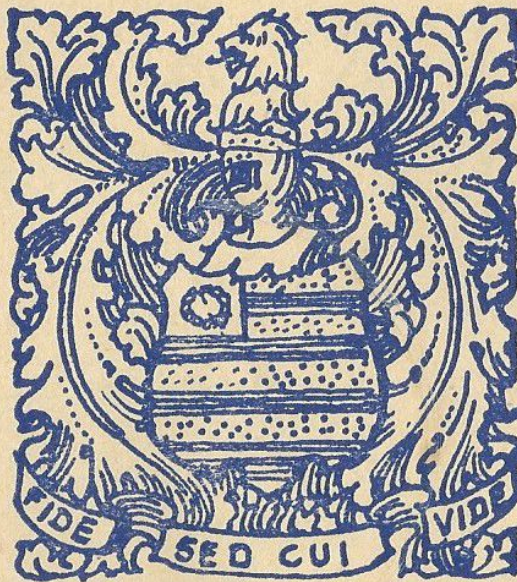


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School Notes and News

It is with very deep regret that we record the death of J. A. Barber on January 14th, at the age of 86. School Secretary for 51 years, from 1902 to 1953, twice President of the Old Hulmeians Association, a man dedicated to the service of the School, no one has played a more active part in the history of William Hulme's. We remember him with pride and gratitude; we extend to Mrs. Barber, who shared so fully in his interests and activities, our sympathy and our affection.

In the New Year's Honours List Inst. Rear-Admiral Charles Roy Darlington received the K.B.E. Admiral Darlington, who is the Director of the Naval Educational Service, was at one time a member of the Mathematics Staff.

We should also like to congratulate Mrs. Lilian Stockdale, who has done so much for the School

and for the Parents' Association, on being awarded the M.B.E. for her untiring work on behalf of spastics.

Another former member of the staff, Mr. P. Evans, has assumed command of the 5th Bn. Lancashire Fusiliers (T.A.) with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

At the end of last term we were sorry to say good-bye to Mr. N. P. Woffenden so soon after his return from America. He is now studying at the Manchester College of Science and Technology with a view to obtaining a Ph.D. We thank him for his many contributions to the life of the School and wish him well for the future.

We congratulate Mr. P. Benton on his marriage last term.

Last term new gates were erected at the Spring-bridge Road entrance into the quadrangle. On

December 30th a miniature tornado struck Manchester; a pinnacle on the roof of the New Hall was dislodged and fell into the quad. Fortunately no one was passing at the time.

The term ended with the production of "Twelfth Night", reviewed later in these pages; there were the customary carol services at School and at St. Ann's, and the Prefects held a very successful dance.

We offer heartiest congratulations to the following boys on gaining awards at Oxford and Cambridge:

R. D. McGlue—an Open Scholarship in Modern Languages at Emmanuel College, Cambridge;
R. E. Cox—a Meyricke Exhibition in English at Jesus College, Oxford;

J. R. Sternberg—a Dorothea Wightwick Scholarship in Physics at Pembroke College, Oxford;
P. G. Horwich—a Hulme Scholarship in Natural Science at Brasenose College, Oxford.

During the Christmas holidays Mr. Phillips took a party of boys to the Lake District; on their arrival, they discovered that their lake-side "pied-à-terre" was "sous l'eau", but they found welcome shelter at the Keswick Youth Hostel.

The Founder's Day Service was held on Thursday, January 28th, in Manchester Cathedral. The preacher was the Bishop of Hulme.

On Saturday, January 30th, the School was closed to enable all its members to share in the national mourning on the occasion of Sir Winston Churchill's funeral.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following contemporaries: *The Savilian*; *The Stopfordian*, *Ulula*, *The Gryphon*, *The Wallaseyan*, *The Crosbeian*, *Britannia*, and the magazines of King's School, Macclesfield and the Central Grammar School.

P. F. Veitch has been appointed Captain of Lacrosse, with J. Blake as Vice-Captain.

P. S. Booth is Captain of Cross-Country Running.

CALENDAR:

Mid-term holiday will be on 26th and 27th February and 1st March.

The Lent term will end on Thursday, 1st April, at 4 p.m.

The Entrance Examination will be held on 25th February and 18th March.

The Midsummer term will begin on Friday 23rd April, at 10-45 a.m.

J. A. Barber

Generations of Old Boys, and many others, will have learnt with the deepest regret of the death of Mr. Barber, and it is impossible to pay adequate tribute to his great character and his outstanding service to the School, the Old Hulmeians, and to the whole community.

Mr. Barber came to the School as Secretary in 1902, and from the first it was clear that he would be much more than a Secretary. He gave himself wholeheartedly in unselfish service, and there was no part of the life of the School which failed to benefit from his help and support. It began with Lacrosse. Already an experienced and very clever player himself, he took charge of the game at School, starting with only a few players, and built up an enthusiasm which led to the whole School playing the game, with outstanding success. He did the same for the Old Boys, both as player and coach, and the high repute which both School and Club enjoy is the result of his work and leadership.

This was not the end of his service to Lacrosse, as he held all the highest offices to which he could be elected, President of Lancashire, the North of England Association, and the English Lacrosse Union, Chairman of the League and Flags Committee, and Chairman of the Juniors and Schools Committee from its inception. He was Coach of the All-England team, and his knowledge of the game was unrivalled.

During the First World War, the Cadet Corps was formed, with Mr. Barber as one of its first officers, and very soon its Commanding Officer. He built up the Corps in numbers, efficiency, and reputation, and when he retired with the rank of Cadet Lieutenant-Colonel, the Corps had become an O.T.C. Those who were privileged to attend will never forget the wonderful Corps Camps at Grange-over-Sands, nor the great work done by Mrs. Barber as well as her husband.

The First World War also saw the beginning of the Summer Harvest Camps at Wooler in Northumberland, and when the Second War broke out, Mr. Barber started them again, this time near Grange. The same enthusiasm, hard work, and perfect organisation led to the same success, and again it was shared by Mrs. Barber.

Space forbids details of his prowess at Cricket and Golf—for many years he ran the Old Boys' Golf Tournament—and his long and devoted service as a Special Constable, but we must pay tribute to his work as Secretary. He was meticulously accurate, and it is not generally known that his books have been borrowed by H.M. Inspectors as a model of how school accounts should be kept. As the School grew, so did Mr. Barber's responsibilities, not least for the buildings. When he came, there was only the original block, and he was very much involved in the construction of the New Hall, the Science Block, the Gymnasium, the Art and Handicraft Block, and the new Dining Room. This last was a triumph for his determination, as in repeated interviews with the licensing authority, he refused to be put off with a prefabricated building. Only the best was good enough for the School.

But all that he did is less important than what he was. A man of absolute integrity, he was quick to condemn sham and pretence, but if any one needed help or advice, he could not do better than go to Mr. Barber. He would find a ready understanding of his problem, real kindness, and practical help. In the worst years of economic depression, no boy left the School without a suitable job, and if an Old Boy fell into difficulty, he could come back and be sure of further help. Mr. Barber never spoke of these cases, for to him a confidence was sacred, but those whom he helped have often expressed their gratitude.

His position in the School was unique. Everyone, Boys, Parents, Masters, and Old Boys relied on him and trusted him implicitly, and he never failed them. He served under the four Headmasters who have directed the School since it opened, men of widely different gifts and qualities: all four freely acknowledged their great debt to him and paid tribute to his unswerving loyalty. He was never ostentatious, but his strength of character made him outstanding, and to those who really knew him, he was a wonderful friend, straight and direct in word and deed, asking nothing for himself but the opportunity to serve.

Mr. and Mrs. Barber celebrated their Golden Wedding last year, and we hope that Mrs. Barber will now find comfort in her memories of a partnership to which she contributed so much, and in the knowledge that so many people share her pride in the memory of a great man.

"Twelfth Night"

The School enacted Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night* with great success to packed houses from 16th to 19th December. As a pre-prandial Christmas offering in the quatercentenary year, it was a perfect choice. The prevailing romanticism is never too cloying, the bawdy never too harsh and the touch of black humour scarcely too bitter to mar the seasoned palate. Below the play's surface lies an exposition of the deception of appearances and words, of love's illusion.

With a static set, boys in the female rôles and the complete text, the Producer, Mr. C. J. Lowe, revealed a tremendously sure touch in presenting as authentic a performance as possible.

Very real problems exist outside the producer's control, however. The most powerful, I suggest, are both of transmission: the text and the audience. Obscurity colours one, respect the other.

Much ado has been made of late over Robert Graves's urge to make the Comedies more acceptable to modern understanding, and there may have been a few in the audiences who recalled this. *Twelfth Night* abounds in topical touches (it was, after all, written for a special court occasion), but the wit for the most part is muffled

for the innocent ear by fustian vocabulary. We are as suspicious of verbal obscurity as we are of political obscurantism. Be the words mouthed ever so clear (as they indeed were in this production), we remain slow to respond to situations if we cannot understand them.

For a good two-thirds of the play, therefore, audiences were only mutely appreciative ("Coming to worship at the shrine rather than to be entertained", as someone put it afterwards) until roused at last to laughter by J. McKay's infectious belly-slapping Belch. He and comrades B. S. Saville (Aguecheek), P. E. Beverley (Fabian), D. J. Fletcher (Maria) and M. Sykes (Feste) deserve full recognition for the way in which they worked an austere house for laughs and, in the end, succeeded. Once we learned to take "gaskins" and "galliards" in our stride and to accept situations delights, we were on surer ground.

GLORIOUS CONFUSION

It is a glorious play and, with minimum distraction, its richness was fully exposed. The plot's confusions of sex, anagrammatic names and motifs provide every excuse for escapism in a maze peopled by singers, slapstickers, lovers in love with love or with just themselves, law enforcement officers and priests, sacred and profane. In this production we were led by a confident hand through this maze, gently, never by the nose.

The principal means by which this was achieved was the great care taken over clear diction—the play was allowed to speak for itself; gabbled gimmickry was taboo. This made for a slowish tempo but the rhythm was not an unnatural one. The resultant clarity was also vital in engendering much-needed confidence in the largely young and inexperienced cast. The majority hitherto had performed only as walking-on parts in house or form plays. If gesture occasionally relapsed into the gauche with some of the more static characters, the words were there, and the players believed in them.

DISTAFF TRIO

The female parts were fortunate in calling upon experienced impersonators. R. N. Curry's Olivia was the *dame majeure* supreme. He knew the value of precision of nuance, the manner of each gesture was most assured, although whether it was the right Olivia manner to be so arch is questionable. It was nevertheless a stunningly polished performance. Viola (K. S. Clare) had more poetry to contend with in her difficult task of realising the part of a boy come blonde come buck. The result was very reasonably successful as a disarmingly winsome, pretty yet pert piece. Hesitancy of reaction to duel- and love-challenges was a flaw, but not an unpleasing one in a thoroughly attractive reading.

Maria, on the other hand, was amply endowed in terms of boldness and bosom. Her transitions

from main to sub-plot were perfectly accomplished, as was her main mission of getting her man (and what a title into the bargain!) via her contrivances which galvanised the raffish crew below completely. This metal of India was pure gold.

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Sir Toby dominated Illyria's cellar-set completely with his Guinness-brown voice with a touch like velvet. He was the swivelling globe of his own world within a world, a tremendous has-been who, if he had to indulge in sword-play, clearly did it only to flex the muscles of his drinking arm. McKay's next scalp could well be that of Falstaff.

Saville's Aguecheek was an admirably fooling foil to this shillelagh. His blazing thatch belied the tremulous emasculation, as, showing considerable resource in the gulling scene especially, he formed the key position in these scenes. A good, controlled Fabian (we did not really worry why he came into the tale unannounced) provided the element of sanity so necessary with Feste, the official fool, around. Here, Sykes had the rôle of being all things to all men: for Olivia, a conventional item of courtly apparatus; for the toppers, an ally; for the audience, a link with the play itself. It was a most intelligent performance and never flagged. The grim Sir Topaz episode verged on the cosmic joke. The songs were satisfactorily projected although *tessitura* provided unnecessary problems in *Come away death*.

FANTASTICAL

Malvolio (R. C. Back), the most sophisticated character of all, took time to develop but, when it did flower, it was worth the waiting. His interruption of the midnight serenaders was unhappily positioned and lacked the right degree of bristle. At this stage, too, his lack of smile was insufficiently emphasized. His later fantastic attempts to ingratiate had less pungency, therefore. The gulling scene, however, came off well, for by words was Malvolio deceived, and the words we could hear. From that point he went from strength to strength. Shut away and fool-tormented, he reached a touching apogee and communicated unwitting despair well before finding himself with 'I'll be revenged'. This was a rewarding and carefully judged interpretation.

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S. C. Harrold's Count, too, had his fair share of moments. Gesture offered major problems but his speeches were delivered with more than lip-service to the iambic. The nicely modulated 'If ever thou shouldst love' was the poetic high-spot of the evening in its true realisation of *affekt*. Altogether this was a promising and persuasive version of the egocentric nobleman.

Some smaller parts left one curiously tantalised. One would have liked to have seen much more of D. B. Cunningham's Antonio. He was a first-rate mover and speaker, whose strange passion left a long-lasting and distinctly moving impression on the mind. W. J. Roberts's officer ably aided by A. C. Mitchell, was also out of the usual run of small-part performers. P. L. R. Wood served Sebastian usefully and was a good match with Viola. His is the most peculiar piece of the play but he took his opportunity manfully. The courtiers of both courts were rather too statuesque. They might, for example, have laughed at one of Feste's jokes at least, if only to give a lead to the rest of us.

Behind the scenes the Stage Staff staged their customary well-oiled show: we tend to take their efforts too much for granted. The static set was of convenient design, with scope enough to enable lighting to do the magic carpet changes of locale. The sombre nature of the illumination employed for the drinking sequences obscured not only the identity of that which was being drunk but the all important grimaces that accompanied it. Moreover, a transverse beam, prolonged to any extent on this stage, strains the eyes of the beholder. Fully illuminated, and subjected to the closest scrutiny, the set offered decoration not unlike a Rupert story landscape in the background and perhaps a Rococo comfort station to the fore.

The play abounds in references to music, and this was given due recognition in the ably arranged items for recorders and virginals under Mr. K. Hoskinson's direction. Strings may well have been used originally in sustaining "that strain again" but it was certainly a step in the right direction.

We are indebted to all these and more for a communal effort which was as satisfying to watch and listen to as it must have been rewarding to take part in.

G.W.J.

Stage Notes

At the beginning of the Christmas term, after the usual general tidy-up and stocktaking, construction for *Twelfth Night* began, under the direction of R. D. A. Mitchell and G. R. Cocker.

Work continued slowly, but surely, towards the completion of the flats and the massive mammoth of a movable 'cut-out'. A snag was encountered, and overcome, when the scenery had to be manoeuvred up through the Sixth Form Centre into the Art Room for final painting. The addition of a set of stairs to the Upper Hall proved to be an extra hazard to circumnavigate, but finally this was done successfully. The Producer again, as is his wont, panicked, and was sure

the set would not be ready for the opening night (which, unknown to the Stage Staff, had already been moved forward one night). The aforementioned Stage Staff, however, were equally sure that all would be ready—and it was.

The School bought two new powerful spot-lamps, which were used throughout *Twelfth Night*. Our thanks also go to the Library Theatre, who very kindly lent us a throne for the play.

This year we welcome to our ranks Colin Turner, the youngest of a trio of Turners whose presence has fortified and helped us through the last six years.

The House Play Competition is again in the air, and the Stage Managers are already getting their marching orders from House Producers. The problems set this year are made more difficult by the innovation of staging the competition on two evenings, with three plays on each evening. Performances will start at 7 p.m., and it is hoped to encourage parental support of the competition.

Our thanks, again, go to Mr. Bonnick for looking over us, and Mr. Foulds, who has brewed our coffee faithfully and faultlessly at three o'clock every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon.

G.R.C.

C.C.F. Notes

The past term contained more than the usual amount of training. The first field day, held at Holcombe Brook, saw the Recruits make their first attempts at section leadership; their efforts were not appreciated by the sheep who resented being treated as enemy. "B" Coy did, however, arrive back at School earlier than the seniors who were waiting for their own 'little lambs' who had gone astray on Holcombe Moor during the map-reading exercise. The elements showed their lack of appreciation of the second field day at Crowden by attempting to wash out all training. Nevertheless, "A" Coy did timidly attack itself whilst "B" Coy continued with basic training. Crowden was also the site for a w/e patrolling exercise during which the recce patrol was one of the most adventurous on record. It threw caution (and camouflage) to the winds and openly attacked the enemy. The fighting patrol was more cautious, and despite vigorous enemy action, evaded an ambush by taking an unexpected route and safely returned to base.

Eight of the senior cadets and N.C.O.s are now training for the new Advanced Infantry Badge and will be carrying out their expeditions later this term or early next term. It is hoped that this training will run parallel with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme which the Contingent hopes to start in the very near future.

PROMOTIONS:

- To R.S.M.—C.S.M. M. Brown.
- To Sgt.—Cpl. S. J. Bertenshaw.
- To Cpl.—L/Cpl. H. Daubney, J. P. Bailey, I. Heywood, K. B. Lodge, M. P. Rack, A. G. Skinner.
- To L/Cpl.—Cadets R. W. Harkinson, R. P. A. Willan, D. H. Assar, J. P. Wilson, R. A. Bishop, S. L. Black, J. G. Mayer, M. H. Shires, M. J. Slater, R. W. Slater, D. A. Vaughan, S. C. Harrold, J. McKay, P. S. Whiteoak, S. C. Ogden, R. C. Back, I. P. Durn, M. R. Cavanagh, J. K. Bremner, R. S. Dale.

The Donner Library

The opening of the Sixth Form Centre has naturally and understandably led to a diminution of the use of the Library by the Upper and Middle Sixths for Private Study, but it is regrettable that it has also led to a drop in the use of the Library on their part for book-borrowing. On the other hand wide use of the Library has been made by the Third, Fourth and Fifth Forms now entitled to do so. It should be clearly understood that all the former resources of the Library are still fully available to the Upper School and that in the selection of the 360 books added to the stock last term their needs for background reading have been fully kept in mind. If, however, greater use is not made of the Library by the Upper School it will not be rational to continue this policy.

Of the books added to the Library 72 were generously donated by Dr. Sneddon. We have also to thank Mr. W. Richardson of the School Staff for a gift of books, Mr. A. H. Allman for continuing to provide us with copies of *The Director*, and G. S. Todd for the gift of several philatelic magazines.

Rugby Football

FIRST XV

This year's side produced a better type of rugby than has been seen for some years. Speed, determination and a will to win, even though behind, have been features of a rather light side, and as a result much of their play has been interesting and entertaining to both spectators and players.

The forwards were very light and this proved perhaps, the biggest handicap in an otherwise well-balanced side. In spite of some excellent hooking by C. Laycock, they were 'hard pushed' in the tight, especially against Birkenhead, Wakefield and Crosby. They proved to be a very efficient pack in the loose, and a large number of tries came from the quick heel. I. Ashcroft had a splendid season

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at scrum-half, making the most of the excellent forward play and scoring thirteen tries. At the beginning of the season he was a wing-forward on the verge of the team; he was converted to scrum-half, and went from strength to strength as the season progressed.

Another deficiency was in the line-out where a real specialist was lacking, and in spite of some sterling work by D. L. Worthing, gaining possession was always a problem. The forwards had one of their best games against Manchester 'A', when the School, by sheer determination, kept just ahead throughout a high-scoring game, and snatched the winning try in the dying minutes. For them, the most disappointing match, perhaps, was against Wakefield. After defending against the considerable slope, the School were five points down and feeling quite confident of having the edge in the second half. In the first ten minutes, 'Queen's' ran in four quick tries, and it is to the School's credit that they came back hard; they were in fact pressing strongly for some time before scoring a consolation try. A deserved victory for Wakefield, though the score does not do the School justice.

The backs were seriously affected by injuries and no fewer than eight players between them filled four positions. E. C. Comyn-Platt became a fixture at stand-off half and his play was one of the high-lights of the season. His tactical kicking was outstanding and the number of dropped passes could be counted on one hand. The elusive running of G. Casale caused much concern to the opposition and, on occasions, to his own side, but his break against Manchester, before putting K. L. McMurtrie away to score the winning try, was one of the best seen this season.

The side was well led by R. G. Edwards, and much credit must go to him for his example on and off the field.

Colours have been awarded to R. G. Edwards (captain), J. Blake, E. Rigg, P. D. Hanson, G. Casale, J. K. Irving, E. C. Comyn-Platt, I. S. Ashcroft, M. C. Slater, C. Laycock, J. S. Street, P. V. Veitch, D. L. Worthing, G. T. Cooper, D. S. Buckley.

Also played; T. J. Davies, K. L. McMurtrie, M. J. C. Burns, G. Stansfield, K. B. Lodge, J. D. Moran, A. G. Skinner, S. J. Bertenshaw.

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RESULTS:

v. Cowley School	H	W	9—8
v. Stockport Gram. School ...	H	W	30—0
v. Manchester R.U.F.C. 'A' ...	H	W	20—17
v. University Freshmen	A	W	9—0
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	W	9—3
v. Birkenhead School	H	L	6—16
v. King Edward's, Lytham	A	W	53—6
v. Old Hulmeians	H	L	3—13

v. Wallasey Gram. School	A	W	11—6
v. Manchester G.S.	A	W	15—12
v. Q. Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield	A	L	3—21
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	H	L	6—21
v. Woolton Hall	H	L	6—11
v. Hulme Hall	H	W	11—5
v. H.M.S. Conway	A	W	9—3

SECOND XV

The second fifteen, as usual, have had to make up the injuries of the first team as well as having to suffer their own, and this year seems to have produced more than usual. As a result the team has not been quite so successful as in recent years, winning five and losing five. The side was rather young and inexperienced and the forwards in particular lacked speed, especially in cover, which often resulted in the opposition's backs having too much room in which to move. As the season progressed, they began to play more as a unit and produced some of their best football. The backs were never in a position to become used to each other's play, owing to the demands of the first team, but on occasions produced some quite good football and showed promise.

RESULTS:

v. Cowley School	A	L	6—12
v. Stockport Gram. School ...	A	W	29—3
v. King Edward's, Lytham	H	W	48—0
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	21—3
v. Birkenhead School	A	L	3—39
v. Old Hulmeians	H	L	5—47
v. Wallasey Gram. School	H	W	20—18
v. Manchester G.S.	H	W	25—3
v. Q. Elizabeth G.S., Wakefield	A	L	0—29
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	A	L	0—28

The following played: T. C. Cunliffe (captain), A. J. Wilkinson, G. Stansfield, K. L. McMurtrie, P. S. Whiteoak, A. G. Calder, I. Hartley, J. M. Higginbottom, A. G. Skinner, S. J. Bertenshaw, K. B. Lodge, D. R. Potts, D. J. Chambers, J. D. Moran, A. Barnes, B. F. Saville, A. D. R. Dickson, G. V. Brister, T. J. Davies, J. McKay.

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After good work in the practices, the team started the season in sterling fashion and the outlook seemed bright for the future matches. It was unfortunate that A. J. McGlue's leadership and personal skill were missing for several games; his loss was most noticeable in the line-out tactics.

In the opening match again Denstone College it was evident that although the backs had ample speed, they lacked the necessary thrust, and their tackling was generally poor. On the other hand, although sometimes slow starting, the forwards were always vigorous, achieved cohesion and pushed well in the tight and were led most intelligently by K. Herbert in the loose. The jumping in the line-out could have been better. Consequently,

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the pattern of play for the remainder of the season was mainly forward, adopting the policy of kicking ahead to forward rushes, although the success of these tactics was not always furthered by the occasional inaccurate kick from the backs.

In defence the team generally fell on the ball without hesitation, while the cover that the pack afforded increased as the team became fitter, although they were rather fortunate on several occasions. D. P. Gaskell at full-back kicked effectively after an erratic start to the season, while his occasional tackle was particularly good.

In the game against King Edward VII School, Lytham, the backs were allowed slightly more room in which to show their speed, while the pack eventually dominated the forward play, especially in the loose—a somewhat disappointing result to a fine game.

Against Birkenhead School the tackling was again poor and the School was fortunate to lose by only such a narrow margin. The match against Leeds G.S. produced excellent team spirit against a much bigger side. D. P. Gaskell kicked a drop goal.

Chetham's Hospital provided Hulme with a hard fought game, the pack playing in sterling fashion on this occasion. As was expected the older and more experienced team emerged victorious after what had been an entertaining match.

Hulme played hard against Merchant Taylors' School, but the high standard of the latter's basic skills proved to be too much to overcome. The tackling was again poor during the first 20 minutes, letting through an excellent long break try. The forwards then closed the game up, and Hulme's reply was two good second half tries from A. A. Labaton.

The game against H.M.S. *Conway* was played in a mudbath on a sloping pitch—a day for limited tactics of forward play and using the touch line until a try could be scored with a few passes. *Conway* produced the better finish to their attacks and so justly deserved the narrow victory.

Colours were awarded to: A. J. McGlue, K. Herbert, P. J. Allman, M. E. Brooke, S. J. Burslem, D. G. Cowan, I. G. Cundey, M. L. Ford, D. P. Gaskell, S. C. Harrold, C. Knott, A. D. Koffman, A. A. Labaton, J. J. McMullen, K. W. Nightingale, R. Smith.

Also the following played: W. P. Cavanah, D. R. A. Rickard, M. P. Reddin, B. Ross.

RESULTS:

v. Denstone College	H	W	8—6
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham	A	L	10—12
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	23—3
v. Birkenhead School	H	L	3—8
v. Leeds Grammar School	H	W	11—3
v. Wallasey Grammar School .	A	L	5—8
v. Chetham's Hospital	A	L	5—16

v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	A	L	6—16
v. H.M.S. <i>Conway</i>	A	L	3—9
v. Wilmslow County G.S.			Cancelled

UNDER FIFTEEN XV

The team tended to rely too heavily on a few 'star' players to the detriment of combined team play. The wing-threequarters were seldom given the ball and almost never when they had room to move. The promising mid-field triangle would prove more dangerous to their opponents if they would feed their wings early and take the return pass. Despite the loss through injury of B. J. Edwards early in the season, the forwards improved greatly as the season progressed, and promise to be a fast, hard-working pack next year. The captain, G. S. Simpson, not only led the side well but set a splendid personal example. He was well supported by K. M. Dodd as vice-captain.

Colours were awarded to: G. S. Simpson, K. M. Dodd, G. McGeary, A. C. George, C. J. Oxford, G. Peart, E. E. Broadhurst, J. P. Ketley, R. J. Fitzgerald, D. Hallworth, P. A. Houston, G. F. Jones, A. N. W. Benson, D. W. Gammon, W. A. Veitch, B. J. Edwards. The following also played: N. S. Lerner, I. D. T. Little, J. A. Gabbay, R. Gill, J. S. Rhodes, S. R. Marsden, I. H. Rodgers.

RESULTS:

v. Cowley School	H	L	0—6
v. Stockport Grammar School .	H	W	29—0
v. Denstone College	H	W	39—3
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham	H	D	14—14
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	W	14—11
v. Birkenhead School	A	L	14—17
v. Leeds G.S.	A	L	5—13
v. Wallasey G.S.	H	W	15—13
v. Manchester G.S.	H	W	16—9
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	A	L	3—29
v. H.M.S. <i>Conway</i>			Cancelled
v. Wilmslow G.S.			Cancelled

UNDER FOURTEEN XV

This season the U.14 XV has been weak and the results obtained were disappointing.

The high scores against them were partly due to the fact that the team was physically small and few of its members showed much natural ability. The main factor, however, which contributed to its downfall, was the lack of determination and the willingness with which matches were conceded as soon as the opponents had scored. Only in the final match did they show real spirit. After allowing Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, to score 21 points in the first half they retaliated to keep the final score down to 21 points to 3.

The most useful members of the team were: P. R. Day (captain), D. J. Hollows, G. Reading, amongst the backs; J. R. Turner at full-back; G. S. MacDonald and D. H. Hockaday amongst the forwards.

THE HULMEIAN

RESULTS:

v. Cowley School	A	L	0—65
v. Stockport Grammar School .	H	L	0—11
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham	A	L	5—19
v. Cheadle Hulme School	H	L	0—40
v. Leeds Grammar School	A	L	0—59
v. Manchester G.S.	A	L	0—45
v. Merchant Taylors' Crosby ...	A	L	3—21

Team members were: J. R. Turner, W. K. Dyson, J. B. Hollingworth, D. J. Hollows, P. F. Atkinson, M. A. J. Potter, P. R. Day, M. B. Slater, G. S. MacDonald, R. G. Walker, D. A. Hockaday, I. G. Pearson, T. J. Beasant, A. W. Renshaw, K. E. M. Robson, G. D. Beaver, B. Norman, G. D. Slight, M. Eyre, R. M. Wilson, C. R. Moxham, G. Reading, K. R. Astle.

UNDER THIRTEEN XV

Much disappointment was felt when the team lost its first match of the season. Any depression was quickly dispelled by a tremendous upsurge of team-spirit and the team had an exceptionally good season. The visitors from Lytham were beaten by a brilliant combination of powerful forwards and mobile backs who defended and attacked equally well. This trend continued throughout the season although the team did occasionally become excited in some of the 'tighter' games such as those against Leeds G.S. and Manchester G.S. Tebbett, relentlessly leading the forwards, ensured that the Taylor-Jones link was well fed, and many tries were scored by this route. The ruthlessly efficient tackling of Dean repelled many opponents from the Hulme goal line. Frost, Bennett and Cary were unfortunate to be injured at the peak of the season and Peace deserves praise for his courage in playing for the whole of one match with a fractured wrist. Many good players were unfortunate not to find a place on the team because the standard of play was so high.

The team was selected from: A. Dean, P. A. Cary, J. H. Handley, E. D. Fraser, D. V. Roberts, G. Jones (captain), A. P. Taylor (vice-captain), S. E. Tebbett (leader), K. Foster, A. C. Peace, W. P. Boustead, D. G. Royle, G. H. Hunt, C. R. A. Cheetham, R. W. Standley, V. W. Bennett, M. Saleh, M. R. Paton, K. M. Hudson, R. J. Wheeler.

RESULTS:

v. Stockport Grammar School .	A	L	0—22
v. King Edward VII School, Lytham	H	W	23—3
v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	W	30—8
v. Leeds G.S.	H	D	11—11
v. Manchester G.S.	H	W	11—10
v. Merchant Taylors', Crosby .	H	W	20—0
v. Wilmslow G.S.			Cancelled

Total Points: for—95; against—54.

HOUSE RUGBY

The first seven or eight weeks of the term produced some excellent weather, and conditions were dry and fast. This, coupled with the new laws, gave Houses an excellent opportunity to run with the ball and keep possession, instead of relying on the more usual House tactics. As a result, some of the best rugby for a long time was seen, and Houses are to be congratulated on their efforts. Enthusiasm was to be seen in plenty, but much effort is needed to improve the basic skills of passing, falling and tackling.

This year, Fraser performed a feat that has not been achieved for a long time, winning the League, the Knock-out and the Sevens.

In the early stages of the term, Fraser, Heywood and Whitworth drew well ahead, with Fraser setting the pace. Whitworth had a lapse after half-term, allowing Fraser to go farther ahead, but came back hard in the later stages, too late, however, to catch them. Fraser won by 27 points over Whitworth, followed by Heywood, who were always in the picture.

The Sevens competition was played, as usual, in rather unpleasant conditions, but everyone seemed to enjoy the games, including the Masters' team which played the winners. Each House produced six teams; one in each of six groups according to age and ability. Fraser once again demonstrated the depth of their talent by winning the first group, and being runners-up in four others, scoring 59 points; Dalton were second with 39 points, and Whitworth third with 28 points.

The Knock-Outs, as usual, produced some exciting games of a very high standard, and after the first round the games were very close. The Junior final, in particular, was a talking point for some time afterwards, with Whitworth withstanding a tremendous onslaught by Dalton in the second half to hold on to their three-point advantage. The Senior game was won more decisively and produced some exciting and entertaining football. Fraser completed their hat-trick by winning 15—0 after a very gallant struggle by Whitworth.

RESULTS

SENIORS:

1st Round:	Fraser beat Heywood 57—0.
	Dalton beat Byrom 8—5.
Semi-Finals:	Whitworth beat Gaskell 6—3.
	Fraser beat Dalton 13—9.
Final:	Fraser beat Whitworth 15—0.

JUNIORS:

1st Round:	Heywood beat Byrom 14—9.
	Whitworth beat Fraser 38—0.
Semi-Finals:	Whitworth beat Heywood 13—9.
	Dalton beat Gaskell 14—10.
Final:	Whitworth beat Dalton 3—0.

Cross-Country Running

This year, for the first time at the School, boys have been allowed to participate in cross-country running in the Michaelmas term. The number of boys doing so was small, and throughout the term we have fielded a combined First and Under-16 team. Victories and defeats have balanced remarkably throughout the term. Heavy defeats have been received at the hands of Stand G.S. and Birkenhead School, as well as a narrow defeat by Marple Hall G.S. We have had convincing wins over Derby School, Bury and Chorlton G.S. and we narrowly defeated H.M.S. Conway. We have also had the individual winners in half the matches, D. J. Whaite against Derby School, Bury and Chorlton G.S., and P. Booth against Marple Hall G.S. In a 4 x 1½ mile road relay we were beaten by Chorlton G.S.

Results have been encouraging, and are already an improvement on last year's record of a mere two wins in the whole season. D. J. Whaite, C. F. Cusick and P. Booth have run particularly well, almost always giving the team a good start, and W. M. Wolstenholme has shown himself capable of good runs. The 'tail' of the team is the weakness and improvement must be made here. The importance of better running by the 'tail' men is clearly seen by the match against Birkenhead School where we finished with three in the first five, but had to wait until eleventh for our next man.

Outstanding amongst our runners this term has been D. J. Whaite. Only once has he been beaten by a member of the School, yet he is still young enough to be a member of the Under-16 team. Great things are expected of him next term and it is hoped that the rest will follow and try to overtake him.

Teams have been chosen from: D. J. Whaite, C. F. Cusick, P. Booth, W. M. Wolstenholme, R. B. Kapadia, M. Hopper, P. H. Woodhead, P. L. R. Wood, R. A. Fox.

Chester-Manchester Road Relay

The second Chester-Manchester Road Relay was held on Sunday, 18th October.

The twelve-stage relay had first been run the previous November in a time of 3 hr. 38 min. 59 sec. We believed that this time could be beaten and that 3 hr. 30 min. would be not beyond the capabilities of our team.

P. Booth (capt.) ran very well over the first stage to knock 28 sec. off the stage record which had been set by no other than M. V. Tidmas. Not content with this he later completely removed the latter's name from the record book by creating

a record for the 7th stage. While C. F. Cusick chose to run the same two stages that he had run in October and to knock more than two minutes off each, D. J. Whaite, quite confident that his times for the 5th and 11th stages would not be beaten, ran the 2nd and 8th stages. He now holds four records! R. B. Kapadia also created two new records and M. Hopper and P. H. Woodhead, who were unfortunate not to set a record, ran well enough to ensure that the relay was completed more than 8 min. faster than the previous time and only 58 sec. outside 3 hr. 30 min.

The fact that all the runners were very fit and that conditions were ideal suggests that future relays will not be run a lot faster than this.

Our thanks go to Mr. Ogden and Mr. Proudlove for their help. The charts and graph which they compiled enabled us to follow our progress whilst on the run.

		DETAILS		
Stage	Runner	Previous	Time	Progressive
		Time	min.sec.	hr.min.sec.
1	P. Booth	15.00	14.32	14.32
2	D. J. Whaite	19.26	18.03	32.35
3	P. H. Woodhead	11.21	12.11	44.46
4	R. B. Kapadia	14.53	14.44	59.30
5	M. Hopper	18.39	19.02	1.18.32
6	C. F. Cusick ...	18.18	16.04	1.34.36
7	P. Booth	21.02	19.45	1.54.21
8	D. J. Whaite	24.50	22.10	2.16.31
9	P. H. Woodhead	18.16	19.07	2.35.38
10	R. B. Kapadia	20.02	19.27	2.55.05
11	M. Hopper	17.14	18.03	3.13.08
12	C. F. Cusick ...	19.58	17.50	3.30.58

Previous Total Time 3hr. 38m. 59s.

Total Time 3hr. 30m. 58s.

The Badminton Club

Owing to the departure of all of last year's team, a completely new team had to be formed, of which I. C. Carnie became captain.

Of the five matches played so far this season, all have been lost, mainly owing to the inexperience of the team.

The 1st and 2nd pairs remained the same throughout the term, R. A. Bishop and S. L. Black occasionally playing better than the 1st pair—I. C. Carnie and J. G. Mayer. The 3rd pair has been chosen from M. J. Slater, R. W. Slater, D. P. Feeney and R. W. Harkinson.

Our thanks go to Mr. Ogden for his encouragement and continued support, and also to Mrs. Taylor for providing tea on match days.

The Donner Union

The A.G.M. was held on 15th September, 1964 and Officers for the year were elected.

The first debate, under the Chairmanship of Mr. K. B. Lodge, was held on the following Tuesday when Mr. P. D. Roylance proposed the motion entitled *This House welcomes the Channel Tunnel*. He proposed that the tunnel was now a basic necessity to which Mr. A. Crewe, opposing, replied that cost outweighed any advantages. The House disagreed, however, and the motion was carried by a comfortable majority.

The following meeting took the form of a play reading and the House entertained the School Society of Withington High School to a most enjoyable evening in the Junior Common Room when we read *A Sleeping Clergyman* by James Bridie.

With the focus on the General Election last term, the House held a Mock Election on 13th October. At this most successful meeting one hundred and twenty-three members, giving much vocal support or otherwise to the candidates, saw Mr. A. G. Broome, the Conservative candidate, gain a large majority over Mr. Throup (Labour) and Mr. A. G. Skinner (Liberal).

This House enjoys Blood Sports was the motion for the next debate. Mr. Grimshaw, proposing that the fox is a mean and ruthless animal deserving its just end, was defeated by Mr. Martin, who gave an educational biological description of the fox and its nervous system as the basis of his opposition.

On 27th October the Deputy Chairman, Mr. K. B. Lodge gave a talk and then led a discussion on the aims and ideas of a conference he attended in America. This proved a most interesting evening and a film entitled *Tomorrow's America* was shown in which the material of the discussion was delivered in concrete terms.

The following meeting was a debate entitled *This House would welcome the abolition of Capital Punishment*. The argument of Mr. F. Halstead was that in a civilized country the motive of retribution was disregarded and that capital punishment was of little deterrent value and it was actually 'petty revenge'. Mr. M. A. Martin opposed these views vigorously, stating that capital punishment was no blood-thirsty craving and he incorporated a dissertation on the effects of television on crime. A vote resulted in the motion being carried by the extremely narrow majority of two votes.

The next debate was a Balloon Debate in which Mr. W. J. Roberts represented *The Times*; Mr. G. Hibbert, the *Daily Express*; and Mr. B. A. Sufrin, the *Daily Mirror*, the second of these three emerging the victor by a comfortable majority.

On Monday, 30th November, the House debated the motion, *This House believes the country profits nothing from the Monarchy*, the motion

being defeated after hearing Mr. Z. J. Quereshi describe the Monarchy as a functionless and harmful symbol fit only for use in *Woman's Own*, and Mr. P. L. R. Wood describe it as an integral part of government having a stabilising effect on the Parliament.

The final meeting of the term was a discussion, led by Mr. Woffenden, on the *American Comprehensive School*, a meeting which was both entertaining and interesting and which pointed out faults and advantages in both the American and English education systems. All thanks to Mr. Woffenden for bringing an enjoyable conclusion to our term's debating.

Generally last term's attendances at meetings were slightly disappointing with a marked absence of graduates from the Middle School Society. May I remind all fifth and sixth formers that they are welcome to attend and participate in the debates which are held on Monday evenings in the Upper Hall?

W. J. ROBERTS (*Secretary*)

Science Society

At the A.G.M. held at the beginning of the Michaelmas term, P. D. Roylance was re-elected Hon. Secretary, G. Jones was elected Vice-Chairman, and P. G. Horwich, Treasurer, to act over the following year.

With the sombre business of this traditionally formal meeting over, it was with a healthy sigh of relief that the above three watched the traditionally colossal number of new and staid members crush into the traditional Room 32 for the first lecture of the year, in the welcome knowledge that they had somebody to organise for (an annually recurrent marvel which none but they can fully appreciate).

The subject of this first lecture, given by Mr. B. G. Edwards of the Guided Weapons Division of the Bristol Aircraft Corporation, who was gracious enough to come from the works at Fitton, near Bristol, to speak to us, was *Guided Weapons Systems*, with particular attention to the Bloodhound missile. Everyone found this thoroughly informative and would have applauded even louder had they been able to raise their hands, clamped firmly in by adjacent bodies.

Mr. J. C. Collins from the Manchester College of Science and Technology, who came a couple of weeks later, on 1st October, in fact, to talk on *This Radioactive World*, if faced with a less dense, though no less interested audience, still managed to derive a very healthy geiger count from their massed crania.

The *Determination of trace amounts of metals, by simple methods*, given by Mr. L. S. Bark, from the Department of Chemistry and Applied Chemistry at the Royal College of Advanced

Technology, Salford, seemed rather to stretch the common meaning of the word 'simple', but nobody admitted it, and the frighteningly technical questions which followed the talk must prove something, I think.

During the half-term vacation, a party of twenty members, led by the ever-ready Mr. Furniss, was channelled (that must be the only word) through what must have been the most highly-organised and tightly-scheduled visit of their experience: to the laboratories of the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Establishment at Risley. One came away feeling rather as a cyclotoned atom must—dizzy. However, it was rather satisfying to see real efficiency, in contrast to the happy-go-lucky, convivially chaotic atmosphere of the Science Society, and the near S.F.-like quality of gleaming, humming, atomic proximity was duly registered and unanimously revered.

Back to earth in Room 32 when work recommenced, we were presented with a truly magnificent film, in colour, on *Surface Tension*, by Mr. E. Parker, re-visiting us from Salford Tech. again. Mr. Parker first gave a short talk on the mechanical and dynamic problems involved in the subject, and then moved on to the film, which was, in parts, quite breathtaking. None present could ever forget the startlingly beautiful sight of a drop of milk, filmed in ultra-slow motion, falling into a sheet of deep blue water; the white/blue contrast was quite stunning.

This brought us up to the Christmas vacation, during which, on 6th January, Mr. Phillips led a merry crew to the soap and detergent works of Procter & Gamble at Trafford Park. Here the absorbing sights, noises and, to say the least, smells, were topped by one of the best afternoon teas which we have yet been offered—we'll go again. But let it not be said that the W.H.G.S. Science Society is really only a cover for a desperate horde of starving gastronomers; oh no! What we really went for were the free samples. And the sight of fifteen youths walking through town centre, each clutching a neat, pinkly-wrapped cellophane parcel of Tide (or was it Daz?), Fairy Snow, Camay toilet soap, and Gleem hair shampoo, must have made somebody's New Year.

P.D.R.

Modern Languages Society

As a result of the improved facilities we now present a fortnightly programme of films which are proving popular. The subjects covered have ranged from sailing and skiing to town planning and the work of Le Corbusier, the architect. Although we cater mainly for the upper forms, the Middle School found *La Chèvre de M. Seguin* well within its reach.

In addition to this film programme we were fortunate in having M. Le Fort, a French assistant teacher at present in Manchester, who gave us a very lucid and instructive account of the differences in education between England and France.

A full and varied programme has been arranged for this term, details of which will be found on the notice board.

The Music Society

During last term the Society managed to hold three meetings. The number was so small primarily because of the erratic movements of the Secretary (who takes this opportunity to apologise to members), and also because the gramophone and its key seemed to be pressing for a permanent divorce.

However, some music was heard, starting with Mozart's 41st Symphony, the *Jupiter*, which, it was agreed, was worth hearing again at a later date. The Society then took a step back to hear some Renaissance dance music, and at this particular meeting as much amusement was derived from the blurb on the record-cover, describing the customs of dancing of that period, as from the music itself. The last meeting was of a more serious nature when Fauré's *Requiem* was heard: the comment was 'nebulous', but it is a work that needs to be heard many times before any real affection can be felt.

At the beginning of this term the Society was put up for sale with the Secretary hoping that under new hands it might become a little more stable. D. Vaughan has accepted the task and the Society is to run on what is termed an 'informal basis'.

R. E. Cox, 6CU.

The Chess Club

We have had a very successful term, with the Senior Team not losing a match.

v. Burnage G.S.	.....	H	W	6½—½
v. Eccles G.S.	.....	A	W	5—2
v. Stretford G.S.	.....	A	W	5½—1½
v. Stretford G.S.	.....	H	W	4—3
v. Xaverian College	.....	A	W	3—2
(pending two adj.)				
v. Xaverian College	.....	H	W	5—2

We had an enjoyable match with Chorlton, playing four reserves, and narrowly winning 4—3, with one default. Two senior players, D. Taylor and G. N. Henderson, have played regularly for Lancashire Juniors, and O. A. Jackson has played for Cheshire Juniors; the same three have also played for Manchester Schools.

Last year we got through to our zonal semi-final, in the *Sunday Times* National Schools Chess Competition, so we have again entered this year. We have passed through the first two rounds.

1st Rd., v. Victoria Park Sec. . . A W 6—0
2nd Rd., v. Cheadle Hulme ... H W 5—1

In the next round we are to meet King's School, Macclesfield.

In an attempt to give younger players more experience, we have entered an Intermediate Team this year. It has taken a few matches to settle down, but under the captaincy of S. P. Pope, it has begun to be more successful.

The following are the Intermediate results:

Sinclair Trophy 1st Round:

v. Bolton County G.S.	A	L	2—5
League:			
v. Xaverian College	A	L	2—5
v. Manchester G.S.	A	L	1½—5½
v. St. Gregory's	H	W	4½—2½
v. Poundswick G.S.	H	L	2—5
v. Wythenshawe Tech.	H	D	3—3
(pending adj.)			

Friendly:

v. Wythenshawe Tech.	A	W	5—2
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There was a first-form match against Central G.S., but as C.G.S. sent a second-form team by mistake, the first forms lost 6—1. In the return match, with a Junior School Team, W.H.G.S. won 6—1. We hope to arrange further Junior matches, and are thinking about entering a Junior team next season.

In conclusion we should like to thank Mr. Haynes for his patronage, and for his attendance at home matches. We thank Mr. Bonnick for his talented Juniors. We should also like to give a special word of thanks to Mrs. Taylor, for with the confusion arising from the new teams entered this season, we have sometimes given only an hour's notice, yet Mrs. Taylor infallibly produces refreshments.

T. M. GRIMSHAW (Chess Secretary).

Jazz Club

Last term's activities were limited greatly to much of the usual routine—listening to and discussing various types of jazz. Again Blues records attracted the majority of members who clamoured for encores; and on the other hand order was somewhat upset when Miles Davis was featured on his classic album *Birth of the Cool*. But I think there is gradually more broad-mindedness amongst the members generally.

By the time this is printed we shall have moved on to a more ambitious plane by having a very eminent critic, Eddie Lambert, to lecture to us—this is the first venture of its kind by the Jazz Club

but if it is successful we hope it will not be the last.

We also look forward to visits to Manchester from Duke Ellington, making his annual pilgrimage and Thelonius Monk, whose reputation is being enhanced by his superb performances on record.

Finally we extend a warm welcome to anyone to join us at our Wednesday meetings.

Model Railway Society

During last term considerable progress was made on the construction of the Society's '00' gauge layout. The main line is being re-laid with double track to a completely new plan. During the relaying the opportunity was taken to increase the radius of all of the curves. This was considered necessary as the radii of some of the curves (following the precedent of proprietary equipment) had been so small as to be equivalent to the track's completing a circle within the boundaries of a football pitch. Of particular interest on the new line is a large viaduct, the construction of which is almost finished.

The progress on the layout was sufficient to enable a 'running afternoon' (i.e. of engines on the layout, not members round Alexandra Park) to be held and, after the inevitable(?) electrical troubles had been quickly overcome, the layout worked well.

Another new idea introduced last term was the regular Friday dinner-time lecture. The subjects of these lectures, which were given in a more or less serious vein by members, varied considerably. In this context the Society would particularly like to thank the treasurer, I. Mallinson, who provided an almost limitless supply of interesting colour-slides.

The Society would like to wish every success to K. D. M. Bowman, our former chief electrician, who left us last term to take up a position offered by the G.P.O. (Telephones). His place on the committee has been taken by P. Morris who has continued his work with great efficiency.

Finally the Society would like to thank Mr. D. F. Manning for his help and patience throughout the term.

Outdoor Society

NOVEMBER IN THE LAKES, 1964

"It's steep, this one", gasped a red-faced fifth former. "Guess so", mumbled his friend from under a gigantic rucksack, as the two plodded relentlessly up Nab Scar. A group of exhausted sixth formers propped against a nearby wall winced. "If one of those kids says 'it's' or 'guess

so' once more, he will be in that lake down there." It was no use. Throughout the rest of the very misty trek over Fairfield the same conversation persisted—one which had started as the 9-30 bus from Manchester had wound its way to Ambleside the previous day.

The following morning our party had been allotted a frightening mound of dirty pots and pans to wash. Teamwork soon polished these off and at 10 o'clock prompt a group of eager hikers was seen to set forth jauntily in the direction of a long range of hills; Nab Scar, Heron Pike, Great Rigg and Fairfield. Two hours later many youthful hearts (and legs) had sagged and most were for rolling down the way they had come. The only thing that stopped them was the thought that they would collide with Mr. and Mrs. McManus still on the way up.

Eventually we reached the summit. For those who climb for climbing's sake everything was just fine, but to those who like to see something from the top it was rather a disappointment. A certain gentleman knew of a short cut down to Grasmere which resulted in about 1,000 feet of near vertical descent on very slippery grass. One poor soul lost his footing, rolled down about 100 feet of a very wet stream bed and then nearly knocked Mr. Boustead down the next 1,000 feet. At long last we reached Grasmere and tea in *The Traveller's Rest*.

The next day allowed the familiar pilgrimage from Grasmere to Helvellyn. We set off up Tongue Ghyll to Grisedale Tarn and after resting went straight up another near vertical mountain (none of the easy pathways for us!). By the half way mark even Lloyd, who rejoiced in the name 'Pilge', had lost some of his steam. We had a brief lunch overlooking Patterdale; brief because of a cold wind howling over the top.

Helvellyn is an easy walk from the south end of the ridge, but imagine our surprise when we met two cyclists complete with bikes at the trig point (3,118 feet). It surprised us that anyone wanted to walk this height let alone cycle. Before leaving, a lasting tribute to the School was compiled in stones by the fifth form.

We hurtled down from Helvellyn to Thirlmere since an enormous scree presented itself. Only by chance was a landslide averted. We reached the road about five miles from Grasmere. The fifth form set off walking, the rest caught the bus and were able to have afternoon tea in the Harewood, an excellent hotel which we have no hesitation in recommending to fellow travellers.

On Sunday we set off for the Langdale Pikes in brilliant sunshine. On top of Helm Crag we met an Over-60 club outing (strange!). The area known as Grasmere Common turned out to be an extensive area of squelchy peat and after crossing it, foot troubles were soon cured by paddling and stone throwing in a stream. By the time Sergeant

Man had been reached, rebellion was rife and only dictatorial means got everyone to the top of Harrison Stickle. Here the rebellion faded as the view was superb in the dying sun.

A quick descent led to Stickle Tarn, into which another volley of stones was thrown. From here we soon saw Grasmere again. Everyone was now tired after three days' solid walking but some managed to go to the village for another afternoon tea.

Monday and the last day. The brilliant sunshine tempted all to stay longer but the powers that be decreed otherwise. Back to Manchester, tired but full of fresh air and sunshine.

It only remains to express our thanks to Mr. Boustead for an extremely well organised and enjoyable trip.

D. TURNER, M6S.

J. D. MORAN, M6S.

Table Tennis Club

At the beginning of the Autumn term, a number of boys expressed a wish to re-form the Club. A meeting was held and the following appointments were made:— Captain: P. G. Horwich; Hon. Treasurer: D. Thelwall; Hon. Secretary: D. H. Bottomley. It was decided to limit the membership to sixteen Sixth-formers on a first-come-first-served basis.

The standard of play is keen and the attendance has been good, but not quite good enough to finish a League tournament, started at half-term. From the results of the tournament we hope to find suitable talent for a School team.

Finally our thanks go to Mr. Renny for his support and encouragement.

D.H.B.

The Middle School Society

Under the calm and friendly guidance of its new chairman, Mr. Benton, the Society made more progress during the term. A lighthearted debate entitled *Schooldays are the Happiest Days of Your Life* started the term. The Society moved with the political climate of the time, deciding in favour of the motion, *This House will Go with Labour*. After 'electing' the Labour Party the Society went on at its next meeting to agree with part of its policy, by voting against the motion, *This House is for Capital Punishment*.

The following week was taken up by two meetings addressed by outside speakers arranged in conjunction with the Middle School Science Society. The first was Dr. Taylor of the Manchester College of Science and Technology, who gave an excellent talk entitled *Physics and Science*, which he accompanied with many amusing and

interesting demonstrations. The second speaker was Mr. A. E. Hill of the British Aircraft Corporation, who talked about *The Designer in the Aircraft and Guided Weapons Industry*. He illustrated his talk with a film concerning the Bloodhound Missile.

At the next meeting the chairman, Mr. Benton, gave a talk about his experiences while hiking in Europe, in his student days. He showed many slides of picturesque and beautiful scenery, as well as famous buildings. In the following week, Mr. Brake gave a talk about *Berlin*, since the building of its wall. It was topical, and well attended.

A balloon debate followed in which the following characters were placed in their corresponding order. 1—Ken Dodd. 2—Socrates. 3—Adolf Hitler. 4—J. F. Kennedy. 5—Ena Sharples. 6—Sir W. S. Churchill. In this debate there was a great amount of vociferous comment, which was highly controversial, from the floor.

Bringing the term to an appropriate end the Society decided that *Santa Claus* does exist. On the whole the quality of the talks by the outside speakers and our two members of staff was very good, and speeches in debates were generally fairly good. Attendance was not as high as might have been expected. Debates will become more lively if more members of the audience make speeches, instead of leaving it to a small group of eager members. At present, a lot of debating talent is being unused, and must be channelled into the M.S.S.

Artists have been scarce, and more are wanted for drawing posters. Thanks must be given to those who have helped, and we hope for more good posters from them. Unfortunately, Mr. Lowe could not attend our meetings last term because he was producing the School play.

The Stage Expeditionary Club

The hiking section had a very enjoyable time last term. Although meetings were not supported as well as they might have been, enough turned up on most occasions to make them worthwhile.

Our season started with a hike from Glossop over the Bleaklow district to Doctor's Gate Culvert and then back, via a very meandering course, over Featherbed Moss. Apart from a few encounters with very nosey sheep, highlighted by Tim Beasant's efforts to wrestle with them, and an attempt at potholing, the hike proved rather uninteresting.

Our next outing found us at Edale steaming over the hills towards the Y.H. and then curiously making a bee-line towards the Cheshire Cheese. From then on the energy of most people seemed to fizzle out and a meeting was held in the waiting room of Hope station; but as the train did not

arrive until 6 o'clock we plodded along the road up to Bamford to catch the train back.

A few of our compatriots from London came up to see us, so we decided to show them what hills were, taking them over the above course. They seemed delighted with our country but had to leave us half-way round in order to get home in time. As the nights drew in, it became increasingly difficult to plan a hike that would be interesting and yet which would not land us in darkness miles from the nearest station. On 22nd November we returned to Edale, this time to go along the other side. We were worried when we set out as to whether the Fletcher Bros. would start arguing about who was to carry their giant-size dinner around, but luckily they had worked out some sort of shift system. Our route took us over Lose Hill and then down to Hope, up Winn Hill and back to Edale by way of Ringing Rodger. In the afternoon it rained a miserable drizzle which made us hurry, so we seemed to cover quite a reasonable mileage in a short time.

By this time people were beginning to moan about the number of times we had been to Edale—this time, we went to Glossop again. As usual it was raining when we arrived; in fact, it had been raining for some days, and the streams were very much in flood. We started off down the road to Hayfield past a very friendly mule (or that's what Robert Mitchell called it) and turned off to Kinder Reservoir. Then we went down the Snake Path to the Snake Inn, outside which we had our dinner. Here we were joined by a T.A. bunch from the Parachute Regiment, who offered us soup, but we declined after we had smelled it.

On our way back, we ran into a blizzard, and many amused motorists saw us struggling along the Snake Pass against driving snow. We arrived just in time to catch the train back, in which we left puddles all over the floor.

Our first hike this year took us, very much, over the same route as before, but not going as far as the Snake Inn. We tried to walk round the reservoir, but large notices forbade this, so we had to content ourselves with going up by the dam and then over the tops to Hayfield. Although we were soaked nearly every hike (especially Geoff. McKee who insisted on wearing a track-suit top) we all enjoyed them very much and look forward to more.

It cannot be said that the Rock Climbing section excelled itself last term, but many of our hard men have not been present owing to academic work or pecuniary pursuits; in this way we have lost Messrs. Bennett, Draper, Gaskell and Gordon. The section has not been idle, though, and six meets were held. September saw the club on Stanage, where the weather was overcast and windy, but despite this, fourteen routes were completed with an average of 'Very difficult'. An amusing climb was Martello Buttress where the thread runner, twenty feet from the top, became jammed, and Mike finished the route mantelshelving on one

hand, while heaving himself slack rope with the other.

Again in October, the Club went to Stanage for a day of instruction. The usual events ensued, all the Knots and their construction were shewn, the classic rock movements demonstrated with reasonable ease (for Stanage provides a host of demonstration positions) and rock safety was discussed. The routes done were from 'moderate' to 'very difficult' standard.

The next meet, we joined the Karabina Club as guests on Shining Clough, where the lower tiers were easily mastered. The epic of the day was a most devious route combining Via Principa and Phoenix of very severe standard. The most exciting part was moving out on to the rib, which Mark described as 'gripping'.

A midnight walk from Bangor to Llyn Ogwen in North Wales was not without its difficulties, and proved a good endurance test. The day of arrival proved to be a brilliant one and the sun flashed on windswept Llyn Idwal. For the leader, while bringing up his second, there were magnificent views down the main valleys to Bethesda and Capel.

The last two days out were to Stanage and to little visited Burbage. They proved to be good indications of how the weather can affect the conditions facing the mountaineer. Snow and mist made 'Moderates' into 'Severes'. Buttresses were covered in snow and gulleys and chimneys had all their holds frozen over.

We were hard put to complete many routes. By extreme contrast the last meet at Stanage and Burbage was blessed with a Karabina force eight wind, and climbs fell easily as climbers were more or less blown up.

Rock meets are suspended this term owing to weather considerations but it is hoped to do some snow work if conditions become favourable.

SEC members are reminded that there is a library for their use in Mr. Bonnick's Annexe containing literature related to their recreational pastimes.

House Notes

BYROM

Last term proved extremely disappointing in that we failed to retain either the Senior or the Junior Knock-Out trophies and finished bottom in the House League.

The first event of the term was the Swimming Gala. Our performances over previous years have been mediocre; this year was the same, for we came fourth.

Potentially our rugby strength lay in the Seniors, but in both Knock-Outs and in the Seven-a-sides the team was disorganised by injury. In the first

round the Seniors met a strong Dalton XV; the injury to Buckley in the opening minutes weakened the forwards and allowed the Dalton scrum to give their backs more possession than would otherwise have been expected. Their superiority here was sufficient to give them two tries, one of which was converted. In the last twenty minutes we started to move as a team, but although we put the Dalton line under much pressure, we could score only once.

The Junior Knock-Out team, under the captaincy of G. S. Simpson, was narrowly defeated in a hard fought game.

The House 1st team was weak, as might be expected from the number of School team players, but after half-term they improved owing to the return of three or four players from the School teams. What rugby ability there may have been in the House 2nd team was well suppressed by a complete lack of keenness. The Junior teams started off poorly, but in the second half of the season, under the leadership of J. S. Rhodes, they played with much enthusiasm and determination and won most of their matches.

In the Seven-a-sides only the 1st team managed to reach the final in which they were beaten by a good Fraser side.

The following were awarded School colours:
1st XV—I. S. Ashcroft, J. Blake, D. S. Buckley, J. K. Irving, J. S. Street.

2nd XV—G. Stansfield.

U.16—D. G. Cowan, M. L. Ford, C. Knott, K. W. Nightingale.

U.15—G. McGeary, G. S. Simpson (capt.).

U.14—R. M. Wilson.

P. S. Booth is appointed captain of the School cross-country team and J. Blake is appointed vice-captain of the 1st XII.

We congratulate R. E. Cox on his Exhibition in English at Jesus College, Oxford, and wish him luck with the production of the House Play.

DALTON

The following boys were appointed House Prefects last term: C. D. Burnside, D. G. Heap, M. St. C. Hopper, J. R. Sternberg.

Firstly, we congratulate J. R. Sternberg on winning an Open Scholarship in Physics at Pembroke College, Oxford.

In the Swimming Gala, P. F. Veitch once again carried off the Lady Mather Cup for the best individual performance amongst the Seniors, but the House was just beaten into second place in the overall placing.

In the House League Rugby, Dalton started the term well, but lost ground steadily, finishing a disappointing fourth. Admittedly the first team was considerably weakened by the loss of Wilkinson and Heap to the School 2nd team, but the

root cause throughout the House was the lack of determination in tackling.

The Seniors reached the second round of the Knock-Outs, where they were defeated by the eventual champions, Fraser, who proved the stronger side on the day. A similar disappointment befell the House in the Seven-a-side competition, where despite victories by the third and fourth teams, we could only finish runners-up.

There was, however, one redeeming feature in the term's rugby. This was the performance of the Juniors in the Knock-Out Final against Whitworth. Showing great determination and skill, they dominated the game completely after Whitworth had scored a try in the opening minutes. But luck was running against them and almost incredibly, when the final whistle went, they were still down by three points to nil.

The following boys represented the School:

1st XV—G. Casale, P. D. Hanson, C. Laycock, M. J. Slater, P. F. Veitch.

2nd XV—A. Barnes, D. G. Heap, J. D. Moran, A. J. Wilkinson.

U.16 XV—P. J. Allman, M. E. Brooke, K. Herbert, J. J. McMullen.

U.15 XV—A. N. W. Benson, C. J. Oxford, W. A. Veitch.

U.14 XV—D. J. Hollows, K. R. Astle.

H. J. Burnside played for the U.13 XV.

Cross-Country team: C. F. Cusick, M. St. C. Hopper, R. B. Kapadia.

P. F. Veitch has been appointed captain of the School 1st XII Lacrosse team.

Our hopes for this term are high, for one feels that it only requires a slightly greater all-round effort to restore lost trophies to the Dalton shelf again.

FRASER

The House was particularly successful last term on the Rugby field. With a good array of talent and enthusiasm throughout, we were able to win the Senior Knock-Out Competition, the House League and the Seven-a-side Competition.

In the first round of the Knock-Out, the Senior side, by intelligent use of its strong backs, soundly defeated Heywood 56—0, while a promising Junior side, playing the better football, was beaten by a more powerful Whitworth team. In the semi-finals we were drawn against the favourites, Dalton, whose pack consisted entirely of School team players. The Fraser side rose magnificently to the occasion, especially in its tackling and, although very tired, managed to hold off forceful Dalton attacks in the last ten minutes to win 13—8. S. J. Bertenshaw, E. C. Comyn-Platt and E. Rigg each scored excellent tries. Whitworth were our opponents in the Final and we had high hopes of beating them. However, our hopes faded

a little when our Captain, E. Rigg, was called to an interview at Oxford on the day of the Final and S. J. Bertenshaw, another School 1st XV player, was in hospital. E. C. Comyn-Platt took over the captaincy and led the weakened side to an inspired victory. In the Seven-a-side Competition, five out of our six teams reached their finals to assure us first place. Finally we won the House League by a comfortable margin, having held top position throughout the term. These achievements reflect the fine spirit which prevailed in the House last term; we hope it will continue throughout the year.

The House was represented on School teams by E. Rigg, E. C. Comyn-Platt, K. L. McMurtrie, S. J. Bertenshaw (1st XV); I. Hartley, D. N. Turner, B. F. Saville (2nd XV); P. A. Guthrie (capt.), J. H. M. Steele, I. Hassall, W. J. Roberts (3rd XV); W. P. Cavanagh, P. Mercer, R. J. Smith (U.16); D. B. Bird, D. W. Gammon, D. J. Fletcher (U.15); P. R. Day (capt.), B. Norman, J. R. Turner (U.14). D. J. Whaite represented Fraser on the School Cross Country team.

Senior House Rugby Colours have been awarded to B. Saville, W. J. Roberts, D. J. Holgate, D. C. Everett, D. N. Turner, J. P. De la Perrelle, and Junior House Rugby Colours to M. D. Black, M. Benson, D. W. Gammon.

Several members of the House have been promoted in the C.C.F. this term, while those Juniors who joined last term are progressing well in their training.

The House Play, *Hewers of Coal*, by Joe Corrie, is being produced by P. G. Horwich and we wish him and his cast every success.

We congratulate P. G. Horwich on gaining a Hulme Schools Scholarship in Natural Science at Brasenose College, Oxford, and E. Rigg on gaining a Commonership at Brasenose College, Oxford.

K. L. McMurtrie has been appointed Captain of House Lacrosse and E. Rigg Captain of House Running.

I. Hartley, D. J. Holgate, W. J. Roberts, J. H. M. Steele, and D. N. Turner have been appointed House Prefects.

GASKELL

I. W. Pamphilon and P. L. R. Wood must be congratulated on being appointed House Prefects.

T. D. Taylor is also to be congratulated on obtaining entrance at Brasenose College, Oxford, to read Mathematics. Despite the fact that he has been with the House for but a short period, he participated in every section of House activities with a keenness rarely seen. We will feel his loss, but at the same time offer him every success in the future.

Last term was, to say the least, not a particularly successful season. Although School Teams robbed the House of the best players, the results in the House League, Knock-Outs and the Seven-a-sides are inexcusable. The reason for these disappointments seemed to be a lack of urgency. Ability is obviously there, but it seemed to be too much of an effort for it to be made evident. After a very bad start to the season, the 1st and 2nd House Teams did at least partially succeed in making amends, but what was so very obvious in the 3rd and 4th Teams was their indifference coupled with their inability. It seems a pity that a House such as ours, that has owned such a commendable record in the past, should have to suffer such a disastrous season.

Although the Juniors did not progress past the first round in the Knock-Outs, they did at least put up a very sound performance in losing narrowly to a superior Dalton team. On paper, the Senior Team had a very good chance to survive at least the first round, represented as it was by so many School Team players. But owing to lack of practice and the inability within the team to appreciate fully the rewards of cohesive thinking within the play, they were beaten by a very industrious and better drilled Whitworth, ably led by R. G. Edwards. Our results in the Seven-a-sides are best forgotten.

D. L. Worthing, G. J. Cooper, and T. J. Davies have represented the 1st XV, and G. B. Brister and P. S. Whiteoak have played regularly for the 2nd XV. A. D. Koffman, D. P. Gaskell, I. G. Cundey and A. A. Labaton played regularly for the U.16. D. P. Gaskell also represented the 1st XV on one occasion, and must be congratulated on his performance. R. J. Fitzgerald and P. A. Houston represented and won Colours for the U.15, and M. A. J. Potter, C. R. Moxham and R. G. Walker played regularly for the U.14. W. M. Wolstenholme and P. L. R. Wood ran for the School Cross Country team.

We wish G. Hibbert every success in his production of *Everyman*, the House Play.

Let us hope that this season's results will better last season's, and that the keen spirit and potential within the House is fully realised. Let it not be forgotten that we have a name that commands respect.

HEYWOOD

We congratulate D. M. Harper, I. Heywood, F. Halstead and S. J. Quirk on their appointment as House Prefects.

Generally, this has not been a particularly successful term for the House on the games field, though once again, promise has been shown by the Junior teams, whose keenness enabled the House to secure 3rd position in the House League.

In the Knock-Outs, the Senior team, weakened by injury, were good-humouredly trounced (56—01) by a strong Fraser team, which eventually went on to win the contest. The juniors defeated Byrom in the first round, but in the second round, despite courageous defence by Gabbay and Peart, they were narrowly defeated.

In the Seven-a-sides competition the fifth team fought through to a well-deserved victory, whilst the Fourth team were beaten in the final by a Dalton side at least 1½ years its senior. The other teams did not meet with much success.

In the School Play, the House was represented by Harrold and McKay, who took leading rôles. On the subject of drama, we wish P. D. Roylance and his H.A.D.O.S. cast every success in the House Play Competition.

On School teams the House was represented thus:

1st XV—M. J. C. Burns.

2nd XV—T. C. Cunliffe (capt.), J. McKay.

U.16 XV—B. Ross, S. Burslem, S. C. Harrold.

U.15 XV—J. P. Kettley, G. Peart, G. F. Jones, J. A. Gabbay, I. H. Rodgers.

U.14 XV—G. Reading, P. F. Atkinson. Renshaw, Pearson and Eyre have also played.

WHITWORTH

Our congratulations go to R. D. McGlue on being awarded an Open Scholarship in Modern Languages at Emmanuel College, Cambridge. We congratulate also M. Brown on his appointment as R.S.M. of the C.C.F., and J. A. L. Clarke and G. Livings who have been appointed House Prefects.

The Michaelmas term was very successful for Whitworth. The House finished runners-up in the House League competition. This was due to their very strong 1st XV team, captained by P. N. McNulty, which defeated all opposition. It was not until the beginning of December that their line was crossed for the first and only time. The second team, although they played with greater determination towards the end of the season, had little success. The Junior teams played with great determination throughout the season and had many deserved successes, even though many Juniors were required for the School teams.

In the House Knock-Outs, for the first time in many years, both teams reached the final. The Seniors had a bye in the first round and put up a fine performance in the second round in beating a strong Gaskell side 6—3, although they lost Edwards (capt.) in the early stages and at times were playing with only thirteen men. However, in the final, they were deservedly beaten by a much stronger Fraser team.

The Juniors, captained by K. M. Dodd, as expected won their Knock-Outs, although they

nearly succumbed to Heywood in the second round owing to their over-confidence. In the final, however, there was no such criticism and having scored an early try they contained many Dalton attacks and eventually won 3—0.

In the Seven-a-sides competition all teams played with tremendous spirit and determination and the House finished third in the competition.

As regards the dramatic field, Whitworth again excelled itself in the School's production of *Twelfth Night*. M. Sykes re-established himself as the School's leading tenor with a polished performance as Feste, the clown. D. B. Cunningham and A. C. Mitchell also contributed much to make the play the success it was.

The Whitworth Strolling Players are busy rehearsing *The Big Eat* by Clive Exton, under the direction of A. G. Broome. This year's play is a very ambitious effort and has provided a unique opportunity for anyone in the House with dramatic aspirations to exhibit their talents. Several innovations are promised in the play and we wish the players every success in this production.

The House was well represented on School teams, particularly the Junior teams.

1st XV—R. G. Edwards (capt.)

2nd XV—A. G. Skinner, K. B. Lodge, A. G. Calder.

3rd XV—P. N. McNulty, C. J. Sherlock, G. Livings; S. G. Ogden also played.

U.16—A. J. McGlue, (capt.); D. R. A. Rickard also played.

U.15—K. M. Dodd (v.-capt.), E. E. Broadhurst, A. C. George, D. Hallworth, B. J. Edwards, N. S. Lerner.

U.14—D. A. Hockaday, G. S. MacDonald, R. D. M. Lind, K. E. M. Robson; T. B. Hollingworth also played

Spring

Snow, melting into slush;
Falling in soft black lumps off the roof.
This is the worst time in the year,
When everybody is angry at the weather.
When birds hide round the chimney-pots
To escape getting their tiny feet
Embedded in slush.
Worse than winter.
But soon . . .
To end it all,
Someone, somewhere, will find
A tiny, minute frozen peak of green.
It will grow,
Spearing this age of cold darkness,
Inspiring others to show their heads
Above the soil.
Hope of the end of this ordeal;
Of the finishing of the last stroke of winter.
The sign of life, it grows onward

Showing more and more of its body.
Spring coming
When the flowers burst open.
Spring.
When winter goes and no-one could believe it
existed;
When trees get their stolen leaves back.
The earth gets warm and the world springs to
life,
An open, happy, joyful life.
But we know
That soon,
Winter will return
And the cycle of life will begin again.
A. CROMPTON, 1C.

Fog

"The fog, which has been light
In places, will thicken tonight,"
The weather man said.
And I, as I tread
My slow way through the street,
Hear no sound save the soft fall of feet.
Eerily, through the cloud
Of fog, I shuffle, head bowed,
And grope my way.
No children at play,
No throb of bus, no rattle of train,
No sound of horn, no roar of plane.
Home at last! And voices say,
"Isn't it dreadful?" "What an awful day."
And yet there is peace
As noises cease.
Perhaps such silence is all too rare.
In a city of noise and hustle and blare.
R. C. McKEON, 2A.

Stew !

Yesterday I had a notion
To mix an extra special potion :
Elephant's eye and squirrel's tail.
And then for flavour add a snail ;
Live rat's lungs and rabbit's ears,
Football socks and cycle gears :
The tip of Gordie Walker's nose,
Half a yard of rubber hose,
Twenty gallons of cold, sweet tea—
What a tempting recipe!
Orange pips, potato peel,
Just a pinch of lizard's heel ;
Leg of table, seat of chair,
Manfred's beard and Beatle's hair :
Bark of beech and heart of oak,
Syrup of Figs and tin of Coke.
Stir well with a spoon of lead—
Take a sip and drop down dead.
K. E. M. ROBSON, 3B.

Haiku

Walking along the rainy street,
In late evening.

S. C. HARROLD, L6M.

The Symbol of Height

We alone made the idea of height.
Created it in our ignorance,
Didn't collect all the evidence,
Didn't deduce from experiment.
Our "scientists" had imagination—
Which tries to waver the steady logic—
But their giant turtle's unseen sea
Is bottomless; earth is round,
Making height particular—
And its generalisation ridiculous—
Height cannot be in a whole round world,
But can only exist on a saucer earth,
We laugh at suggestion of any such thing,
And yet height remains as part of our life.
We see the spherical planet only
In the explanations which others give us,
Live on a disc forever changing,
Forever flat and with meaningless height.
And we use this (the symbol of
Our stupidity) as a symbol of praise,
To impress upon some great power
Our feeling towards It.

S. L. CLAUGHTON, 4Y.

Manchester

Grey skies and red slates,
Drizzling rain and grey slates,
Boredom and frustration
Working out a permutation
Back-alleys and dead cats;
Shrieking kids and towering flats;
Filled-in canals, jammed-up roads;
Long-haired mods around in loads.
Open spaces, stinking Mersey,
Snivelling brat in a cast-off jersey.
Parking meters and flashy cars
Overfilled dust-bins in dark back-yards.
High-class districts and suburban sprawl
Joining together all in all,
To make up

MANCHESTER.

B. SAVILLE, 6ML.

The Smug One

Reclining on her velvet couch, a smug picture of
conceit,
Lies Priscilla, that pampered Queen of Cats.

With each serene movement an embodiment of
ease,

And oh, what ease!
Gentle laps of placid, sticky milk,
Long, heavy meals and long heavy sleeps to follow.
Yet Priscilla is not loved by all.
She disdains the company of her own remorseless
kind,

And she, in turn, is despised by her scraggy
cousins
Whom, from warmth-radiated rooms, she watches
in her feminine disinterested way.
Lost to Priscilla are the joys of catching rats and
mice.
She is content to lie preening her folds of viscous,
rolling fat,

A gruesome sight.
She rarely moves, and yet by some strange means,
Extracts affection, though she herself gives none.
She belongs to humans, and laps their milk and
purrs.

Yet she is not theirs;
She owns herself, the solitary queen,
And her right to roam will never be denied.
A creature of fortune?—Yes.
A mercenary?—Yes.
But in some inexorable way
She, the exponent of callousness,
Is loved.

C. N. BOURNE, 4Y.

A Look at the Metropolitan Police

On Monday, the 4th of January, 1965, at 5 p.m.
twenty boys, average age about 17, were assembled
in Room N210 at New Scotland Yard, waiting to
be addressed by the Chief Commissioner of Police
in the Metropolis, Sir Joseph Simpson, and by one
of the Assistant Commissioners, Mr. Makir.

We were there as the guests of the Metropolitan
Police on a four-day working course to see the ins
and outs of Police Work. After the address, we
boarded a coach for the new Cadet Section House
at Sunbury, on the outskirts of London, where we
were to stay.

After an excellent meal we were introduced to
Sergeant Tingle, the Officer in charge of the Section
House. He issued us with keys to our rooms and
left us in the charge of four Cadets who were to
to be our 'nursemaids' for the week. Each room
was equipped with hot and cold running water,
built-in wardrobe and all those things which go
towards making each room a self-contained bed-
sitter. After being shown our rooms, we were left
to our own devices, with a warning that lights
out was 11-30 p.m.

The next morning we made an early start.
Punctually at 8-15 we left Sunbury in coaches,
and were split up into groups of five, each with

a Cadet, and were allocated a division for each group to visit.

I visited 'W' Division which had its Headquarters at Tooting and stretched from Battersea to Epsom. At the Battersea Section House, nearly a hundred years old, conditions were vastly different from those at Sunbury, but travelling in our little window-barred mini-bus, we saw a great variety of Police Stations. At one near Clapham Common we rendezvoused with a section of the Traffic Patrol. One of the crash cars, which carry all foreseeably needed equipment, was there with signs and flashing lights all neatly laid out, a 500 c.c. Triumph, 'best on the road,' and also a Daimler 'Dart,' available for a quick trip round Clapham Common. 'Look, no hands,' at 60 m.p.h.!

Lunch at one of the more modern Section Houses, then off to see a police dog demonstration. After that more tours round Police Stations, 'finishing up at the canteen for a quick cuppa,' until back to Sunbury around 7 p.m. for tea and a discussion, and after 8 p.m. more free time.

On Wednesday morning, the party visited the Thames Division and were taken for a trip down the Thames to Wapping where we were shown round the boat repair yard and the workshops. Back to the Yard for lunch, and then a visit to the Information Room, which seemed vaguely disappointing, and the Criminal Record Office, where the size and complexity of the organisation overwhelmed us.

On Thursday, we visited the Metropolitan Police Driving School at Hendon. We were lectured on the theory of driving as taught to Metropolitan Police Drivers, and after lunch (Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding) we made our way through the drizzle to the skid pan, where we saw a skidding demonstration and were then taken round the pan in the cars. Those amongst us who possessed a driving licence were given the opportunity to test their skills in the specially modified cars. A tour of the classrooms followed, then back to Sunbury for a dinner with police guests, the various Inspectors who had taken us round the Divisions on Tuesday and several fairly high ranking officers. I was persuaded, on behalf of the students, to make a speech of thanks to all concerned, of which no more need be said.

The next morning we set off for Scotland Yard to see the fingerprint department but on the way we were given an unscheduled opportunity to watch the police in action when we witnessed a cyclist being knocked off his bicycle by a car. This made us late, and our tour of the fingerprint department was of necessity somewhat rushed, which detracted from the morning.

After lunch we adjourned to Room N210 for a discussion on the week and what we thought of it. At four o'clock across to Cannon Row Police Station Canteen for light refreshment and, punctually on the dot of five, goodbyes and

promises to write made, we wended our way through the rush-hour crowds to the tube on the first stage of the journey home.

B. SAVILLE, 6ML

The Building Fund

Now that the Sixth Form Centre has been completed and is already playing a full part in the academic and social life of the School, we are ready to move on to the second phase of our building programme—the Swimming Bath. With the full support of the Parents' Association, a personal appeal has been made to all parents to contribute towards the £20,000 that is needed. The response has been most encouraging, and already promises of more than £5,000 have been received. Any Old Boys and friends of the School who have not yet contributed to the Building Fund are cordially invited to do so. The School Office will be delighted to give advice on how donations may be made.

Old Hulmeians' Notes and News

P. M. Swift has been awarded a Rotary Foundation Fellowship for study in Canada. He will take a post-graduate course at Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.

Alan Ward took the part of Iago in a production of Verdi's *Otello* by the Royal Manchester College of Music; his performance received high praise from the critics, as did the whole production for which Professor Michael Brierley was responsible.

John Crook was ordained Deacon by the Bishop of Stafford on 20th December, to serve in the Parish of St. John the Divine, Horninglow, Burton-on-Trent.

Maurice Broady, Lecturer in Sociology at Southampton University, recently appeared on B.B.C. Television in a programme dealing with the changing pattern of provincial life.

S. Bilcliff is now serving as a detective-constable at New Scotland Yard.

Leonard Mosley's latest book is *Haile Selassie*; it is published by Weidenfeld and Nicholson at 36/-.

Ian Stone, now a second Lieutenant in the 34th Light Air Defence Regiment, led a party of five gunners on a 222-mile march from Hilden in Germany to Woolwich.

Gordon Hamilton has been awarded the Diploma in Medical Radio diagnosis granted by the Royal College of Surgeons of England jointly with the Royal College of Physicians of London.

Among visitors to School recently we have been pleased to see Bob Dale, now the Receiving Room Officer at Leeds General Infirmary; Alan Richards,

working for his D.Phil. at Oxford; Ian Marr, an apprentice engineer working in Switzerland; M. Gozzard, in his final year at Sandhurst; Dr. J. F. Grainger, Lecturer in the Department of Applied Physics at Hull University where he is engaged in research on spectroscopy; H. G. Rhodes, who is leaving Manchester to practise as a solicitor in Llandudno.

We have been notified of the following change of address of P. Glyn Griffiths, M.C., M.R.C.P.; he is now at the Liteta Leprosarium, P/B Broken Hill, Zambia, Central Africa.

We hear that in Ibadan, the musical talents of Jack Davies stood him in good stead for his appearance on the Nigerian Juke Box Jury.

George Arnold and Eric Waddington are playing Lacrosse for Purley; they are the mainstays of the defence, with Waddington reported as playing better than ever.

Mr. Williams has received a letter from W. C. Harris, President of the Phoenix Assurance Company of New York, who left the School in 1929. He had seen an announcement of Mr. Barber's death in the air-mail edition of *The Times*, and enclosed a cheque as a tribute to his memory. At Mrs. Barber's request this has been given to the Appeal Fund for a swimming bath.

Births, Deaths and Marriages

BIRTHS

DAVIES—On October 18, to Gillian and Jim, a daughter.

MALLALIEU—On October 23, to Beryl and Dennis, a daughter.

CALDERWOOD—On October 29, to Meryl and Robert, a son.

KYNASTON—On January 19, to Brenda and Alan, a son.

MARRIAGES

BLAIR—McNULTY—On September 26, Ian Blair to Deirdrie McNulty.

LAMB—KENNY—On October 31, David Lamb to Julie Kenny.

WALSH—WILKINSON—On October 31, David B. Walsh to Maureen Jean Wilkinson.

GRIFFITHS—EDEN—On November 28, David Michael Griffiths to Sybil Eden.

PRIESTLEY—MACHAN—On December 26, John Christopher Priestley to Margaret Ida Machan.

DEATHS

HORNE—On November 6, at Sunbury-on-Thames, E. H. Horne.

REDSHAW—On November 25, Herbert Henry Grandsden Redshaw, aged 77.

BARBER—On January 14, in hospital and of 50 Brantingham Road, Manchester, 16, James Arthur Barber, aged 86.

Obituary

H. H. G. REDSHAW

The Old Boys' Associations, particularly in London, lost a valued friend and colleague on 25th November, 1964, when Herbert Henry Grandsden Redshaw died suddenly at the age of 77. His schooldays at Hulme started in 1897, and his five years there stood him in good stead for a fine life which he enjoyed to the full and to the end. He was proud of a strong loyalty to the School, and was particularly enthusiastic about its developments and activities, including lacrosse, in which he was keenly interested.

At an age when today boys still have several school years ahead of them, he left these shores to follow his business career in Peru, where he spent some thirty years. Returning in 1933, he was able to participate in the arrangements of the Association of Old Hulmeians in London until their activities were halted by the war, but when these re-started he was amongst the first to renew his support, and from then on gave great pleasure to his fellow members and derived considerable satisfaction himself by his avowed intention to attend as many meetings as possible, despite severe arthritis that would have kept at home many less determined than he.

In 1961/62 he was Chairman of the London Association. Well into his seventies and not in the best of health, he filled the rôle with a skill and alertness that belied his years. He presided over all the Committee Meetings and social functions, including the Dinner at the House of Commons, which he regarded as the highlight of his year of office. In 1962, the Association was glad to proffer congratulations upon the celebration of his Golden Wedding.

Subsequently on the Committee and by his attendance at the various functions, he showed how it was possible for him to meet advancing years and remain young in heart and ever-interested, but without intruding, in the lives of fellow Hulmeians many years junior to him. He was good company and a wise counsellor. His many friends in the Association will remember him as such.

G.W.C.

Old Hulmeians Association

A grievous loss was sustained by the Association through the death of Mr. J. A. Barber. He was so much part of it that the Association can never quite be the same again. He was the only member to be President on two occasions, the second time to mark his fiftieth year at the School. Our

sincere sympathy is extended to Mrs. Barber and Norman.

In the October, 1964, edition of the magazine it was reported that there appeared to be some interest in the formation of a Rifle Club. An inaugural meeting was held at the Clubhouse on 15th January, 1965, when a proposal was seconded and carried unanimously "That an Old Hulmeians' Rifle Club be formed". Dr. A. Wilson of 120 Alexandra Road, Manchester 16 (Telephone: Moss Side 2710), was elected the first Honorary Secretary, and any member wishing to join this club should contact him.

The Membership Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. K. P. Thompson has been doing much good work in connection with members who have, probably forgetfully, allowed their membership to lapse. Please do your best to introduce new members and also to round up those who have overlooked the payment of their subscriptions for two or more years.

The Commercial Travellers' Association have again decided not to use the Clubhouse and did not renew the agreement which expired at the end of 1964.

Old Boys who have not yet subscribed to the School Building Fund are invited to do so. Over £52,000 has been donated, and now a further £20,000 is urgently needed to carry out the next phase of the plan which is to provide a Swimming Bath.

The Annual Dinner is to be held at the Midland Hotel, on Saturday, 13th March, 1965. The Lord Mayor, Sir Herbert J. Seddon, the Dean of Manchester, Canon H. F. Woolnough, Dr. C. G. Eastwood, Vincent Martin, Esq., and C. B. H. Gill, Esq., are among those who have signified their intention to be present. Please come along and help to make the attendance worthy of the occasion.

Mr. J. Foulds has kindly agreed to organise the Annual Golf Competition on 27th May, 1965. This year it will most likely be held at the Chorlton Golf Club. Cards may be taken out up till 6 p.m. and there are three cups to be played for.

The Annual Cricket Match against the School will be played at School on Saturday, 3rd July, 1965. Anyone wishing to play should contact Mr. A. M. Blight at the School. Old Boys, their wives and friends will be welcome on this occasion, and tea will be provided.

ERIC BARNES, *Hon. Sec.*,

"The Hollies", Gatley Road, Gatley, Cheshire.

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Old Hulmeians Lacrosse

At the three-quarters mark, this season has been a depressing one. G. H. Stockdale has been sorely missed, and already the 1st team has lost three matches and any chance of the League Championship. This victorious 1963/4 side also looks a poor prospect for the Senior Flag competition.

The 'A' and Extra 'A' teams are struggling to find consistent form, whilst the 'B' team is struggling against relegation and a shortage of players. The Section most urgently needs more young members with ideas and spirit.

Our first attempt at a Christmas lottery proved an immense success, due largely to the efforts of D. W. Lomas and C. E. Bryans. As a result, £50 have passed into the Association funds.

Vintage years need time to mellow against the palate's memory. Barren years come the more harshly after fruitful ones. This season is indeed a barren one for Old Hulmeians.

The death of J. A. Barber is a numbing blow to the Club. He was the Churchill of the Lacrosse world, the truly Grand Old Man. After them, who can follow?

This is not an obituary notice, for his activities were many and varied and are written elsewhere. The Club, however, wishes to acknowledge its indebtedness to J. A. B. for his immeasurable service to the Section and to the game. We join his many friends in extending our sympathy to Mrs. Barber, her son Norman and their family on their great loss.

RESULTS

FIRST TEAM

Sept. 26	v. Manchester University	H	W	17—4
Oct. 3	v. Mellor	A	L	9—11
" 10	v. Old Waconians	H	W	13—3
" 17	v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe	A	L	3—5
" 24	v. Old Stopfordians	H	W	11—1
" 31	v. Boardman & Eccles	H	W	8—2
Nov. 14	v. Heaton Mersey	H	W	11—4
" 21	v. Old Mancunians	A		Post.
" 28	v. Stockport	A	W	7—1
Dec. 5	v. Cheadle	H	W	8—3
" 12	v. Heaton Mersey	A		Post.
" 19	v. Manchester University	A	W	1—0
Jan. 2	v. Mellor	H		Post.
" 9	v. Old Waconians	A	W	5—1
" 16	v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe	H	L	1—6
" 23	v. Boardman & Eccles	A	W	11—5

(2nd Rd., N.E.L.A. Senior Flags)

'A' TEAM

Sept. 26	v. Old Waconians 'A'	A	W	9—4
Oct. 3	v. Cheadle 'A'	H	W	7—4
" 10	v. S. M/c. & Wythens.	A	L	6—10
" 17	v. Rochdale	H	L	6—9

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Oct.	24	v.	Heaton Mersey Guild	A	W	8—4
"	31	v.	Oldham & Werneth ... (N.E.L.A. Junior Flags)	H	W	5—3
Nov.	7	v.	Ashton	H	L	5—9
"	14	v.	Cheadle 'A' ... (1st Rd., N.E.L.A. Junior Flags)	A	W	7—4
"	21	v.	Old Grovians	A	W	17—5
"	28	v.	Leeds University	H	L	3—11
Dec.	5	v.	Mellor 'A'	A	L	2—8
"	12	v.	Offerton	H		Post.
"	19	v.	Old Waconians 'A' ...	H	W	8—3
Jan.	2	v.	Cheadle 'A'	A	W	13—1
"	9	v.	S. M/c. & Wythens. 'A'	H	L	7—10
"	16	v.	Rochdale	A	L	6—11
"	23	v.	Rochdale ... (2nd Rd., N.E.L.A. Junior Flags)	H	W	8—6

EXTRA 'A' TEAM

Sept.	26	v.	Manchester G.S.	A	L	5—8
Oct.	3	v.	S. M/c. & Wythens. 'B'	H	W	8—2
"	10	v.	Disley	A	L	1—11
"	17	v.	Heaton Mersey 'A'	H	L	5—12
"	24	v.	Oldham & Werneth ...	A	L	8—17
"	31	v.	S. M/c. & Wythens. 'B'	A	L	3—5
Nov.	7	v.	Oldham & Werneth ...	H	L	1—11
"	14	v.	Oldham & Werneth 'A' ... (1st Rd., Lancs. Junior Cup)	H	W	16—4
"	21	v.	Ashton 'A'	A	W	11—8
"	28	v.	Old Mancunians 'A' ...	H	W	8—5
Dec.	12	v.	Stockport G.S.	H		Post.
"	19	v.	Disley	H	W	4—3
Jan.	9	v.	Rochdale 'A'	A		Post.
"	16	v.	Heaton Mersey 'A'	A	L	5—25
"	23	v.	S. M/c. & Wythens. 'B' ... (Lancs Junior Cup)	H		

'B' TEAM

Oct.	3	v.	Oldham & Werneth 'A'	A	W	8—6
"	10	v.	Stockport 'A'	H	L	7—13
"	17	v.	Chorlton	A	L	5—10
"	24	v.	Cheadle Hulme	H	L	0—14
Nov.	7	v.	Urmston 'B'	A	L	0—1
"	14	v.	Manchester G.S. 2nd ...	A	W	15—4
"	21	v.	Oldham & Werneth 'A'	H	L	6—12
"	28	v.	Offerton 'A'	A	L	1—14
Dec.	5	v.	Cheadle 'B'	H	L	4—9
"	12	v.	Old Stopfordians 'A' ...	A		Post.
"	19	v.	Cheadle 'B'	A		Post.
Jan.	2	v.	Old Stopfordians 'A' ...	H		Post.
"	9	v.	Stockport 'A'	A		Post.
"	16	v.	Chorlton	H	L	6—7
"	23	v.	Cheadle Hulme	A		

Old Hulmeians Rugby

*"Ay, they were strong and the fight was long
But we paid as good as we got."*

"The Quest"—Kipling.

A little over half-way through the season and the 1st XV record is fairly evenly poised at:—

Played 19; Won 8; Lost 8; Drawn 3.

To date it has not been a memorable season. The prospect of free-scoring games, with lots of running by the backs, envisaged by the new laws has not materialised, and indeed in terms of tries scored we are running below average.

Regrettably we have not adapted ourselves to the potentialities of the new conditions either up front or in the backs. In the main, the forwards have stuck well to their task, but in the lines-out we have had less than our share of the ball, thus squandering the 'set-piece' operation which offers the greatest scope. Once we were masters of obtaining the ball when our opponents 'bunched', by using the double-banked technique; this is now in general use, except by us!

There has been adequate possession from scrums but the backs have failed to operate as a cohesive and thrustful unit. Open spaces are ignored, and there is too much kicking—usually directed to the opposing full-back, who returns with interest.

The 'A' XV has produced some stirring games, and encouraging features have been steady and vigorous tackling and some excellent rucking in the loose by six and occasionally seven forwards. With regret we have lost the services of R. Pryke through injury, but I. Cottrill has deputised well. The 'A' team backs are a charming bunch but somehow fail to co-operate on the field with the result that the attack lacks punch. I will admit to standing open-mouthed when the ball, moving left, was switched with a beautiful scissors movement and a try scored; but in general it is a tale of lack of cohesion, thrust and 'devil' which has turned victory into defeat. From an opponent's-eye view it would appear as if our backs won't score—or don't want to!

To date the record is as follows:

Played 19; Won 4; Lost 12; Drawn 3.

Coarse Rugby is beyond my comprehension. Having seen 26 points piled up against the Extra 'A' without reply, I was later moved to commiserate with a solid phalanx of twelve or thirteen of them, quaffing their customary cordial, only to be informed in unison that the game had been hard, thoroughly enjoyable, and they had more than got the measure of their opponents. Newbolt must surely have had such men in mind when he wrote of: "Counting the game more than the prize". Optimistically I will refrain from quoting their record in the hope that it will get better before the summer issue.

While with the Extra 'A', I must record with regret the loss of the services of John Boardman due to a kidney operation. Happily he is now out and about and we hope he will soon be back. Also our sympathies to Fred Thomas who turned out as soon as he came down from University, threw the ball in three times—and finished with a broken leg for Christmas. Again, our best wishes for a speedy recovery and the hope that this injury has not cost him honours in his other athletic pursuits.

Membership remains a problem. Only more players will resolve this issue, but even with our present strength the situation is erratic: 22 players available on Monday for the Extra 'A'—not enough to raise a team by Saturday. A doubtful game on Monday—17 turn up on Saturday. To those who cry off suddenly, and to those who just fail to turn up—remember, we have no reserves. You spoil the afternoon for the others by your actions.

Socially, we have a dynamic committee which is felt rather than seen. A false ceiling has appeared. Spilled paint and blood on the floor indicate calamity at high altitude. A vibrating club-house indicates—for want of a better term—a dance. Half Manchester turns up. The general committee remains blissfully ignorant. Christmas decorations came and went. Perhaps one day this excellent sub-committee will come and join us.

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Association of Old Hulmeians in London

For our Annual Dinner, on Friday, 23rd October, 1964, we paid a first visit to the Headquarters of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry, in Chancery Lane. These premises, although dismal from the outside, include Dining Room facilities that were ideal for our purposes. After the meal, with a Loving Cup presented to the Association by C. G. Dehn, the Chairman, M. D. Kruger toasted the health of the members, and the Cup was then passed round the company. This was the first occasion since his inclusion in the New Year's Honours List that our distinguished member, Sir Herbert Seddon, could be with us, and he came this time as the Guest of Honour. The Chairman appropriately offered congratulations on behalf of the Association, and presented an engraved tray with the good wishes of all his fellow members.

Clive Dennis, who attended as President of the O.H.A., was in his usual good form when proposing the toast to the Association, and in a

polished and inspiring speech, B. M. Forrest presented the 'School' toasts. As always, the Headmaster's contribution to the evening was enjoyed to the full. We were brought up to date with the current state of affairs and the expectations for the years ahead, taking into account the result of the recent election and its possible effect upon the grammar schools system. Sir Herbert replied for the Guests to the toast which John Fitzgerald had ably proposed in his lively style.

On Friday, 20th November, we returned to the Copper Kitchen in Fleet Street to combine the occasion for another social meal with the necessary but not unduly formal business of an Annual General Meeting. The reasonable number attending included G. P. Booth, S. K. Foster and G. Roberts, settling in for their first term at College in these parts; other newcomers were Jim Davies, John Harvey and Roy Linford. It was a great pleasure to see there H. H. G. Redshaw, one of our most loyal members, and to know how much he enjoyed this occasion, which turned out to be his last evening with us. It was with profound regret that we learnt later of his sudden death the week after our meeting, but our sorrow at this loss of his friendly company did not lessen the satisfaction that he was able to spend another happy evening with us so near the end of his very full life.

Christmas brought its good wishes from Hulmeians overseas. Tom Oliver sent his regards from the Philippines. George Wood's card showed the luxurious Yale building, in a part of which he claims to do some work. In Toronto, Ian Low again devised his own unique card, and greetings from Canada also arrived from Malcolm Leggott in Wellington, British Columbia, who, from the photograph, seems to have found a healthy climate there.

Our plans for 1965 start with a Supper at the Copper Kitchen on 26th February. Towards the end of the season we hope to have another lacrosse match, and the idea of playing this against Old Mancunians in London is under consideration. Our cricket match with the Lancastrians will be on the afternoon of Sunday, 27th June. As usual, we shall be looking for volunteers for these games. For the Annual Dinner we return to the House of Commons, on Friday, 12th November, again by the kind invitation of Sir Cyril Black. Please note this date now; there is a limit to the number we can seat, and it will be advisable to make early application.

Further information about the foregoing is obtainable from G. W. Creasey, 145 Copse Hill, S.W. 20 (WIMbledon 6778), who will be glad to hear from or about Hulmeians expecting to be in the London area.

Old Hulmeians Motor Club

Since the last report in *The Hulmeian*, we have obtained R.A.C. Recognition, as from 1st January, 1965. Our future Motor Sport activities will accordingly be governed by the R.A.C. General Competition Rules.

On 18th November we held a Hot Pot Supper, and no less than 31 members and guests attended this highly successful function, and enjoyed a meal of hot pot, apple pie and tea, costing a mere 2/6d. per person. Our grateful thanks are due to Gladys Taylor for undertaking the catering for us. Thanks are also due to the various ladies and members who worked so industriously in the kitchen, washing up, etc.

After supper, Inspector Parry, Chief Driving Instructor, Manchester City Police, gave a most interesting talk on Advanced Driving Technique and then answered numerous questions. No one seemed to be desirous of going home but the Chairman decided to call a halt to the proceedings at 11-30 p.m. Interesting snippets of information obtained by your scribe were (1) The Police have found that Michelin 'X' tyres really do give better mileage per gallon, and have a longer life. (2) Replacement of a dynamo by an Alternator results in a rapid consumption of fan belts. (3) The Police alternators often charge at 10 amps on tick-over, and 40 amps for short periods when running! (4) Automatic transmissions are coming into favour rather strongly for police use. (5) The best car for Motorway Police use is at present considered to be the Jaguar 3.8 'S' type.

Our Annual Dinner Dance on 12th December was an unqualified success, thought to be largely due to the smaller attendance this time. In recent years, with a very high attendance, the Woodlands Hotel suite has been very crowded indeed, and so pleasant were the conditions this time that the numbers will probably be restricted to a maximum of 70 for next year.

The event marked the end of Jack Rickards' long period as Chairman, since the Club was re-formed in 1955. Unfortunately he was unable to be present himself owing to illness. A presentation was made in his absence in recognition of his services, and Dr. Stanley Foulds took over the reins as the new Chairman. Jack Rickards now becomes Social Secretary.

As we start the New Year with hopes of extended motor sport activities now that Recognition has been obtained from the R.A.C., a report from a member who was a marshal on the recent R.A.C. Rally may be of stimulating interest.

'SPECIAL STAGE 27' R.A.C. RALLY 1964

This is the official name given to 5½ miles of forest road in Whinlatter forest, overlooking the lower end of Bassenthwaite Lake, near Keswick, from 9-19 p.m. on Monday, 9th November.

For once, I decided to miss the Oulton Park stage of the R.A.C. rally, and go up into the forests (I could not manage both without some 'Special Stage'-type motoring on the normal roads between the two, and this is not really desirable!). As a result of this, a blue and black Alpine arrived at Keswick at lunch time, and after lunch, proceeded North-West, and then up Whinlatter Pass to the finish of the stage at about 1,000 feet above sea level. After wandering about here for a short time watching the preparations for the night, I decided to have a 'Touring' run through the stage. The road through Whinlatter (all 'white', where it is on the map at all!) starts on a fairly steep grade up-hill, then goes over a very substantial cattle grid, and up into the forest. I had not been going very long, when a glance into the mirror revealed a white Alfa Romeo driven by John Cuff (in the Rover works team last year), who was also marshalling, so a little extra speed was attempted. This showed that the road was really not too bad, and 45 m.p.h. could very easily be maintained, although I should not like to try the 90 m.p.h. which is required to maintain the set average (50 m.p.h.). We soon came upon the Forest Commander (Chief Marshal for the area), who was putting up some of the direction signs. These consisted of an arrow which was put on a corner, usually on the outside, and followed by a small arrow with the letters S.O. underneath, put after the corner, on the same side of the road as the next corner. It is surprising how difficult it is to find a tree to fix these to in some places, especially as the road side is vertically up on the right, and vertically down (almost) on the left!

This task was eventually completed, and everyone retired to the Royal Oak in Keswick for a meal before the night's activities commenced in earnest.

The first car was due at 9-19 p.m. This assumed his travelling at an overall average of 40 m.p.h. from Newby Bridge, via Hardknow and Grisedale Forest, so all marshals got into position soon after 7 p.m. so that the pilot cars should not be delayed, and to give late people a chance to be late without holding anyone up. Blackburn Civil Defence kindly provided a radio link between the start and finish, and a large battery of flood-lights at the finish. Marshals in the forest were not to show any lights except in emergencies. About 8 p.m. the pilot car, a Ford Zodiac Estate car, arrived, and went through the stage. He must have been doing rally speeds to keep ahead of the rally. This is the one crew nobody thinks about, but they are very necessary. The earliest the first car can come is 9-19, they said, but at 9-17 Hopkirk's 1275 Mini 'S' turned its two iodine vapour head-lights and five other spots and spread lights round the corner, and up to the stage start. Whilst everyone waited for the chronometer and Longine 'Printogine' clock to come up to a whole minute (one in case the other stops), the crew donned

crash helmets, made sure the safety belts were fastened, and tested their lights. Eventually with five front lights and a roof light on, the Mini stormed away up the track, leaving the beginning of what were to become rather deep ruts at the start.

Cars were despatched every minute or two minutes depending on the wishes of the crews; the 'Big' Healeys normally like two minutes' gap between them and the car in front, even if this is Carlsson! The Healey 3000s had probably the ultimate in lighting, an extra bracket for a spot light, which was not being used!

Cars came and went with fair regularity; they seemed to like arriving in small convoys, with some amusing interludes, e.g. how do you manage to tell Swedish drivers who do not speak English that they have 1 min. and 40 seconds to go before they start? and the mini with one headlight without glass, and the iodine vapour bulb flapping about giving light in rather odd directions. Modified bodywork was in fair profusion; the Morley twins had a damaged front wing on their Healey, 'Tiny' Lewis's 995 (approx.) c.c. Imp had been 'head over heels' on Porlock. A few Cortinas seemed to have modified their CND rearlights, and one of the army Rovers had what appeared to be very expensive damage to the front wing. Pauline Mayman's MG 'B' seemed to be burning something long after it started, possibly only rubber, and a number of cars further polished their well used sump guards. Rupert Jones' Sunbeam looked rather like an Alpine, until you saw that it was left-hand drive, and had twin exhausts—a 4.2 litre Tiger. Volvo seem to like using their 'old' body style, but there is nothing old-fashioned about the performance of these cars. One of the Triumph 2000s stayed on the line for some time making a lot of grinding noises as the driver tried to engage a gear, eventually getting into one, and getting away.

The only incident during the night was one car which lost its oil during the stage, with no damage to anyone. A service car went into the forest with some spare oil after about three hours, so he was well out of the rally by this time. The most impressive time at the start? Probably the time when the Makinen/Barrow Austin Healey 3000 was waiting for the preceding car to get two minutes ahead, a blast of hot air coming out of the extra ventilators in the side, testing various combinations of its many front lights, and two-inch sparks coming out of the twin exhausts under the passenger's door, in the direction of the start area marshals!

So to the end of the proceedings. The car whose crew said that no one was behind them arrived about 12-40, but closing down time was not until 1-19, so there was a slightly cold wait, watching shooting stars in the perfectly clear sky, wondering how the rally had managed to make up the supposed one hour's lateness at Oulton Park,

when they left on time after a break of 30 minutes was allowed, and wondering where the fog would have got to on the return to Manchester.

About 10 minutes early, everyone started to pack up, and I had another run through the stage to tell the marshals to pack up. The road was by no means as smooth as it had been six hours earlier! I must admit that I never got round to finding out who was the fastest through the stage.

S.B.F.

Our social side is very active in the first two months of the year. In January a film show devoted to various sports from water skiing to golf is being held in the Upper Hall by kind permission of the Headmaster. In February we have a Hot Pot Supper followed by a film show covering motor sport and powerboat racing.

Any enquiries about Motor Sport, or about joining the Club, will be welcomed by the Hon. Secretary, John L. Williams, 7 Kings Avenue, Gatley, Cheshire, Telephone: GATley 4666.

Old Hulmeians Golf

The annual tournament will be held on Ascension Day, Thursday, 27th May, 1965.

In accordance with the decision taken at the Annual Meeting, application has been made to the Chorlton Golf Club for permission to play on their course.

Full details are given on the leaflet enclosed with this copy of the magazine. Any further information may be obtained from the Hon. Sec. of the Section.

J. FOULDS.

Old Hulmeians Masonic Lodge, No. 7062

The Worshipful Master and Mrs. John P. Moran were hosts to the members and their Ladies on 11th December, 1964, at the annual Christmas Dinner Party which was held at the Lodge's headquarters, Birch View Café, Dickenson Rd. During a happy evening, Mrs. Moran, on behalf of all the Ladies, presented the Lodge with a very handsome oak charity box which was duly acknowledged by the members with many thanks.

At the November, 1964, meeting the Lodge received Alan D. Crompton into membership.

The Worshipful Master invites all old Boys who are Freemasons to join us at any of our meetings.

Hon. Sec.: A. E. BOLSOVER, 268 Brooklands Road, Baguley, Northenden.

Old Hulmeians at Oxford

The visitor to Oxford may, with good cause, wonder which of the city's sights he should see in his tour. However, should the visitor be a Hulmeian, then his problem will be eased considerably, for by visiting those colleges at which the School is represented he will see most of the sights, and may well be rewarded by meeting several of the same select fraternity.

Come with us now whilst we go on a tour of Oxford. Our starting point is Carfax; from here we make our way down St. Aldate's and with the newly renovated front of Christ Church on our left we turn into Pembroke, where three of our number can occasionally be found. John Bateman claims that he is doing nothing worth reporting, although he has found that Psychology is a far more rewarding subject than Classics. Paul Norris on the other hand, seems to be keeping himself well occupied; apart from playing lacrosse for the Iroquois, the University 2nd team, he recently became the first Hulmeian in memory to make headline news in *Cherwell* as a result of his falling off Pembroke back gate in the middle of the night; his other claim to fame is that he has Dr. J. Wilks (O.H.) as his tutor.

Retracing our steps up St. Aldate's, past the Town Hall, we turn along the High, then on to the Turl and past Lincoln where Terry Jones and Alan Richards are doing post-graduate research, although they spend the majority of their time in the palatial new Engineering Laboratory where Mr. S. S. Wilson (B.N.C.) has occasionally been seen. Continuing past Jesus, to which Geoff. Henshall will be returning after his year in France, we reach the Broad and might be sufficiently fortunate to meet Dave Gillam who now appears to have forsaken lacrosse for the joys of late night Bridge at Trinity.

From Trinity we turn on to Parks Road and meet Jeff Lee emerging from Wadham, carrying a lacrosse stick in true Hulmeian manner; Jeff occasionally manages to work when he's not playing on the first team or away in London. Continuing along Parks Road, we come to Keble which Alan Richards claims to be the only thing spoiling the view from his laboratory on the top floor of Oxford's highest building. Our trio at Keble seem at present to share a preoccupation with work, perhaps as a result of prolonged acquaintance with such architecture. David Chadd has been seen surfacing for air occasionally, whereas Bill Fowler and Andrew Mitchell are valiantly trying to keep their heads above water when they are not playing for the Iroquois.

As we leave the red, yellow and blue brick of Keble we might encounter John Parkinson on his way to St. John's. John is yet another to claim that he's doing nothing except Physics research. As we travel along South Parks Road we might

catch the merest glimpse of the three Hulmeians researching in the Dyson Perrins laboratory. Alan Thomson (Brasenose), looking more learned than ever, is doing post-graduate research; Philip Hodge, who claims to be academically unattached, and Colin Day, now Junior Research Fellow at University College are doing post-doctorate research.

Down by the River Cherwell, the yellow-brick St. Catherine's is reputed to house R. J. Q. Gristwood and his excellent selection of whiskey. One who has sampled the pleasures of St. Caths. is Boyd Hilton (New College) who says that he has nothing to report except that he's hoping to teach lacrosse to the Wykehamists at New College. Leaving Boyd, we return to the High by way of New College Lane passing on our way St. Edmund Hall, strangely silent now that the life and soul of the Lacrosse Club—happy Dave Sudlow—has temporarily vacated it for teaching practice in the wilds of Stockport.

By far the largest contingent of Hulmeians can be found at our final port of call, the School's Branch Office at Brasenose. One of them is the University Lacrosse captain, Colin Langford, who, with the approach of the Varsity match, looks increasingly anxious. However, the Varsity match holds no fears for Dave Shuttleworth who seems to indulge in a wide variety of sports which probably explains why his light can often be seen burning at 3 a.m. Another Hulmeian claiming to be working hard is Mike Homer, at present striving hard to maintain the balance between work and lacrosse, no easy task with Mods. starting the week after the Varsity match. Bob Johnson also claims to be working hard, but we suspect that his trips to Reading are for purposes other than academic research.

One who can afford to relax somewhat at present is Lawrence Hall, fresh from his 1st in Physics Mods, whereas Dave Walker relaxes to the sound of a record player which apparently has the opposite effect on the other residents. Our final undergraduate member; Denys Robinson, has forsaken, under tutorial pressure, his activities in the Liberal Club for the more relaxing atmosphere of the Bodleian.

Other Hulmeians may be encountered on a tour of Oxford. Of these Frank Cosgrove has to be mentioned if only because of his remarks at a sherry party sometime ago, to the effect that he'd never had a b - - - - mention before. Frank is in his fifth year reading Architecture at Headington Tech. Others who are occasionally seen are Arthur Dyson, now Chaplain at Ripon Hall, Tony Drapkin and Ian Marsland, both of whom are at Buckland Hall, Tony as a tutor.

To all Hulmeians about to embark on an Oxford education, don't let all this talk of work put you off. You can be sure of a warm welcome here, particularly if you bring a lacrosse stick.

Old Hulmeians at Manchester University

Arriving at a party at about 12-30 a.m. last Saturday night, I pushed upstairs to join the other 130 standing on the landing, had a quick look round, and then, seeing that there was now a permanent shortage of the two essential requisites for a party, beat a rather uncomfortable retreat downstairs again. During this peregrination I heard two gentle voices crying, "Oi! Kenworthy", and, turning, saw two recent products of W.H.G.S. guffawing knowingly. I replied, I left.

Of such a kind are the tenuous connections between O.H.s at Manchester University. I regret to say I could not put a name to them, nor could I say what they were reading. They seemed healthy enough. Of others I know a little and recount briefly what I have learnt. Among bones and ear-drops we have Messrs. J. E. Ellis, A. R. Blackburn, P. Heywood, and G. Harrison reading Medicine—but how far they are along the interminable road to M.B., Ch.B., I dare not guess. In fact the Medics' course is so long that Doctors are the only profession with Pensions Rates for Undergraduates. A rare spectacle is K. Hamer (3rd year Hons. Maths.), and I think that one J. H. Openshaw is reading Chemistry Third Year at Tech. J. M. Kelly is usually full of the joys of spring and of the Scout and Guide Club; recently he has been playing for the great and glorious second team lacrosse (anyone want a game?). M. A. Kerr visited us last year and took a diploma in Business Management. D. Sudlow left us this year, clutching his II i in Geography, to study the art of little-Hulmeian-management at the ancient and crumbling University of Oxford. Second year hardies in the Faculty of Science include T. S. Lees and M. R. Ray in the Honours School of Engineering. C. Holmes is combining equations and equanimity in the Honours School of Mathematics and Philosophy. M. T. Sumner is doing extremely well in Economics, with a First last year in Part I and doubtless another on the way.

Leading light of the Woolton Hall scrum is the redoubtable and very long R. W. Allman, now one of the Cavendish Top Floor Smoothies (renowned for inexpensive meals, inexpensive dances, expensive drinks—quantity, not quality). He is still in Honours General Science reading, among other things, Geography. One R. G. Frobisher can be observed joining in Engineers' social gatherings from time to time—what a fate!

Revelling in his new life as a first-year Law student is D. Assar, complete with the all-round University Student's look—drawn face, haggard eyes, lagging steps, etc. Also observed has been I. Woolley—a Chemist, I believe. J. V. B. Hill

I saw only this morning gazing dully at the Statistics examples—and with loathing. Finally, ending the catalogue of old lags, miscreants and felons is M. J. Butters, a Medic, still in his prime of youth—I wish he'd play lacrosse for us.

As for myself—ugh! Possibly I shall be unnoticed on a forthcoming long-distance perambulation from the capital town of this our County Palatinate to the University of the greatest city thereof.

F. J. KENWORTHY.

Parents' Association Notes

Our Winter season really commenced with the Eighth Annual Dinner Dance, held at the Locarno, Sale, in November, at which nearly three hundred parents and guests enjoyed a very pleasant evening. It was a great pleasure to have as guests of the Association the Headmaster and Mrs. Bird, and several of the Governors and their Ladies. It was also encouraging to see so many 'new' parents there, and we hope we shall see them again at our future functions.

The Christmas Supper Dance at the School was, as usual, a great success, and the introduction of the Square Dance teams added a note of liveliness that was much appreciated. Once again Mr. and Mrs. Bird were with us and our thanks are due to him for again allowing us the use of the School, to Mrs. Taylor and her ladies for the excellent suppers, and to those Masters and Staff who gave us so much help. A word of thanks also to the parents who, with such regularity, supply the attractive raffle prizes, and to all parents who, in spite of atrocious luck in the raffles, continue so cheerfully to buy tickets.

Sporting activities are of necessity a little restricted at this time of the year. We have, however, had two shooting matches with the School. In the first we were soundly beaten, and in the second, an entirely different team was just as roundly trounced. We understand there is a movement afoot to match the next parents' team against more suitable opposition—a Middle School team. In all sincerity, however, the matches were greatly enjoyed by all who took part, and we look forward with pleasure, if not hope, to future matches. If we have anyone interested in this sport who has not yet given in his (her?) name, Mr. S. V. Slight, 3 Carlton Road, Hale (Tel.: RIN 3343), will be pleased to hear from them.

The Badminton Club is now meeting regularly each Friday at eight o'clock, and enjoyable evenings are being had. A match against the School and a mixed doubles competition were held on

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4th and 19th February respectively. Anyone interested in this sport is asked to contact Mr. M. Klein, 96 Woburn Drive, Hale (Tel.: RIN 4056).

While on the subject of joining, if any parents have not yet joined the Association, the Treasurer or Secretary will be pleased to hear from them.

At the time of writing, we are preparing for the Supper Dance at the Locarno on 11th March, when we look forward to welcoming the Staff as our guests. We are also looking forward with pleasure to hearing Mr. Haynes' illustrated talk on *William Hulme's School on Vacation* which will be given on 31st March at the School.

By the time this is read we should have a fair idea of whether our boys are to have their Swimming Bath. During the Open Days when the Headmaster kindly allowed us to visit and inspect

the Sixth Form Centre, many parents asked when the Bath was going to be built, and what they could do to help. Your committee felt that in view of the interest expressed, a simple direct approach should be made to all parents, stating just what was required, and seeing whether the support would enable the School to go ahead. This approach has now been made, and we await the result with great interest and real optimism.

The Committee look forward to meeting all the members again at forthcoming functions, and if there is anything you wish to know about the Association and its activities, please do not hesitate to ask any Committee member, they will be only too pleased to help. Mrs. McKeon, Hon. Sec., 8 St. Brannock's Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester 21 (Tel.: CHO 4942).

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