each week.

The Science Society

During the Christmas term the Society was less active than usual. There was difficulty in agreeing on final dates for talks, in some cases due to illness of the lecturers. There were, however, two meetings, one of which was an interesting demonstration of glass blowing by the glass blower from the Royal College of Advanced Technology, Salford. He showed us how to make a variety of simple pieces of apparatus and, afterwards, one or two of the audience had an opportunity of trying their skill with some success.

At the other meeting, a film on lubrication was shown by a representative of the Mobil Oil Company.

A fuller programme has been arranged for this term, including a number of lectures and two visits, one to the British Oxygen Company and the other to the Holt Radium Institute.

The Leonardo da Vinci Society

At Dr. Jecny's house on November 9th, the Society held its first meeting since March, 1961. The reason for this long recession is obscure, but one must presume no-one has had anything really interesting which he wished to talk about.

On this occasion F. J. Kenworthy read a paper on *Heraldry*. His talk was illustrated by numerous drawings and photographs and even the crests used in the School production of *Richard II*. The talk stimulated much discussion and many of us learnt, much to our surprise, that somewhere, far back in history, we have our own family crests.

We await with much interest a paper by R. A. Charlton and I. J. Marsland on *Jazz*; this meeting is due to be held at the Headmaster's house early in the Lent term.

Finally we owe our thanks to Mrs. Jecny for providing us with such welcome refreshments.

The Music Society

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held on October 10th, and those present decided upon a regular series of Wednesday meetings covering as much as possible of the vast field of classical music.

The term's activities were officially launched on October 17th with a selection from *Iolanthe* introduced by R. N. Curry, who gave us an admirable exposition of the plot. The following week J. A. Cowan played a recording of Holst's *The Planets*, and this proved to be the most popular meeting of the term with twenty-eight present. Immediately after half-term and at very short notice, S. M. Lomax lent us a record of the Beethoven Piano Sonatas Nos. 31 and 32, and there was more Beethoven the following week when I. Mallinson introduced the eighth of the Immortal Nine. November 14th saw the entrance of the romantics to the Society's programme when I. T. Campbell brought his record of the *Symphonie Fantastique* by Berlioz, and a week later we visited the realms of neo-classicism with D. Taylor playing his recording of Sibelius's *First Symphony*. This meeting was surprisingly well attended since Sibelius is considered by many to be an abstruse composer. On November 28th, Mr. Fearon very kindly gave up his lunch hour to give us an excellent talk and play an electrifying recording of Richter playing Beethoven's *Appassionata Sonata*.

The Society's activities for the term closed with J. A. Cowan playing the John Ogdon recording of Rachmaninoff's *Second Piano Concerto*.

The Society is indebted to C. J. Clough and I. Mallinson for the admirable publicity they provided for our meetings.

The Sixth Jazz Club

As expected and hoped for, the numbers of the Club regularly attending the meetings, held every Monday and Friday lunchtime, have decreased, leaving a group of a size suitable for discussion.

A great deal of the programme last term was taken up by discussions on modern jazz, but there have been occasions when traditional jazz was played, including original jazz recordings of before 1920, tribal rhythms and New Orleans street vendor calls to show the origins of jazz.

The range, even within the limits of modern jazz, was, in spite of a seeming contradiction in terms, very wide. There have been early recordings of modern jazz, which dates from about 1940, right up to the latest recordings of Lambert, Hendricks and Ross, a group which replaces original instrument sounds of a given recording with the human voice, while retaining the same sound.

This term, prospects are that the same sort of programme will continue but there will be a talk on the whole history of jazz, by I. J. Marsland and R. A. Charlton, to introduce the uninitiated to one of the higher forms of music. The talk will include recordings on loan from the United States Embassy in London.

The highlight of the term was the Club's attendance at the Free Trade Hall to dig Brubeck's boys. The music began with three numbers from a Ronnie Scott Quartet, the most notable of which was the group's rendering of *I'm Sick and Tired of Waking up Tired and Sick*. Ronnie was blowing with a formidable brilliance which I think surprised everyone, and pianist Stan Tracey showed us a fair cross-section of his Monk-style solo work. This group played so well, in fact, that we were all expecting something of an anti-climax when "Bru" took the stage. We were not disappointed. The quartet went straight into a very off-form performance of the old standard *Gone with the Wind*—Desmond's solo lacked imagination and was extremely self-conscious and Brubeck pounded the piano with two-fisted cruelty. Fortunately the music did improve as the group got the feeling of its audience and, with the exception of such dispensable Brubeck gimmicks as *Bossa Nova U.S.A.* and further manifestations of his *Time Out* complex, we were able to enjoy some jazz which was sometimes good and sometimes very good. *Tangerine*, one of Dave's "European" compositions, was probably the best number of the evening, jazz-wise. But that man-of-many-hands, Joe Morello, inevitably won the greatest ovation of the evening with a quicksilver drum solo which left the audience foaming at the mouth but him quite unruffled. A hip time was had by all!

The Chess Club

As A. R. Wood left School at Christmas, after a long and successful term of office, D. Taylor was elected Secretary in his place. J. B. Sheridan and P. A. Merriman were asked to play for the Manchester Schools' Team.

This year the School team entered the South Manchester League as well as playing the usual friendly matches. The following are the results of the matches played last term.

In the South Manchester League:

- v. Chorlton Grammar School—Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. Central Grammar School—Won 4—3.
- v. Poundswick G.S.—Won $4\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. Manchester Grammar School—Won 5—2.

Friendly Matches:

- v. Chorlton Grammar School—Won $5\frac{1}{2}$ — $2\frac{1}{2}$.
- v. North Manchester G.S.—Won 4—3.
- v. Stretford Grammar School—Won 5—2.

Our thanks go to Mr. Gardener for his help and encouragement and to Mrs. Taylor for providing refreshments for home matches.

The Badminton Club

At the beginning of last term the following appointments were made: Captain, M. H. Homer; Secretary, M. Brown; Treasurer, J. D. Whaite.

The greatest event of last term was undoubtedly the making of a new court in the New Hall. This has enabled club members to have more games, and it has meant that team matches have been over much more quickly. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the Headmaster for this.

The Club has flourished this year. We play in the Gym or the Hall (when available) on Tuesday lunch-time, Tuesday night, Friday lunch-time, and Saturday afternoon, and at all these times there has been a good attendance. Particularly pleasing is the number of learners who have come down. There are still some vacancies, and we welcome anyone from the fourth form upwards. We will be pleased to give advice and encouragement to anyone who comes to play.

The team is doing very well, having won four and lost three of its matches. We have beaten Bolton (10—8), Burnage (14—4), Central G.S. (14—4) and Chorlton (11—7). M. Brown and D. J. Merriman, as first pair, have played consistently well and have been the foundation for our victories. M. H. Homer and J. D. Whaite have played steadily without doing anything outstanding. P. W. Norris and N. M. Kennedy, the third pair, have been somewhat inconsistent, but have done what was expected of them on most occasions. The above have played regularly on the team; the following have also played: I. G. Kennedy, H. F. Lyon, I. D. McQueen.

Finally our thanks are due to Mr. Ogden for his support and encouragement and to Mrs. Taylor for providing cups of tea on match days.

The Table Tennis Club

The beginning of the Michaelmas term saw the election of a new committee, at a meeting of the Club. The following were elected: Hon. Secretary, M. D. Rayburn; Hon. Treasurer, J. G. Shawcross; Committee, I. G. Kennedy, C. W. Beaumont, P. Norris, J. R. Sumner, E. Rigg, G. D. Orr.

The application for membership was considerably larger than in previous years, and so after automatically electing all Upper Sixth applicants to the Club, a tournament was held amongst those in the Middle and Lower Sixth, to determine who should fill the remaining places. Our thanks go to Mr. Kirkham who kindly made the draw.

It is hoped this term to form a team from the Club and subsequently to arrange fixtures for matches with other schools.

The Model Railway Society

Progress on the construction of the layout last term continued well, and a fourth board was added to the three already in regular use. The track on this latest board is now complete and work on the scenery has started.

Towards the end of the term a start was made on signalling the layout, following a lecture on the subject by J. Bunting.

At the beginning of this term the Society was divided into various sections, each section being responsible for a certain aspect of the layout. One section is at present mass-producing rolling stock and it is hoped that by the end of this term the Society will have a complete stud of wagons.

A library has also been opened, with magazines and books available for loan or reference. The Society wishes to place on record its thanks to the numerous people who have donated articles for the library.

The following have recently been appointed to the committee: K. O. M. Bowman (5L) and M. Cavanagh (3A).

On the entertainments side, three film shows were held last term. The first consisted of three British Transport Commission films, *Making Tracks*, *Train Time* and *Report on Modernisation*. The first film, which described prefabricated track construction, led to suggestions that it would now be correct if the Society were to use proprietary sectional track!

The second show, provided by the same source, consisted of the film, *Railway Station Architecture*. It is hoped that this film has inspired members to produce more original and realistic buildings for use on their layouts.

The final show was of slides, provided by members K. N. Walton, I. Mallinson and T. R. L. Dean.

The Society must again thank many members of the staff for their help.

The Outdoor Society

At a meeting attended by over 60 pupils, the Outdoor Society was formed to further interest in all outdoor pursuits. Since this early meeting, a committee and officers have been elected. Membership is open to 4th forms and upwards with a membership fee of half-a-crown per term.

The first outing was a hike over Bleaklow Head led by Mr. Boustead. A coach took the party complete with dog, from Manchester, past the Snake Hotel, to the end of the Alport Valley. Here

Hulmeians were poured out on to the previously peaceful fellside. The group then set off at a brisk pace up the Valley of the Alport River with the sun shining spasmodically. At the approved hour, having lost one or two of the party and the dog, sandwiches and various liquids of unknown composition were produced. This was lunch-time, so it started to rain. The rain persisted into the afternoon and little was seen of Bleaklow. The principal afternoon occupation was informing the leader of his ignorance of his own position. Bleaklow Head never materialised. It must have moved. A short walk back to the Glossop side of the Snake Pass completed the outing. The bus was waiting and everyone climbed in thankfully out of the driving rain. It was a pity that the rain persisted since this particular moor has a barren charm of its own when seen in the right conditions.

It is hoped that when the weather improves more outings will be arranged. Future events in preparation include a week's camping in the Lake District at Easter, a visit to the Stratford Theatre and the Vale of Evesham after the Summer Exams, and an expedition to the Spanish Pyrenees during the Summer Holidays. Any non-member who wishes to know more of the Society should contact G. Morgan, the honorary Secretary.

The Cycling Club

The activities of the Cycling Club have been somewhat restricted so far this year, partly because of the weather, but mainly because of the apparent dislike of members for the exercise that the Club offers. The term's rides have included an assault on the *Cat and Fiddle* between Macclesfield and Buxton, a tour through the Cheshire lanes via Redesmere, and the half-term outing to Rudyard Lake and Congleton. The Christmas holidays saw us slipping and sliding to Hale lighthouse on the Mersey near Liverpool. One talk was arranged during the term, and this was given very ably by the Road Safety Officer for Manchester, Mr. A. L. Macfarlane, on November 26th. With the worst of the winter over and spring on its way (we hope!) I trust that all those who profess to be members will put their machines in good order and come along on the rides. As always, anyone in the Third forms and above who enjoys cycling is welcome to join us.

Rugby Football

FIRST XV

The season opened with a run of four victories which seemed to augur well for the rest of the season. However, some strange affliction seemed to affect the team from then on, and only on rare

occasions did they reach the standard of which they were capable. The forwards only once really played as the power-house that they were, and that was against Crosby. In other games, at different times their tackling and falling were positively pathetic, and yet one knew that they were able to play first-class football.

The backs had a very bad patch in the middle of the season but in general played quite well, without showing any real spark of brilliance.

The biggest drawback, however, was the lack of speed forward and behind; not one sprinter was on the side.

It has been an enjoyable season however, and the team, very well led by Dakin, has played for the most part with enthusiasm and keenness.

Sept. 26th v. Major Watkins' XV H W 17—3

This was an encouraging performance for the first game of the season. The forwards showed plenty of fire and enthusiasm, giving the backs a good share of the ball; three of the four tries came as a result of three-quarter movements, and one of these, where the ball was rapidly passed down the line for Burgess to score in the corner, was a delight to watch. The decisive factor in the match was the School's fitness, acquired over two and a half weeks' solid training, which served them well against a tiring side in the second half.

Sept. 29th v. Stockport Grammar School H W 16—8

The School, playing three reserves, lacked all sense of urgency until the dying stages of the game. In the first half, kicking against a strong wind, they frequently tried the long punt ahead, instead of keeping the ball to hand, and consequently turned round eight points in arrears. A try by Casale early in the second half seemed to infuse new life into them, but it was only in the last ten minutes that the game was won. I. G. Kennedy, who had a splendid game, scored twice, and Morris, in his first game, contrived with Tweed to put Latham over by the posts.

Oct. 10th v. Manchester R.U.F.C. H W 8—3

The forwards fought like tigers from the very outset, and gained a good share of the ball in the loose scrums; Tweed did some excellent jumping in the line-outs. A penalty goal gave the School a narrow lead at half-time, but Manchester drew level after a fine forward break at the beginning of the second half by Andrew, who was asked to fill the one vacancy in the Manchester team. The School continued to press hard and Casale, following up a kick ahead, went over for a try, which was converted. Lyon played a sound game at full-back, making some long, relieving kicks for touch.

Oct. 13th v. Broughton Park Colts H W 16—5

The School played well in the first-half, when they scored all their points; Jones made a fine individual run from near the half-way line to score, and the backs showed they could run strongly when given good service of the ball. Broughton Park improved greatly in the second half, whereas the School forwards became sluggish and no longer played with their early zest. We were lucky to concede only five points.

Oct. 20th v. University Freshmen A L 11—25

Early tries by McQueen and Dawson put the School on top, but the Freshmen, playing only their second game together, began to play more positive, attacking rugby. Their forwards settled down and gave ample opportunities to a strong, fast-moving three-quarter line, who scored four tries in the second half. The School refused to be daunted, and were pressing hard at the end of the game.

Oct. 24th v. King Edward VII School, Lytham A L 3—12

For the first time we received a sound beating. The whole team seemed lethargic, almost unwilling to play; the forwards played badly, never attaining their form of previous games, and the backs played at near walking pace. Dawson's try came as slight consolation in a very disappointing display, and Lytham fully deserved victory for their energetic, attacking play.

Oct. 31st v. Cheadle Hulme School H L 6—11

On a muddy day Cheadle Hulme just about merited their victory; indeed their sustained pressure in the closing minutes could well have increased the score. Until then, however, play had been fairly even; the School forwards employed the kick ahead in the greasy conditions and several times were stopped just short of the line. Their tackling left much to be desired, and through not halting movements in their early stages, they conceded valuable and decisive points.

Nov. 3rd v. Old Hulmeians H L 3—31

The first half was evenly contested and the score was only 3—6 at half-time. However, extra weight and experience began to tell and the Old Boys, switching the ball rapidly from one side of the field to the other, caused havoc amongst the School defence. The School continued to fight hard, and despite the large score against them, were unlucky not to add to their own tally in the final minutes when the forwards gained more possession from the set scrums.

Nov. 7th v. Birkenhead School H W 8—6

This win restored the sagging confidence of a team which had met much criticism after recent defeats. The backs, with Torkington playing his first game in the centre, ran and tackled well; they were given solid cover by the forwards, who played far more vigorously than of late. Andrew made a good break from a line-out early in the second half to increase our half-time lead of three points; McQueen converted the try, but Birkenhead came back fighting and scored twice. The last few minutes were spent in a dour struggle to prevent the opposition depriving us of victory.

Nov. 10th v. Manchester Grammar School
A L 6—16

After the fine win against Birkenhead, the School played most disappointingly. Admittedly the ball twice bounced badly for us at crucial moments, but there was no excuse for the poor covering and tackling of the forwards, who gave the backs no sight of the ball until the last five minutes, when they suddenly roused themselves and gained constant possession of the ball, enabling first Rigg and then McQueen to score.

Nov. 13th v. Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Wakefield A L 0—42

The School held their own for the first ten minutes and then were completely outplayed by a faster, fitter and better-drilled team, who swung the ball rapidly from man to man, leaving our defence flatfooted. The speed of the Wakefield forwards exposed the deficiencies of the School pack, who, at their best, are strong, but far from fast movers.

Nov. 17th v. King's School, Macclesfield
A L 5—31

The score does not, perhaps, reflect quite fairly the run of the play. Territorially there was little difference between the two sides, but Macclesfield had an extremely dangerous wing three-quarter who proved altogether too fast for our defence, and scored four tries. The School played good, open rugby, and were unfortunate to score only one try, through Merriman, who was close at hand to take the final pass after a forward break-away.

Nov. 21st v. Wallasey Grammar School
A W 11—8

This was a scrappy game throughout; the handling was generally poor and the excessive number of penalty kicks showed to what extent the game was marred by trivial offences. Jackson scored a good try in the first half after a quick heel near the Wallasey line, and Burgess later on cut in from the wing and outpaced the full back in a dash

to the line. Wallasey began to fight desperately and scored twice; a missed penalty kick—the last of the game—prevented victory from being snatched out of our grasp.

Nov. 24th v. Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby
H L 0—6

This was an excellent game, in fact the most enjoyable and entertaining of the season. The forwards attained unprecedented heights and always looked on top. N. M. Kennedy did excellent work in the loose, and Oliver, despite an egg-sized bruise on his head, gave a lively display. The backs, too, handled well and were only beaten in the last ten minutes by a quick, cleverly executed move on the part of the opposition flyhalf.

Dec. 1st v. H.M.S. Conway A W 9—5

The School did everything but score in the first half, and sustained this pressure after half-time. Ironically Conway scored first, intercepting a pass on their own line to run the length of the field to score. Two penalty kicks gave us a narrow lead, and just before the end McQueen scored a good drop goal to end a rather topsy-turvy season on a victorious note.

Colours were re-awarded to: R. H. Dakin, I. N. Dawson, A. A. Jackson, D. R. Latham, I. G. Kennedy, N. M. Kennedy; and awarded to: B. L. Andrew, A. S. Burgess, G. Casale, H. F. Lyon, I. D. McQueen, P. A. Merriman, L. Oliver, J. S. Torkington, M. R. Tweed.

SECOND XV

This year the Second XV has been fortunate enough to enjoy a fairly successful season. In previous years the demands of the First XV and the task of replacing its own injured has often proved too much for the team's resources and after a promising start it has fallen away into disappointing mediocrity. That this year's team was able to withstand the demands of the First team and win seven of its twelve fixtures speaks volumes for both the ability of the regular team and the quality of the reserve talent.

In its five defeats the team was out-played only twice; notably in the fixtures against Poundswick G.S. and against Merchant Taylors', Crosby. In the Poundswick match, poor covering and tackling allowed the opposition to gain a comfortable victory. In the Merchant Taylors' match, the pack had no answer to a heavier, fitter and better drilled opposition and was overcome for the only time during the season. In the other defeats the team managed to give a good account of itself,

especially in the Wakefield game. In the Birkenhead fixture we played with fourteen men for the greater part of the match, and the team's spirit was shown when, in the closing minutes, the forwards forced the opposition to their own line and a try was scored.

Success, when it was obtained, was due rather to all-round soundness than to individual brilliance. We were lucky enough to have forwards who played as a pack rather than as individuals. In J. G. Shawcross and J. Oldham the team had two rugged and intelligent props, whilst by the end of the season D. M. Altaras, the hooker, was demonstrating his dexterity in loose play as well as in the tight. The second row of A. P. Warburton and D. R. Stott, although lacking height a little, were the power-house of the scrum and earned a reputation for indestructibility. The play of J. R. M. Ward and I. S. Ashcroft in both attack and defence was invaluable to the team's success. The pack was particularly dominant in the loose where it played with fire and intelligence and ensured the backs of a plentiful supply of the ball.

The half-backs, J. S. Nixon and E. C. Comyn-Platt, improved by leaps and bounds as the season progressed and in the closing games they handled and kicked with dexterity even in the most trying circumstances.

The threequarters ran hard for the line in attack, whilst in defence every man could be depended upon to tackle his opposite number. E. Rigg and J. N. Jones, in the centre, were capable of defence-splitting bursts of speed whilst both C. W. Beaumont and N. B. Pearson, on the wings, performed the orthodox and the unorthodox with equal aplomb. M. R. Rayburn, at full back, could be relied upon for both his tackling and his touch-kicking.

The highspot of the season was probably the victory over the Old Boys, though good wins were also gained over North Manchester G.S. and King's School, Macclesfield.

Although good rugby was played on most occasions, the more important fact is that everyone enjoyed the games and played with enthusiasm throughout. It augurs well for the future that at least twelve of the 'colours' should be available for next season.

Colours were re-awarded to J. D. Shuttleworth and J. G. Shawcross, and awarded to D. M. Altaras, I. S. Ashcroft, C. W. Beaumont, M. J. C. Burns, E. C. Comyn-Platt, J. N. Jones, J. S. Nixon, J. Oldham, N. B. Pearson, M. R. Rayburn, E. Rigg, P. C. M. Roberts, D. R. Stott, A. P. Warburton, J. R. M. Ward and P. F. Veitch. B. L. Andrew, D. R. Latham, L. Oliver, J. S. Torkington, G. Roberts, P. J. Derlien, H. Burgess and H. F. Lyon also played.

RESULTS

v. Stockport G.S.	A	W	25—0
v. Nth. Manchester G.S. 1st XV	A	W	10—0
v. Poundswick G.S. 1st XV	A	L	3—28
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	8—0
v. Old Hulmeians 'A'	H	W	6—0
v. Birkenhead School	A	L	3—14
v. Manchester G.S.	H	W	14—0
v. Q. Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield...	A	L	0—9
v. King's School, Macclesfield ...	H	W	6—0
v. Wallasey G.S.	H	Cancelled	
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby ...	A	L	3—52
v. H.M.S. Conway	H	W	12—6
v. Moseley Hall G.S. 1st XV ...	H	L	0—8

POINTS					
P	W	L	D	F	A
12	7	5	0	90	117

UNDER 16 XV

Good team spirit was the key to a successful season for a team which had to overcome the setback of injuries. K. Irving was out of action for the whole of the School season; T. C. Cunliffe broke an arm in the second match of the season; P. N. Bentley was also lost for much of the term.

P. N. Bentley was appointed captain and gave admirable displays of leadership and personal skill from fly-half. R. G. Edwards as vice-captain proved an effective deputy, always an inspiration to his forwards in attack and in tackling.

Much good work came from a robust pack. D. L. Worthing, C. Laycock and J. S. Street proved a very solid front row; J. R. Moran and A. Steel jumped well in the line-outs, while G. D. Cooper and D. Thornhill were quickly to the loose-scrums.

The backs had ample speed and played well in attack. The general weakness of the team, however, was poor tackling and this affected the game of the backs more noticeably than that of the forwards.

The half-backs were unsettled owing to injury, but by the end of the season I. Hartley has become a competent scrum-half. P. J. Derlien proved an elusive centre whose jinking runs were a highlight of the games. S. J. Bertenshaw, J. Barclay, J. H. M. Steele and R. Reed always ran strongly. J. M. O. Gwilliam, at full-back, had the confidence of those in front of him, and linked well with the three-quarters in attack. R. Reed's goal-kicking was effective, frequently hitting the mark from the touch-line.

The team started the season in good fashion, and the Denstone match provided first-class football, with good combination of all divisions. Other good matches were those against Birkenhead; Chetham's Hospital where an older and

more experienced team was held until the closing minutes; H.M.S. Conway, and Moseley Hall Grammar School.

The victory against North Manchester was a triumph for spirit and determination over adverse conditions often outside the scope of pure rugby.

Merchant Taylors' School, after being held forward for 15 minutes, played glorious football and thereafter outplayed Hulme in all aspects. The fitter and more experienced Crosby backs exploited Hulme's inability to bring an opponent to ground and gave a fine display of the effectiveness of orthodox football. Still the game was exciting to the spectator, and A. G. Skinner, who came into the team late, scored a pleasing consolation try in the last quarter.

Colours are awarded to: P. N. Bentley, R. G. Edwards, F. Barclay, P. S. Bertenshaw, G. D. Cooper, P. J. Derlien, I. Hartley, J. M. O. Gwilliam, J. R. Moran, R. Reed, A. Steel, J. H. M. Steele, J. S. Street, C. Laycock, D. Thornhill, D. L. Worthing.

RESULTS

v. Denstone College	W	19—6
v. North Manchester G.S.	W	14—3
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham	W	39—8
v. Cheadle Hulme School	W	6—0
v. Old Hulmeians 'A'	L	3—8
v. Birkenhead School	W	6—3
v. Chetham's Hospital	L	6—9
v. King's School, Macclesfield	W	15—0
v. Wallasey G.S.	L	6—12
v. Merchant Taylors' School	L	5—29
v. H.M.S. Conway	W	8—3
v. Moseley Hall G.S.	W	8—0

POINTS

P	W	L	F	A
12	8	4	135	81

UNDER 15 XV

The Under 15 XV was not as successful as their predecessors of recent years, but nevertheless was not devoid of merit. The forwards were slow to develop cohesion, but eventually they learned to work together and pushed well in the tight scrums. In the loose, their play would have been more effective if they thought more quickly. The three-quarter line was fast and handled well, but only occasionally was the timing of the passes good. However, effectiveness in attack was frequently nullified by poor tackling and falling in defence. This often arose from a mistrust of each other and a desire to remain on their feet, but it caused

the loss of several matches which appeared to be well in hand. The half-back combination was most difficult to establish, but by the end of term A. D. R. Dickson and P. D. Hanson had achieved a good understanding.

The captain, K. L. McMurtrie and the vice-captain, K. B. Lodge led by their example and were quietly efficient in all they did. The team was K. L. McMurtrie (capt.), K. B. Lodge (vice-capt.), D. J. Chambers, M. J. Slater, M. J. Giles, H. Bond, P. F. Fidler, D. S. Buckley, G. B. Brister, A. D. R. Dickson, P. D. Hanson, G. Stansfield, J. M. Higginbottom, J. F. Wilde and A. S. Wilkinson. The following also played: C. L. Mottram, T. P. S. Larsen, D. P. Feeney, S. G. Ogden, R. C. Back, P. S. Richardson, B. F. Saville and J. E. Ford.

RESULTS

v. Stockport G.S.	H	W	5—3
v. Denstone College	H	L	3—17
v. North Manchester G.S.	A	L	8—15
v. Poundswick G.S.	A	L	8—25
v. King Edward VI S., Lytham...	H	W	17—16
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	L	6—11
v. Leeds G.S.	H	L	5—16
v. Birkenhead School	A	L	0—32
v. Manchester G.S.	H	W	25—0
v. King's School, Macclesfield ...	A	L	0—11
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby ...	H	W	15—5
v. H.M.S. Conway	H	W	25—3
v. Moseley Hall G.S.	A	L	3—13

UNDER 14 XV

The team enjoyed a fairly successful season, winning six matches and losing two. The pack played well in the set-scrummage and line-out, but were far too slow in following up the loose ball. The threequarters and halves relied on individual penetration rather than team work in attack, and far too much work was placed on the shoulders of five or six people in defence. These tackled splendidly, but the burden placed upon them in the Leeds and Macclesfield games left them little energy for attacking movements. On the whole, however, the side showed promise, and several players, as they increase in age and size, should become very capable performers.

The following played in matches: P. Mercer, W. P. Cavanagh, M. P. Reddin, K. W. Nightingale, P. Richardson, C. Knott, D. P. Gaskell, A. D. Koffman, A. J. McGlue, J. A. Burslem, K. Herbert, J. J. McMullen, D. Cowan, S. Harrold, I. G. Cundey, M. L. Ford and N. J. Burnside.

RESULTS

v. Stockport G.S.	H	W	8—6
v. North Manchester G.S.	H	W	30—6
v. Poundswick G.S.	H	W	27—0
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	W	8—3
v. Leeds G.S.	A	L	0—18
v. King's School, Macclesfield ...	A	L	0—19
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby ...	A	W	10—6
v. Moseley Hall School	A	W	12—3

JUNIOR SCHOOL XV

The season opened, unfortunately, with an easy victory against a smaller and lighter Stockport side, unfortunate because the game did not reveal the weaknesses later to be laid bare by a fiery Poundswick side. The team changes which followed this defeat produced a sound defence which was for the remainder of the season the outstanding feature of this team. Their tackling was relentless and certainly the best by any Junior School XV since its inauguration, while they showed a fearless disregard of oncoming players when falling on the ball.

The team, however, still lacked thrust behind the pack, and Simpson, the most complete player in the side, came up from full-back to make the openings to exploit more fully the strength and speed of Dodd. That this manoeuvre was only partially successful must be blamed on the tendency of all the backs to take passes standing still, and but for the penetrating power of Dodd many of the scores would have been vastly different.

Partington, who had the difficult task of taking Simpson's place at full-back, played calmly and efficiently even when under pressure, his catching being particularly good, but his tackling lacked the determination of his team-mates. Mention must be made of Hallworth who did excellent work in the line-outs and led a vigorous pack whose main fault lay in never learning to give a really concerted push in the set scrums. This led to a slow service from the base of the scrum, and Peart at fly-half found himself with little room to manoeuvre; it is much to his credit that he usually made ground and rarely died with the ball still in his hands.

Once more we must thank our supporters, especially the parents, for their unfailing support and encouragement even at our most distant away matches. There is however still room on the touch-line for more spectators, so you First Formers who read this now resolve next year to produce not only the best team ever but the largest crowd ever to urge them on to victory. Just think of the effect of the sight, and sound, of a hundred or so Junior Schoolites in full cry, on even the doughtiest of opponents.

RESULTS

v. Stockport G.S.	A	W	42—0
v. Poundswick G.S.	H	L	5—12
v. K. Edward VII G.S., Lytham	A	W	16—0
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	12—9
v. Manchester G.S.	H	W	24—3
v. King's School, Macclesfield ...	H	W	6—0
v. Merchant Taylors' Sch., Crosby	A	W	29—9
v. Moseley Hall	H	W	11—8
v. Wilmslow County G.S.	A	Cancelled	

Points For 145, Against 41.

Team: M. H. Partington, C. J. Oxford, K. M. Dodd, G. S. Simpson (captain), D. K. Anderson, G. Peart, W. A. Veitch, J. P. Ketley, E. E. Broadhurst, J. A. White, B. J. Edwards, D. Hallworth (leader), J. S. Rhodes, P. A. Houston, D. G. Bird.

Touch-judge: S. R. Marsden.

Also played: M. R. Cummins (2), J. A. Gabbay (2), G. McGeary (2), S. R. Marsden (2), M. D. Mitchell (2), R. J. Fitzgerald (1), G. F. Jones (1), J. J. Majewski (1).

HOUSE RUGBY

Consistently dry pitches made this a very enjoyable term right from the beginning. Almost two rounds of the House league were played, each House fielding four teams, and in the early stages Byrom took the lead but were soon overhauled by Gaskell. Fraser took up a chase and in the mid part of the term there was very little in it. Towards the end, however, Gaskell increased their lead to win with 140 points followed by Dalton who came at the end with a storming finish and 113 points, Byrom 109 and Fraser 101.

Heywood and Whitworth have had a very lean time this term, but we hope to see them back in the running next year.

On the last Wednesday of term a Seven-a-Side tournament was played, each House fielding six teams. The competition was won by Dalton after a very entertaining afternoon.

The Knock-outs provided us with conversation for some considerable time. Gaskell and Whitworth won through to the final, and on paper, as last year, Gaskell were firm favourites. This situation, however, does not seem to help them at all, and after starting in splendid style, with a try in the first few minutes, they let things slide and Whitworth, sticking to their task manfully, emerged victors by nine points to three.

In the Junior Knock-out Dalton had a comfortable victory over Byrom.

House Notes

BYROM

At the beginning of last term M. H. Homer, A. J. B. Hilton, A. G. Mitchell and J. G. P. Morgan were appointed School Prefects. M. H. Homer was made Head of House and A. J. B. Hilton Deputy Head of House. J. N. Jones and C. Porter were reappointed House Prefects and during the term the following were appointed House Prefects: R. W. Wetton, G. J. Norman, J. G. Shawcross, G. Roberts, P. A. Merriman, P. C. Allen, B. Ball, C. R. Fairclough, L. M. Hall and A. H. Lynn.

We congratulate J. G. P. Morgan and R. W. Wetton on being raised to the rank of C.S.M. in the C.C.F.

Academically the House has done well: on the results of the G.C.E. examinations A. J. B. Hilton and L. M. Hall were awarded State Scholarships. Four members of the House have gained admission to Oxford University: M. H. Homer, Scholarship in Classics at Brasenose College; A. J. B. Hilton, Exhibition in History at New College; L. M. Hall, Exhibition in Physics at Brasenose College; and A. G. Mitchell, Commonership in Chemistry at Keble College. We wish them every success at Oxford.

On the sporting side, the House was well represented on the School Rugby Teams: 1st XV: I. D. McQueen, P. A. Merriman; 2nd XV: I. S. Ashcroft, J. N. Jones, M. A. Morris, G. Roberts, J. G. Shawcross, D. R. Stott; 3rd XV: B. Ball, C. Porter, C. L. Roxburgh; U.16 XV: J. Blake, J. K. Irving, J. S. Street; U.15 XV: D. S. Buckley, A. D. R. Dickson, J. M. Higginbottom, G. Stansfield; U.14 XV: P. S. Blood, D. G. Cowan, M. L. Ford, C. Knott, K. W. Nightingale, M. P. Reddin.

In spite of this, we did not fare as well as we might have done in the Knock-Outs. The Senior Team, led by J. N. Jones, had high hopes of retaining the Rugby Shield. A convincing 17—3 victory over Heywood in the first round seemed to indicate that they would do so, but in the second round against Gaskell a try in the last minute put them out of the competition. The Junior Team, under the able leadership of A. D. R. Dickson, reached the final by defeating Heywood 36—3 in the first round, and Fraser 12—0 in the second round. In the final they did well to hold a strong Dalton team until half-time, but the task proved too much, and they eventually lost 25—3. In the House League we finished third; this was a good result, as it was often difficult to field full teams. The Seven-a-sides proved disappointing as we could only manage fourth position; the one bright spot was the achievement of the first team in

reaching the final, where they were defeated by a strong Gaskell side.

Despite some good individual efforts, the House finished a poor fifth in the Swimming Sports.

Finally we wish the producer and cast every success with the House Play this term.

DALTON

At the beginning of this term D. S. Gee and S. M. Lomax were appointed School Prefects, and M. V. Tidmas was appointed a House Prefect. We offer them our congratulations and also we wish to congratulate S. M. Lomax on being awarded an open scholarship in natural sciences at Queens' College, Cambridge.

The Michaelmas term proved to be a highly successful one for the House. We got off to an excellent start by winning the Burnside Cup for swimming. Ably led by D. M. Altaras, the House defeated Fraser by one point.

L. Oliver was appointed captain of House Rugby. In the Senior Knock-outs the House was eliminated by the eventual winners, Whitworth, in the semi-finals after a very spirited performance. In fact the House was leading for most of the first half. The Juniors, however, proved to be much too good for the other Houses, sweeping aside all opposition to tally nearly a hundred points in their three matches without their line being crossed once. We wish to thank Senior members of School rugby teams, especially L. Oliver and J. Oldham, for the time they spent helping the Juniors in practice. In the House league competition the House played some determined rugby although not always brilliant, and deservedly finished runners-up. The term was brought to a successful conclusion when the House won the Seven-a-Side rugby competition fairly comfortably, two Junior teams and one Senior team winning their respective finals. Praise must be given to the whole House for this fine victory.

The House was represented on School rugby teams by L. Oliver and G. Casale (1st XV). J. Oldham, P. F. Veitch and D. M. Altaras (2nd XV). F. J. Kenworthy (capt.) and A. A. Lockett (3rd XV). P. N. Bentley (capt.), P. J. Derlien, J. D. Moran, C. Laycock (U.16 XV). H. Bond, M. J. Slater, D. J. Chambers, P. D. Hanson, A. J. Wilkinson (U.15 XV). J. J. McMullen, K. Herbert (U.14 XV).

The House is now looking forward to an equally successful Lent term. M. V. Tidmas has been appointed captain of School and House Cross-country running and we wish him every success. Again our best hope of success seems to stem from the Juniors for the School U.15 XII contains six members of the House, and we hope they will again fulfil all the promise they show.

FRASER

We congratulate P. W. Norris and A. S. Burgess on their appointments as School Prefects. P. W. Norris is also to be congratulated on gaining an Open Scholarship in Natural Sciences at Pembroke College, Oxford.

In the House League Rugby competition, we started extremely well, winning most of the games played, but our performance fell off towards the end of term and the House finished fourth in the final placing. In the Knock-Out competition, Fraser seniors were unfortunate to be knocked out in the first round as a result of too much individual effort rather than actual team play. The juniors were knocked out in the second round by Byrom.

The House was well represented on the School teams and team colours were awarded to, on the First Team: A. S. Burgess, D. R. Latham; on the Second Team: M. D. Rayburn, A. P. Warburton, E. C. Comyn-Platt, E. Rigg and J. S. Nixon; on the Under 16 Team: S. J. Bertenshaw, I. Hartley and R. Reed; and on the Under 15 Team: K. L. McMurtrie, who was also the captain. The following played on the School Teams: on the Third Team, R. A. Charlton, P. W. Norris, P. D. Jones; on the Under 16, J. H. M. Steele, F. I. Barclay; and on the Under 15, D. P. Feeney, J. E. Ford and B. F. Saville.

Production of the House play, under M. D. Rayburn, started early this year and hopes of success are high. The play is being performed early in February and problems this term have been simply of expression and full use of the stage. In previous years there has usually been a panic even to learn lines in the last fortnight before the play's performance. This year the actors knew their lines and the basic gestures and movement at the beginning of this term.

Indications are that the House Cross-country Running team will be strong this year; already three seniors—R. A. Charlton, A. S. Burgess, and F. W. Boardman—have been selected to run for the school. In Lacrosse there are very few members of the House in the 1st or 2nd School XIIIs—all the more opportunity for others to shine in the Knock-Outs and the League!

GASKELL

Let us first congratulate C. W. Beaumont and I. G. Kennedy on being appointed School Prefects; P. A. Royse and J. O. Freeman, House Prefects; A. R. Wood on winning an open scholarship to Churchill College, Cambridge and P. W. Walker a commonership at Brasenose College, Oxford.

Gaskell's success last term came somewhat unexpectedly from the House league rugby teams, whose splendid spirit was justly rewarded at the

end of term, when the trophy was presented to us. Disappointment came however in the Knock-out competition. The Junior House was heavily beaten by a very strong Dalton side. The Seniors, having beaten their nearest rivals, Byrom 3—0, with a try scored in the very last minutes of the game, should have easily carried off the trophy from Whitworth, who fielded six reserves in their final team. We were defeated, however, by the determined and tactical play of our opponents and by our own excitement and over-enthusiasm. The score was 9—3 (two penalties and a drop goal to a try). The House finished second in the Seven-a-Side competition, the Seniors being the only team to win their final.

It is some years now since Gaskell excelled in the Swimming Sports and this year it was only the efforts of a few individuals that gave us a final position of fourth.

R. H. Roberts and G. Hibbert both played their parts excellently in the School production of *Oedipus Rex*. The production of the House play is in the hands of N. B. Pearson, and we wish him and his cast every success.

During last term the House was very well represented on School teams: 1st XV colours: I. G. Kennedy (vice-capt.), N. M. Kennedy, I. N. Dawson, J. S. Torkington. 2nd XV colours: C. W. Beaumont, N. B. Pearson. Under 16 XV colours: D. L. Worthing, G. J. Cooper. Under 15 XV colours: G. B. Brister. Under 14 XV colours: I. G. Cundey, D. P. Gaskell, A. D. Koffman.

There are good prospects for the lacrosse season—let a combined effort bring full rewards!

HEYWOOD

Last term we were sorry to learn that Mr. K. P. Thompson intended to retire. Mr. Thompson has given many years' service to the House as House Master and we wish him every happiness in his retirement and hope that he will maintain the strong ties he has formed with the House.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. S. A. Kirkham, who replaces Mr. Thompson as Housemaster. Mr. Kirkham has been a junior House Master for some years and we can only hope that he will find his new duties both enjoyable and rewarding.

The mass exodus of talent which occurred at the end of the last term had its expected effects. Both the Senior and Junior Knock-Out teams were defeated in the first-round by Byrom. The Senior team would have perhaps given better account of itself on a wet, muddy day when the powerful pack might have dictated the game. As it was, the dry, fine weather in which the match

was played was eminently suited to Byrom's fast, open game and they thoroughly deserved their victory.

Despite this poor showing in the Knock-Out, the House was quite well represented on the School teams. B. L. Andrew and M. R. Tweed were awarded their 1st XV colours, whilst 2nd XV colours were gained by J. D. Shuttleworth (capt.), J. R. M. Ward and M. J. C. Burns. R. K. Armstrong and P. Hodson played on the 3rd XV. On the Under 16 XV the House was represented by A. Steele, J. A. Thornhill and T. C. Cunliffe. Amongst the Juniors Under 15 XV colours were gained by J. F. Wilde and M. J. Giles whilst J. McKay, S. Bentham and R. C. Back also played on this team. S. C. Harrold and S. J. Burslem played for the Under 14 XV.

The performance of the House League teams before Half-Term was somewhat lethargic, but after the break they played with enthusiasm and ability which belied our lowly league position. If this enthusiasm can be maintained through this term success in the lacrosse competitions could well be ours.

The House maintained a dominant interest in the dramatic field. In the School production of *Oedipus Rex* T. C. Cunliffe took the title role, whilst P. D. Roylance, C. R. Holmes and J. D. Shuttleworth also had leading parts. D. J. Howard, as Stage Manager, must take much of the credit for the "behind-the-scenes" management of the production.

We would like to take this opportunity of wishing R. Hughes every success with his production of *No Fixed Abode* in the Inter-House Play Competition.

It may interest past members of the House to know that we have forsaken the "old world charm" of Room 15 and district for the more modern "comforts" of the Science Block.

WHITWORTH

We congratulate H. F. Lyon on his appointment as a School Prefect.

Having disposed of Fraser and Dalton in the first and second rounds of the rugby Knock-out, the Seniors, with six reserves on the side, were faced with the almost impossible task of beating a star-studded Gaskell side to win the final.

Gaskell took the lead with a try in the first few minutes. Soon afterwards, R. H. Dakin converted a penalty to make the scores level, and later converted another penalty to make the score 6—3. In the final minutes H. F. Lyon kicked a fine drop-goal to make the victory complete.

The Juniors unfortunately were not destined to succeed, and were beaten in the first round by Dalton.

The lack of enthusiasm shown in House team games was borne out by the final position in the League competition.

R. H. Dakin was captain of School rugby. Other School team players were: 1st XV: H. F. Lyon, A. A. Jackson. 2nd XV: P. C. M. Roberts, H. Burgess. U.16 XV: R. G. Edwards, J. M. O. Gwilliam, A. G. Skinner. U.15 XV: K. B. Lodge, P. M. Fidler. U.14 XV: A. C. McGlue, P. M. McNulty and S. G. Ogden also played for School teams.

R. H. Dakin has been appointed captain of School Lacrosse. To conclude, our best wishes go to D. A. Ranson and I. T. Wheatley who are producing the House Play, *Five Days*.

Hulme Lads' Club Collection

The amount collected this year is £567 1s. 5d. some £13 less than last year's final total.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
1a	21	4	3	5a	25	13	4
1b	37	16	0	5l	20	11	10
1c	21	18	6	5y	21	18	7
2a	25	16	1	Lr. VI ...	63	4	6
2b	18	7	8	Mid/Up. VI	59	7	6
2c	23	17	0	Prep.	86	19	6
3a	19	3	3	Misc.	23	0	1
3b	19	13	7				
3y	22	6	4	Total ...	£567	1	5
4a	31	13	5				
4l	24	10	0				

Winter Sports in Austria

Central Station, Manchester. Boxing Day, mid-night train to London. Some twenty boys, mostly in their skiing outfit, ready for the battle with the snows abroad (though there is actually enough of it here). Good-byes—we are off! Breakfast next morning at the lush Grosvenor Hotel in London compensates for the long and dreary night journey. Ten minutes before departure our tickets for the continent arrive—phew! Another departure, followed by a short and not unpleasant crossing from Dover to Calais. Claiming our couchettes on the Trans-Continental express causes a slight confusion, but is soon settled and the second night on the train proves less tiring as most of us have a good rest. When daylight breaks we are in Austria and the sun gleams on high snow-capped peaks

all around. Piles of snow by the side of the track hold forth good promise, but muffled and shivering figures also hint at the big freeze-up. At our arrival at Jenbach the thermometer reads 26 degrees C below freezing point. A short drive to Pertisau and we have the first glimpse of our chalet hotel, deep in snow with icicles in clusters hanging from the roof under a thick layer of snow. Inside it is warm, comfortable, clean and cheerful. A charming young man and his equally charming young bride present themselves as our hosts and we are soon housed and fed to everybody's satisfaction.

The next day, after some difficulty over the required number of hired skis, everybody is drafted into appropriate classes at the local ski school and a fortnight's rigorous training begins—two hours in the morning and two hours in the afternoon, every day, Sundays included. Progress is fast and soon most people feel quite at home on skis and on the practice slopes. The drag lift comes in for a good deal of use and the more experienced old-timers even venture on to the big chair lift with its various, more or less hair-raising runs down into the valley. New Year's Eve and its joyous celebrations in continental style, shared with a group of French students from Lille University, are the only interruptions of the holiday exclusively devoted to sport.

But soon it is time to prove our achievements: on the last day ski tests are held in style, resulting in the following awards:

First Class (Gold Badge)—I. H. K. Flinter, O.H.
Second Class (Silver)—A. R. Allen

" " " —W. H. F. Liversedge

" " " —A. Horwich

" " " —M. J. Crowther

Third Class (Bronze)—M. E. Brooke

" " " —M. A. Morris

The downhill slalom race was won by:

1. A. Horwich in the best time of 35 seconds; 2. I. H. K. Flinter (O.H.) came second with 36 seconds; 3. P. G. Horwich—37 seconds; 4. R. C. Partington—40 seconds; 5. M. J. Crowther—40.5 seconds—his first year on skis; and so in descending order up to one minute and 59 seconds for the slowest "crawl-down".

After the ceremony of "pinning on of badges" accompanied by much applause, speeches in "se" English and—alas!—only one kiss for the winners from Christl, our instructress, whose charms seem to have found universal approval, we, in return, betokened our gratitude with gifts bought with collected money.

The next day another wave of good-byes throws us back once more into a series of minor battles for seats and places on the train. But again it all ends well and the ease with which we pass through

the customs at Dover, thanks to Dr. Jeeny's eloquence perhaps, crowns the end of a wonderful holiday abroad.

We had enjoyed each other's company, and that of Mr. Boustead and his friend and of I. H. K. Flinter (O.H.), and his sister, and last not least our winter sports. Our thanks are due to Dr. Jeeny and his wife for arranging this enjoyable holiday.

Keswick, 1962

At half-term in late October, a small group from the Geography Department led by Mr. Travers, left Manchester for Keswick. The object of the expedition was to make a general study of the physical geography of the region.

Having eaten refreshments en route, the party was eager to commence field-work immediately. Rucksacks were left at the Keswick Youth Hostel, and the party set out for the lower slopes of Skiddaw. The gathering rain-clouds and physical exhaustion of certain members determined an early return.

The crisp, clear weather of the following morning was decidedly favourable for an ascent of Hellvelyn. Its boulder-strewn ruggedness contrasted markedly with the smooth, heather-covered slopes of Skiddaw. This contrast is caused by a difference in rock structure; Hellvelyn being composed of volcanic rocks, Skiddaw, of more recent sedimentary material known as Skiddaw Slate. The snow-covered peak of Hellvelyn revealed a magnificent view, extending to the Irish Sea; while the pattern of radial drainage could be identified from the positions of the various lakes. The descent was achieved in a dangerously short time; and the party divided into smaller groups to pursue private field-study.

The party returned to Manchester the following morning; tired, but grateful to Mr. Travers for his successful efforts in creating a pleasant atmosphere and high morale.

Escape

You won't remember my friend George, will you? Well, George was one of the strangest people I know, and in many ways the most likeable. He taught Physics up at the University, but he could have become a doctor in any of the sciences—Physics, Chemistry, Biology—the lot. In short, George was an absolute genius at almost anything he applied himself to. He was well liked at the University—for some reason everybody used to call him 'Dad'. But even if you had known him for

twelve years as I had he was still apt to surprise you with his mannerisms.

George's two reasons for staying alive were his work and his hobby—a strange hobby for a man like him, railway modelling. And the one bane of his whole life was the person he was forced to share it with—his wife. Dragon is just not the right word for that woman. Almost every time she set eyes on him she would be nagging him for some reason or another, and mostly it was his model railway. "A grown man like you," she would say, even before visitors, "and you're still playing with toy trains!" Poor old George didn't say anything back to her; it just was not in his nature.

Of course, I didn't understand much of George's work, but the thing I could appreciate most was that railway layout. As with everything else he did, George excelled at modelling. His competition entry at the Christmas Exhibition used to carry away first prize so often that in desperation they gave him the cup for good and had to rule him out from further competitions to give the rest a chance. The layout in his garage, however, was the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. It was a miniature town, tiny and so modern-looking and well-designed you would have thought it was an architect's model. There was an intricate maze of railway lines, clean, modern blocks of flats, and even the interior details of every house and railway coach were perfect in every way. It was his pride and joy, that layout, and he could be seen working on it every minute of his spare time—whenever his wife let him, that is. "My perfect town," he would call it. "No rates, no tax, no traffic problems, no smog. If only I could live there, eh?"

George used to come out with queer things like that, like the time when he lined up two wall mirrors parallel to each other and swore he could see to infinity. He even made some joke about being "free from the wife there". If I had his wife I would have gone, with no regrets.

Anyway, two days after I had visited him to see his layout, old George disappeared without the slightest trace. Of course, suspicion immediately fell on his wife, but, without his body, the hands of the police were naturally rather tied, and so George was duly listed "Missing Person". It didn't seem to me as though he had thrown himself into the river, because he seemed cheerful enough when I went to see him for the last time. He was working on his railway as always, but there were one or two things different from usual. He seemed to be strengthening the baseboard or whatever it's called with pieces of iron tubing like scaffolding, and there was also one of his electronic gadgets in the corner—I remember thinking what an ugly thing it was—beetle-like and squat with wires and tubes coming from it. Ask George a straight question and you got either evasiveness or electronic jumble, so I didn't ask him what it was. Oh—and

there were books there, too, all over the floor. Dozens and dozens of fiction books.

Well, that's all there was until today. This afternoon I went up to George's place just to look at his layout again. His wife let me into the garage after about half-an-hour's argument and there I was again looking at his magnificent piece of work just as it was before he had disappeared.

Just as it was, I said, except for one thing. From the chimney of one of his model houses about two inches tall, came the tiniest wisp of wood-smoke.

A. D. MASON, 6CL.

Platform Reverie

The doors of the carriage crashed shut, and I was alone upon the platform. As the train puffed away, the long, sharp beat of the exhaust steam broke the early morning stillness. I looked around me; everywhere was deserted. Long empty platforms stretched towards the road bridge at the end of the cutting. Tall, quaint Victorian lamp standards broke the monotony of the horizontal lines formed by the waiting room roof and the platform. I looked the other way, to see a signal box, deserted, probably made useless by the new, characterless power cabin farther down the line. The roof was in bad repair, and it was obvious that the box would soon be removed from sight.

I turned away from the signal box and, opening the door of the waiting room, saw a coal fire, the first sign of life since the train left. I sat down upon a cold leather upholstered seat and proceeded to warm myself by the fire, away from the cold damp morning outside. I looked up at the wall to see a poster proclaiming that as from 1909, the Cheshire Lines Committee would run three extra trains a day to Liverpool. That was a contrast to branch line closures today. I looked at my watch, and saw that the train to Glazebrook was due in half an hour's time. I gazed into the fire and sat dreamily thinking of the station in its hey-day, when everything was a hurry and a bustle: porters moving their trolleys noisily down the paved platforms; the Station-Master proudly displaying his uniform to the Gentry waiting for the first-class Pullman to take them to London. There would be brightly coloured paintwork on the canopies and window frames instead of dreary maroon-brown and cream. There would be bright red locomotives of the Midland Railway proudly displaying their company's coat of arms in a prominent position on their cab sides. Perhaps there would be a rail motor car on the Liverpool service and a large 0-6-0 goods locomotive shunting in the now little-used goods yard. Then the Pullman would perhaps come in from Liverpool; it would probably be

going over the Great Central to London via Sheffield, or by the Midland via Derby—that home of the beautiful red locomotives, the nucleus of the Midland Railway. The gentlemen about to board the train would take off their hats when the ladies stepped off the train onto the platform. Then, when everybody was aboard, the Guard would wave his flag and the train would set off to the musical beat of the powerful locomotive-in-charge.

I was rudely awakened from my dreams of a by-gone age by the loud horn of the Diesel Multiple unit that was to take me to Glazebrook. I opened the waiting room door and walked across the platform and then into a non-smoking compartment. I looked back at what is now a picturesque railway station; and thought of the present railways—so much cleaner and efficient!—Big powerful Diesels and multiple units; fast 25 Kv. A.C. electric locomotives! But give me my first class Pullman train, with its antique, Victorian, plushy seats and oil or gas lamps. Give me my brilliant red locomotives of the Midland Railway, lined out in yellow and black. Give me my rail motors on the Liverpool service.

Alas! they are gone and will never be seen again; one cannot stand in the way of "progress".

I. MALLINSON, 5A.

The Story of a King

The thick-foliaged trees shaded the pool from the malignant heat of afternoon. Gratefully, a deer nuzzled the cool water, and quenched her raging thirst with long, deep gulps. Suddenly, the doe raised her head; nostrils distended and ears erect, she scanned each shadow, each bush, that might conceal an enemy. Her suspicions though yet unsatisfied, she continued drinking. What had distressed this creature? Was she, instinct guided, aware of this mighty cat cowering so dangerously close?

This royal cat is descended from fathers of fame, whose powerful deeds earned a powerful name. He kills to prove their titles and to establish his own. Hail, king of beasts! none dares challenge him, all retreat in submissive obedience. But compelled obedience is not enough, he must compel them to suffer too. Each day, he purges the jungle, killing five times, yet eating only twice.

With incredible stealth, the lion approached the unwatching victim. He cowered lower, tautened every sinew, expressed his royal right of wrath in a resounding roar, and leapt. Unfailing in his accuracy, he crushed the doe's back. Then he gashed open her writhing neck, hideously sinking in his massive canines. From end to end the deer lay torn open and from his royal head to his royal paw, the lion-king wallowed deep in heinous gore.

He revelled in the warm tang of life, and he quenched *his* violent thirst with long, deep gulps.

Now, he may walk the jungle with proof of his majesty. Behold! the red stains of courage that adorn his matted mane. But—Your majesty, you grow careless in your pride. See you not the suspicious pattern of grass whereon you tread? Beware of your royal person—too late! How come you at the bottom of that pit? Do the spiked stakes pierce your royal side? But how can *this* be?—The red of the noble blood that gushes from your royal heart seems no richer than that trickle from your mane!

So the lion-king fell at last, pride, courage, majesty and all! At the height of his glory, his power and his fame, he fell into a trap, set by an intelligence far greater than his.

This tale is ended, but two points may be worthy of mention. Why is the lion called "King of Beasts"? The exceptionally muscular body, the strength, a large head with bright-flashing eyes?—perhaps. But why should this noble appearance, this mask of "intertissued robes" give rise to fancies that he is of a noble and generous disposition, which have no foundation in reality. Surely it cannot be that the "noble lustre" in his eyes when he kills, or the bloody proof of his right of kingship appeal to us also? Secondly, it is well to remember that there might be Someone whose intelligence is far, far greater than that of Men, despite all our enlightened science and logic.

Z. J. QURESHI, 5Y.

Fog

Swirling, menacing, the fog comes down,
an enveloping cloud,
a mysterious, writhing mass of mist.

Comes down on the cities to engulf man's
puny communications.

The lonely walker is trapped, cut off
by the ghostly shrouds.
Sinister figures, weird, inhuman, are
blurred by the fog.

Fog, getting into lungs, choking, blocking,
invading the vulnerable human body.

Now the fog is master, clawing, creeping,
feeling, finding, knowing all

But soon the clammy mists are flagging
and the gaunt fingers rise
to the skies—

While the breeze dispels them with swift
contempt.

R. L. PRIDGEON, 2A.

Churchyards By Night

During the day the village church can be a place of beauty and serenity. It is usually the most prominent building one discerns as one approaches any country hamlet, being set apart from the farm buildings and houses, on the highest position in the locality. Its tall spire or tower pointing heavenwards, seems to symbolise the eternity of God's love and protection. From a distance, particularly if we are looking from a higher level, the surrounding churchyard seems to be the perfect setting, with its green trees, grass mounds and multi-shaped headstones.

By night, however, and especially on a cloudy, windy evening when the moon just occasionally and suddenly breaks through the scudding clouds, this self-same gem of a churchyard becomes a most frightening and eerie place. A place to pass by as quickly as possible, with many a hurried glance over the shoulder. It is certainly not a place to loiter around. The church itself seems to cast grotesque shadows, darting hither and thither with the prankish moon. The wind which by day sets the leaves of the trees singing now seems to be the very wailing and howling of the departed, beating against their earth-bound coffins, moaning against their fate. The headstones can, to the more imaginative, assume the shape of hooded, ghostly figures, which dance to the hooting and screeching of the barn-owls. A sudden burst of light upon this scene; like the shaft of light from the opening of the church door or the headlights of a passing car, can set the senses tingling, giving an almost irresistible urge to scream and run from it all as fast as possible.

God's place by day appears the Devil's playground by night, to be shunned by all but the stronger-minded. All tricks of the mind and imagination, you say?—I wonder.

A. J. McGLUE, 3A.

A Visit To Coventry Cathedral

During the summer holidays I stayed with my family just outside Stratford-upon-Avon. Among the many interesting places I particularly wanted to see was Coventry Cathedral. We had paid a visit there two years before, and then, surrounded by the grey dinginess of builders' scaffolds and tools, it had hardly looked like becoming the revolutionary architectural wonder that it is now supposed to be.

Arriving at Coventry, we were still a quarter of a mile from the Cathedral when we first reached the end of the queue. Desperately hoping that this was a queue for an "irregular bus service", we

walked on. There was no chance of missing the way—we simply had to follow the people. As we turned the last bend we at least hoped for a good view of the Cathedral, but again we were disappointed. All that could be seen—even at the head of the queue—was the dark exterior of the Chapel of Unity and some of the ruins of the old Cathedral.

We trudged those weary 400 yards to the back of the queue and after several minutes of discussion decided to stay with the crowd and see how quickly it moved. The queue moved quite fast, however, and we decided to stay and amuse ourselves by watching the other members of the long line of people. Among these were the English, waiting quietly and making polite conversation. In contrast were the American tourists, talking about how many snaps they had taken of this "Cute Country" and proudly showing their friends their newly acquired plaster-cast busts of Shakespeare.

Finally, after about an hour and a quarter of patient waiting, we reached the head of the queue and walked into the huge, almost uncanny, building. Naturally the first thing that one sees is the immense tapestry by Graham Sutherland, so vast and awe-inspiring. Unfortunately this has been photographed and depicted so many times that it seemed to me almost all too familiar. The next thing that struck me was that there were no pews, only chairs. The front few of these have beautifully hand embroidered kneelers. However, the windows really make the cathedral what it is. Perhaps the most beautiful of them is the Baptistry window which is, as the guide says, "an almost breathtaking blaze of colour". It contains nearly 200 lights and is the largest window in the cathedral, with the Bethlehem Font beneath it.

Another impressive sight is the Crown of Thorns, through which can be seen "The Angel of the Lord" and "The Apostle's Sleep".

Although I was much impressed by the wooden pulpit, lectern and clergy stalls, I did not like the "triads" which frame the altar and sections of the tapestry leading up to the "Bishop's Throne".

As we made our way out, I noticed that on every alcove were Biblical quotations in child-like writing which is meant to imply that in this most modern Cathedral, man is still dependent on the primitive truths of our faith.

On the outside I could not help spending several minutes examining the giant twenty-five foot bronze group which depicts, in finest detail, St. Michael defeating the Devil.

As we walked under the great arch which links the old and new cathedrals on the way to the souvenir shop, I thought again of the brilliant windows, the massive tapestry and fancy stonework, and reflected that although this was an architectural wonder of artistic magnificence, it did not

fulfil the purpose required. The thought passed through my mind how more suitable for the worship of God was our small church with its plainish windows and ugly pulpit than that "Workman's Showroom" at Coventry.

I. M. K. LOWE, 3A.

The Brave Animal

I distinctly remember the time when my happiest day was suddenly turned to a tragedy, and I was deprived of any care or protection. I was exposed to the horrors of the world early in my life. As I was out with my mother and brother, for the first time we were allowed to see our father and walk with the herd. What a proud figure my father presented with his fine branching antlers and noble gait. I was so happy, all the spring flowers blooming, and the young animals prancing and playing on the sweet-smelling grass. The hot sun beating down on the grass presented such a tranquil scene.

Suddenly the tragedy struck and chaos reigned as enormous thunderclaps broke out on all sides. I saw my mother. Instead of the proud look she had worn, her face was contorted with agony. There was a dark red stain on her body and the gaping wound trickled blood onto the sweet grass. She was so still and silent, I could not understand. I was horrified.

Repelled by this scene, I turned away to see my brother lying on the ground, blood dripping from a wound in his body. His eyes held a glaze I had never seen before. Somehow I realized that my mother and brother were dead, and in a frenzied rage I ran wildly towards the unknown predators. Seized by an uncontrollable fit of panic and terror I charged with a vague hope of attacking these aggressors, who had so viciously and suddenly robbed me of my mother and brother.

As I ran, bullets zipped through the foliage and the earth around my feet. Suddenly I stumbled and fell. I could not stand up again so I just lay there panting hard. I realized my foolishness and as I tried to rack my brain about the events which had just occurred, they came back disjointedly. The shots—my mother and brother dead—then my futile stampede—then my fall. I was sweating and my body ached. My hide was hot and sticky. I felt a shiver as a trickle of sweat ran off my hide. As I turned, to my profound horror I found it was blood! My mind recalled the stampede and the fall and suddenly I remembered something like a tree-trunk hitting me. It must have been a bullet! I felt so bewildered and helpless. And I hope I

never experience again such a terrible ordeal, as those few ensuing minutes.

After the initial shock of the bullet, I could now feel the pain. My body doubled up and my face contorted with the agony. I was so torn with hatred, anger, fear, bewilderment, pain and self-pity, that the few minutes I spent there seemed an eternity. Finally regaining my shattered nerves and my self control, I tried to get up. But renewed spasms of pain forced me down and I vomited violently. Feeling stronger, I finally managed to stand and I took a few cautious steps before I crashed headlong. My confidence returning, I got up again and took a few steps before the inevitable fall came again. I continued in this manner for quite a time, always filled with apprehension as to whether I would evade my pursuers or not. My flight was arrested by a rustling nearby. I found cover just in time to see two strange creatures, carrying a deer on a pole between them. It was my mother! I felt the blind rage overcoming me, and only a sudden spasm of pain jabbing at my brain stopped me from rushing vainly towards them. The reminder of what happened last time sobered me. After this ghastly procession had passed I continued my flight and finally reached a stream. I waded in, and the cool water calmed my aching body. Greatly refreshed I reached the other bank where I lay panting in the reeds. Having crawled out of the water I reached a sheltered cove and fell into a fitful slumber. I had an awful dream, as my imagination recalled the tragedy, with many gory details it had added. The dream suddenly became too vivid and I awoke sweating and screaming.

A shot far away aroused me to renewed efforts and I staggered forward. I was so full of bitterness and hatred that even the forest seemed evil. I hated the blooming spring flowers and the soft lush grass. But most of all I hated the young animals prancing and playing. Why should they be so happy when I was so miserable? I now noticed my steps were shorter and my feet felt like lead. My eyesight blurred and then I collapsed.

I awoke to see a deer peering curiously over me and suddenly he smiled and started to make me comfortable and cleaning my wound. Who was this stranger who was helping me? Why was he helping me? My eyesight became clear and I saw this stranger. My heart pounded and I tried to get up or call out. I could do neither. It was my brother! How had this miracle been performed? There were so many questions I had to ask him, but I felt drowsy again. I fought to get up, but could not. "It's all right now, it's all right". I struggled to open my eyes, but could not. "It's all right." My brother's voice sounded far away and I only heard it faintly now, and I did not try to do anything, instead my mind blacked and I slept peacefully.

J. MILLETT, 3Y.

A Nightmare Journey

A silvery moon shone down from a black sky, bathing the road before me in a ghostly light. The miles flashed by under the iron rimmed coach wheels and the hard shod hooves of four fiery black stallions. As we travelled through the dark hours of the night the trees seemed to close in around us, appearing to be black phantoms looming out of the dark, barren, rocky moor on either side of the seemingly endless narrow road. Occasionally the long, wild, mournful howl of a lone, tawny wolf would ring through the dark night, breaking the ominous silence, only to echo and re-echo around us. The moon sailed behind a dark cloud as we rounded a bend in the dusty road. At that moment a dark figure on an ebony horse appeared in the gloom before us. A commanding voice rang out, "Stand and Deliver", as the terrified horses neighed and bucked wildly. The quick-thinking driver reached for a musket by his side, but a deafening roar resounded from the levelled barrel of the Highwayman's pistol, and the driver slumped lifeless to the ground. The Highwayman snatched the strong-box of silver from beside the dead driver, took one glance at the terrified passengers and spurred his quivering mount into the clutching trees. At that moment the shining moon reappeared and my straining eyes fell upon the fleeing road bandit. He was a tall man with fiery, wild eyes and a white livid scar down his cheek. A pair of lethal pistols hung from his leather belt and his rapier shone in the moonlight. I caught a last fleeting glimpse of the raider disappearing over the distant sky-line as he spurred his frothing mount and shouted, "Giddup Bess!" to his horse.

R. FINNIGAN, 2C.

Fear

Sitting watching television one evening when my parents had gone out, I heard a faint click. At first I thought nothing of it but a few moments later I heard it again. This time I put it down to someone doing something next door. Again I heard it but this time knew that it wasn't from next door, it came from the dining room. The only thing I could think of that sounded like that was when you open the sideboard.

Then I began to wonder if the doors were locked. I knew the front door was locked because I had heard Dad slam it when he went out. I also thought the back door was locked because I saw Dad shut it after getting the car out. But, after they had gone I went to feed the rabbit and I didn't remember shutting the door afterwards. Did I lock it? I remember locking the garage door when I fetched the oats, but don't remember shutting the back door. Of course locked it. I always

do . . . or do I? I don't remember banging it . . . Have I been into the kitchen since then? Yes I have, I went to fetch a glass of milk. Surely I'd have seen it if it wasn't shut, but would I? I might have turned the other way, but I remember thinking how cold it was. It isn't usually so cold.

Then I heard another sound. I glanced over my shoulder expecting to see the door opening. It didn't, so hastily I pushed an armchair against it. Now I thought, nobody could enter the room without my knowing. I crossed to the other side of the room and tried to concentrate on the television and forget about these strange noises. A few moments later I heard it again. This time it sounded like somebody moving cups and plates. Then another thought flashed through my mind and I recollected that a house only a few hundred yards away had been burgled recently.

Looking at the clock I saw that it was 10 o'clock and my parents would be back in half an hour. From that moment on I never took my eyes off the clock watching every minute tick by. The minutes ticked by and then I heard a car coming down the road—it was ours. A minute later I heard Dad knocking at the door. Quickly I removed my barricade and went to answer it. I told Dad about the noise and cautiously we approached the dining room door. We listened intently for a few moments then suddenly Dad pushed open the door and turned on the light. There was nobody there. Then we heard the noise again; it was a metal coat-hanger hanging on the door handle.

R. EMMOTT, 2C.

The Appalling Fascination of the British Weather

When man first graced this earth, the only way to make a living was to go and hunt in fair weather, and cultivate crops. Even then he watched meteorological conditions and discussed them with his fellow cave-dwellers.

Now, by the marvels of science, we have railways. A new suburban 'cave-dweller' can travel to work. He has read his paper, seen the headlines, scoreboard, obituaries and the weather report. By experience, he has found that discussing politics, local or national, with his travelling companions, leads to very heated arguments, so he chooses the only 'neutral' subject, the weather. Everyone agrees about the weather; if you have corns or tomatoes the weather is never satisfactory.

But with every paper giving a different weather summary, the individual has to determine a personal outlook. He listens to the five-to-six weather report; watches the television chart, memorizes all details concerning wind and pressure; then he

waits until morning to recite it, accompanied by his views on rose cultivation, to his colleagues on the train.

A thermometer rests on the garage wall and is examined every morning at the rising up, and in the evening at the setting down of the sun. This too is memorized for consultations and comparisons with one's senior at head office. A certain rivalry is introduced by comparing the varying readings noted by fellow travellers. Only the most up to date observations can be accepted by a critical group of keen weather followers.

The weather has become a habit to the Englishman; he now wears a standard dress consisting of a hard-wearing mackintosh, a pair of strong shoes, a dark suit, a bowler and an umbrella. Whatever showers, mud-baths and snow storms he has to get through, his fibre is unmarked; even in sun, that rare commodity, his uniform is still unchanged, and his umbrella is always at the ready. It looks as if it will be one tradition we can look forward to in an ever changing state of economics.

As a fascination, the weather is not expensive to the individual. It fills a conversational space which could be otherwise embarrassing. It starts friendships and keeps your shop-keeper faithful if you can spare him time to discuss the latest vagaries of that most fickle of British institutions—the weather!

A. W. WILDE, 5A.

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Lieutenant Commander A. R. Cole, R.N., was awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List.

H. B. Francis, a former member of the English staff, was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Nor-

wich in December, to serve in the Parish of Eaton, Norwich.

P. W. Booth has been offered an established post in the Inland Revenue Department as a Tax Officer (Higher Grade) for eventual training as an Inspector of Taxes.

The following results of degree examinations at St. David's College, Lampeter, was received after the last issue had gone to press:—

A. Rutherford—Class II Div. 1 History B.A.

J. M. Crook—General Arts, Pass B.A.

C. V. Hickling—General Arts. Pass B.A.

A. Godson has been chosen regularly for Lancashire in the Rugby Union County Championship.

The Editor will be delighted to receive news of Old Boys' activities and achievements.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

BIRTHS

BOWYER—On June 28th, to Barbara and Derek, a daughter.

TREDWELL—On October 2nd, to Eileen and Ralph, a daughter.

WARBURTON—On October 18th, to Marion and Gilbert, a daughter.

GOULD—On October 23rd, to Margaret and William, a son.

METCALFE—On November 12th, to Patricia and Roger, a daughter.

OLDHAM—On November 2nd, to June and Geoffrey, a son.

MARLTON—On November 29th, to Katharine and Paul, a daughter.

CARTER—On December 21st, to Pat and Geoffrey, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

DICKINS—STADDON—On October 27th, Michael Charles to Susan Pauline Elizabeth.

COLEMAN—CASKEN—On December 22nd, John Reid to Mary Janet.

DEATHS

VLIES—On October 25th, at 2 Woodlands Road, Manchester 16, Harry Huson Vlies, aged 82.

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THORPE—On January 9th, at Broadway House, Broadway, Hale, Walter Thorpe, J.P., aged 81.

SPEAKMAN—On January 20th, at 6 Wood Road, Manchester 16, Alan Watson, aged 33.

OBITUARIES

WALTER THORPE, J.P.

"J. A. B." writes—It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Walter Thorpe, O.H., who entered the School in 1892. He was a Past President of the Old Hulmeians Association, and in his quiet and unostentatious way he was a generous and an anonymous giver to all appeals for the benefit of the School. The Pavilion on the playing fields is one of the benefits of his generosity that the School enjoys. We mourn his loss and extend our sympathy to his family.

MR. H. H. VLIES

With the death of Mr. H. H. Vlies the School and the Old Hulmeians Association have lost a true friend and a most loyal supporter. He entered the School in 1889 and left in 1896; but his association with the School ended only with his life. He was an early and enthusiastic member of the Old Hulmeians Lacrosse Club and, even after his playing days were over, he continued his active support of the club by regularly attending matches. His support for other functions of the Association was equally readily forthcoming. One can scarcely remember a dinner at which he was not present.

He eventually became a very valued Governor of the School, his continued interest in which was shown in many ways, including his annual award of the Modern Language Prize. His enthusiasm for languages was shown also by numerous presentations of foreign books and periodicals to the School library and the help and encouragement he gave to School journeys abroad.

He will be remembered not only for his loyal services to the School, but by the very unobtrusive and kindly manner in which they were performed.

We offer his wife and family our deep sympathy.

Old Hulmeians Association

The Association completed the first fifty years of its existence on the 8th January, 1963. Before January, 1913 the games sections were independent bodies and one is tempted to look back to those days. Thanks to Frank Ashworth, who found the earlier editions of this magazine so fascinating that

on many occasions it was only in the small hours that he could tear himself away from them, we learn that Dr. Hall was instrumental in forming the Football Club on 11th October 1890. The Club colours were a white shirt with dark blue sash over left shoulder and dark blue cap. A little known fact is that on 21st February 1891 a Cricket Club was formed. On 9th April 1892 these two clubs amalgamated to become The Old Hulmeians Games Club. The Lacrosse Section came into being as the result of a meeting held on 28th March 1893. In May 1895 the first Smoking Concert was held at the Edinburgh Hall when, owing to a failure of the gas supply, tables were illuminated with penny dips, and coffee and minerals were available at very reasonable charges. Happy Days! Here's to the next fifty years!

It is with sorrow that we report the death of two of our oldest members and staunchest supporters. Harry Vlies who died in October 1962 and Walter Thorpe who died in January 1963 were much respected members of the Association and were usually present at all Association functions.

The Association has been successful in its application for a Club Registration Certificate under the terms of the New Licensing Act of 1961 for an initial period of ten years. When it is realised that in order to obtain this certificate Association premises were subjected to inspection by the City Architects Department, the Public Health Department, the Fire Service and the Police, one can compliment those responsible for keeping our premises in such good order and our rules up to date.

The Motor Section once again organised a most enjoyable and successful dinner dance at the Woodlands Hotel on 15th December, 1962, and the Lacrosse Section chose the same venue to hold its first ever Buffet Supper and Dance which was also a great success on 4th January, 1963.

The Lacrosse Section has also undertaken to bring to life the Old Hulmeians Association Notice Board which has hung dormant for so long at School. The boys appear to have appreciated this.

On 9th March, 1963, the Association is holding the Annual Dinner at the Midland Hotel. The Annual Golf Tournament will be held at Didsbury on 23rd May, 1963, and the Annual Cricket Match against the School on 6th July, 1963. It is hoped that the number of members attending these events will show an appreciable increase.

Our thanks are due to Walter Liggett who has presented a flag pole to the Association. It will be erected alongside the Clubhouse.

Although restored to health, Colin Nesbitt has found it necessary to resign from the general committee and from the chairmanship of the Rugby

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Section. Your committee accepted his resignation with regret and, as some small recognition of his untiring work for the Association, unanimously elected him a vice-president.

Alan Allman has suffered serious injury as the result of an accident but is now improving rapidly. The best wishes of the Association for complete and speedy recovery go out to him. In his temporary absence Jack Woollam is acting as chairman of the Appeals Committee.

Our best wishes for early and complete recovery are also extended to Mr. D. M. Williams who is at present recuperating from an operation.

Hon Sec.: E. Barnes, "The Hollies", Gatley Rd., Gatley.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse

This season the Old Hulmeians are fielding four teams regularly. This is the first time this has been possible since before the war and the playing strength, although limited in numbers, can be gauged by the fact that all but the 1st team are top of their respective divisions.

To maintain this situation, emphasis is being laid upon social contact with the School. Since the School now play House games on Saturday mornings, experienced members of the Section are available to give advice and coaching when requested. This is part of a general recruitment scheme whereby the Section is demonstrating actively the interest which we have in the School. In support, the new, large Association notice board at School is primed with up-to-date information.

Socially, the Section has held two most successful dances this season. This is especially true of the Buffet dance held at the Woodlands Hotel on January 4th, at which we were pleased to welcome the Headmaster and Mrs. Bird. It was the first of its kind and is already firmly established as an annual event.

The Christmas celebrations were enlivened by a card from the Old Hulmeians' Association, Lagos, in other words, F. P. Davies and D. Swindells. Inside the card was a neat pen sketch of two Lacrosse players nonchalantly catching falling coconuts with their sticks.

Our congratulations go to Mr. J. Peat who has been made National Coach to the game. He has also been made an Honorary Associate Member of the Section, in recognition of his services to both the Club and the Game.

Our thanks go to Mr. D. F. Manning, Mr. A. M. Blight and Mr. C. E. Bryans for assisting the Section in no mean way. They have given us playing strength and guidance where it was most needed

and as a result of their efforts two of our teams have excellent chances of earning promotion and thus boosting the standard of Lacrosse within the Club.

The Section had its usual representation in the Lancashire Trials match on Boxing Day, G. B. Lawson, A. E. Marsland and R. M. Threlfall were selected for the probables whilst D. E. Borland, G. H. Stockdale and J. L. Williams were picked for the possibles. D. C. Williams was selected for the Under 21's Lancashire Side to play against the Combined English Universities Side.

It is with deep regret that the Section records the death of H. H. Vlies, suddenly, on 25th October, 1962. He was a prominent member of the Club and his loss is felt by all.

Hon Sec. G. B. LAWSON, 294 Mauldeth Road West, Manchester 21. Tel.: CHO 1927.

RESULTS

FIRST TEAM

Sept. 29 v. Urmston	H W	8—3
Oct. 6 v. Old Stopfordians	A L	7—9
Oct. 13 v. Heaton Mersey	H W	15—7
Oct. 20 v. Cheadle	A W	10—2
Oct. 27 v. Stockport	A L	5—7
Nov. 3 v. Old Waconians	H W	7—4
Nov. 10 v. Old Mancunians	A L	5—8
Nov. 17 v. South M/c. and Wythen- shawe	NG W	9—5
1961-62 Referees Trophy Final		
Nov. 24 v. M/c. University	H W	10—4
Dec. 1 v. Boardman and Eccles	A W	11—2
Dec. 8 v. Mellor	H W	13—3
Dec. 15 v. South M/c. and Wythen- shawe	A D	4—4
Dec. 22 v. Urmston	A W	14—1
Dec. 29 v. Old Stopfordians	H W	15—4
Jan. 5 v. Heaton Mersey	A L	10—11
Jan. 12 v. Cheadle	H	Postponed
Jan. 19 v. Stockport	H W	9—3

'A' TEAM

Sept. 29 v. South M/c. and Wythen- shawe "A"	H W	7—6
Oct. 6 v. Urmston "A"	H W	8—1
Oct. 13 v. Heaton Mersey Guild	A W	7—2
Oct. 20 v. Heaton Mersey "A" ...	H W	22—1

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Oct. 27 v. Old Grovians	H W 17— 3
Nov. 3 v. Old Waconians "A" ...	A W 7— 4
Nov. 10 v. Offerton	H L 3—10
Nov. 17 v. Old Waconians "A" ...	A W 4— 1
1st Round N.E.L.A. Junior Flags	
Nov. 24 v. Ashton	A W 10— 2
Dec. 1 v. Leeds University	H D 6— 6
Dec. 8 v. Mellor "A"	A W 12— 3
Dec. 15 v. Rochdale	H W 6— 2
Dec. 22 v. South M/c. and Wythen- shawe "A"	H W 7— 3
Dec. 29 v. Urmston "A"	A Postponed
Jan. 5 v. Heaton Mersey Guild	H W 11— 1
Jan. 12 v. Heaton Mersey "A" ...	A Postponed
Jan. 19 v. Old Grovians	A Postponed

Nov. 3 v. South M/c. and Wythen- shawe "C"	A L 9—11
Nov. 10 v. Oldham and Werneth "A"	H W 10— 1
Nov. 17 v. Rochdale "B"	H W 17— 3
Nov. 24 v. Urmston "B"	A W 7— 6
Dec. 1 v. Boardman and Eccles "B"	H W 12— 1
Dec. 8 v. Oldham and Werneth "A"	A W 10— 4
Dec. 15 v. Cheadle "B"	H W 10— 7
Dec. 22 v. Stockport "B"	H W 18— 0
Dec. 29 v. Offerton "B"	A D 12—12
Jan. 5 v. Ashton "B"	H W 8— 1
Jan. 12 v. Heaton Mersey "B" ...	A Postponed
Jan. 19 v. Rochdale "B"	A Postponed

EXTRA 'A' TEAM

Sept. 29 v. Sheffield University ...	H W 9— 4
Oct. 6 v. Heaton Mersey Guild "A"	A W 13— 3
Oct. 13 v. Leeds University "A"	H W 24— 0
Oct. 20 v. Stockport "A"	A W 12— 9
Oct. 27 v. Stockport "A"	H L 8—15
Nov. 3 v. South M/c. and Wythen- shawe "B"	H W 14— 5
Nov. 10 v. Urmston "B"	A W 11— 1
Nov. 17 v. Boardman and Eccles "A"	A L 4—23
Lancashire Junior Cup 1st Round	
Nov. 24 v. Old Stopfordians "A"	H W 15— 3
Dec. 1 v. Oldham and Werneth	A W 17— 6
Dec. 8 v. Manchester G.S. 2nd... ..	H W 22— 0
Dec. 15 v. Stockport G.S. 2nd	A Cancelled
Dec. 22 v. Sheffield University	A Postponed
Dec. 29 v. Heaton Mersey Guild "A"	H W 13— 1
Jan. 5 v. Leeds University "A"	A W 1— 0
Jan. 12 v. South M/c. and Wythen- shawe "B"	A Postponed
Jan. 19 v. Wm. Hulme's G.S. 2nd	H L 11—14
Lancashire Junior Cup 2nd Round	

"B" TEAM

Oct. 6 v. Offerton "B"	H W 1— 0
Oct. 13 v. Ashton "B"	A W 1— 0
Oct. 20 v. Heaton Mersey "B"	H W 17— 0
Oct. 27 v. Cheadle "B"	A L 1—15

Old Hulmeians Rugby

It was with regret that the Rugby Section Committee accepted the resignation of its Chairman, C. H. Nesbitt because of ill-health. His sudden illness in October came as a great shock to all club members and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing him a speedy recovery and future good health and to thank him on behalf of the club for his many years of hard work.

At the time of writing the season is reasonably well advanced, over half of our fixtures already completed and all players eagerly awaiting the re-start of the season after five cancelled games owing to the Siberian weather of the past month.

At this stage the 1st XV have been by far the most successful team, having won 10 games. The pack has now settled down after many changes and is proving itself a most efficient unit with Messrs. Holland and Morley playing well in the second row and M. Blackburn keeping the opposing backs subdued from his wing forward position.

The return of P. Harrison to full back has inspired the backs to play really well, with the B. Hayes, J. Harrison, E. L. Jones formation being a headache for all opponents.

With 35 different enthusiasts having played on the First Team, better results were expected from our Second XV. Although playing well, they have not been consistent, several games having been lost when another score would have given them victory.

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The Extra 'A' XV are not having a very happy season, the basic reason for this being the frequent calls of the First Team upon their best players when late "cry offs" take place, thus causing the Extra 'A' to be a man short.

Our "Griffins" have won half their games, but suffered a sad blow when the First Team skipper F. Burton persuaded P. Harrison to return to the First Team. I am sure that if and when we do resume the season again J. Boardman will steer his side to more victories.

Hon. Sec. F. M. Burton, 5 Edenhall Avenue, Levenshulme, Manchester 19.

RESULTS TO DATE

FIRST XV

1962

Sept.	1 v. Fylde 'A'	A L	6—29
	8 v. Old Bedians	A L	3—8
	15 v. Toc H	H W	6—0
	22 v. Calder Vale	H W	6—3
	29 v. Old Salfordians	H W	8—6
Oct.	6 v. Cheadle Hulme	H W	14—5
	13 v. Macclesfield	H L	6—9
	20 v. Old Aldwinians	A W	12—0
	27 v. Fylde 'A'	H L	6—12
Nov.	3 v. W.H.G.S.	A W	31—3
	10 v. Leigh	A L	0—17
	17 v. B.I.C.C. Prescott	H D	6—6
	24 v. Newton-le-Willows	H L	3—5
Dec.	1 v. Manchester 'A'	A W	12—9
	8 v. College of Technology	A W	6—3
	15 v. Prestwich	H W	19—3
	22 v. Y.M.C.A.	H W	6—0
	29 v. Old Rochdallians	H	Cancelled

1963

Jan.	5 v. Thornton Cleveleys	H	"
	12 v. Macclesfield	A	"
	19 v. Ashton-u-Lyne	A	"
	26 v. Ashton-on-Mersey	H	"

'A' XV

1962

Sept.	1 v. Fylde Ex. 'A'	H L	3—28
	8 v. Old Bedians	H W	19—0

Sept.	15 v. Toc H	A L	6—8
	22 v. Calder Vale	A W	10—3
	29 v. Old Salfordians	A L	3—6
Oct.	6 v. Cheadle Hulme	A W	8—6
	13 v. Macclesfield	A L	0—41
	20 v. Old Aldwinians	H L	6—8
	27 v. Fylde Ex. 'A'	A L	0—23
Nov.	3 v. W.H.G.S.	A L	0—6
	10 v. Leigh	H L	6—13
	17 v. Prescott	A L	3—9
	24 v. Newton-le-Willows	A L	3—13
Dec.	1 v. Manchester Ex. 'A'	H L	8—15
	8 v. College of Technology	H L	3—8
	15 v. Prestwich	A L	5—9
	22 v. Y.M.C.A.	A W	16—5

EXTRA 'A' XV

1962

Sept.	1 v. Fylde 'B'	A L	0—30
	8 v. Old Bedians	A W	10—3
	15 v. Toc H	H W	19—12
	22 v. Calder Vale	H L	0—29
	29 v. Old Salfordians	H L	3—40
Oct.	6 v. Cheadle Hulme	H W	16—0
	13 v. Macclesfield	A L	0—15
	20 v. Old Aldwinians	A D	0—0
	27 v. Fylde 'B'	H L	3—15
Nov.	3 v. W.H.G.S.	A W	12—3
	10 v. Leigh	A L	3—15
	24 v. Newton-le-Willows	H L	8—11
Dec.	1 v. Manchester 'B'	A L	0—53
	15 v. Prestwich	H L	6—8

GRIFFINS XV

1962

Sept.	8 v. Prescott	H W	11—3
	15 v. Shell	A L	0—19
	29 v. Old Salfordians	A W	21—15
Oct.	6 v. Cheadle Hulme	A W	19—0
	13 v. Macclesfield	A L	3—18
Nov.	3 v. W.H.G.S.	A W	19—0
	10 v. Toc H	H L	3—18
	15 v. Leigh	A L	0—25

Old Hulmeians Motor Club

Our events for 1962 culminated with the Eighth Annual Dinner Dance at the Woodlands Hotel, Timperley, on December 15th. We were delighted to have with us as our guests the President of the Old Hulmeians Association, R. W. Lymer, Esq., C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D. D.L., and Mrs. Lymer, and during the course of the evening Mrs. Lymer kindly presented the awards for our competitive events held during the year. The Pidd Trophy for the best overall performance was presented to Gordon Davies who had a very successful year.

Our first event of the New Year was held on January 17th and took the form of a quiz regarding a large number of excellent colour slides. In all there were 126 questions, and the winner for the second successive year was our motoring "gen man", Allan Smith, with a score of 63 correct. The attendance could have been better but it was a great improvement on last year when the Committee were the only attenders!

We have an active year ahead of us and hope to have good attendances at all the events. Any Old Boy, or School leaver, is welcome to come along any time to see what we do, and enquiries regarding events or membership of the Club will be welcomed by the joint Hon. Secretaries Dr. Stanley B. Foulds, 131 Gatley Road, Gatley. Tel.: GAT 2887, or John L. Williams, 7 Kings Avenue, Gatley. Tel.: GAT 4666.

Old Hulmeians Golf

The annual golf tournament will be held on Ascension Day, 23rd May, 1963, at the Didsbury Golf Club.

This competition is open to all Old Boys and it is hoped there will be a good entry this year.

There are three cups, i.e. best gross, best net, and best net for handicaps of 18 and over.

The Didsbury Golf Club has very kindly allowed us the use of the course all day, and Old Boys are reminded that cards can be taken out in the evening.

I should be glad if intending competitors would notify me at the School and state whether they require arrangements to be made for lunch or tea; sandwiches will be available in the evening.

J. FOULDS, *Hon. Sec.*

Old Hulmeians' Lodge, No. 7062

The Old Hulmeians' Masonic Lodge held its Ladies Evening at the Embassy Rooms, Sale, on Wednesday, 9th January, 1963, when the Worshipful Master, Brother J. E. Peters and Mrs. Peters welcomed the Headmaster and Mrs. Bird and the President of the Association, Mr. R. W. Lymer and Mrs. Lymer together with 150 members and friends. In spite of reduced numbers due to illness and the recent bad weather, all were agreed that it was a most enjoyable occasion.

Old Boys and parents, who are members of other Masonic Lodges, and who would like to visit the Lodge, which meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, are asked to contact the Assistant Secretary, Bro. W. Taylor, 93 Springbridge Road, Manchester 16.

Association of Old Hulmeians in London

Successive annual attendances at the House of Commons have not, it seems, persuaded any London Old Hulmeian that he should stand for Parliament. This is a pity, since the School motto is particularly suitable for a politician. By the courtesy of Mr. Frank Taylor, M.P., members gathered once more at Westminster on the occasion of their Annual Dinner. In addition to Mr. Taylor, guests who addressed the company were Messrs. J. G. Bird, R. W. Lymer, A. H. Allman and Rear-Admiral C. R. Darlington, a former master at the School. E. G. Hall, Chairman, and M. J. Kruger also spoke. The occasion was a most happy and successful one, and prospective visitors this year may like to know that a general decision has been taken to arrange the 1963 Annual Dinner in the same place. The date will be notified in due course.

The A.G.M. at the Shakespeare's Head, also in November, was well attended, the main inducement being as usual the Hot Pot Supper which preceded it. That the hot pot occasionally turns out to be steak and kidney pie affects none save the rankest purist. Those who enjoy Hot Pot Suppers will please note that the next one, at the same venue, will be held on Friday, 22nd February. Another date to note is the Lacrosse match at Kenton on Monday, 6th May.

Norman Pearson has been elected Chairman for the current year, and we wish him a happy year of office. Congratulations are due to H. H. G. Redshaw, former Chairman, and Mrs. Redshaw, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 10th October, 1962, and also to John Wilkinson and his wife on the birth of a son.

In looking forward to our new round of activities, a sincere welcome is once more extended to any Old Hulmeians who may find themselves temporarily in the London area. G. W. Creasey is still secretary, and his number, if not to be found elsewhere in this journal, is in the A to D directory, at page 566.

E.G.H.

Mr. Creasey's address is: 145 Copse Hill, West Wimbledon, London, S.W.20.

Old Hulmeians at Birmingham University

Just eighty miles south from the smog and dirt of Manchester, in the smog and dirt of that great metropolis Birmingham, there nestles a tiny, but flourishing outpost of Old Hulmeians—five to be precise. Their headquarters, however, lie on a vast hill encampment some distance outside the city, in residential Edgbaston. Under Babylonian domes, and the shade of "Joe", the dominating, eternal clock-tower, 4,600 students supposedly carve out a career for themselves.

Somewhere among the beatniks, books, and buildings (the red rash of expansion has just given us a brand new refectory with the same old menus), there are, if one searches diligently, the "lads" from W.H.G.S. Denis Yale, in his third year of Social Studies, is the elder statesman here. Little is seen of his lithe, athletic figure, and, indeed, it took nearly a term to hunt him down. When he is not in his track-suit, he takes advantage of the company of the unusually large number of women in his department. Lucky fellow! He was last reported to be "on probation" in Liverpool for a spell, but since then, no further communique has been issued.

Pete Wood, one of the two new freshers this year, seems to have blooded himself satisfactorily into the turmoil of university life. The writer had a chilly chat with him the other day on the top deck of a lurching bus. From under a hooded duffle-coat, he gave muffled information that his time was spent in three ways: a third devoted to his studies (Chemistry), third to jazz socials, and a third to bridge, but my own eyes have also spied him through the smoky atmosphere of the bar.

The remaining three Old Boys belong to that peculiarly garbed clique—the lawyers. R. E. Shufflebottom for instance. His flare for sport, and apprenticeship at W.H.G.S. in the arts of rugby football, have served him well. When not poring over his case-books, "Shuff" spends his time in training. And well he might. A coveted place on the 1st University XV is not to be lost lightly. We, here, and everyone connected with W.H.G.S. will, I think, join in wishing him every success. And what of M. C. Davies? That tall, phlegmatic figure with the ambling gait, having succeeded in

passing his 1st year/intermediate, is steadily building up a stock of "Nutshells" in preparation for the next hurdle. I should like to explain that magical word "Nutshell". About May, when the exam fever is on, lawyers abandon their lecture notes and seek the "Nutshell" series as a last, despairing hope. There is a saying among students in the Faculty: "If it is not in the Nutshell, it is not worth knowing." Their use appears beneficial, anyway, for out of 65 budding lawyers, only three were actually given their cards last year. To return to M. C. Davies. Besides his hobby, work, he sharpens his mind with bridge and table-tennis, and dulls it again by indulging in alcoholic night-caps. At the risk of being branded a traitor, I may add that he also kicks a round ball for the Faculty. D. G. Higginson completes the trio of lawyers. He still works with immense, but worried, fervour, either scribbling furtively in a corner of the library, or seeking some dusty, obscure case-book of the 19th C. in places where the normal never tread. Rumour has it that he fasted during the exams to save precious time for study. Occasionally, he breaks the spell, and attends the Archaeology Club, plays badminton, golf, and makes (and this is a red letter day) rare sorties to the reservoir where the Sailing Club congregates.

And so my report draws to a close, except for a plea to the Sixth Form. This outpost is not a leper colony, and unless fresh blood flows into our ageing veins, we will suffer the same fate as the Dodo bird. Anyone who is willing to pay us a three-year visit will be made very welcome. Carrier pigeon will now bear my epistle—Birmingham is frozen and snow-bound.

M.C.D.

Old Hulmeians at London University

Most of us here in London are trying to recover at the moment from the combined effects of Christmas festivities (with little work done) and exams held immediately on our return. Consequently I am feeling rather dazed after my return from Manchester, although rejoicing in freedom from exams until June. I hope, therefore, readers will excuse the lack of detail and (some will say) accuracy in the following notes.

Tom Nevell is usually to be found at his Hall of Residence, where he lives, or at the Library, where he works. On other occasions he plays Lacrosse for London and Purley, showing a vast improvement in form from the days when many will remember him. His Saturday evenings are devoted to social activities; recently he and his companion were "taken for a ride" by a cabby who

finally deposited them at one of London's most expensive restaurants, where the odd cup of coffee costs about 4/6d. Tom now has plans for converting his cycle into a tandem—he thinks it will be cheaper!

Last term was notable for the absence of Tony Addison. We all held a party to celebrate his departure for Vienna.

Unfortunately, Tony could not be invited as he forgot to tell his friends when he was going. I have received two letters from him: the first was composed entirely of questions; for example, "How are you . . . in London?", and "How badly is the Lacrosse team playing without its star attack man?"; the second letter thanked me for saying how everybody and everything was, and ended by promising to be in Manchester at Christmas. It was only in December that I found out what he was doing in Vienna: to quote, "my answer is—work. After all, that is all I am here for." This is so unlike Tony that I conclude that this is strictly for home consumption. His friends also are not deceived and incline to the view that he is sampling the wine, food and cultural life—in its wider sense!

I see Pete Constantine fairly often. He tells me he works very hard, has a comfortable flat and occasionally goes to parties, theatres, clubs, jazz shows, concerts and pubs. I also heard that Jeff Shaw and Mike Smith enjoy the same sort of life.

Ian Cunningham is on the University Rag Committee, and his Union Carnival Committee. I, therefore, often read of Cunningham having been seen dragging mascots out to Epsom Forest for burial and ransom.

From what friends have told me, I personally am "a well-known socialite" specialising in obtaining complimentary tickets and invitations to parties. They also say that I play Lacrosse "after a fashion", and amazingly find time to work.

I have, unfortunately, no news of other Old Hulmeians here, including, H. Dixon, I. Stone, P. Draper and K. Crawford but, no doubt, they all have something of interest to report which may find its way into the next issue. A.L.T.

Old Hulmeians at Liverpool University

Since the last time of writing it is with great pleasure that we must report that Lacrosse has eventually arrived in Liverpool. Although there has been a Ladies' team for a number of years it was only last October that a Men's team was formed. Naturally the nucleus of this team was primarily made up of Old Hulmeians, namely C. D. Townsend, J. Hill, D. W. Parkinson and J. G. Temple.

C. D. Townsend is one of the three new arrivals who must have read the appeal made this time last year for more Old Hulmeians to come to Liverpool. He spends most of his time coaching novices in the art of Lacrosse but his spare time is spent reading German.

A bearded J. Hill arrived in October to read Metallurgy. Exactly how he spends his leisure hours it has become extremely difficult to discover.

The last of the newcomers this year, D. W. Parkinson, has entered First Year Medicine.

D. J. Dixon is now a graduate of this University in Civil Engineering. He found that he could not bear to leave Liverpool and so has undertaken a post-graduate course. He spent the whole of last summer travelling solo to Israel and back by scooter.

M. Donlon has become a resident of Rathbone Hall. He refused to divulge any further information. However he is still reading Mathematics.

The Arts Faculty register shows that M. K. Walton is still studying French, German and Economics although the Union Cafeteria seems to absorb the majority of his time.

J. G. Temple, after spending his summer vacation in Florida, is now well into his Fourth Year Medicine. He seems to be enjoying hospital life.

Of the University itself, the new Union is showing good progress as the chaos of expansion to accommodate seven thousand students by 1970 is now resolving itself.

An advance in the right direction has been made by the arrivals last October and it is sincerely to be hoped that this trend will be continued this next year and in future years. J.G.T.

Old Hulmeians at Leeds University

Once again a brief appraisal must be made of the sundry happenings of Old Hulmeians lest others think that either we do nothing of note, or else we fritter away our time in the pursuit of learning. Alas! the task of discovering Hulmeians, difficult at the best of times, has been made all the more exacting this year by the large influx of people from every corner of the earth. This is no doubt due in some measure to the success of our team in "University Challenge", as well as to the desire of the Registrar to obtain more free publicity for Leeds by creating an appalling "digs" problem. However, beating Manchester in the quiz show compensates for all the trouble the "Tonight" team caused in their examination of halls, lodgings and flats.

To turn from such idle gossip to some idle Hulmeians. Humph Farnsworth has become engaged; he has also undertaken to help Rag as transport manager. His fellow engineers have scarcely been seen, an understandable fact for those who know them. However, fleeting glimpses were caught of John Litherland and Rob Harvey as they momentarily emerged from the December Fogs.

Happily, a few of us here have not given up the life active and athletic. John Gallagher readily proves it by captaining the Lacrosse team; needless to say, the club is run by O.H.—very successfully too, apart from the results. Similar harmony does not exist upon the political front, as Dave Hallard will tell you; he is now in his final year in B.A. Politics, but at present he is busily healing the Liberal split in the Union, and fearfully trying to keep the news from reaching Westminster. Such pseudo-activities only earn the disdain of anarchist John Quail, whose sparkling wit has enlivened many a dull evening in the Union Bar as one tries to make half a pint last until closing time—for this relief much thanks.

Many people think the University, with six thousand odd students, is a gigantic, cold, unfriendly world. Nothing could be further from the truth. Standing on the Union steps, one bumps into friends, especially between lectures when coffee in the cafeteria is far more appealing than book-work in the Brotherton. It was here that one saw Mr. Brisbane boldly striding in with a recognisable military swagger that confirmed the rumour that he had joined the Officers' Training Corps. No gentleman among us, I am glad to say, has joined our militant C.N.D. movement, in spite of its popular appeal. This must prove something about Old Hulmeians.

Freshmen seem to be everywhere. Fleeting glimpses were caught of Messrs. Wainer and Davidson, and various others whom your correspondent failed to identify as he seldom wears his glasses in public. Tim Olsen has been elected on to the Union Committee, and, in order to keep up with the mad social whirl, attends lectures in his dinner suit. Apart from supporting Toryism in the debating union, he has discovered that there are more than just sheep in Northumberland—not bad for a geographer!

Amid the noise and clangour of the University building programme the old life goes on still. Marches to the Town Hall steps are still in vogue, so is coffee in the Mowat-Jones. Wigs seem to be all the rage as well as all-night jazz balls.

Little has been heard of other Hulmeians although Mr. Jones specially asked to be mentioned, just in case no scandal had been reported about him—which of course it had, indeed. Thus as the ink congeals upon my pen, I send, on behalf of all of us at Leeds, our greetings to all Hulmeians, young and old, wherever they may be.

T.F.M.O.

Parents' Association Notes

The special 75th Anniversary and 6th Dinner Dance, which was held at the Embassy Rooms, Sale, on November 15th last term, was a most enjoyable evening and, as usual, was fully attended. There being approximately 330 persons present. We were entertained during the course of the evening by a dancing demonstration provided by the Rogers & Lamont School of Dancing.

One of the main features of this rather special evening was a Tombola which was organised by your Committee to aid the Building Appeal. This was most successful, and towards the end of the evening our Chairman, Mr. R. C. Swift, handed a cheque to Mr. Bird for £120, which we were told increased the total moneys received to a figure of £35,000.

Our Annual Christmas Party Dance, held on December 21st at the School, was another very happy occasion. Approximately 300 parents and friends attended and all seemed to enjoy a very good evening. The decorations to the School Hall were greatly admired by many of the parents, and we congratulate the School Prefects on their good work.

We extend our thanks to the members of the Main Committee, the Social Sub-Committee, and to their wives and husbands who help to make these social events so successful.

We also extend our thanks to Mrs. Taylor and her helpers for the most excellent refreshments which were served at the Christmas Party Dance.

During the month of February we have arranged two Badminton matches, the first on February 5th, when the fathers will be playing the School, and the second on February 22nd, when a mixed doubles competition will take place. Any parents willing to take part in these matches are asked to contact Mr. A. A. Jackson, 112 Kingsbrook Road, Manchester 16.

The Parents and Staff Supper Dance will take place at the Embassy Rooms, Sale, on March 7th, and we have already commenced selling tickets for that evening. By the time these notes are printed it is anticipated that all the tickets will have been sold.

A Chess match is due to take place, Fathers v. the School, on March 12th and any father wishing to take part in this event should contact Mrs. Merriman, 267 Seymour Grove, Manchester 16.

Another Badminton match will be staged on March 29th Fathers v. the School. If any father wishes to take part will he please contact Mr. Jackson at the previously mentioned address?

On March 27th, a talk has been arranged in the School Hall when Mr. J. Walmsley will address

us on the subject of the Nuptse Himalayan Expedition 1961, and he will illustrate his talk by coloured slides. Our Head Master has kindly agreed to the Sixth Forms being invited to attend what promises to be a most interesting and educational talk.

A Cheese and Wine Evening, which is a new venture on the part of the Parents' Association, will take place in the Dining Hall on Friday, May 3rd. We ask all parents to make a note of this date as this may well be an unforgettable occasion!

Many other social events have been arranged and we invite you to consult your programme cards. If any parents wish to take part in the Cricket and Tennis matches against the Staff and

the School it will be very helpful if they will contact the Sports Secretaries: Cricket—Mr. S. Broadhurst, 30 Cheviot Avenue, Oldham; Tennis—Mrs. E. G. Gazzard, 19 Plumbley Drive, Manchester 16.

The Annual General Meeting is due to take place on May 15th and we would urge all members to attend this most important meeting of our Association, when many interesting subjects are brought forward for discussion. Do please make an effort to come along and support your Committee on that day.

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