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School Notes and News

We welcome to the School Mr. H. H. Corlett, B.A. (Downing College, Cambridge), Mr. P. E. Grigsby, B.A. (Magdalen College, Cambridge), Mr. C. G. Smith, B.A. (Scholar of Queen's College, Oxford) and Mr. P. Thompson, B.A. (Jesus College, Cambridge) who have joined the school mathematics and science teaching staff.

This increase in the personnel of the mathematics and science staff can be associated with the new science building now in course of erection on the site of the old enclosed bicycle shed. New bicycle sheds of a modern industrial type have been erected in the quadrangle and elsewhere to replace the lost accommodation.

At the beginning of the term the exterior of the original building was repainted. The substitution of a creamy white paint for the original green on the ironwork of the window-frames and on the panels of the woodwork has added considerably to the brightness of the school's appearance. The Spring-bridge Road aspect of the buildings has also been much enhanced by the increasing trimness of the lawns and gardens.

The school has suffered a severe loss by the death of Mr. Stanley Best, who served it well as a Governor and as a staunch member of the Old Hulmeians Association. His cheerful, exuberant personality will be greatly missed. An Obituary Tribute will be found in the Old Hulmeians' section of this magazine.

Current Affairs periods for the third year Sixth this term have included lectures by Mr. R. Jacoby on *The American Election*, Mr. S. G. Soman, B.Sc., on *The Empire and Migration*, Mr. C. W. W. Greenidge on *The Caribbean Federation* and Mr. Beckingham, M.A., on *Cyprus*, up to the moment of writing. The programme also includes lectures by Dr. Birch on *Britain and the African Colonies*, Professor H. W. Baker, D.Sc., on *The Dead Sea Scrolls*, Mr. P. Campbell, M.A., on *The Fourth Republic in France*. These are in addition to the lectures given by the school staff.

Of this term's prefects N. V. Barber (Head Prefect), B. Cartwright, J. Davis, and K. S. Williams survive from last year and J. M. Broadbridge, J. D. Hague, T. V. Jones, I. A. B. Low, G. S. Phillips, J. G. Taylor, M. J. Booth, T. J. Bush, F. Cosgrove, B. W. Derbyshire and A. F. Pitty have been appointed this term.

We have to thank Mr. C. Burnside (O.H.) for the very handsome gift of a Swimming Cup to the school.

A record number of State Scholarships was awarded this year to boys attending the school. We congratulate the recipients: N. V. Barber (Science), T. R. Bateson (Maths.), T. V. Jones (Science), I. A. B. Low (Science), C. B. Lowe (English), I. R. MacCallum (Maths.), I. E. McShane (Maths.), G. G. Mitchell (Science), J. E. O. Screen (History), D. B. Taylor (Science).

H. M. Cummings has been awarded the R.I.B.A. Houston Scholarship in Architecture.

The Christmas entertainment will be *The Sorcerer*, one of Gilbert and Sullivan's less familiar operas. It is being produced, as usual, by Mr. Williams and will be performed during the last full week of term from Tuesday, December 11th, to Saturday, December 15th.

The term will end with the usual Carol Service on the following Monday afternoon. The school choir will also be singing at St. Ann's Church in the City on the following day at one o'clock. The Prefects' Dance will take place on the same evening.

Next term we shall be looking forward to the Founders' Day Service, which will be held on Thursday, January 24th in the Cathedral, when the preacher will be the Rev. Dr. H. Roberts, M.A., Ph.D., President-designate of the Methodist Conference and President of the World Council of Methodist Churches. Dr. Roberts is an Old Hulmeian.

The Lent Term will begin on Tuesday, January 8th at 9-15 a.m., Mid-term holiday will be on February 22nd, 23rd and 25th. The Lent Term will end on Friday, April 5th at 4-0 o'clock. The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term, 1957, will be held on February 13th and March 13th, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Denstonian*, *The Gryphon*, *The Savilian*, *The Standian*, *The Wallaseyan*, and the magazine of the *King's School, Macclesfield*.

Mr. K. G. Fison, M.A.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. K. G. Fison at his home at Seaford, Sussex, at the age of 87. Mr. Fison was appointed as a mathematics master at this school as long ago as September, 1890. He was Form Master to the First Form and thus had as his personal responsibility introducing new boys to the school and its ways. He was particularly interested, too, in the junior games and the school swimming.

We are very indebted to his contemporary colleague, Mr. E. G. W. Hewlett, for the following notice:—

"All Old Hulmeians, whose memory goes back so far, will hear with great sorrow the news that Mr. K. G. Fison passed away peacefully in sleep on August 24th last. One O.H. tells me how he had always remembered K.G. with real affection and respect. He was appointed to the staff by Dr. Joseph Hall in 1890 and his first term was the autumn term of that year at the same time as Mr. E. J. Urwick (who died some years ago) and the present writer. After his marriage his wife and he went to live in Alexandra Road South, and the two boys when they arrived and were old enough were sent to the Hulme Grammar School. Mr. Fison brought up the boys at most open air sports, having the school 'pro' to coach them in cricket. Some years later the family removed to Malvern and the boys went to Cambridge where they both took up hockey (in which they had not been 'coached') and the younger boy, Robert, became captain of the university hockey team.

"Mr. Fison and his wife had a very painful loss when Wilfred, (the elder son) was killed when training for the Royal Air Force and Wilfred's death left his wife a widow with one small son. She married again and the grandparents adopted the child.

"Mr. & Mrs. Fison settled eventually at Seaford, Sussex, where he spent several years in retirement.

Speech Day, 1956

Speech Day took place on Friday, July 20th, the last afternoon of the Summer Term. The weather was fortunately fine; but, equally fortunately, not too hot. Improved arrangements for the comfort of all concerned, however, would have made the occasion tolerable, even if the weather had lived up to the season's name, if not to its reputation. The Staff were seated on the platform and benches were provided for the boys to sit on round the walls.

Before entering upon his report on the school's activities, the Headmaster explained that with the increased size of the school it was impossible to accommodate all parents within the new Hall, so parents of Prize-winners and senior boys were being given priority. He was glad so many parents availed themselves of the opportunity of seeing for themselves the work done at school, details of which he then proceeded to furnish. Five Open Scholarships and Exhibitions had been won in the course of the year and four State Scholarships. The results in the General Certificate of Education had also been highly satisfactory. Turning to sport, he congratulated the School XV on the open game they had played at Rugger, the Lacrosse XII on winning the Lancashire Junior Cup, and N. R. Watson on scoring two centuries at Cricket. In the Northern Schools Cross-Country Run C. E. Bryans came in third in the Open Event, and W. D. Yale second in the Under-16. Four records had been broken in the athletic sports.

The Headmaster paid a tribute to the fine work with the Corps performed by Major Watkins, who was now retiring from the command in conformance with War Office Regulations. He was being succeeded by Major Evans. He also referred to the re-wiring of the stage and the excellent work done by the Preparatory Department.

Turning to the Old Hulmeians he congratulated them on the distinctions gained at the Universities, and, in the realm of sport, particularly felicitated the Old Hulmeians Lacrosse team on winning the Flags and also heading the First Division. He concluded his remarks by paying a tribute to the Governors, especially the Chairman, for their devoted work on behalf of the school.

After Professor Blake, the Vice-Principal of the University College of North Staffordshire, had distributed the Prizes, Mr. D. Ll. Griffiths, in his capacity of President of the Hulme Lads' Club, presented the Head Prefect, P. J. Richards, with a further prize on behalf of the committee of the club, in appreciation of his splendid efforts on its behalf in collecting no less than £600 for its funds during the course of his school career.

Professor Blake congratulated the prize-winners and commiserated with those who had just missed obtaining awards. He urged the need for character awards, as character was more important than mere academic success. The University of North Staffordshire, which he represented, was especially designed as a training ground for leadership in industry. There was need for further leaders in the future. To acquit themselves for their tasks of leadership boys should read widely and develop a sense of spiritual values. They would have to answer for what they had done. The school would prosper through the attainments of its *alumni*.

Canon Woolnough, in returning thanks, expressed his pleasure that the function could be held on the school's own premises

PRIZES

SPECIAL PRIZES—Watkins: P. J. Richards; Anderson English Essay: M. M. Kelsall; Powell Scripture Reading: M. M. Kelsall; Aspinall Religious Knowledge: G. A. M. Wood.

THIRD YEAR SIXTH—Knoop English: M. M. Kelsall; Dehn History: I. M. Stewart; Vlies Modern Languages: R. B. Woolham; Dorrington Latin: J. D. E. Rayman; Greek: J. Hewitt; Lymer Mathematics: I. E. McShane; Hewlett Geography: J. Davis; Williamson Chemistry: A. E. Backhouse; Physics: N. V. Barber; Biology: T. L. Venables.

SECOND YEAR SIXTH—English: G. A. M. Wood; History: J. E. O. Screen; Latin: E. R. Birch; French: E. R. Birch; German: K. J. Hinson; Physics: I. A. B. Low; Chemistry: G. G. Mitchell; Biology: G. G. Mitchell; Mathematics: I. R. MacCallum.

LOWER SIXTH—English: I. Sargen; History: J. D. Marsden; Geography: A. F. Bennett; Latin: D. J. Edwards; Greek: A. Belford; French: H. M. Davis; German: H. M. Davis; Chemistry: D. M. Brierley; Physics: D. M. Brierley; Biology: J. R. Baker; Mathematics: R. H. Eldridge.

FIFTH FORMS—Parents' English: P. J. Blount; History: C. R. L. Mark; Hewlett Geography: W. A. Whitehead; French: R. A. Lloyd; German: C. R. L. Mark; Latin: P. Bowler; Greek: C. F. Beattie; Mathematics: A. G. Lees; Chemistry: J. B. Parkinson; Physics: G. L. Cooke; Art: J. M. Spence; Handicraft: W. A. Whitehead.

FOURTH FORMS—English: B. Thirlwell; History: B. Hayes; Geography: J. M. Higson; French: C. G. Moore; German: A. S. Addison; Latin: G. Henshall; Mathematics: V. H. Lucas; Science: F. A. Richards; Art: J. M. A. Thompson; Handicraft: I. H. Cottrell.

THIRD FORMS—English: P. Radcliffe; History: A. L. Thorneley; Geography: A. F. Thomas; French: P. L. Harrison; Latin: A. L. Thorneley; Mathematics: A. F. Thomas; Science: P. H. Hill; Art: A. L. Thorneley; Handicraft: J. S. Gallagher.

SECOND FORMS—English: J. S. Litherland; History: K. McAlpine; Geography: D. C. Roberts; French: J. G. Lee; Latin: S. E. Scully; Mathematics: J. Royston; Art: A. R. Anderson.

FIRST FORMS—English: C. H. Templar; History: S. D. Poole; Geography: J. Deegan; French: T. G. Burton; Latin: L. T. Georgeson; Mathematics: I. G. Kennedy; Handicraft: I. Woolley.

PREPARATORY—First: J. D. Whaite; Barber Merit: M. E. Eastwood; Progress: J. H. Woodhead.

C.C.F. Notes

Camp, last summer, took place at Kinmel Park, Rhyl. 'Kinmel', (as many will affectionately remember it), has always been a favourite location for camp with the Contingent, and once again we feel that we can honestly say that the camp was both happy and successful.

We took to camp a record number of four officers, one S.S.I., and 119 cadets, and we hope that this number will continue to increase. In addition to the normal training, we supplied members of the Signals, Artillery (Field), and Potential Leaders' Cadres—the latter being of especial value. We were also able to run a night exercise for the older cadets.

For the first time the Contingent marched off directly on the conclusion of Speech Day, fortified by an issue of mess-tin tea.

The shortage of playing fields at camp is to be regretted, but in all other respects the camp was excellently administered. We were pleased to welcome many parents on Sunday.

We welcome back to the Contingent Captain F. J. Smith, with his invaluable experience of training; and we also extend a welcome to Mr. Grigsby, who has been commissioned for service with the Contingent.

It is with regret that we announce that Mr. Kyte, our School Staff Instructor, has left us to take up another post. During the years he has been with us Mr. Kyte has contributed much and, no doubt, many ex-members will join with us when we express our gratitude to him and wish him every success in his new post.

Mr. Moseley of the 9th Bn. The Manchester Regt. (T.A.) has joined as S.S.I. with the rank of R.S.M.; to him we express a hearty welcome.

Training has continued steadily throughout this term. Three Part I examinations have been held this term and the results have shown a steady if not spectacular improvement; since last June 76 Cadets have passed Part I. A Part II examination is to be held towards the end of November, and we hope the improvement will continue.

A Field Day was held in October. This took place at Diggle Ranges and broke new ground. The Certificate A platoons attempted to put into practice, with varying degrees of success, what they had learnt in theory. Cadre Platoon did an exhausting map-reading exercise, for which Signals provided the opposition. Owing to the tardy arrival of the majority of the Signallers, because of transport difficulties, the Cadre was able to claim that the objective was achieved.

Shooting is also continuing, with a view to entering competitions in the near future.

Promotions have been as follows:—

Sgt. Davis to be Cadet Under Officer with effect from 27th July, 1956.

With effect from 22nd September, 1956:

Sgt. Barber to be Staff Sergeant; Cpls. Aked, Phillips, Cosgrove, Derbyshire, Pitty, Wilson and Wilford to be Sgts.: L/Cpls. Broadbridge, Corcoran, Price, Smith, A. I. A., Smith, I. C., Spence, Brookes, Collins, Fish and Low to be Cpls.: Cds. Johnson, McCallum, I. R. to be L/Cpls.

With effect from 5th November, 1956: Cdt. Hurd to be L/Cpl.

The Donner Library

The reorganisation of the library on the Dewey decimal system of book classification has now been completed—as far as it was possible. The work of numbering and indexing the books was performed by J. E. O. Screen, the Head Librarian. The Sixth forms are growing accustomed to the new system, which is proving very satisfactory. From the beginning of term to November 10th 643 books have been borrowed. The reference books have been in continual use, and it would be very helpful to the librarians if they were replaced in their correct positions after perusal, and were not left on the tables. The magazines and newspapers have proved very popular, particularly during the recent crisis.

The Assistant Librarian, G. A. M. Wood, has carried out a number of light repairs, and he has started to bind some of the newly-acquired soft-cover books. These books have been bought mainly for reasons of economy, and should be in the library fairly soon.

Additions to the library total 47 volumes. We would like to thank the following donors of books for remembering the school library:

Dr. J. Waller; J. D. E. Rayman, O.H.; I. M. Stewart, O.H.; R. C. Stoker, O.H.; H. M. Cummings, O.H.; I. E. McShane, O.H.; Mrs. H. Harvey.

We also acknowledge with gratitude the receipt of magazines from H. H. Vlies, Esq.

We are very grateful to Mr. Thorpe who has provided a carved oak tablet for the Shakespeare bust in the library. This bust was bought by boys of the school in 1916 and it now bears the proper inscription.

Stage Notes

Members of the Stage Staff have been very busy since the end of the last season of plays.

Owing to age, many of the beams above the stage have had to be replaced. Work on this was begun last term by some of the senior members—O. Sharpe and M. J. Cotton, under the direction of Mr. Foulds. It has been completed this term.

Mr. Bonnick made arrangements to have some of the curtains repaired, and our main curtains have just returned from the cleaners looking in much better condition: we are wondering if the difference will be noticed.

The electricians, R. G. Heaton and R. S. Pritchard, under the guidance of Mr. McCulloch, have undertaken the complete rewiring of the stage and switchboard. Over 800 yards of cable have been used. The new switchboard is much more versatile than the old one. It also allows for the addition of another row of battens which will be ready for the opera. On the switchboard there is a total of 119 switches and 66 plugs. There are 57 circuits and the maximum permissible load is 120 amps.

Finally, in the Costumes Department, C. Wright and F. A. Richards have been busy with a catalogue of their resources. They have also taken great trouble over the repair of many items, and have saved laundry expenses by getting a number of things washed at home—a job in which Mr. Bonnick and Mr. Foyster have helped.

All who have been concerned in this 'back-stage' activity are to be thanked for their efforts.

This year's Stage Manager is C. H. F. Turner, who reports that work on the designing and construction of the set for this year's opera has progressed smoothly.

The Science Society

This term, for a variety of reasons, the main body of the Society has lain dormant and no lectures have, so far, been held. The Meteorological Section, has, however, been very active. With the advent of the new rain gauge and 'wet and dry' thermometer, efforts have been redoubled to conquer our old enemy, Mr. Weather.

The Annual General Meeting was held on November 15th, when the following committee and officers were elected:—

Vice-President—G. W. C. Hayes, Secretary—M. C. Johnson, Treasurer—P. D. B. Collins, and Committee—D. Lomas, I. Winnington, M. Cook, A. F. Bennett.

It is sincerely hoped that this new committee will soon swing into action and some good lectures will be held in the near future.

The Debating and Literary Society

THE DONNER UNION

So far this term the Donner Union has tackled a wide range of subjects, from politics and Rock and Roll, to Mountaineering and Roofs. At the beginning of the term the attendance was low, and few people spoke from the floor of the house; but both these faults have since been remedied. We are particularly pleased to see such a large number of 5th formers present.

The first meeting of the term saw the necessary job of appointing officers accomplished, B. W. Wilson again being elected Deputy Chairman; A. F. Bennett and I. Sargen Secretary and Deputy Secretary respectively. Messrs. D. W. Lomas, I. Winnington, M. C. Johnson, D. D. A. Lamb, R. A. Lloyd, D. W. Grindey and R. E. Smith were elected committee members.

On Monday, 24th September, J. Davis led an attack on the government's handling of the *Suez Canal Crisis*. He was ably seconded by D. D. A. Lamb; but J. E. O. Screen and E. R. Birch succeeded in upholding the government by 15 votes to 5 votes. The following Monday the Society was visited by a person bearing a close resemblance to Liberace, namely M. C. Johnson in evening dress who proceeded to deplore *Rock and Roll* with the support of I. Winnington. In spite of Johnson's performance, J. M. Broadbridge with his ready wit

and D. W. Lomas succeeded in registering in favour of Rock and Roll 34 votes as against 9 votes, with 9 abstentions.

On Monday, 8th October, two people returned from the dead to join Mao Tse-Tung and General Franco in a Balloon debate: Hitler and Cromwell. Hitler, in the person of G. A. M. Wood, completely overawed his colleagues by a characteristic speech. Then on the 15th October we turned to Americanisation. This was deplored by J. M. Broadbridge and G. S. Phillips and they succeeded in carrying the house by 16 votes to 5, although T. W. Woodward and D. K. Swindells, put up a determined opposition, bringing Mrs. A. Miller to their aid as one of America's greatest exports.

The next meeting saw us climbing mountains with Mr. J. Warrell and his wife, who gave us a very enjoyable lecture with slides about mountaineering. So ended the first half of the term.

On Wednesday, 31st October, we welcomed the girls of Whalley Range High School to a joint play reading when Galsworthy's play *The Roof* was read. The parts were all well read; I. Sargen's rendering of the French waiter Gustave was particularly effective. Other parts were read by F. Cosgrove as an extremely amusing Mr. Beeton, Lamb as a love-sick young man, J. M. Broadbridge as Froba, E. R. Birch as Mr. Lennox, I. Winnington as Brice, D. W. Lomas as Baker, B. W. Derbyshire as Major Moulteney and B. W. Wilson as R. Fanning. Lamb's love scenes were particularly enjoyed by all.

November the fifth saw us holding a mock Presidential Election. Mr. Stevenson (12 votes), represented by A. F. Bennett, defeated Mr. Eisenhower (5 votes) supported by Mr. Nixon, the two Republicans being represented by J. E. O. Screen and I. Sargen respectively. The attendance was adversely affected by the transatlantic counter-attraction of Guy Fawkes.

The last meeting which can be reported was perhaps the most lively. G. A. M. Wood and A. F. Bennett undertook the task of convincing the Donner Union that Sir Anthony Eden's handling of the Middle East Crisis was deplorable. Wood's speech was brilliant, but he failed to convince the masses of the Donner Union who accept the *Times* and *Daily Express* as their gospels. D. D. A. Lamb and M. S. Unsworth had a very easy task in upholding the government by 19 votes to 7.

We are looking forward in the latter part of this term to a joint debate with Whalley Range High School, and readings from Dickens. I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all members of the Society past and present, a Merry Christmas with lots of Lit. and Deb.

The Badminton Club

Although only one fixture has been played this term, several others have been arranged for future dates. However, the Club has not been idle. Since Midsummer many learners have joined and most are making good progress notably M. Lord, who picked up the game very quickly.

On October the 29th, the school played Swann Lane Methodist Church, Cheadle Hulme, away, and won 5 rubbers to 4. The team was J. Cornes, A. G. Lees, J. L. Williams, M. Lord, M. C. Roxburgh, W. T. Brown.

The Table Tennis Club

The Annual General Meeting was held on September 18th, at 4-10 p.m. in Room 18. Mr. Renny presided and the following officers were elected:—E. R. Birch to be Secretary and I. C. Smith to be Treasurer.

Despite the small attendance at this meeting, our membership list was closed the same day as it was put up, and subscriptions were paid immediately—a most unusual occurrence! We were consequently able to buy a new net.

Since then there has been somebody in the gymnasium every Tuesday after school or Saturday afternoons, either playing a match or practising. In the knock-out tournament C. R. L. Mark has reached the final, ably using his sponge-rubber bat which has become a terror to all. The other finalist is not yet known.

Meanwhile I am sorry we have to refuse all enquiries about membership from all parts of the school. But this evident enthusiasm and the great proficiency of the present members promise well for the possible future matches which we have in mind.

The Music Society

It is very disheartening to address an almost empty room and sympathy must be accorded to the speaker who diligently prepares a programme, only to be heard by a small audience.

This was the fate of P. Clark who on October 13th gave an illustrated talk on Mozart. Taking one by one the various forms in which the composer wrote, he commented on them and illustrated

his points with records. Especially interesting were his remarks on Mozart's chamber music and the subsequent record the *Quintet in A Major*.

A similarly poor attendance met R. G. Heath when on November 3rd he presented a programme on Haydn. After dealing fully with the various phases of the composer's life, he played some records showing the subtlety with which Haydn used his instruments, and others, notably *The Clock Symphony* which illustrated his humour.

As if to make up for the previous audience, an all-time record was created when over eighty people listened to M. J. Booth's presentation *Small Group Jazz* on November 10th. After expressing his appreciation of the New Orleans styles of the 1920-30 period, and in comparison, his dislike of the styles of the Revivalist movement, he turned to swing and then modern jazz. Stressing the restraint and warmth of the latter, he chose well, for his records, Gerry Mulligan and George Shearing.

The Society wishes to thank J. N. Spence for his colourful and original posters.

The Photographic Society

The Annual General Meeting was held at 4-0 p.m. on 18th September. A. J. Wintringham was elected Treasurer, A. Brooks Vice-Chairman and R. J. G. Taylor, Secretary. This latter for the second successive time.

The first lecture was a filmstrip lecture by Kodak entitled *Photography in Ultra-Violet and Infra-Red*. Although the equipment for this specialised branch of recording invisible rays is beyond the scope of most members, the lecture nevertheless provided an extremely interesting and informative explanation of such topics as the detection of camouflage in wartime, aerial photography and photography in the dark.

The following lecture was by Mr. Haynes and illustrated by some of his own slides taken during the vacation. They emphasised how not to take good colour photographs. The lecture's title was *Faults in Colour Photography*.

Just before half-term the Society received an invitation from the Debating Society to be guests at a meeting to be addressed by Mr. Worell on *Mountaineering*. The Society accepted and were treated to a series of slides, some depicting hair-raising stages on various European climbs, in a pleasantly informal atmosphere. We wish to thank the Debating Society for their consideration.

On Thursday, 1st November, a showing of a *Beginner's Album* took place. Some shots of extremely good quality were included and doubtless served as a challenge to many members.

A rather technical lecture on *Sensitometry* was delivered on 6th November to the Society. Although of a mathematical nature it put forward, in as simple a form as possible with such a subject, the history of sensitometry and the various systems of measuring the speed with which a film registers light.

The first evening meeting of the term will be held on Thursday, 15th November, at 7-0 p.m. when the scientific approach to the practical photographer and his problems will be demonstrated by Mr. Haynes and, we hope, some of his suggestions and advice used in practical experiment.

The Leonardo da Vinci Society

Two meetings have been held so far this term.

On 12th October, the Society heard J. Hewitt read a paper on *British Railways in the Twentieth Century*. He started by giving a survey of the main railway developments during this time, and then discussed the advances made in Locomotive Engineering, paying particular attention to the work of Sir Nigel Gresley. His interesting and penetrating talk was illustrated by a bewildering variety of photographs, books and drawings.

This meeting was held at Dr. Jecny's house, but on 16th November, at the Headmaster's house, B. W. Derbyshire read a paper on *Ornithology*.

Derbyshire gave a very comprehensive and enlightening survey of birds, their history, habitat, territory, migration, evolution, and more especially, their song. He illustrated his remarks with drawings and a number of well-chosen gramophone records. The talk stimulated a lively discussion, which ranged mainly on other ornithological topics.

We are looking forward to a paper on *Historical Manchester* by T. W. Woodward in early December, and further papers on a varied range of subjects will be given next term.

We also wish to thank Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Jecny for the light refreshments provided.

The Christian Fellowship

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together." HEBREWS 10. v. 25.

We welcome this term into our fellowship Mr. C. G. Smith, and are very grateful to him for his support. We are also greatly indebted to Mr. Rix and Mr. Watts for their help and leadership.

We began this term with a talk on the place of the Christian Fellowship in the school, by Mr. S. Hopton, who has a great wealth of experience of Christian Unions in industry. His talk has no doubt helped us in our work this term.

For the most part, our meetings this term have been in the form of Bible studies, to increase our knowledge of the Bible and its teachings, and to strengthen us spiritually. Mr. Rix has led us in studying Paul's letter to the Colossians, and at the time of writing we are in the midst of studying the first epistle of Peter.

We have also had two more speakers.

The Rev. G. Harman, of Cheadle Parish Church, spoke to us on the somewhat topical subject of *Two years behind the Iron Curtain*. We were told of the great power and strength which can be obtained from Christian fellowship when the members are active, even in the heart of Communist China.

Mr. Ian Cony, of Hildenborough Hall, has also paid us a visit, to tell us of his Christian Guest House and Conference Centre in Sussex. It reminded many of us of Capenway Hall, a similar place where several of us went last summer.

Although the numbers have not been very encouraging, the Christian Fellowship has met regularly, and we do extend a warm welcome to all members of the school. As well as the weekly meetings after school, we have a regular Prayer Fellowship each Monday at 1-0 p.m., to which we invite any senior members of the school who may be interested.

Cricket

FIRST XI

The weather was partly responsible for making the 1956 season strangely unsatisfactory. Only one match was won, two were lost, six drawn and five

were abandoned or cancelled. Our victory against the Old Hulmeians was truly astounding: both our defeats were largely brought about by the same bowler; all the school matches were drawn except for one which would most certainly have been lost but for an untimely cloud-burst.

On the other hand the school side scored much more freely and forcibly than last season, and always had the promise of being a match-winning team. Our opening bowlers usually bowled well, but we lacked a spin bowler of accuracy and ability to turn the ball enough to beat the bat. Hence our inability to dismiss our opponents.

J. D. E. Rayman captained the side well, but only occasionally showed his true form with the bat. N. R. Watson was the most successful run-getter, and his average of 38.5 was helped by two excellent centuries. K. S. Williams again proved himself reliable as a batsman and finished second in the averages with 20. J. H. Delany bowled well with the new ball and took most wickets. K. S. Williams also bowled steadily as a rule but with less success. J. M. Temperley bowled accurately and would be a dangerous bowler, if he could acquire more spin.

The school fielding was patchy, though some brilliant catches were taken, particularly by D. F. Borland at gully and short leg.

Colours were awarded to:—

J. D. E. Rayman, K. S. Williams, J. H. Delany, N. R. Watson, D. F. Borland, M. Lord, G. S. Phillips, A. C. Morris, R. E. Williams and J. M. Temperley.

June 20th, v. WHALLEY RANGE C.C. Lost by 7 wickets.

N. R. Watson and E. W. Dickinson gave the school a satisfactory start against the fast bowlers, but when P. Barritt came on to bowl his slow left-arm spinners, J. D. E. Rayman was the only batsman who played him with a straight bat. Practically all of Barritt's victims fell to wild scythe-like shots against the spin of the ball, which were horrible to see. J. D. Rayman's cautious and correct batting should have shown the rest of the side how to meet the attack.

J. H. Delany bowled well with the new ball, and frequently beat the opening batsmen. If an early and easy catch had been taken off his bowling, victory for our opponents might not have come so easily. The school fielding left a lot to be desired, though K. S. Williams took two excellent catches.

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson lbw. Barritt	19
E. W. Dickinson ct. Ballinger b. Shawyer ...	20
D. F. Borland st. Ballinger b. Barritt	3
J. D. E. Rayman ct. Brooks b. Barritt	26
M. Lord st. Ballinger b. Barritt... ..	3
K. S. Williams lbw. Barritt	2
G. S. Phillips ct. and b. Barritt... ..	8
A. C. Morris b. Barritt	8
J. H. Delany not out	4
R. E. Williams st. Ballinger b. Barritt	0
J. M. Temperley b. Shawyer	0
Extras	3
Total	88

WHALLEY RANGE

E. Whittington b. Delany... ..	29
B. Ballinger ct. Williams b. Delany... ..	18
M. Land ct. Williams b. Phillips	16
D. Price not out	18
W. Maskell not out	5
Extras	9
Total (for 3 wickets)	95

June 23rd, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD
Match drawn

Neither the afternoon nor the state of the pitch was conducive to good cricket, and rain finally stopped play about twenty minutes' early. N. R. Watson's innings was somewhat marred by his seemingly incurable habit of flicking casually at balls just outside his off-stump, though he drove and pulled powerfully. M. P. Robinson disappointed once more and J. D. E. Rayman who looked like getting a good score at last was out to a shot that one thought he had given up attempting. G. S. Phillips batted really well, and demonstrated how determined and concentrated practice can improve the game of those who make up their minds to improve.

The school's declaration one felt was too long delayed, and despite a wicket in the second over, the school attack never really looked good enough to dismiss our opponents. J. M. Temperley bowled accurately and intelligently, but he will have to learn to spin the ball more if he is to get many wickets.

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson ct. Holland b. Foley... ..	55
M. P. Robinson ct. Holland b. Wood	1
D. F. Borland ct. and b. Wood... ..	5
J. D. E. Rayman lbw. Barker	19
K. S. Williams not out	21
G. S. Phillips not out... ..	38
Extras	2
Total (for 4 wickets declared)	141

M. Lord, A. C. Morris, J. Delany R. E. Williams, J. M. Temperley, did not bat.

KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD

P. A. Williams b. Borland... ..	16
J. R. Wilkinson b. Williams	0
P. M. Butler ct. Williams b. Temperley... ..	36
M. P. Holland lbw. Borland	2
M. Cooper b. Temperley	14
M. Dawson not out	9
C. D. R. Barker not out	7
Extras	3
Total (for 5 wickets)	87

D. B. Bancroft, V. C. Thomas, S. Foley, J. Wood, did not bat.

June 27th, v. OLD HULMEIANS, Won by 7 wickets.

The Old Boys were three wickets down for five runs within the first ten minutes. Hopes for the quick dismissal of the whole side, however, were rudely shattered by some vigorous hitting by D. S. Price who opened his score with three fours. He gave no chance in his 92 not out, and when the Old Hulmeians declared at 160 runs for 5 wickets, leaving the school less than 100 minutes to get the runs, no one thought that a school victory was possible. Fortunately the Old Boys' bowling lacked venom, but this did not detract from the merit of an opening partnership of 139 runs by N. R. Watson and J. H. Delany, scored in 75 minutes. Both batsmen hit the ball firmly to all quarters of the field, and N. R. Watson in particular punished anything short. It was perhaps fortunate that M. Land did not put himself on earlier; as it was his single wicket maiden over came too late, and the school won a notable victory with ten minutes to spare.

OLD HULMEIANS

J. Winfield ct. and b. Williams K. S....	0
O. R. Dennis ct. Robinson b. Williams K. S....	2
B. C. K. Ballinger b. Temperley ...	10
D. A. Hilton b. Delany ...	0
D. J. Price not out ...	92
C. Cuthbert ct. Borland b. Temperley ...	11
B. Tebbutt not out ...	27
Extras ...	18

Total (for 5 wickets declared) 160

R. Edwards, B. Benson, D. Barber, W. Land, did not bat.

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson run out... ..	105
J. H. Delany ct. Winfield b. Benson ...	37
M. P. Robinson not out ...	0
D. F. Borland not out ...	10
G. S. Phillips b. Land... ..	3
Extras	6

Total (for 3 wickets) 161

J. D. E. Rayman, K. S. Williams, H. Lord, A. C. Morris, R. E. Williams, J. M. Temperley, did not bat.

July 4th, v. PARENTS. Rain stopped play.

The school lost two wickets in the first over. One hopes that N. R. Watson's dismissal will at last have taught him not to flick at well-pitched-up balls near his off-stump. J. H. Delany batted steadily though slowly. D. F. Borland insisted on playing straight balls round to leg, and finally paid the penalty. The most pleasing aspect of the game was J. D. E. Rayman's return to form. He was not without luck, but displayed many good strokes in his not out innings. Together with K. S. Williams he took the score to a good total before declaring.

The evening had not been without rain during the school's innings, but the Parent's innings had only just started when it began to rain in earnest and the match had to be abandoned.

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson ct. Wagstaff b. Maskell ...	0
J. H. Delany b. Maskell ...	20
M. P. Robinson lbw. Maskell... ..	0
D. F. Borland lbw. b. Gee... ..	14
J. D. E. Rayman not out ...	57
K. S. Williams not out ...	19
Extras	7

Total (for 4 wickets declared) 117

A. C. Morris, M. Lord, R. E. Williams, G. S. Phillips, J. M. Temperley, did not bat.

PARENTS

Mr. Merriman not out	3
Mr. Robinson not out... ..	14

Rain stopped play.

July 18th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Rain stopped play.

The least said about this game from the school's point of view the better. It is true that Birkenhead School had some really first-rate bowlers, but this scarcely excuses the strange variety of strokes offered by the school batsmen. Only J. H. Delany and M. P. Robinson offered any serious resistance. Set to get 71 runs to win Birkenhead started badly, and with 3 wickets down for 14 one almost hoped for victory. Steady batting, however, by the undefeated batsmen was pushing the score along steadily, when a torrential downpour washed out all prospects of finishing the match.

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson b. Brown	0
J. H. Delany ct. Taylor b. Watson ...	20
M. P. Robinson ct. Brown b. Twidale ...	12
J. D. E. Rayman lbw. Watson... ..	0
D. Marsden run out	7
K. S. Williams lbw. Watson	1
G. S. Phillips ct. Allen b. Twidale... ..	6
M. Lord ct. Roberts b. Watson... ..	0
A. C. Morris not out... ..	4
R. E. Williams b. Watson... ..	1
J. M. Temperley ct. Watson b. Twidale... ..	1
Extras	18

Total ... 70

BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL

J. S. D. Allen b. Phillips	3
M. A. H. Taylor ct. Marsden b. Phillips...	2
M. R. Brearey b. Williams K. S. ...	8
P. E. F. Youd not out... ..	10
A. M. Roberts not out... ..	21
Extras	1

Total (for 3 wickets) 45

Rain stopped play.

July 20th, v. E. BARNES XI. Lost by 8 wickets.

It was a pity that the School XI should so signally fail to do itself justice in this Speech Day match.

Two foolish run-outs must have created a bad impression on spectators, and only a stand of some thirty runs by D. F. Borland and J. D. Rayman was creditable. After being 43 runs for 4 wickets down, the side was dismissed rather ingloriously for 66 runs. P. Barritt was again our chief enemy. No doubt the fact that the school has no really good spin bowler to practice against goes a long way to explain the inability of so many to play this type of bowling. E. Barnes XI knocked the runs off without difficulty in 50 minutes.

The only incident of note from the school point of view was an excellent gully catch by D. F. Borland, who, it should be recorded, proved himself a very fine fielder on many occasions.

SCHOOL

N. R. Watson run out...	6
J. H. Delany b. Shaw	0
M. P. Robinson run out	12
D. F. Borland ct. Hilton b. Barritt...	19
J. D. E. Rayman lbw. Whittaker	17
K. S. Williams ct. Ballinger b. Barritt	0
G. S. Phillips st. Ballinger b. Barritt	0
A. C. Morris b. Barritt	0
M. Lord b. Whittaker	6
R. E. Williams b. Whittaker	6
J. M. Temperley not out	2
Extras	2
Total	66

E. BARNES XI

G. Holland ct. Delany b. Lord...	31
B. Ballinger ct. Borland b. Phillips...	0
M. Land not out...	30
I. A. Kennedy not out	8
Extras	5
Total (for 2 wickets)	74

SECOND XI

The team ended the season with an undefeated record, though we deserved to have been beaten by Bolton School.

The batting was generally sound, especially that of E. W. Dickinson, P. Bardsley, and J. Davis. J. D. Marsden did not bat as well as expected, though he played a very good innings against King's School, Macclesfield. Hague also had a disappointing season with the bat. Of the other batsmen the most promising was J. L. Williams; and A. Brooks, who

came into the side late, proved a most valuable asset, and should have played for the team years ago.

The bowling too was of sound quality. I. W. Green, F. A. Kynaston, and H. Bibby were all useful medium-paced bowlers, and there were spells when Green bowled really well, repeatedly beating the bat both in the air and off the wicket. The main fault of all three was a failure to pitch the ball up to the batsman right from the start of the innings. Marsden bowled some very useful off-breaks on occasion. Hallard was not used much, but did not seem to be turning the ball a great deal.

The fielding, after a poor start, improved, was usually reliable, and at times brilliant. Despite considerable efforts in coaching, the running between wickets of the newcomers to the side remained poor, and few seemed to appreciate the necessity for firm calling and keen backing up.

Davis and his Vice-Captain, Hague, led the team very well indeed, and the side played all its matches with enthusiasm and obvious pleasure.

RECORD: Played 8, Won 3, Drawn 3, Abandoned 2.

RESULTS (not previously reported).

June 23rd, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD 2nd XI (Away). School 101 for 8 declared (Marsden 38. Williams not out 20). King's School, Macclesfield 56. (Marsden 6 for 25). School won by 55 runs.

July 4th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL 2nd XI (Away). Cheadle Hulme 67 (Kynaston 4 for 16). School 68 for 4 (Brooks 27, Dickinson not out 23). School won by 6 wickets.

July 13th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL 2nd XI (Home). Birkenhead 95 for 5 declared. School 34 for 3 (Dickinson not out 20). Match abandoned because of rain.

Batting Averages

	No. of		Not Highest	Runs	Avge.
	Inns.	Out	Score		
Dickinson	8	3	40	142	28.4
Davis	7	4	29 n.o.	83	27.7
Williams	5	3	20 n.o.	45	22.5
Kynaston	3	1	13 n.o.	27	13.5
Bardsley	7	—	26	86	12.3
Marsden	6	—	38	66	11

Bowling Averages

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
Kynaston	29.3	7	69	12	5.75
Marsden	22.4	3	60	10	6
Bibby	54.2	18	104	10	10.4
Temperley	29	4	83	8	10.4
Green	63	11	159	12	13.25

Colours were re-awarded to:—

J. Davis and J. D. Hague.

Colours were awarded to:—

E. W. Dickinson, I. W. Green, P. Bardsley, J. D. Marsden, H. Bibby, F. A. Kynaston, J. L. Williams, J. S. Hilland, A. Brooks and D. Hallard.

UNDER 15 XI

The later part of the season did in fact show the improvement suggested in last term's notes. No more matches were lost, and the full record for the season was: won 3, lost 3, drawn 2, no play 2. In addition to those mentioned last term, caps were awarded to B. Hayes and J. S. Gallagher.

RESULTS

June 13th, v. CHETHAM'S HOSPITAL (Away). Won by 4 wickets. Chetham's Hospital 59 (R. W. Welsby 4 for 4, M. Billcliff 3 for 13); School 60 for 6 wickets (R. N. Tattersall 15).

June 23rd, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD (Home). Match drawn. School 90 (R. N. Tattersall 17, M. R. Kay 17, P. A. Ruler 11); Macclesfield 82 for 9 wickets.

June 30th, v. CHETHAM'S HOSPITAL (Home). Won by 20 runs. School 117 (R. N. Tattersall 28, J. S. Gallagher 20 not out, P. A. Ruler 15, W. D. Yale 10); Chetham's Hospital 97 (J. G. Mitchell 5 for 24, R. W. Welsby 3 for 20).

July 14th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL (Home). Rain. No play.

July 18th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL (Away). Rain stopped play. Birkenhead 123 for 5 wickets declared (R. W. Welsby 4 for 25); School 19 for 1 wicket.

HOUSE CRICKET

For the first fortnight of the term half the field was used for athletics practices, so that the start of the programme of House League matches was delayed until after the Sports. In spite of unfavourable weather and the inevitable dislocation caused by the prolonged G.C.E. examinations, a satisfactory number of games was played and the House Knock-Out competition completed. In the House League Dalton and Gaskell quickly established a clear lead over the other houses, but as the season progressed Dalton failed to maintain their challenge, and Gaskell finished easy winners. Final positions:—

Gaskell	132 points
Dalton	99 "
Byrom	86 "
Whitworth	79 "
Fraser	72 "
Heywood	72 "

In the Junior Knock-Outs Dalton were successful, defeating Fraser by 5 wickets. Fraser were all out for 48, losing several batsmen through bad running between the wickets. At one time in Dalton's innings this looked likely to be a winning score, but a good sixth-wicket partnership gave Dalton the game.

In the Senior competition Heywood, with a team consisting almost entirely of 'League' players, defeated Fraser in the first round, and lost by only one wicket to Gaskell in the second round. The final, played between Gaskell and Dalton, was a dour, slow-scoring match in which the bowlers were always on top. Gaskell made a bad start, recovered, and finally collapsed after tea, being all out for 86. Dalton batted stubbornly against a varied attack, but were finally dismissed for 61.

A pleasing feature of the season's play was the keenness with which most games were fought, and in this respect both the Senior House and Senior 'A' teams set an excellent example. On one afternoon a Combined House XI played the School Second XI and held them to a draw.

Finally, a word of thanks to the groundsman for his work in the preparation of pitches and the care and supervision of kit.

Rugby Football

FIRST XV

So far the 1st XV has won 5 matches and lost 5, scoring 107 points to the 95 points scored by opponents. There has been a pleasing keenness on practices, and plenty of competition for places. N. V. Barber has proved an admirable captain and the outstanding forward in a pack that is probably as good as any that this school has had for many years. T. Bush has also played very well, but it would be difficult to mention other forwards without having to mention all of them.

The backs have not been as good as one had hoped at the beginning of season. An early blow to the side was the unexpected leaving of C. McDiarmid. M. Lord, who has been made vice-captain, replaced him at centre-threequarter, and has shown himself very difficult to stop in attack and quick to cover in defence. Injuries have kept

T. V. Jones from having much of a trial, and G. S. Phillips has missed a number of matches. The halves have at times played well, but not consistently so. It has been disappointing not to see the ball moving down the line to the wing-three-quarters enough. T. Craven has made a good effort to turn himself into a full-back, but is not quick enough nor experienced enough yet.

It is pleasing to note that both tackling and falling on the ball have improved considerably since the beginning of the season

Colours have so far been awarded to:—

N. V. Barber, M. Lord, T. Bush, J. D. Hague, J. Davis, J. S. Wright, M. J. Booth, J. M. Birtwistle, B. A. Jackson.

Sept. 28th, v. Major Watkins XV H L 14—20

For a first match of the season this performance was encouraging. Major Watkins XV was a strong side, and the forwards did well to hold a heavy and experienced pack, though possession in most of the tight scrums went to the opposition, whose strong and fast-running backs passed quickly and were always a danger. When the School backs got the ball they showed determination, and J. Hague scored a try that M. Lord converted. A. M. Fish also ran strongly to score in the corner and N. V. Barber and M. Lord kicked penalty goals. At one point it looked as though the School XV would win, but a late penalty goal and try in the corner put Major Watkin's XV comfortably ahead.

Oct. 6th, v. Stockport Grammar School H W 11—6

This was a hard fought game in which our forwards dominated the play, and gave the backs a very large share of the ball. The Stockport backs marked very closely indeed and the school backs were unable to adapt themselves to these tactics. Neither of the school wing three-quarters received a pass, but M. Lord in the centre ran strongly. He it was who received an inside pass from G. S. Phillips and sent T. Bush over for a try. Our other scores were penalty goals by N. V. Barber and M. Lord. Some of the school tackling and falling on the ball left a good deal to be desired. T. Craven made his debut as full-back, and was fairly successful though slow in getting himself into position.

Oct. 13th, v. Manchester University Freshmen H L 5—6

The play seemed rather unnecessarily fierce at times, but the forwards held their own against a heavy pack, and in fact had the better of the battle. A. Pitty played at fly-half at short-notice and did reasonably well with a rather slow pass from the

scrum. The backs once more showed a tendency to ignore their wings and kick rather than pass. The School score came after a quick heel from a loose maul. M. Lord ran strongly and sent G. S. Phillips over for a try that M. Lord converted. The Freshmen's score came from a try far out in the second half and a penalty goal. The lingering impression of this game is that the backs failed to make the most use of their opportunities.

Oct. 20th, v. Hulme Hall H W 10—3

J. Hague was back at fly-half for this game, but after several severe blows appeared to be playing in rather a daze. In spite of this he helped in one try where G. S. Phillips finally sent M. Lord over for a try which N. V. Barber converted. A. F. Pitty replaced T. V. Jones at scrum-half who was in any case injured, and made a satisfactory first appearance there. The three-quarter line was rather better, but still failed to make adequate use of the wings. M. Lord however played with his usual vigour and scored the second school try. Of the forwards N. V. Barber and T. Bush were conspicuous especially in the line-out and loose; the whole pack showed fire and spirit against a vigorous set of opponents.

Oct. 24th, v. King's School, Macclesfield H L 6—11

This was a disappointing game from our point of view. The School pack showed an early domination of their opponents and liberally supplied the backs with the ball. Our wing three-quarters were given no opportunity to shine, the ball being kicked much too often and then not well. Macclesfield scored an early try in the corner and then went over again for a converted try, the result of poor tackling. We fought back to 6—8 with a blind-side try by A. F. Pitty, and a good try after an individual run by M. Lord. Macclesfield drew further ahead after a successful penalty kick awarded for obstruction.

Oct. 31st, v. King Edward VII School, Lytham A L 3—22

This was not the walk-over for our opponents that the score might suggest. At half-time the score was 3—6, and for much of the game play was even. During a disastrous quarter of an hour in the second half the opposition scored 16pts. T. Craven at full-back had an unfortunate day. He was slightly lamed by a kick on the leg, and failed to get across the field to three kicks ahead each of which brought tries, and also conceded a penalty goal for holding the ball after being caught in possession.

This is the first time our forwards have been out-played, though it must be admitted they were up against a first-class pack. The School backs looked more thrustful with the ball than in past games, and it is unfortunate that their improved form should coincide with the only occasion when they were denied a large share of the ball.

Nov. 3rd, v. Old Hulmeians R.U.F.C. H L 14—16

This turned out to be a close and most exciting game. The Old Boys played attractive football, and whenever their backs got the ball they looked dangerous. The Old Boys' fly-half S. Harrison got a very long pass from the base of the scrum and schemed many openings. Their scores came mainly through strong running behind the scrum partly aided by irresolute school tackling. School scores came from a try by J. Hague, another by A. W. Day after a break by A. F. Pitty, and another by D. L. Watkin who proved himself a useful wing-forward. N. V. Barber kicked well to score a penalty goal and convert a try.

The forwards again played a robust game, and held their own against a formidable pack.

Nov. 7th, v. Cheadle Hulme School H W 23—0

The absence through injury of G. S. Phillips caused a re-arrangement of the backs for this game. B. A. Jackson was given a chance to show his thrust in the centre: he scored the first try and tackled well. M. Lord played his usual powerful game to score twice, and also covered many times in defence. A. W. Day also scored. This comfortable victory, however, was made possible by the overwhelming superiority of the forwards. They gained possession of the ball nearly always from a lighter pack, and dominated every phase of the forward game. Other scores came from D. Watkin who touched down after a loose maul, and T. Bush.

Nov. 14th, v. Birkenhead School H W 9—6

This was a hard fought and exciting match which did not really deserve a score made up of penalty goals. The School pack played very well against a set of forwards that has overwhelmed other school packs for more than a season. J. S. Wright hooked well, N. V. Barber and T. Bush were, as always, conspicuous in the line-outs, and the whole pack played with commendable vigour in the loose. A. F. Pitty was severely handled in the opening minutes of the game and did not strike form, so that the three-quarter line hardly got going at all. The Birkenhead scrum-half broke on the blind side

several times during the last quarter of an hour, and our line had several narrow escapes. The three penalty goals kicked by N. V. Barber were all long ones, and this victory in spite of failure to cross our opponents' line is one that we can be proud of.

Nov. 17th, v. Manchester Grammar School

A W 11—3

This was a satisfying win on a very heavy pitch that prevented high-scoring. The forwards once again took control of their side of the game. T. Bush and N. V. Barber got the ball in the line-outs, ably assisted this time by R. A. Dearden who played his best game of the season. J. M. Birtwistle and M. J. Booth were always on the ball, and G. H. Lynn and J. Davis, who made a welcome return to the side, played well as wing forwards. A. F. Pitty found his form again, but the backs were hampered by the mud and by marking that was extremely close. The first try came after a break by T. Bush who passed to R. A. Dearden who sent A. W. Day over for a try. A little later M. Lord scored after a very strong run through the centre. In the second half A. F. Pitty slipped through a large gap left by the opposition wing forward and scored near the posts for N. V. Barber to convert.

SECOND XV

The Second XV has proved a most variable side. On certain occasions it has played with enthusiasm and determination, and really looked like a good team. This was notably so against King Edward VII School, Lytham, and Manchester Grammar School. The most resounding victory was against Cheadle Hulme School, though the ease of it may have helped to lead to our most resounding defeat against Birkenhead School, the following match. The occasions when it has seemed that scarcely any member of the side had any mind to tackle or fall on the ball were against Birkenhead School, the Old Hulmeians and King's School, Macclesfield. It is hoped that the side will play at its best in the hard school matches still to come.

B. Cartwright has captained the side quietly and efficiently. He is, on his day, a neat quick player who is able to get his back line moving well. A. Brooks brought up from the 3rd XV originally because of injury to T. V. Jones has shown himself a good scrum-half. Generally speaking the tackling amongst the backs has been uncertain, and their

passing not precise enough. A. M. Fish, however, who has played some games on the 1st XV has a good turn of speed, and H. M. Stockwell has run with strength and tackled well. Of the forwards A. P. H. Perry has played consistently well, and if he had had a little more weight would surely have made his place on the 1st XV. D. A. Price has played well with him in the second row. P. M. Bagguley at No. 8 has been a tower of strength in the line and in the loose, while A. F. Bennett has been a hard-working prop and T. W. Woodward a hooker who has often out-hooked his opponent. Other places in the scrum are not yet settled, and there are many contestants for places.

Colours awarded so far:—

B. Cartwright, A. M. Fish, T. Craven, A. P. H. Perry, P. M. Bagguley, T. W. Woodward, D. A. Price, A. F. Bennett, H. M. Stockwell.

RESULTS

v.—Oldham R.U.F.C. Colts XV...	H W	12—9
v.—North Manchester H.S. 1st XV	A W	9—3
v.—King's School, Macclesfield...	H L	11—20
v.—King Edward VII Sch., Lytham	H W	14—10
v.—Old Hulmeians R.U.F.C.	H L	0—18
v.—Cheadle Hulme School	A W	51—6
v.—Birkenhead School	A L	41—0
v.—Manchester Grammar School	H W	32—0

THIRD XV

This team, composed of enthusiasts from the Sixth Form who are not in any other School XV, has this year a fixture list of five matches, of which so far three have been played. Against Burnage Grammar School 2nd XV we won 6—0. D. A. Kynaston touched down after a good forward rush and a good three-quarter movement sent J. L. Williams in for the second try. Our challenge to Mosley Hall Grammar School 1st XV produced a very hard-fought game which we lost 24—6, despite heroic tackling by our outsides, especially J. V. M. Rubin, and hard work by the forwards, who dominated their opponents in the second half. Against the Old Hulmeians 3rd we fielded a rather weakened team as five players were needed by the School Second XV but our substitutes worked hard

and the result was only 11—6 for the Old Boys. In this game J. L. Williams on the wing scored a try and also kicked a penalty goal.

In so cheerful and willing a team it would be invidious to name individuals except to praise A. F. Warrell, the captain, for his example. In each game the team has shown unselfishness and determination, while in defence the tackling has been courageous and thorough.

UNDER 16 XV

RESULTS

v.—Stockport G.S. 2nd XV	A L	3—16
v.—Denstone College	H L	0—18
v.—King's School, Macclesfield	H W	11—3
v.—Chetham's Hospital 1st XV	A L	3—44
v.—Birkenhead School	H L	6—27

The forwards have played well under the leadership of Eldridge and have more than held their own against the opposing packs. Despite the adverse record, the team has played keenly and, with more determination to beat the opponents to the ball and tackle low anyone running with it, may well win the remaining matches.

We were sorry to lose by injury Rudkin after only one game, but Pryke has hooked well and been a worthy substitute.

TEAM:—W. D. Yale, B. W. Maurice, G. M. Geary, J. E. Whitmore, M. P. Robinson, P. Bardsley, D. L. Mather, J. Lomas, R. T. Pryke, N. M. Parr, R. H. Eldridge (captain), I. H. Cottrell, G. Thorp, J. P. Bishop, H. R. MacCallum.

Also played:—V. H. Lucas, J. Peats, R. B. Rudkin.

UNDER 15 XV

The Under 15 XV has shown promise of better things than they have achieved so far. The moderate showing has been due to weak tackling, slowness to fall on the ball, and lack of covering by both forwards and outsides. The pack, although not unusually heavy, has bound well and tight in the set scrums and has more than held its own. In the line-outs we should have had more of the ball, if the tall men had been less 'earth bound'. When we did get it, it was generally heeled quickly and cleanly.

The three-quarters must learn to time their passes more effectively and to handle the ball more firmly. The centres still tend to look like the forwards they were until this season; but they run strongly, as do the wings. The side owes much to the good goal-kicking of D. W. Robinson.

D. Paton has captained the side and led the forwards well, though he could use his voice a little more with advantage. M. Billcliff has supported him ably as vice-captain and has been the main tactician behind the scrum.

The team has generally been:—J. H. Dixon, D. W. Robinson, F. P. Wilde, A. K. C. Rodgers, A. G. Jones, M. Billcliff, B. Hayes, M. R. Hall, I. M. Case, R. B. Taylor, M. A. Kerr, J. G. Temple, D. Paton, J. S. Litherland, D. P. Swain.

The following have also played:—M. J. Friend, I. M. Lawless, J. B. Parkinson, P. J. Reaney.

RESULTS

v.—North Manchester H.S.	H W	8—6
v.—Stockport G.S.	H L	0—25
v.—Denstone College	H W	14—6
v.—King's School, Macclesfield....	A L	0—20
v.—King Edward VII School, Lytham	A L	3—22
v.—Moseley Hall County G.S. ...	A W	15—13
v.—Cheadle Hulme School.....	H W	19—18

Swimming

The House Swimming Competition was held at Moss Side Baths, on Thursday, September 27th. The results were as follows:—

FREE STYLE—

Under 13, 25 yds.: 1, D. W. Brooks (D); 2, D. A. Ranson (W); 3, D. G. Murray (G); 4, S. J. Robinson (F). 18·0 secs.

Under 14, 25 yds.: 1, R. W. Welsby (D); 2, I. Cunningham (F); 3, J. L. Smith (W); 4, A. F. Thomas (H). 15·2 secs.

Under 15, 50 yds.: 1, I. M. Lawless (W); 2, C. Swann (D); 3, D. Paton (B); 4, I. M. Case (B). 28·8 secs.

Under 16, 50 yds.: 1, H. R. MacCallum (B); 2, R. G. Heath (F); 3, G. M. Geary (G); 4, R. B. Rudkin (G). 30·0 secs.

16 and over, 50 yds.: 1, C. McDiarmid (F); 2, J. B. Kershaw (W); 3, T. Craven (B); 4, M. Lord (G). 32·0 secs.

BREAST STROKE—

Under 13, 25 yds.: 1, D. R. Stankard (G); 2, D. N. Brooks (D); 3, D. M. Alteras (D); 4, R. Sleigh (D). 24·2 secs.

Under 14, 25 yds.: 1, J. S. Litherland (D); 2, D. L. Jones (F); 3, D. Robinson (H); 4, A. J. Gordon (F). 19·2 secs.

Under 15, 50 yds.: 1, A. J. Chesworth (W); 2, D. Paton (D); 3, G. Pomfret (B); 4, C. Swann (D). 44·0 secs.

Under 16, 50 yds.: 1, D. Sharples (B); 2, R. B. Rudkin (G); 3, G. M. Geary (G); 4, R. G. Heath (F). 44·4 secs.

16 and over, 50 yds.: 1, N. V. Barber (W); 2, T. Craven (B); 3, S. Billcliff (D); 4, T. W. Batley (F). 38·2 secs.

BACK STROKE—

Under 13, 25 yds.: 1, S. J. Robinson (F); 2, D. N. Brooks (D); 3, S. V. Lees (H); 4, D. A. Ranson (W). 24·0 secs.

Under 14, 25 yds.: 1, P. P. Constantine (D); 2, I. Cunningham (F); 3, J. S. Mortimer (H); 4, M. T. Hannant (G). 20·4 secs.

Under 15, 50 yds.: 1, C. Swann (D); 2, I. M. Lawless (W); 3, D. Paton (B); 4, A. J. Chesworth (W). 37·2 secs.

Under 16, 50 yds.: 1, H. R. MacCallum (B); 2, G. M. Geary (G); 3, R. B. Rudkin (G); 4, R. H. Eldridge (D). 40·8 secs.

16 and over, 50 yds.: 1, J. B. Kershaw (W); 2, C. McDiarmid (F); 3, G. W. Beaumont (F); 4, M. C. Roxburgh (B). 37·8 secs.

NEAT DIVE—

Under 13: 1, D. N. Brooks (D); 2, E. Roberts (B); 3, M. Smith (W); 4, D. M. Alteras (D).

Under 14: 1, M. T. Hannant (G); 2, R. W. Welsby (D); 3, M. Smith (W); 4, D. Robinson (H).

Under 15: 1, I. M. Lawless (W); 2, C. Swann (D); 3, A. L. Traill (H); 4, G. Pomfret (B).

Under 16: 1, G. L. Orford (H); 2, R. G. Heath (F); 3, C. W. Stubbs (W); 4, D. Sharples (B).

16 and over: 1, T. Craven (B); 2, J. L. Williams (G); 3, C. McDiarmid (F); 4, M. Lord (G).

25 YDS. UNDERWATER, OPEN—

1, G. H. Lynn (B); 2, N. V. Barber (W); 3, B. A. Jackson (F); 4, J. B. Kershaw (W).

BREAST STROKE STYLE—

1, N. V. Barber (W); T. W. Batley (F); 3, R. B. Rudkin (G); 4, T. Craven (B).

LIFE SAVING—

1, T. Craven (B); 2, N. V. Barber (W); 3, I. H. Cottrell (W); 4, R. G. Heath (F).

FREE STYLE, OPEN, 100 YDS.—

1, I. M. Lawless (W); 2, G. H. Lynn (B); 74.4 secs.

JUNIOR RELAY—

Under 15, 4 x 25 yds.: 1, Dalton; 2, Whitworth; 3, Fraser; 4, Heywood. 67.8 secs.

SENIOR RELAY—

15 and over, 4 x 25 yds.: 1, Byrom; 2, Fraser; 3, Whitworth; 4, Gaskell. 59.0 secs.

HOUSE POINTS—Whitworth 65; Dalton 58½; Byrom 55; Fraser 49; Gaskell 33; Heywood 16.

Whitworth thus repeated their success of the previous year by winning the Burnside Cup. T. Craven of Byrom won the Lady Mather Cup, awarded for the best performance in the Senior events. In the lower age group, I. M. Lawless was outstanding and the times for his free style races were particularly good, considering the number of times he swam for his House during the competition.

House Notes

BYROM HOUSE

The House Prefects appointed in September, 1956 were:—J. D. Hague (Head of House), A. F. Pitty, B. W. Derbyshire (School Prefects) and D. Arnold, A. F. Bennett, R. S. Lurie, G. H. Lynn, J. D. Marsden and D. B. Taylor.

The teams in the House League, the Seniors captained by R. S. Lurie and the Juniors by G. Pomfret, have played with more keenness than success. One reason for this is the relatively large number of players on the School 1st and 2nd XV's. In the Senior Knock-out competition, under the captaincy of J. D. Hague, we beat Fraser in the First Round (18—0), Whitworth in the Second Round (16—9), and Gaskell in the Final. The score in the Final was 6—0, and A. F. Pitty did all the scoring by kicking a penalty goal in the first half, and scoring a break-away try in the second. This is certainly the first time since the war, and possibly the first time ever, that Byrom have won the Rugger Shield. The final was played on a wet ground and though the forwards had most of the game, the backs also tackled well, and played their part.

In the House Swimming Competition we finished second, and T. Craven was first in the individual competition.

On last June's G.C.E. results, D. B. Taylor was awarded a State Scholarship.

The House has usually had a greater share than this in the academic successes of the School.

DALTON HOUSE

Head of House—K. S. Williams.

School Prefects—K. S. Williams; I. A. B. Low.

House Prefects—R. A. Dearden, N. A. Boyle, A. Brooks, R. H. Eldridge, I. R. MacCallum, J. C. Priestley.

Captain of Rugby—K. S. Williams.

Captain of Swimming—R. A. Dearden.

At Rugby the House has not done quite as well as last year. We offer hearty congratulations to the Juniors on becoming the first House team to win the new Prefects' Cup. The game against Heywood was fast and furious. M. Billecliff and J. Hill played exceptionally strongly in the backs, and A. J. Slater settled down as a reliable full back. J. S. Litherland was prominent in the forwards. The Senior House team reached no further than the Semi-Final of the 'Knock-outs', but in the House League Dalton is second and striving its utmost to oust Fraser from the top.

In the Inter-House Swimming Competition our thanks are mainly due once again to the Juniors for our wonderful showing. The House led nearly all the way through the competition, and lost the lead, owing to the fact that there were no Dalton

successes in the final few events. Prominent amongst the Junior swimmers was C. Swann (Under 15), ably supported by D. N. Brooks (Under 13), the latter coming 4th in the individual points.

The House Play—*The Poetasters of Ispahan*. Rehearsals have already been held and the cast chosen. Great enthusiasm has been afforded all round.

We offer our congratulations to I. A. B. Low and I. R. MacCallum on winning State Scholarships.

FRASER HOUSE

Head of House—J. G. Taylor.

House Prefects—C. W. Beaumont, B. J. Grieve, B. A. Jackson, C. F. Turner, J. E. O. Screen, D. L. Watkin, G. A. M. Wood.

Games Captains—

Senior House: J. G. Taylor.

Senior 'A': P. F. Wood.

Junior House: R. M. Linford.

C. A. McDiarmid left the School soon after the beginning of term to go to Manchester University and J. G. Taylor was appointed Head of the House and a School Prefect in his stead.

Unfortunately, although they played hard, the Senior House was defeated by Byrom in the first round of the Knock-outs but they lead the House League by 62 points over the 50 points of their nearest rivals, Dalton. This latter in spite of the repeated loss of players to school teams. Both B. A. Jackson and D. L. Watkin play on the School First Team and five other boys in the House play for various other School teams.

The Junior House have not had a good season in spite of their high spirit and have suffered a number of crushing defeats.

The play to be produced for the House has not yet been decided upon but enthusiasm for parts appears to run high.

The House did well as a whole in the House Swimming Competition. C. A. McDiarmid and R. Heath in particular gave good showings. There are a number of promising swimmers on their way up, but the loss of C. A. McDiarmid and J. O. Tatham has thinned the Senior ranks.

As regards athletics, the House should again do better if more hard training is done. D. L. Watkin will be our chief representative in this sphere.

GASKELL HOUSE

Head of House—J. Davis.

School Prefects—J. Davis, T. V. Jones, T. J. Bush,

House Prefects—A. P. Aked, P. Clark, R. V. Chadwick, K. P. Geddes, M. Lord, E. P. Mosley, J. M. Temperley.

On the rugby field the achievements of the House have been steady rather than outstanding. The Seniors again reached the final of the Knock-outs, but lost 0—6 to Byrom. The Juniors, after a good win against Fraser in the first round, lost in the semi-final to Dalton. Meanwhile, in the House League, the House has maintained a position in the middle of the table, despite the heavy demands of School sides.

In the Swimming Competition the House made a good effort and, in spite of strong opposition, finished in the fourth position.

We congratulate T. V. Jones and T. J. Bush on their appointments as School Prefects this term, and T. V. Jones and G. G. Mitchell on the award of State Scholarships on the results of G.C.E. last June.

HEYWOOD HOUSE

Head of House this year is B. Cartwright. The following are also to be congratulated on being appointed *School Prefects*—G. S. Phillips and J. M. Broadbridge.

The *House Prefects* are—A. W. Day, T. W. Woodward, D. W. Lomas, P. D. B. Collins, B. W. Wilson and A. F. Warrell.

It has been pleasing to see so many of the House represented on School teams and practices.

A. W. Day and G. S. Phillips are playing for the First XV.