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School Notes and News.

N. A. Alston has won the Moseley Physics Prize for second year students at Manchester University.

At the examinations for the ordinary B.A. Degree (Manchester), D. T. Eastwood has passed in French (Final General) and English (Intermediate).

D. Ll. Griffiths, W. W. Simpson and D. N. Beggs, have been awarded Manchester City Scholarships of the annual value of £60 tenable for three years at Manchester University. The first named has further distinguished himself by winning a State Scholarship.

At the examinations held last July by the Northern Universities Joint Matriculation

Board, the School achieved the following successes with distinction in the subjects indicated in brackets:—Higher Certificates in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English Literature: E. Barnes, D. N. Beggs, J. G. Dent, J. E. Evans, J. Fitzgerald, A. R. Kennedy, H. Lowther, L. T. Malia, K. Massey, T. Short, A. Williamson; in French, German, History and English Literature: B. W. Harrison; in History, English Literature, French and Latin: D. Ll. Griffiths (English Literature), L. Mount, W. W. Simpson, (History and English Literature).

Matriculation Certificates:—Form VA: W. H. G. Adams, D. Pool, J. C. Ratcliffe; Form VB: S. Barratt (Mathematics), J. C. P. Besford, T. W. M. Bland, B. M. Brook, J. F. Caldwell (History), J. H. Levy (French)

F. B. Proctor (English Literature and History), R. Rogers (History), A.W. Taylor, M. G. Whitman, E. G. Widdows (German); Form Vc: M. G. Blackburn (English Literature), G. H. Platt (Mathematics and Chemistry); Form IVA: A. R. Andrew, A. Cartwright, J. E. Chatfield (Chemistry), N. D. Cousins (English Literature), R. G. Gregory, J. Midgley (History and Chemistry), P. H. Taylor, G. Woodhouse. School Certificates:—Form VA: H. C. Bloor, F. G. Bray, E. A. Burgess, B. H. B. Bygrave, G. J. Ellis, F. L. Garaway, F. E. Goodwin, G. O. Holt, J. C. Jarvis, G. O. H. Slade, J. L. Willson; Form VB: R. Astin, R. Burrows, L. L. Cooper, C. A. Cooper, A. Dixon, C. Drapkin, F. P. Harris (History), N. E. Hawley (History), A. K. F. Nicol, E. A. Walton, G. C. Willis, J. N. Wright, Form Vc: L. Barraclough, N. Copeland (Chemistry), R. S. C. Hadfield, J. E. Hammond, F. E. Hunt, M. D. Kruger, G. P. F. Newlands, F. H. Puxty, D. K. D. Shaw, K. B. Williams: Form IVA: S. D. Cleworth, P. S. Cotterill, J. C. Fielding, G. Holt (History), E. Kirkland, R. Millner.

At their meeting in July, the Governors made the following awards to boys in the School:—Foundation Scholarships, tenable for one year: R. M. Thorpe, R. W. Lymer, J. C. Scammell; tenable for two years: T. W. M. Bland, M. G. Whitman, W. H. G. Adams; tenable for three years: E. Davy, W. M. Garvie, E. L. Pixton, H. Stephens, G. C. Evans, D. Coe, G. A. Clare, J. B. Holt, P. Rogers. Scholarships for Ex-Elementary School Boys, tenable for one year: W. W. Simpson, C. G. E. Holehouse; tenable for three years: F. W. Drummond. At a meeting in October, Foundation Scholarships tenable for two years were granted to G. H. Platt, A. R. Andrew, N. D. Cousins, R. G. Gregory, R. Millner and S. D. Cleworth, on the result of the School Certificate Examination.

Leaving Exhibitions of the Annual value of £20, tenable for three years, were awarded to D. N. Beggs, J. E. Evans, R. M. H.

Garvie and J. E. Peters, who have proceeded to Manchester University.

The Prefects for the year are R. W. Lymer (Head Prefect), R. M. Thorpe, J. G. Dent, H. Lowther, W. W. Simpson, A. V. Williams, A. R. Kennedy, J. Ferguson, C. Wilkes, E. G. Widdows, J. C. Jarvis.

Mr. Ginever, who passed the Bishop's Examination in August, was ordained Deacon at Manchester Cathedral in September, and has been appointed to the Church of St. Mary, Hulme.

Mr. H. R. Classen, this year's President of the Old Hulmeians Association, Mr. Sydney Payne, Mr. S. W. Saxelby, Mr. H. H. Vlies and Mr. Morley attended the Armistice Day Service at the School, when Mr. Classen on behalf of the Association placed a wreath at the foot of the Old Boys memorial tablet.

Seventy-five per cent. of the work of levelling the field has now been completed, and it is hoped to finish the remainder by next summer.

The pegging out of the ground for the new buildings began on the 5th of October, and, since the first bricks were laid on the 8th of that month, very considerable progress has been made with the work. The walls of the new science rooms have already reached the height of the first storey, and the new gymnasium will soon be ready for the joiners.

The average attendance in the school field on games afternoons this term has been 125.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *Ulala*, *The Willastonian*, *The Waconian*, *The Savilian*, *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*, *The Frome County School Magazine* and *The Leigh Grammar School Magazine*.

We would again remind Old Boys that the subscription to *The Hulmeian* is 1s. 6d. per annum, to be paid to Mr. Barber at the School.

Lent term begins on Thursday, January 13th, at 9 o'clock.

MARRIAGE.

COX—LEVIS.—On October 7th, at St. Paul's Church, Llandudno, Edward, the youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. F. W. Cox, of West Didsbury, to Evelyn, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Levis, of Llandudno.

DEATHS.

HENDERSON.—Result of a motor accident, on the 27th September, Arthur, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henderson, of Whalley Range.

PIMBLOTT.—Jack, the beloved son of Anne and John Pimblott, 52, Halston St., Hulme, on the 19th October, at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, through accident.

GARVIE.—On the 20th October, the result of an accident, Ronald Wilson Garvie, aged 10½ years, third son of Robert H. and Margaret E. Garvie, 27, Chandos Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

LINGARD.—On the 9th November, at Manchester, Geoffrey, third son of Joseph and Maggie Lingard, of 1537, Ashton Old Road, Higher Openshaw, in his 22nd year.

A Note on the School Badge and its Origin.

The cap-badge of the School is the crest of William Hulme, "of whose bounty this school was founded and endowed," and who stands with Chetham and others as one of the great Manchester pioneers of education. There are several representations of his full coat of arms; one can be seen on the school book-plate, another on the

pocket of the school blazer, and a third on the tomb of William Hulme, in the Hulme Chapel in the Manchester Cathedral.

These three differ slightly, but it may be assumed that the coat of arms on the tomb is more nearly correct than are the other two.

The shield, described in heraldic terms as "barry of eight azure and or, on a canton argent a wreath gules proper," carries upon the helmet of a gentleman the crest, which is "a lion's head erased gules on a cap of maintenance." This crest, the lion's head, is the school cap badge. The cap of maintenance on the coat of arms on the school blazer is not very clear, but can be plainly seen on the book plate.

A few notes on the life of William Hulme would not be out of place here. Born near Manchester in 1631, he was the only son of William Hulme of Hulme, a place then in Reddish, and Outwood, near Prestwich. Upon his father's death in 1637, he was left to the care of a bachelor uncle, and is said to have been educated at the Manchester Grammar School. Subsequently, he went into trade, and acquired considerable property. For part of his life he lived at the top of Shudehill, then a country lane, in a house called Withingreave Hall, the name of which seems to have survived in Withy Grove, and married, on August 2nd, 1653, Elizabeth, daughter of Ralph Robinson of Kearsley. He had one son, Banastre Hulme, born in 1658, who, in the ordinary course of events, would have inherited all his father's property. However, in 1673, Banastre died, and when his father died on October 29th, 1691, and was buried in the Hulme Chapel, founded by one of his ancestors, it was found that he had by his will left all his property to maintain "four exhibitions of the poorest sort of bachelors for the space of four years after the date of their degree at Brasenose College, Oxford." This was the beginning of the Hulme Trust,

and it was ascertained from his friends that these scholarships had been intended for Lancashire scholars.

The money for these exhibitions was to be the entire income from Hulme's estates in Heaton Norris, Denton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Reddish, Harewood, and Manchester, but all this land then only yielded £40 per annum, so the scholarships were only worth £10 a year.

With the coming of the Industrial Revolution, the value of the land increased, as it was wanted for the building of factories, offices and houses, and the four scholarships soon became exceedingly valuable. The trustees, at various times between 1770 and 1839, therefore obtained acts of Parliament to enable them to extend the number of exhibitions at Brasenose, and also to give large sums of money in various ways to the Church of England. The original £40 per annum had, by 1814, grown to £2,503 a year, and many thought it wrong that this money should be used for any other purpose than the original one, the educating of Lancashire boys. Hence, in 1881, a scheme was drawn up by the Charity Commissioners for the founding of new schools in Manchester, Oldham and Bury, and a hall of residence for Church of England students attending Owen's College. Under this scheme the Manchester Hulme Grammar School was opened in 1887. In 1889 the income from Hulme's lands totalled £8,608, and in 1910, about £10,000.

From William Hulme's modest bequest to education of £40 per annum, has now grown the Hulme Trust, which largely supports not only our own School, but also twenty scholarships at Brasenose College and the Hulme Grammar Schools at Bury and Oldham. Peculiarly enough, it also grants £1,000 a year to the Manchester High School for Girls. Truly, this seven-teenth-century philanthropist built bigger than he knew.

D.L.I.G.

Cricket, 1926.

We publish here the results of the few cricket matches played after our last issue had gone to press, together with the batting and bowling averages of the 1st and 2nd Elevens. A review of the play of the different teams has already been given.

This year Mr. Classen's Fielding Prize was won by H. Lowther; the Batting Prize (highest aggregate), by J. C. Jarvis; the Bowling Prize (most wickets) by S. Shevloff. The following boys received prizes for scoring "fifties":—H. Lowther, J. C. Jarvis, S. Shevloff, F. B. Proctor, whilst S. Shevloff and E. G. Widdows were presented with cricket balls for having performed the hat-trick.

FIRST ELEVEN.

v. THE PARENTS.

July 17th. Home. Won by an innings and 44 runs. On a true and fast wicket S. Shevloff hit the wicket six times, including the hat trick, and the Parents were out for 22. Jarvis was out to a full toss and Shevloff, as usual, played across to a ball on the off stump, but Proctor and Widdows put on 85 for the 5th wicket. The Parents did not do much better in the second innings though the last wicket put on 34.

Score:—

The Parents—1st Innings.	
Mr. Dennis, b S. Shevloff	7
Mr. Widdows, b Widdows	2
Mr. Holt, b S. Shevloff	1
Mr. Proctor, b S. Shevloff	4
Mr. Rose, not out	3
Mr. Chambers, c S. Shevloff, b Widdows	4
Mr. Butler, c Lowther, b Widdows	0
Mr. Gregory, b S. Shevloff	0
Mr. Williams, b S. Shevloff	0
Mr. Harris, b S. Shevloff	0
Mr. Powell, b Widdows	1
Extras	—
Total (First Innings)	22

The School—1st Innings.

H. Lowther, b Powell	15
J. C. Jarvis, c Williams, b Widdows	1
E. Barnes, c Widdows, b Powell	34
S. Shevloff, b Holt	1
F. B. Proctor, not out	50
E. G. Widdows, b Dennis	37
R. W. Lymer, not out	1
Extras	4
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Total (for 5 dec.)	143

R. Shevloff, F. G. Bray, T. L. Brierley, W. B. Stansby did not bat.

The Parents—2nd Innings.

Mr. Dennis, c Lymer, b Lowther	8
Mr. Widdows, b R. Shevloff	2
Mr. Holt b Lowther.....	0
Mr. Proctor, b Lowther	0
Mr. Rose, run out	19
Mr. Chambers, c Barnes, b Lowther.....	7
Mr. Butler, absent	0
Mr. Gregory, b R. Shevloff	0
Mr. Williams, not out	27
Mr. Harris, lbw, b R. Shevloff	0
Mr. Powell, b S. Shevloff	4
Extras	10
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Total (Second Innings)	77

v. THE STAFF.

July 19th. Home. Won by 63 runs.

Unfortunately, the weather was bad and the wicket very soft, but, nevertheless, the match was played to a finish. The School won the toss and batted first, scoring at a good pace. The Staff, however, collapsed after the dismissal of their opening pair.

Score :—

The School.

H. Lowther, c Harris, b Brockbank.....	32
J. C. Jarvis, c Barber, b Brockbank	13
E. Barnes, b Harris.....	15
S. Shevloff, c Harris, b Brockbank	2
F. B. Proctor, b Harris	0
E. G. Widdows, not out	32
R. W. Lymer, c McConnell, b Brockbank.....	3
R. Shevloff, not out	17
Extras	13
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Total (for 6 dec.)	127

The Staff.

Mr. Dennis, c R. Shevloff, b S. Shevloff	17
Mr. Barber, b S. Shevloff	15
Mr. Brockbank, c Proctor, b. S. Shevloff	0
Mr. Williams, b S. Shevloff	1
Mr. Harris, b Jarvis	2
Mr. McConnell, c Stansby, b Jarvis	7
Mr. Burn, c and b Jarvis	9
Mr. James, run out	5
Mr. Robinson, not out	0
Mr. Lord, b S. Shevloff	4
Mr. Powell, c Lymer, b S. Shevloff	0
Extras	4
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Total.....	64

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Times Highest Total		Score	Runs	Average
	Ins.	not out			
J. C. Jarvis	18	0	62	451	25.05
S. Shevloff	18	1	95	348	20.47
E. Barnes.....	18	0	76	367	20.39
F. B. Proctor ...	18	2	50*	278	17.38
H. Lowther	18	1	78*	280	16.47
E. G. Widdows... 17	3	37	223	15.93	
T. L. Brierley.... 10	4	21	78	13.00	
R. W. Lymer ... 14	5	36	96	10.66	
R. Shevloff	14	3	29	115	10.45
F. G. Bray	13	3	44	100	10.00
W. B. Stansby ... 10	3	15*	66	9.43	

* Not Out.

BOWLING.

	O	M	R	W	Av'ge.
E. G. Widdows...149	43	346	46	7.52	
S. Shevloff219	52	527	62	8.50	
J. C. Jarvis..... 95	21	226	22	10.27	
R. Shevloff	44	11	99	8	12.37
H. Lowther	119	28	292	21	13.90
F. B. Proctor ... 27	4	75	5	15.00	

SECOND ELEVEN.

v. BAINES'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

July 10th. Home. Won by an innings and 54 runs. Baines's Grammar School, all out for 47. Second XI: 131 for 3 (declared). W. E. Humphreys, 32; P. Hodgkinson, not out, 27; G. Woodhouse, 25; N. E. Hawley, 5; A. S. Green, not out, 28; Extras, 14.

v. KING EDWARD VIIITH SCHOOL.—

July 14th. Away. Won by 8 wickets. King Edward VIIth School, 46. Second

XI: W. E. Humphreys, 13; P. Hodgkinson, 6; G. Woodhouse, 35; N. E. Hawley, 31; A. Wilkinson, 0; E. B. Richards, not out, 9; Extras, 6. Total 100 for 5.

Record for the year:—

Played 11, Won 5, Drawn 3, Lost 3.

BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Inns.	Times not out	Highest score	Total runs	Av'ge.
N. E. Hawley.....	10	1	39	155	17.22
G. Woodhouse...	11	1	35	148	14.8
A. S. Green.....	9	1	38	92	11.5
A. Wilkinson ...	9	1	32*	105	13.1
P. Hodgkinson....	10	2	27*	85	10.6
W. E. Humphreys	11	1	32	96	9.6
E. B. Richards...	7	2	11*	39	7.8
L. T. Malia	8	2	8	31	5.16
F. H. Marshall ...	5	0	9	20	4
J. Fitzgerald.....	7	1	7*	16	2.66
E. V. Kent	3	1	1	1	.5

The following have also batted:—

G. T. Mountain	3	0	10	22	7.33
S. N. Winson	2	0	8	12	6
R. Astin	2	0	2	2	1

BOWLING AVERAGES.

	O	M	R	W	Av'ge.
A. S. Green.....	176	77	244	50	4.88
N. E. Hawley.....	72	20	166	16	10.375
L. T. Malia	77	17	186	13	14.3
E. B. Richards ..	39.5	9	101	5	20.2

The following have also bowled:—

F. H. Marshall ...	4.3	2	14	5	2.8
G. T. Mountain...	4	0	7	2	3.5
A. Wilkinson ...	23	11	44	2	22
P. Hodgkinson....	4	0	8	0	—

LIVESLEY CRICKET SHIELD.

Most of the matches of this inter-House competition were played on Monday Evenings, and resulted as follows:—

	points.
Byrom House.....	40
Fraser House.....	30
Dalton House.....	29
Whitworth House.....	19
Heywood House.....	16
Gaskell House.....	16

Speech Day.

This year, Speech Day was held on Monday, 19th July, when the Venerable Noel A. Aspinall, Archdeacon of Manchester, Chairman of the Governors, presented the prizes.

Again, owing to the inadequacy of the accommodation, the custom of late years was followed, and two addresses were given, the first being to the boys of the School who assembled early in the afternoon in the large hall. In emphasising the necessity of working hard all through their school career, the Archdeacon said that as a student he had steered his college eight, and in a race the orders to his crew were, (1) Get in at the beginning, (2) Keep it going, (3) Finish it out. As it was in rowing, so it was in school life. It was useless for a boy to wait till he was well up in the School before commencing to work seriously; he must get hold of things at the beginning. To the middle forms he would say that, having made a good start, they must "Keep it going," otherwise they would lose all the advantage of the work already done. The senior boys, he said, were at the "finishing off" stage, but it was well to remember that even after they had left School they had much to learn and they should not waste their later years.

Later, after the dismissal of all but the boys who were receiving prizes, there was a large gathering of parents and friends when the Headmaster read a full and interesting account of the year's work.

After mentioning degree passes, honours and appointments gained by Old Hulmeians, he referred to the successes of the boys in the School Certificate Examinations, and in this connection pointed out that the number of candidates had gone on increasing annually, until this year a record of 114 had been entered. During the year the School had undergone a full inspection by the Board of Education, and the outcome of this had been a very satisfactory report.

The School maintained its numbers, and a pleasing feature in this respect was that more boys remained to take advantage of the post matriculation courses so that the numbers in the top forms tended to increase from year to year. The mention of numbers raised the question of the present limited accommodation in the School, but he was glad to say that, with the commencement of work on the new buildings at an early date, this trouble would soon be overcome. The Headmaster went on to comment on the work being done outside the classrooms. In games the School continued to hold its own, and the Lacrosse team had finished a successful season by winning the North of England Juniors' Challenge Shield for the second year in succession.

The Cadet Corps had held another successful camp, and their numbers this year had constituted a record—107 cadets and 4 officers.

The entertainments continued to be a source of pleasure and profit to all concerned, and, as a result of the interest in dramatics awakened in the School, a musical and dramatic section of the Old Hulmeians Association had been formed and had already given its first public performance.

After distributing the prizes, the Archdeacon in his address said that at the outset he wished to thank the staff for their good work and to congratulate the School on the excellent report given by His Majesty's Inspectors; it was the best received for many years, and besides reflecting great credit on all concerned, it showed a growth and improvement.

The speaker then referred to the additions which were about to be made to the School buildings, and explained what the nature of these would be.

There would be a new science department and a gymnasium, with two extra classrooms on top of the science block, and two bays would be added to the new hall to complete the original design, thus converting some

long cherished ideals into accomplished facts. He was glad to be able to say that no begging would be necessary to enable them to pay the cost of these buildings. With regard to the general work of the School, boys and parents, he said, could do much to help, and he hoped that parents would leave their sons at School as long as possible, and encourage them in their work. He believed in helping boys both inside and outside the School, and exhorted parents to send their boys to the school playing field, which was one of the best in England. It was a great School to which they belonged, and it was building up a great tradition.

During the afternoon a programme of music was given by the School Orchestra.

The special and form prizes for the Sixths, Fifths and IVA were awarded on the results of the Certificate Examinations and were presented in October.

PRIZE LIST.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

C. DEHN HISTORY PRIZE: Sixths, Simpson, W. W.; Fifths, Proctor, F. B.

VLIES MODERN LANGUAGES PRIZE: Sixths, Harrison, B. W.;

BAZLEY MODERN LANGUAGES PRIZE: Fifths, Rogers, R.

WILLIAMSON SCIENCE PRIZE: Sixths, Beggs, D. N.

OLDFIELD ENGLISH PRIZE: Griffiths, D. Ll. Classical Sixth, and Beggs, D. N., Science Sixth.

F. DEHN CLASSICAL PRIZE: Sixths, Simpson, W. W.

DORRINGTON LATIN PRIZE: Fifths, Midgley, J.

ODDY PRIZES: 1. Barnes, E. 2. Griffiths, D. Ll.

ART: Fifths, Hammond, J. E.; Fourths, Bond, O.; Thirds, Benson, E. S.; Seconds, Dyson, R. C.; Firsts, Gartside, H. G.

FORM PRIZES.

VI C. : Simpson, W. W.

VI. M. : Harrison, B. W.

VI. S. : Second Year, Beggs, D. N. ; First Year, Humphreys, W. E. and Scammell, J. C

V. A. : 1. Ratcliffe, J. C. 2. Adams, W. H. G.

V. B. : 1. Bland, T. W. M. 2. Barratt, S.

V. C. : 1. Platt, G. H. 2. Blackburn, M. G.

IV. A. : 1. Woodhouse, G. 2. Midgley, J.

IV. B. : 1. Schofield, A. H. 2. Fishwick, H. K.

IV. C. : 1. Hammond, H. 2. Garvie, W. M., Stephens, H.

III. A. : 1. Evans, G. C. 2. Harrison, S. T.

III. B. : 1. Burnside, C. A. 2. Hodgkinson, P.

III. C. : 1. Holt, J. B. 2. Brooke, A. E.

II. A. : 1. Bishop, G. E. 2. Sidebotham, A. G.

II. B. : 1. Rose, E. W. 2. Yates, J. W.

II. C. : 1. Mayo, F. B. 2. Wild, G. E.

I. A. : 1. Lindley, E. 2. Dixon, E.

I. B. : 1. Bowden, W. 2. Harris, W. C.

I. C. : 1. Roe, G. A. 2. Doff, S. B.

L. I. : 1. Lowe, A. J. 2. Nicholson, E.

“Bees.”

Dawn! The first golden heralds are stealing through the woods and glades, tipping the still pine trees with gold, and

gilding the waters like a shield of burnished brass. The dark dread mists of night retreat slowly and sullenly before the radiant warriors of light. In many a glade night struggles with day, but is ever overcome, and, as Phoebus raises his golden head above yon dark mountain, the world awakes in a blaze of glory.

In the hive there is a low excited humming. Each creature stretches its limbs and recruits its body in preparation for the day's toil, while sentinels peep through the door to view the landscape and the weather. Then does the queen awake and issue her commands. The young bees throng forth from the gates, and nowhere is there any sign of delay.

The old veterans lead forth the young children on to the green sward by the hive, where they rejoice in the clear air and the glorious freedom of the skies.

One squad stays behind in the hive to lay the tear of the narcissus and the glue from tree-barks as the first foundations for the comb. Then they hang aloft the binding wax and swell the crystal cells with a wealth of purest honey. The work proceeds quickly and orderly, and soon the hive is redolent with the fragrant smell of thyme.

But where are the young bees? Ah there is one just going out.

He does not follow any of his comrades for that is against the laws, but chooses his own path and merrily hums his way along, the evenly marked gold-drops on his back glittering in the sun, and his glossy black colouring shining beneath gossamer wings.

The day is soft and warm, and, for a moment, he gazes at the cool fleecy clouds sailing across the blue sky.

He then drones peacefully on, stopping occasionally to crop the bright flowers or

delve down to the heart of the ruddy crocus and dusky hyacinth bloom.

Soon he comes to a tiny rivulet stealing through the grass, with banks of violets bending their timid heads to quaff the refreshing stream. On a stone in the midst of the whispering waters is one of his comrades spreading his wings out to dry in the summer sun, for a drop of water has drenched his immaculate body.

Crossing the stream, he continues his way and suddenly swoops down to the ground. What has he seen? There, on the side of a dusty white road is a black beetle kicking its legs in the air in a vain attempt to turn over. Our bee crawls underneath, then, with a mighty heave, hoists him to his feet, then flies away. What wonderful instinct moves these humble creatures to help one another along the wayward and dusty path of life? Perhaps Vergil thought of something similar to this when he said that bees have part of the divine spirit that pervades the universe.

Our bee, watching the brilliantly-coloured gadflies playing above the luscious grass, drones onwards through the day, careful to keep out of sight of birds.

At length the sun declines and all his warriors retreat towards the west.

The evening star kindly warns the bee to return from his work in the fields, and he slowly drones his homeward flight.

Star follows star into the eve far above him, and the pale queen of the heavens moves slowly to her midnight throne.

As he nears the hive a buzzing assails him. Hundreds of bees are lying in the doorways while their brethren relieve their legs of the pollen and honey-suckle they have gathered. Then they clean their bodies, and soon there is silence in the camp and a welcome refreshing sleep o'ercomes their wearied limbs.

N.D.C.

Entertainments.

Since the commencement of the Tuesday afternoon entertainments on the 5th of October, we have had an interesting and varied programme of shows, and it must be gratifying to those who help forward this work to see how much their efforts are appreciated as evidenced by the full attendances each Tuesday.

Altogether, 452 tickets admitting to the whole year's series of performances have been sold.

The interest in these entertainments is not limited to the boys in the School, and it is pleasing to note the regular attendance of many parents and friends.

In speaking of the success of these entertainments it must be remembered that, besides the performers, there are others whose work behind the scenes contributes largely to the pleasantness of these shows, and to these we would express our best thanks.

Evening performances of "Captain Brassbound" (G. B. Shaw), beginning at 7-30 were given on December 16th, 17th, 18th, and 20th.

A statement of the entertainments accounts as on July 31st, will be found on another page.

PROGRAMME.

DEBATE. October 5th.—The Headmaster occupied the chair, and there was a large attendance of boys when W. W. Simpson put forward the proposal "That it is good to live in Manchester." The leader of the opposition was A. V. Williams. After many speakers had expressed views both for and against, the motion was put to the meeting and was carried by 145 votes to 125.

LANTERN LECTURE. October 12th.—Mr. McConnell gave us an instructive talk on "Bees," illustrating his remarks with some interesting slides.

PLAY. October 19th.—The one act play, "The Fourth Man," was performed by boys of VA, and produced by Mr. Powell. Characters:—Finlay (G. C. Evans), Canon Lamb (C. J. Tuffen), Cunningham (E. Allman), Hotel Porter (S. D. Cleworth), Waiter (A. W. Stephens).

CONCERT. October 26th.—Programme: 1. Symphony in G Major, "The Oxford" (*Haydn*), 1st Movement, adagio-allegro spiritoso, The Orchestra. 2. Violin Solo: "La Serenata" (*Braga*), G. C. Willis. 3. Songs, (a) "Come heavy sleep" (*John Dowland*); (b) "Feldeinsamkeit" (*Brahms*); (c) "The lads in their hundreds" (*Somervell*), Mr. Dennis. 4. Pianoforte Solos: Sonata in C Major (Waldstein) (*Beethoven*); (a) "Air with variations"; (b) 1st movement allegro con brio (*Handel*), Mr. Rayfield. 5. Folk Songs: (a) "Young Herchard" (*Somerset*), Form IB. (b) "Oh dear! what can the matter be?", Form IIA. 6. Symphony in G Major (*Haydn*) 3rd movement, minuet and trio, The Orchestra.

PLAY. November 2nd.—VIS gave a good performance of the play "A Collection will be made," W. H. G. Adams as the Rev. Cuthbert Cheese being particularly good. Others taking part were:—Proprietor of Hotel (G. Woodhouse), Waiter (Mr. Dennis), Colonel Anstruther (J. Ferguson), Mrs. Anstruther (P. H. Taylor), Count Martel (J. C. P. Besford), Paul Roget (R. S. C. Hadfield). The scene is a hotel lounge on the Italian Riviera.

LANTERN LECTURE. November 9th.—Mr. Davies gave us a most interesting lecture on "Among the Rocks."

CONCERT. October 16th.—Under the title of "A Life on the Ocean Wave," we had quite a novel entertainment in the form of a group of sea chanties and poems. Those taking part represented the crew of an old sailing ship. Cast:—Skipper, Mr. Davies; Bosun, R. M. Thorpe; Cook, H. Lowther; Cabin Boy, P. N. Cantrill; Seamen, Mr. Brierley,

J. G. Dent, B. M. Brook, E. Allman, J. G. Rickards, W. W. Simpson, A. V. Williams; Pianist, Mr. Rayfield.

Programme:—1. Chanty, "Knock a man down," the Crew. 2. Chanty, "Blow, boys, blow!" the Crew. 3. Poem, "Turn of the Tide" (*Masefield*), Mr. Brierley. 4. Nautical Air on the Oboe, B. M. Brook. 5. Quartette: "Four Jolly Sailors," Mr. Brierley, W. W. Simpson, E. Allman, A. V. Williams. 6. Solo: "Swing low, sweet Chariot," H. Lowther. 7. Poem: "Nancy Bell," (*Gilbert*) Mr. Brierley. 8. Chanty, "Whiskey Johnny," the Crew; Dance: "Hornpipe," P. N. Cantrill accompanied by G. C. Willis on the violin. 9. Solo: "Tom Bowling," (*Dibdin*), Mr. Davies. 10. Chanty: "Shanadar," the Crew. 11. Chanty: "Rio Grande," the Crew. Producer: Mr. Davies.

PLAY. November 23rd—A performance of "The Autocrat of the Coffee Stall" (*Harold Chapin*) was given by boys of the Cadet Corps. Cast:—The Autocrat (A. V. Williams), Coffee Stall Keeper (J. C. P. Besford), Bert, (J. C. Jarvis), Sam (R. G. Gregory), The Little Man (J. A. Aspinall). Before the play an exhibition of arms drill was given by the following cadets under the command of Cadet Company Sergeant Major R. W. Lymer:—R. M. Thorpe, J. Ferguson, J. G. Dent, A. Wilkinson, F. H. Puxty, R. S. C. Hadfield, F. P. Harris, F. H. Marshall. Producer, Mr. Anderson.

PLAY. November 30th.—There was a very "full house" when the Play, "The Man in the Bowler Hat" was performed. Cast: John (Mr. Brierley), Mary (L. L. Cooper), Hero (Mr. Rayfield), Heroine (W. H. Gorton), Villain (Mr. Burn), Bad Man (Mr. Davies), The Man in the Bowler Hat (Mr. Powell). Play produced by Mr. Brierley.

LANTERN LECTURE. December 7th.—Mr. Harris spoke on that interesting country, India, and shewed us some beautifully coloured slides,

Scientific Society.

President: The Headmaster; *Vice-President*: Mr. F. Adams, M.A.; *Secretary*: H. Lowther; *Treasurer*: J. G. Dent; *Committee*: J. Ferguson, C. Wilkes, J. C. Jarvis.

Meetings have been held every Thursday since half-term.

November 4th.—The opening meeting of the session consisted of a lecture by the Vice-President on "Films." As introduction to his main theme, the lecturer stated the fact that small quantities of liquids tend to assume a spherical shape when placed on a surface which they do not wet. By this means the existence of surface tension was emphasised, and many experiments, chiefly with soap films, were performed to illustrate this fact.

November 11th.—A lecture entitled "Coal Gas" was given by the Secretary. After explaining the nature of coal distillation, the lecturer introduced the production of coal gas on a manufacturing scale, showing lantern slides of the various processes involved in its purification.

November 18th.—J. C. Jarvis gave a lantern lecture on "Paper-making." He commenced with a short history of paper-making, and emphasised the antiquity of the process, which dates from about 200 B.C. The lecturer then described concisely the complicated machinery involved in the modern method of paper-making from wood-pulp.

The membership is not as good as might be expected, for, out of the 100 eligible, some 50 only have joined the society.

The following lectures complete the programme for this term:—

November 25th.—"The Production of a Newspaper" by C. Wilkes.

December 2nd.—"Modern Locomotives," by J. G. Dent.

December 9th.—"Rubber," by J. M. Gibbons.

December 16th.—"Manufacture of Matches," by J. Ferguson.

H. LOWTHER,
Secretary.

Two Landscapes.

Come with me four thousand miles to the West to the province of Alberta, in Canada, where lies that great stretch of country known as the Kootenay Valley. In this valley beauty reigns supreme.

It is spring, and away before us stretch the grey and purple rocks interspersed with great patches of glorious colour—colour which can be seen only in a Canadian spring. Acre-broad patches of purple lupin stand out in vivid contrast to the satiny background of snow. To the north-west, lone and solitary, a high peak rears itself up, white on its slopes, but stark and black on its summit, where the winds have whipped away the snow. A week-old sheep track crosses before us, and winds away towards the mountains, whilst far away in the distance, can be discerned a small band of mountain sheep, under the leadership of an old ewe.

Nature fails not to provide
Impulse and utterance. The whispering air
Sends inspiration from the shadowy heights
And the blind recesses of the caverned rocks.

Down in the valley stands a gold prospector's shanty—the only sign of human habitation in view.

It is late afternoon, and twilight is slowly closing in.

We are back in England. Accompany me this time to a little village in the heart of Leicestershire, a typically English county. A five minutes climb will bring us to the summit of a low hill which stands just outside

the village. Slightly fatigued by our climb, we sink gratefully down on the soft turf; it is mid-summer, an English mid-summer morning, and the air is full of vague and delightful scents. Faintly above the buzzing of flies can be heard the merry song of that little green minstrel, the grasshopper.

Everything is drowsy, but from time to time the musical ringing of the workmen's picks comes floating up from the granite quarry at the foot of the hill. Stretching to the far horizon lies a vista of green and yellow fields and meadows, unbroken except for an occasional village.

They are cutting in the wheat-field near that big barn, and, if we listen carefully, we can faintly make out the rattle of the reaping machine as it ploughs its way round the field, steadily felling the golden stalks of corn which rear their heads so proudly to the blue sky and the sun.

Two farmers, with their guns and dogs, stand by waiting for the reaper to reach the centre of the field, when the rabbits hiding in the wheat will make a dash for the shelter of the friendly hedges.

In the rich, green meadow adjacent to the quarry, a few heifers are grazing peacefully.

An overpowering feeling of content steals over us.

The landscape is strangely reminiscent of the Island-Valley of Avilion,—

“Where falls not hail, or rain or any snow,
Norever wind blows loudly; but it lies
Deep meadowed, happy, fair, with
orchard lawns—”

As the sun becomes stronger, a sleepy feeling descends on us, and on the scent-laden breeze we are wafted away to the land of dreams.

These are two landscapes, each beautiful in its own way, and each a lasting tribute to the work of the great architect, Nature.

J. W.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Wednesday, September 15th, 1926. The President, Mr. J. I. Franklin, was in the chair, and there was an attendance of nearly 100.

The following officials were elected for the Season, 1926-7:—

President: Mr. H. R. Classen; *Hon. Gen. Sec.*: Mr. A. L. Powell (25, Parsonage Road, Heaton Moor); *Hon. Treas.*: Mr. G. Greenup (9, Knutsford Avenue, Whalley Range); *Committee*: Messrs. F. Ashworth, J. A. Barber, S. R. Banks, together with Messrs. Trevor Dennis, J. A. W. Jones and H. H. Vlies from the previous Committee.

The Balance Sheet and Report were presented and adopted, and it was reported that, as a result of the appeal of the Ground Purchase Committee, additional grounds for Football and Lacrosse had been purchased adjoining the Memorial Ground at Woodlands Road, and that these new grounds were already in use.

A vote of thanks to the retiring President was passed with acclamation.

The Annual Hot-Pot was held at Parker's Restaurant, St. Ann's Square, on Saturday, November 20th. There were 104 present. The musical programme was provided by Messrs. Trevor Dennis, A. Eastwood, R. Lever, O. A. Rayfield and R. I. Stephenson, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed for an excellent entertainment. The choruses of the Headmaster's Folk Songs were taken up with great enthusiasm.

The number of newly-joined members present was particularly pleasing, and it is hoped that they will be equally well represented at the Dinner which is to be held at the same restaurant on Saturday, February 5th.

The Musical and Dramatic Section's production of Galsworthy's "Loyalties" is dealt with elsewhere.

The Dance will be held at the West Didsbury Public Hall on Friday, January 14th, 1927. Tickets, price 8s. 6d. may be obtained from Mr. G. Greenup, 9, Knutsford Avenue, Whalley Range, Mr. L. H. Nesbitt, 15, Park Drive, Whalley Range, or Mr. F. Ashworth, 20, St. Werburgh's Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

A.L.P.

Old Hulmeians War Education Fund.

(Registered under the War Charities Act, 1916).

Chairman: S. R. Oddy, Esq.; *Hon. Sec. and Treas.*: A. L. Powell, (The Hulme Grammar School; *Committee*: Messrs. J. A. Barber, G. Barrett, D. Cardwell, H. R. Classen, Sydney Payne, T. Fisher, S. W. Saxelby, H. H. Vlies, and the Headmaster of the Hulme School.

The three children for whose education the Committee is responsible are taking the fullest possible advantage of the opportunities offered them, and continue to make excellent progress.

The Balance Sheet for the year 1926-7 shows an excess of Expenditure over Income of £7 8s. 6d. The Committee regret that five subscribers have withdrawn their support. Additional subscribers to take their places for the remaining period would be welcomed.

The best thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. F. M. Gilliat for auditing the accounts and to Mr. Barber for duplicating the copies of the Report and Balance Sheet, which have been sent out to all subscribers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1925-26.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Barrett, G. ...	1	1	0	Gilliat G. N. E. ...	1	1	0
Barrett, W. C. ...	1	1	0	Hague, J. ...	1	1	0
Bazley, E. ...	1	1	0	Hague, O. ...	1	1	0
Berisford, H. ...	2	2	0	Hewlett, ...	1	1	0
Berisford, S. R. ...	2	2	0	E. G. W. ...	1	1	0
Best, S. R. ...	1	1	0	Jones, ...	1	0	0
Birtwistle, J. M. ...	1	1	0	Dr. J. Arnold ...	1	1	0
Bradshaw, R. ...	1	1	0	Lorimer, R. M. ...	1	1	0
Buck, E. S. ...	1	1	0	Muth, B. ...	1	1	0
Buck, F. M. ...	1	1	0	Oddy, S. R. ...	2	2	0
Buck, J. N. ...	1	1	0	"One of the Patriarchs" ...	1	1	0
Buck, R. ...	1	1	0	Rowbotham, A. E. ...	1	0	0
Buck, R. R. ...	1	1	0	Saxelby, C. H. ...	10	6	
Buck, W. M. ...	1	1	0	Saxelby, S. W. ...	2	2	0
Cadman, A. E. ...	1	1	0	Searle, A. E. A. ...	10	6	
Cardwell, D. ...	1	1	0	Smith, S. A. ...	1	1	0
Cardwell, H. ...	1	1	0	Swindells, A. L. ...	1	1	0
Clarke, R. G. ...	1	1	0	Thorpe, W. ...	1	1	0
Classen, E. ...	1	1	0	Vlies, H. H. ...	5	0	0
Classen, G. ...	1	1	0	Vlies, L. E. ...	2	0	0
Classen, H. R. ...	1	0	0	(the late) ...	2	0	0
Collier, F. ...	1	13	4	Walker, J. M. ...	2	0	0
Dehn, F. ...	1	1	0	Wihl, H. S. ...	1	1	0
Fisher, T. ...	3	3	0	Wihl, J. ...	1	1	0
Flinn, W. L. ...	1	1	0	Wright, J. H. ...	1	1	0
Forbes, T. T. ...	1	1	0	Youatt, E. ...	1	1	0
Ford, G. H. ...	1	1	0	Youatt, G. ...	1	1	0
Gilliat, F. M. ...	1	0	0				
Greenup, J. W. ...	1	1	0				
and H. ...	1	1	0				
Total ...					£67	3	4

A.L.P.

School Library.

Librarian: Mr. Perraton.

Two points are particularly worthy of comment this term. First, we gratefully acknowledge a donation of one guinea from a late prefect, D. Ll. Griffiths. In the second place the first of the three additional volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica is to hand, thus bringing that standard work of reference completely up to date. In view of improvements in library accommodation as a result of the new buildings, a complete and accurate card catalogue is to be prepared during the next few months.

Old Hulmeians Football.

This has been one of the worst seasons the First XI has had for some time, as, up to date, only one solitary point has been obtained from nine league matches, and in the Lancashire Amateur Cup we won in the first round, only to be defeated a fortnight later at Birkenhead.

The chief trouble has been that we have never had the same team out for two consecutive weeks; indeed, on one occasion fourteen alterations were made in the three teams from those originally selected. In the circumstances it was a tribute to the reserves that we were able to place three elevens in the field.

There is, however, one thing in our favour; for some unknown reason, the first team has only three home matches in the first half of the season, so there is a better prospect in the New Year, and, if we can only have a little more regularity in the team I feel sure the position will be improved very quickly.

The second eleven also started badly, but made a very good rally during November with the result that the last three games have been won; this, together with a draw earlier on in the season, gives them seven points for nine matches. They also have been sufferers from not being able to turn out the same team regularly.

The third has won only one game so far. As regards numbers we cannot complain, but there are still some members who turn out when they think fit, and forget to inform the secretary when they do not feel like playing, but these are gradually being weeded out.

The chief trouble in all the teams has been a dearth of forwards who can shoot, and if there are any at School I hope they will not forget that there is a Football Section in the Association when their time comes to leave.

F. A.

The results up to date are as follows:—

		1st.		2nd	
		XI.		XI.	
Sep. 18	Bury Amateurs	A	0-10	H	1-5
25	Crumpsall	A	2-8	H	0-10
Oct. 2	Chorlton-cum-Hardy ...	A	2-3	H	1-1
9	Blackburn Tech. Col. ...	A	1-3	H	3-14
16	Old Margaretians (Cup)	H	5-3		
23	Manchester Y.M.C.A. ...	H	1-4	A	2-3
30	Stand	A	1-3	H	0-4
Nov 6	Birkenhead Am. (Cup)...	A	2-6	H	—
13	Old Chorltonians	A	0-4	H	3-1
20	Old Mancunians	H	0-0	A	6-4
27	Heaton Chapel	A	1-6	H	2-1
3rd					
Sep. 25	Moss Side Junior Unionists.....	H	3-1	XI.	
Oct. 2	Manchester Y.M.C.A.	A	3-6		
9	Royal Deaf and Dumb Schools ...	H	2-5		
16	Whalley Range.....	H	0-3		
23	Old Mancunians.....	H	4-6		
30	Bury Amateurs	A	canc'd.		
Nov. 6	Manchester University "A".....	H	0-6		
13	Old Boltonians	H	0-10		
20	Manchester Y.M.C.A.	H	2-6		
27	Old Boltonians	A	1-3		

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The captaincy of the Old Boys has been taken over this year by J. P. V. Woollam, who has already shown himself to be a very able leader. R. Buckland, who captained the club last year, has decided to retire from active lacrosse, but he is still taking a very keen interest in the club, and we hope we shall have his help and advice for many years to come.

Our First Team opened the season in good style, winning the first three matches against Eccles, Disley and Cheadle Hulme respectively; in the last of these games K. Rains made his first appearance in the team and proved himself to be an excellent addition to the attack; he is settling down nicely and is playing a sound game each week.

The first defeat came at the hands of Stockport. This was a very disappointing game, for, after having a good lead at

half-time, we managed to score only once in the second half and lost finally by eight goals to ten. The next week brought no better luck to the team, and we went down to Boardman by a margin of three goals. We never really appeared to get into our stride during the whole game.

Our opponents in the first round of the Flags were the Wacoboys, who gave us a very anxious afternoon. Playing an excellent game, and cheered by about fifty boys from the Warehousemen & Clerks' School, they reduced our half-time lead and were two goals ahead with only fifteen minutes to play. At this point, however, Payne scored an excellent goal which seemed to reawaken the team, and, scoring three more goals in quick succession, we placed ourselves in the second round.

The team is now playing good 'crosse, and the experience of H. Linfoot, who has been reinstated at first home, should be very useful to the young attack. Payne has probably scored most of our goals up to the present, and, although not very fast, he is always a dangerous man. Barber and Pearson are both playing well and Howard at centre, though at times rather too vigorous, is one of the most useful and untiring men on the team. On the defence Campbell is proving himself equal to the best of attack men, but he has not been as fortunate in scoring goals as he was last season. Woollam and Lea are both playing up to their reputations, and Cardwell is still as sound as ever.

The "A" Team have not been very lucky in their knock-out competition, losing in the first round to Lancashire Hill Sunday School, but in the league, however, they are doing better, having beaten both Heaton Mersey and Boardman, and lost to Stockport only by the odd goal. The defence is particularly strong, both Paul and Thomas having had plenty of first team experience, whilst Coe and Crompton are sound de-

fenders. Barnes is doing very well in his first season with us, and is playing an excellent game at centre.

The "B" Team have not got into their best form yet, and, although they have won over half their matches, they are suffering from the dropping out of several members of both their own side and the "A" Team. This reduction of the number of playing members at present available, makes it difficult for us to raise a "C" Team without drawing on the School.

L.S.

FIRST TEAM MATCHES.

		F	A
Sep. 18—v.	Eccles	A	10-7
25—v.	Disley	H	8-5
Oct. 2—v.	Cheadle Hulme	A	10-5
9—v.	Stockport.....	H	8-10
16—v.	Boardman	A	3-6
23—v.	Wacoboys	H	16-2
30—v.	Heaton Mersey Guild.....	H	10-7
Nov. 6—v.	Wacoboys (1st Rd. Flags).....	—	8-6
13—v.	Heaton Mersey	H	4-6
20—v.	Albert Park	A	8-7
27—v.	Old Mancunians	A	3-7

"A" TEAM MATCHES.

Sep. 25—v.	Disley	A	14-4
Oct. 2—v.	Stockport (friendly)	H	8-8
9—v.	Stockport.....	A	2-3
16—v.	Boardman	H	9-8
23—v.	Wacoboys	A	21-4
30—v.	Davenport	A	9-6
Nov. 6—v.	Lancs. H'l S.S. 1st Rd. Jr. Cup	A	8-11
13—v.	Heaton Mersey	A	12-8
20—v.	Albert Park.....	H	7-5
27—v.	Old Mancunians.....	H	Canc'd

"B" TEAM MATCHES.

		F	A
Sep. 18—v.	Chorlton.....	H	11-3
25—v.	Disley	H	8-2
Oct. 2—v.	Warehousemen & Clerks	A	0-16
9—v.	Stockport	H	9-7
16—v.	Boardman	A	7-7
23—v.	Manchester G.S.	A	6-19
30—v.	Hulme Grammar School	H	5-4
Nov. 6—v.	Heaton Mersey	H	14-7
13—v.	Manchester G.S.	H	7-13
20—v.	Albert Park.....	H	5-10

“Loyalties.”

The Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society gave the second dramatic performance of their career at the West Didsbury Public Hall on Friday and Saturday, 12th and 13th November, when they produced John Galsworthy's three act drama “Loyalties.”

It was, perhaps, a little unfortunate that circumstances compelled them to give their performance so far from their “centre,” but, notwithstanding, the hall was well filled on both nights, and those who took the trouble to go were fully rewarded for their attendance.

The play is not without difficulties and pitfalls, and, in tackling it, this young society showed courage and initiative and a laudable desire to get away from the paths so frequently traversed by amateur dramatic societies. “Loyalties,” being a play in which there is no real hero to appeal to the popular imagination and no tragic character to arouse our sympathies, depends greatly on the acting for its effect, and that each evening the audience left the hall well pleased, is testimony to the work of the players.

The cast was well chosen and there did not seem to be any misfits. On the stage the movements of the players were easy and natural, and in “their exits and their entrances” they showed none of the awkwardness and hesitancy sometimes seen in amateur performances.

In the opening scene on the first night some of the characters seemed just a little unconvincing, but after they had got over this very pardonable uncertainty about themselves, the play went with a swing and held the interest of the audience right to the end. The card room scene, the first scene in the Dancy's flat, and the first scene

in Jacob Twisden's office gave us some excellent acting. In these last two scenes, as indeed all through the play, Miss Elderton very successfully portrayed the modern young girl who found the prospect of appearing in court as a witness “frightfully thrilling,” and who was more concerned about her “ecru hat” than her evidence. Miss Bruce played the part of Lady Adela well, and Miss Collinson was good in the difficult part of the distressed wife. A. K. Westbrook as Charles Winsor, and N. E. Hawley as General Canynge had long parts, but both showed they had a good idea of what was expected of them. Perhaps, however, one of the most difficult parts was that of Ferdinand de Levis played by O. A. Rayfield who gave us a very good interpretation of the Jew who, like his famous prototype, would have his “pound of flesh” even if it did seem “too plebeian.” B. H. B. Bygrave as Captain Ronald Dancy was another who was called on to sustain a very trying part, and he acquitted himself well. In such a large cast it is not possible to speak of each individual's work, but no word about the play would be complete without some mention of the really clever acting in the somewhat minor parts of Gilman, the grocer from Putney (B. A. Billings); Augustus Borring, “that effeminate, stammering chap” (A. P. Ryder); Jacob Twisden (D. Ll. Griffiths); Major Colford, the staunch supporter of Dancy (D. Sherratt); Inspector Dede (L.T. Malia); Lord St. Erth (J. E. Peters); and Ricardos (N. W. Sunderland). The work of the last named was all the more creditable as he was called upon to take the part at very short notice. Altogether the performance went very well indeed. Every player contributed to the success of the entertainment, and, if some impressed more than others, it was perhaps because they had more opportunity. The work of the orchestra, under the conductorship of D. M. Brierley, helped greatly towards the enjoyment of the evening, and during the intervals we were treated to

a pleasant and interesting programme of music.

CAST.

Charles Winsor (Owner of Meldon Court),	A. K. Westbrook
Lady Adela (His Wife) ...	Miss L. Bruce
Ferdinand de Levis... ..	O. A. Rayfield
Treasure (Winsor's Butler)	G. F. Drummond
General Canynge (A Racing Oracle)	N. E. Hawley
Margaret Orme (A Society Girl)	Miss L. M. Elderton
Capt. Ronald Dancy, D.S.O.	B. H. B. Bygrave
Mabel (His Wife)	Miss J. Collinson
Inspector Dede	L. T. Malia
Robert (Winsor's Footman)	K. Massey
A Constable	A. B. Wood
Augustus Borring (A Clubman)	A. P. Ryder
Lord St. Erth	J. E. Peters
A Footman	A. F. Shepherd
Major Colford	D. Sherratt
Edward Graviter (A Solicitor)	G. C. Warren
A Young Clerk	L. A. Angell
Gilman (A Grocer)	B. A. Billings
Jacob Twisden	D. Ll. Griffiths
Ricardos (An Italian) ...	N. W. Sunderland

The play was produced by Mr. A. L. Powell.

D. N. Beggs acted as stage manager and Mr. Brierley and Mrs. Baker did the making up.

Orchestra :—Violins : P. M. Dale, A. H. Ginever, H. Sharples, R. Burrows, J. H. Levy ; 'Cello : E. Blackstock ; Bass : F. M. Booth ; Pianoforte : H. Heady. Conductor : D. M. Brierley.

The furniture used in the production was kindly lent to the Society by G. Hardy & Co.

The Society is producing another play in the same hall on Thursday and Friday, April 7th and 8th.

Cadet Notes.

Recruits have come along well this term, and we have almost made up last term's losses. We are still a few short of last year's numbers, but expect to pass them before Whitsuntide Camp.

This year's camp, held at Grange-over-

Sands in August instead of Whitsuntide owing to the general strike, was quite a success, although we did not reach last year's record numbers. The weather was ideal for camping—after the first night, and we were able to get through a fair amount of work before the inspection, which was held on Thursday, August 19th, and we were pleased to see that the Inspecting Officer was again Captain R. H. Welch, D.S.O. of the King's Own Royal Regiment, from Bowerham Barracks, Lancaster. In his report he states :—

“ The Cadets were remarkably steady on parade, and their turnout has improved enormously since last year.

The bearing and turnout of the Cadet N.C.O.'s was excellent, and it is quite clear that the unit has acquired the elementary principles of discipline to a marked degree.

Speaking generally, the all-round improvement which the unit has attained during the last twelve months impressed me very much, and, I consider, reflects considerable credit on the Cadet Officers and N.C.O.'s of the unit.

The organisation and administration of the camp were excellent.”

We were unfortunate last year in having a very wet night before the day of inspection ; this year the weather was at its best.

The success of the Annual Camps is in a large measure due to the cadets themselves. The manner in which the duties of the camp are now tackled must lead to success, and every cadet can take a share of the praise in the Inspecting Officer's Report.

We have had better weather this term for parades, and on the whole the turnouts have been good.

Next year's camp arrangements are now being made, and all cadets are requested to avoid, if possible, making other arrangements for Whitsuntide, 1927.

Second efficiency stripes have been awarded to Cadets Short, Dent, Harris, Dixon, Astin. Kent and Puxty.

Efficiency stripes have been awarded to Cadets Hawley, Humphreys, Hadfield, Bygrave, Cooper, Massey, Besford, Caldwell, Jones, C.H., Allman, E., Baird, Jackson, O. C., Jones, A., Walker, L. A., Richards, Rickards, Locke, Marshall, Kershaw, Cleworth, Willis, Henshall, Drapkin and Cameron.

The following promotions have been made to date from October 1st.

Sergeant R. W. Lymer to be Company Sergeant-Major.

Corporals R. M. Thorpe and J. Ferguson to be Sergeants.

Lance-Corporals J. C. Jarvis and A. Wilkinson to be Corporals.

Cadet J. G. Dent to be Lance-Corporal.

J. A. BARBER, *Cadet Major*,
Officer Commanding.

Football, 1926.

We started the season with six of last year's team, and at the time of writing it looks as though we should have a strong side by next term. It is to be hoped that last season's form will not be reproduced. It will be remembered that after a steady improvement in the first term there was a steady deterioration in the second term.

The forwards are improving and shooting more frequently. Lowther at inside left and Brierley at centre-forward set an excellent example in anticipating the movement of the ball, following up and shooting at the first opportunity. The wing men, too, are showing more eagerness to get to the ball. With a little more dash they should be good.

The halves are good and recover quickly, but the backs, while playing energetically, do not cover the goal well and leave easy passages for a quick opponent.

Mountain in goal has been very good but is handicapped by lack of height.

REPORTS OF MATCHES.

v. BAINES'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL—Saturday, September 25th. Away. Won 2-1. The game was fairly even throughout, but our shooting was very poor, and the backs did not cover the goal well. They should realise that both of them should not be up the field at the same time.

Team: Mountain, G. T.; Wilkinson, A.; Tonge, H. L.; Stansby, W. B.; Thorpe, R. M.; Lymer, R. W.; Winson, S. N.; Widdows, E. G.; Lowther, H.; Woodhouse G.; Cousins, N. D.

v. BOWDON COLLEGE.—Wednesday, October 6th. Away, Lost 3-4. The game was a very pleasant one, and evenly contested. Their shooting was better than ours, and this won the match for them. The team played better than in the previous game, but did not show enough determination.

Hodgkinson, P. played instead of Wilkinson, A.

v. THE MASTERS.—Wednesday, October 13th. Home. Won 3-2. The Staff were the first to score, and it looked as if they would win, but, in the second half, the pressure on the Staff goal increased, and, in spite of the heroic efforts of Mr. Harris in goal, the School gained the lead towards the end.

Teams.—School: as for the previous match. Staff: Mr. Harris, Mr. Powell, Mr. Thompson, Mr. James, Mr. Brockbank, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Stockdale, Mr. Brown, Mr. Barber, Mr. Williams, Mr. McConnell.

v. BOWDON COLLEGE.—Wednesday, October 20th. Home. Won 4-0. The School played a much more strenuous game than

in the previous match, and the forwards showed an improvement. The inability to shoot quickly was still marked, however.

Brierley, T. L. played instead of Woodhouse, G.

v. BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Wednesday, October 27th. Away. Won 8-4. For the first quarter of an hour our opponents were in our penalty area practically all the time. After that we seemed to settle down, and the pressure was relieved. The forwards, more particularly Lowther and Brierley, showed excellent combination, shot frequently and followed up their shots.

v. HULME HALL.—Wednesday, November 3rd. Home. Lost 1-3. The game was fast during the first half, and, at one time, it looked as if the forwards were going to repeat their form of the previous game, but this failed to materialise, and in the second half our finishing was very weak.

Williams, A. V. played instead of Cousins, N. D., and Woodhouse, G. in place of Lowther, H.

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL.—Wednesday, November 10th. Lost 2-5. The ground was heavy, but the pace was surprisingly fast. The old weakness of the School backs in lying too far up and too far apart allowed their left inside to slip in and score four goals with excellent shots which gave Mountain no chance.

Our forwards played good football, and Thorpe at centre-half tackled well and seemed to be everywhere. Lowther and Cousins were back in the team.

SECOND XI.

The Second XI has done quite well this year under the captaincy of A. V. Williams, but they still must remember that good play in the outfield is not sufficient to win matches. The forwards must learn to move

more quickly when near the opponent's goal and to shoot more frequently.

Sept. 25	<i>v.</i> Baines's Grammar Sch....H	Won	1-0
29	"A" team <i>v.</i> Altm. C. S. ...A	Won	2-0
Oct 6	<i>v.</i> W'men & Clerk's Sch. ...H	Lost	0-5
13	<i>v.</i> Stretford Sec. Sch.A	Lost	0-8
20	<i>v.</i> W'men & Clerk's Sch. ...A	Won	3-1
27	<i>v.</i> Bury Grammar Sch.H	Won	7-2
Nov. 10	<i>v.</i> Bolton School	Drawn	5-5
Dec. 5	<i>v.</i> M.G.S	Lost	3-4

The team has been chosen from :—
 A. V. Williams (Capt.), J. C. Ratcliffe, A. Wilkinson, G. Woodhouse, J. G. Dent, A. R. Kennedy, E. Allman, E. B. Richards, F. H. Marshall, G. C. Willis, J. R. Cameron, C. A. Burnside, C. E. Greatorex, P. Hodgkinson, R. Shevloff, R. Astin.

THIRD XI.

Team : R. Astin, R. Baird, H. Dick, F. E. Goodwin, C. E. Greatorex, L. Gunn, F. W. R. Holden, D. D. Y. K. Merer, A. Smith, A. Ward, K. M. Wilding. The following have also played : R. S. C. Hadfield, T. N. Hope, J. P. Moran.

Sept. 29	<i>v.</i> Altm. County Sch. (2nd)..H	Lost	1-7
Oct. 6	<i>v.</i> Bowdon College (2nd) ...H	Won	12-1
13	<i>v.</i> Stretford Sec. Sch (2nd)...H	Lost	1-2
20	<i>v.</i> Bowdon College (2nd) ...A	Won	3-1
27	—Bury Grammar School ...A	Won	7-1

FOURTH XI.

Team : R. S. C. Hadfield, N. Thorpe, C. Inglefield, A. W. Stephens, J. P. Moran, J. L. Sleat, N. B. Wilkinson, D. K. Stoddard, N. Stoddard, L. Kershaw, T. N. Hope.

Nov. 20	<i>v.</i> North Manchester School H	Lost	3-5
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UNDER 14.

The following boys have played :—
 N. Stoddard (Capt.), R. R. Farrell, W. G. Jackson, P. H. Taylor, E. Dixon, E. L. Pollock, C. W. F. Deakin, E. C. P. Butler, G. A. Clare, G. R. Adams, H. Betteney, J. Mark, R. F. Peacock.

Sept. 29	<i>v.</i> Altrincham C. S.....A	Drawn	7-7
Oct. 6	<i>v.</i> Swinton School.....A	Lost	2-3
13	<i>v.</i> Stretford Sec. School	Lost	0-7
27	<i>v.</i> Bury Grammar Sch.A	Lost	1-8
Nov. 10	<i>v.</i> Bolton School	Lost	2-6

Lacrosse, 1926.

Hon. Secretary : Mr. Barber ; *Captain* :
R. W. Lymer ; *Vice-Captain* : J. G. Dent.

NOTES.

We were fortunate in having seven of last year's team to start the season with, and plenty of promising players to choose from, for the vacant places. After only one practice we had to play the Manchester Grammar School away, and although we started well, our inexperienced attacks were overshadowed in the second half. A little re-arrangement on the attack improved the team for the return match against the Manchester Grammar School the following week, and we just managed to win. The next three matches were won very comfortably, but we had to meet the Old Hulmeians B at half term without Lowther. Brierley, who took his place, played very well, although we lost by the odd goal. Our only other defeat has been against the Old Hulmeians B, away, after a splendid game.

We have played one round in the Juniors' Challenge Shield against Rochdale B. which we won fairly easily.

Again the defence is the strongest part of the team and it ought to be, considering that we had only one place to fill from last year's twelve. Stansby has been tried at point in the last two matches, and if he will only put a bit more pep into his play, should make one of the best points the School has ever turned out. Lymer, Jarvis, Cousins and Midgley are playing as well as ever, albeit Jarvis might cover up shots a little more with his body, particularly on rough grounds.

Thorpe has worthily taken Barnes's place at centre, and is a fit and forceful player.

The attacks with the exception of Dent, are all new to the team and have not yet reached a first team standard. Excepting Dent, they all require more crosse handling

practice, and crosse handling cannot be properly learned by gently throwing the ball from one to another during an interval. Practice in sending hard passes on the run directed a little in front of the receiver is badly wanted ; and to make a hard pass the ball should be caught and passed from about six inches from the top of the crosse. Quick passes cannot be given if the ball is allowed to get low down in the crosse.

The shooting is also very weak, but this will improve when all attacks have learned the art of giving fast passes. After a shot has passed to one side of the goal, first home should go "all out" to secure possession again, and no time should be lost looking round to see if anyone is following. An attack that keeps possession of the ball not only gives relief to its own defence but wears down its opponents.

Lymer, besides keeping the defence together, has found time to help the attacks and is making an excellent captain.

J.A.B.

LACROSSE REPORT.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—September 22nd. Away. Lost 7-9. We early gained an advantage, being three goals up in the first few minutes, but their defence settled down, and, taking advantage of the inexperience of our attacks, crowded their goal, and so prevented our scoring. At half-time the score was 6-4 in our favour, but following one or two slips on our defence, and some good attack play, they gained a lead of 8-6. During the closing stages of the game we fought hard and could do everything but score an equalising goal, though during the last quarter of an hour our attacks continuously bombarded their goal. They scored in the last minute. Our team was :—J. C. Jarvis, O. C. Jackson, R. W. Lymer, H. H. Midgley, W. B. Stansby, N. D. Cousins, R. M. Thorpe, H. Lowther, J. G. Dent, R. Baird, E. R. Andrew, E. G. Widdows.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—September 29th. Home. Won 11-8. We scored first, and, though they equalised soon after, we held the upper hand throughout the game, leading at half time 7-4. The second half was more evenly contested, but we still retained our lead and won by a margin of three goals. The team, in which A. R. Merchant took the place of E. R. Andrew, worked better together, but a little more finish on the attack play would have gained us many more goals.

v. STOCKPORT "B".—October 2nd. Home. Won 26-2. Our opponents turned out a full team with a formidable looking defence, but we soon gained a lead which we steadily increased throughout the game without any difficulty; some of our goals were the result of very good combination. The team was the same as before, and every member scored.

v. BOARDMAN "B".—October 9th. Away Won 9-4. The game was played in bad weather on a poor and dismal ground. We soon gained the lead, due more to the weakness of our opponents, than to our good play, and the issue was never in doubt. The play in the second half improved on both sides, but never reached a high standard.

v. SOUTH MANCHESTER "B".—October 16th. Home. Won 34-0. Our opponents were one short, but we found a substitute. From the face we scored, and goals followed in rapid succession, many resulting from good combination or individual effort where no other opening was presented. The spirit of unselfishness was marked, and the play was a great improvement on that of the previous game.

v. OLD HULMEIANS "B".—October 30th. Away. Lost 4-5. The game was very evenly contested, but the inability of some of the attacks to handle their 'crosses was marked on account of the bad ground. Towards the end of the game we made desperate efforts to score an equalising goal,

but time after time our shots were intercepted by an excellent "point." T. L. Brierley played in the place of H. Lowther, who was indisposed.

v. OLD MANCUNIANS "B".—November 6th. Away. Lost 8-10. H. Lowther resumed his place on the team, and Mr. Barber played in the place of N. D. Cousins, who had been injured in the previous match. The first half was evenly and vigorously contested. In the second half, with Mr. Barber directing and feeding the attacks, we gained a lead of 6-3, which we might have held but for a bad lapse on the part of the defence, and some vigorous attack play by our opponents.

JUNIORS' CHALLENGE SHIELD—1st Round.

v. ROCHDALE "B".—November 13th. Home. Won 15-1. We gained an early lead as a result of some good attack play, but the attack was seldom at a loss to know what to do, and goals came easily. The second half was more even, our opponents scoring one to our six. N. D. Cousins resumed his place on the team, and T. L. Brierley played in the place of O. C. Jackson.

SECOND TEAM.

The Second XII is going strong this season. We have most of last year's defence, which is steady and fairly heavy. The attack is less experienced, but all handle well and are quick on the ball.

Jones is playing well in goal, and gives confidence to the whole defence, of whom Holt is outstanding though Simpson (Capt.) Ferguson, Harris and Shevloff are very sound.

Brierley played well at centre until promoted to the First, and Kendall is shaping well in a strange position.

Of the attacks Walker is the best. Shaw and Astin are quick and work hard. Andrew is fast, but still passes too slowly. Benson shoots well, but might work harder.

Our best games have, as usual, been against M.G.S., whom we have beaten twice. Most other sides have been too weak to give us a good game. Our only defeat was at the hands of an Albert Park team containing three of their First XII—one a county man.

RESULTS.

Date.	Opponents.	Ground.	Result.
Sept. 22—	Manchester G. S.	H	Won 10-5
29—	Manchester G. S.	A	Won 9-8
Oct. 2—	Stockport "C"	A	Won 17-5
16—	South Man. "C"	A	Won 22-3
30—	Old Hulmeians "C"	H	Won 22-2
Nov. 6—	Albert Park	A	Lost 4-13
20—	Albert Park "C"	A	Won 24-0

The team has been :—

W. W. Simpson (Capt.), C. H. Jones, J. Ferguson, G. Holt, E. S. Benson, L. A. Walker, F. P. Harris, R. Astin, D. K. D. Shaw, R. Shevloff, E. R. Andrew, and A. J. Kendall.

The following have also played :—

T. L. Brierley, A. R. Kennedy, A. R. Merchant, J. M. Gibbons, A. V. Williams, O. C. Jackson, R. M. Thorpe.

THIRD TEAM.

It has been impossible to provide many fixtures for the Third, which is quite a good

side. They have won two easy victories over M.G.S. Third and Heywood "A".

There are some very promising players in the team, of whom the most outstanding are Gibbons (Captain), and Chatfield on the defence, and Henshaw, Sheppey, and Kennedy on the attack.

Entertainments for Next Term.

- Jan. 18—Lantern Lecture: "Brasses of the 14th century," Mr. Dennis.
- „ 25—Lantern Lecture.
- Feb. 1—Play, 1b; Shadowgraph Play, L1
- „ 8—Play, 4b.
- „ 15—Play, 4a.
- „ 22—Play, 5c.
- Feb. 23, 24, 25, 26 (7-30)—Play.
- Mar. 1—Lantern Lecture: "The Rockies," Mr. Gatley.
- „ 8—Illustrated Lecture: "The Rise of the Theatre," Mr. James.
- „ 15—Play, 5b.

