



THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL LACROSSE TEAMS

(Photographed on the occasion of their match on Trinity College ground).

Top row: A. J. E. Rigby, J. C. Edwards, J. P. Chilton, A. A. C. Darroch, H. C. Cheetham, C. A. Smith, D. J. Holding, D. W. Booth, J. A. Shercliff, G. B. Appleby, E. F. Murray.

Middle row: J. H. Eastwood, R. P. M. Bond, A. R. Rodgers, E. W. B. Ward, R. F. Zimmern, R. M. Threlfall, J. S. McFarlane, A. Godson.

Bottom row: A. Morley, K. W. F. Burton, G. B. Lawson, E. H. R. Eccles, A. E. Marsland.

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School Notes and News.

We welcome to the School this term Mr. W. F. B. Fearon, B.Sc. (Liverpool).

Founder's Day was celebrated at Manchester Cathedral on Monday, January 26th. The address was given by Canon Peter Green, and the Headmaster read the lesson.

G. Carter, J. C. Edwards and R. Heywood were appointed prefects at the beginning of this term.

D. Ogden has been awarded the Hulme School's Scholarship at Brazenose College, Oxford.

J. V. Gosling was awarded a Manchester City Scholarship on the result of last year's Higher School Certificate Examination. This is in addition to those Scholarships recorded in last term's Magazine.

The photograph facing this page was taken on the occasion of the School 1st XII. Lacrosse team's visit to Cambridge to play the University.

The School team was also invited to play Oxford University, but it was impossible to arrange a suitable date.

First Lacrosse XII. Colours have been awarded to G. B. Appleby, G. B. Lawson, A. E. Marsland, A. Morley and C. A. Smith.

Calendar for Midsummer Term:—

The Term will begin on Tuesday, April 6th, at nine o'clock.

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Wednesday, May 12th, at noon, to Thursday, May 27th, at nine o'clock.

Midsummer Term will end on Tuesday, July 27th, at four o'clock.

Mr. Young.

At the conclusion of the final Rugby match of the season, appropriately with the Old Boys, a presentation was made to Mr. E. S. Young to mark our appreciation of his generous services to the School football. Although not officially connected with the School, Mr. Young has been unsparing of his time and untiring in his interest on behalf of our football. As a member of Sale Rugby Football Club, he volunteered to help us make a start when, in 1931, we first began to play "rugger." Having guided us successfully through our novitiate, he has remained with us ever since to referee, with admirable efficiency, almost every first or second team home match. His services were especially valuable to us during the war years, when there were necessarily very few masters young and fit enough to referee. Mr. Young now feels compelled to retire. For his long and disinterested services we offer our most grateful thanks.

The Carol Service.

The Carol Service, an innovation made by the Headmaster, took place on Tuesday, December 9th. It was comparable in form with the popular King's College, Cambridge, Christmas Broadcast Service. Christmas Hymns and Carols were interspersed with lessons from the Old and New Testaments, read by Mr. Gatley, the Senior Master; Miss Berry, the Headmistress of the Preparatory Department; Sir William Coates, the School Medical Officer; Mr. D. Cardwell, the President of the Old Hulmeians Association; Canon Woolnough, the Chairman of the Governors; and by the Headmaster. It is to be hoped that this very successful and enjoyable function will become a permanent feature of our School life.

"The Admirable Crichton."

When Christmas was upon us the temptation to escape from our present austerities to a more romantic and liberal world was particularly strong. We are accordingly grateful to Mr. Martin for the

opportunity he so effectively afforded us to do so through the medium of J. M. Barrie's "The Admirable Crichton," which he produced for performance on Saturday, December 13th, and the following Monday and Tuesday evenings. Our Christmas entertainment has often been as lavishly spectacular—we must congratulate Mr. Barnett, Mr. Bonnick and their helpers on maintaining the high standard of staging they have led us to expect—but rarely so provocative of thought.

When the curtain rose we found ourselves in a realistically Victorian drawing-room, in which the progressive, if eccentric, Lord Loam (M. E. Coops) inflicted a monthly travesty of democracy upon his suffering servants by inviting them all to tea. There they were waited upon by nicely-spoken, but disdainful daughters, Lady Agatha (A. F. Johnson), Lady Catherine (A. M. Vessey) and Lady Mary Lazenby (D. Gosling) and their attendant squires, the epigrammatic Hon. Ernest Woolley (A. W. Sedgwick), the cricketer Rev. John Treherne (G. J. Oldham) and mother's darling, Lord Brocklehurst (R. Calderwood). They must all come, from the dignified housekeeper, Mrs. Perkins (R. C. Shaw), the pernickety ladies' maids (J. D. Hopkinson, D. P. Easton and A. G. Hilton) downwards through the whole domestic scale (D. H. Briggs, A. M. Blight, J. B. Roberts, D. D. Hilton, F. M. Burton, R. A. Smeethurst, J. C. Burgess, W. A. Burton and P. M. Harrison) to the lively Page Boy (A. Hodgson), who alone, apart from the Admirable Crichton himself, seemed able to adjust himself to the occasion.

The luxury cruise, discussed at the tea-party, could have been said to have ended in disaster had it not landed us on a most enchanting desert island and the Loam household in the unwonted grip of reality. There the play-acting democracy of Act I. came to real life. The little man, Crichton, became great and the exalted were forced to acknowledge their insignificance, as their clothes, like their conventions, wore thinner and thinner. H. E. Baker, as Crichton, never wavered from the integrity of his interpretation. He resisted the temptation either to cringe as a butler or to domineer as the master of the island company. That restraint and the consistency of Coops, as Peer of the Realm and mere "Daddy" on the island, enabled us to be rescued by J. W. Stoen, a naval officer, and restored to the London drawing-room without undue shock. There we discovered, as Barrie is often at pains to tell us, that things are fundamentally the same whatever happens. The Countess of Brocklehurst (J. M. Beasley), a formidable dowager, had her doubts as to what occurred on the island, but the loyal and delightful cookess "Tweeny" (S. J. Johnston) reassured her, and so we all went home happily from make-believe to our own reality.

"The Pirates of Penzance."

For five days this term (February 12th—17th) Mr. Williams presented "The Pirates of Penzance."

This is one of the earlier Gilbert and Sullivan successes. Although music and dialogue are witty, the opera is perhaps not as well constructed as some other Gilbert and Sullivan successes which have been produced at the School in recent years.

The beginning of Act I. shows us the whole pirate chorus. One could only wonder at the ingenuity with which the Pirate King was able to clothe his band in such effective uniforms—and reflect sadly on the restrictions placed on us in these "utilitarian" days. Some members of the chorus seemed at times too pre-occupied, but they all came in boisterously to provide the right vocal atmosphere at the right time.

Right at the commencement, Samuel, the King's lieutenant (G. V. Chivers), presented himself. Though his voice showed unmistakable signs of a public school education, he proved himself not the less efficient for that, whether distributing "pirate sherry"—as here—or handing out life-preservers and crow-bars—as in Act II.

Then the Pirate King (D. Ogden) appeared, leading forward Frederic* (A. Morley). Throughout the performance, the King was most suitably melodramatic, kept his crew in due subjection, and carried off a difficult part in a convincing manner. He was distinguished in costume, wearing the beaver hat with skull and crossed-bones device so familiar to all who are acquainted with the true traditional dress of pirates. His apprentice first appears in ordinary piratical service-dress, but none could mistake him for an ordinary pirate. Frederic is a tenor part, and, in the first act especially, calls for an Italian grand operatic manner, which A. Morley was well qualified to give. His interpretation of his part was sprightly; Frederic's temperament overcame all difficulties and remained unchanged in adversity and prosperity. Only once did he flicker into emotion, becoming indignant at Ruth's deception.

Since it was impossible to obtain a contralto voice for Ruth (G. E. Priest) a baritone was employed instead. The full pathos of the part was not stressed, and sympathy was not unduly diverted from the hero.

The entrance of Major-General Stanley's daughters provided a welcome spot of colour. The singing of these "girls" was impressively confident. They had obviously been well trained, and blended very well in unison singing with the other choruses.

Soon after the entrance of the "girls," Mabel (K. Cook) the heroine of the piece, appears. It was a pity that the upper ranges of Mabel's voice were somewhat limited, as this part (a difficult one

throughout) calls for a certain amount of coloratura work, especially in the first act. However, "her" attractive appearance, by day and night, and some real actions, did something to atone for this limitation; and each night, a generous audience gave deserved applause to "her" gallant attempts.

Just before the close of the act the Major-General himself (F. P. Carson) made his entrance. We found it difficult to believe that such a young "old man" could really possess so many daughters. He disposed of his opening song with great equanimity, and surely all must have been impressed by the amount of his learning and by the fluency with which he rattled off phrases calculated to tie anyone else's tongue into knots. But there was in this interpretation some lack of expressive gesture. In Act II. he sang a lengthy ballad while standing out in the night air in dressing-gown and night-cap—and gave scarcely a shiver! The four-part male voice chorus to this song was extremely effective.

The chorus of Policemen did not make its appearance until the second act was under way. They then entered with confidence and discipline, trying hard to emulate their inimitable Sergeant. After their arrival on the stage, the ensembles took on an air of heartiness that had been hitherto lacking.

The Sergeant of Police (E. W. B. Ward) gave undoubtedly the best performance among the principals. Although it is a part which naturally captures the attention and applause of the audience, it must be admitted that this Sergeant carried out his duties—singing, marching, hiding and fighting—with the aplomb of one born to the profession of country constable. His use of gesture, particularly facial gesture, was notable; and each audience testified its appreciation of a fine interpretation by calling for encore after encore.

But the Sergeant did not quite steal the show. His gallant behaviour won the regard of Edith (I. Ainsworth) who fussed round him with adoring attentions. And it was "she" who, from "her" first appearance with the chorus of daughters in Act I., presented the most delightful and intelligent little bits of acting in the whole performance—incidental though they were.

The Orchestra persists in hiding its light behind a black screen at these productions, but despite this natural modesty, its contribution to the success of the performances is always considerable. Owing to the less spectacular nature of its efforts, we often tend to take it for granted, and this in itself says much for its ability to cope quietly and effectively with the task of providing the musical accompaniment to the singing.

With an orchestra of this size it is necessary to have a piano to fill in the harmony, and this year the part was capably filled by Mr. Wharton.

The scenery, designed by Mr. Barnett, was extremely effective. In Act I. the setting of the Cornish coast was appropriately bleak in appearance; the rocks contrasted with a summer sea in the background and a bright blue sky. For the latter, a lighted backcloth was used instead of the painted one to which it has been necessary to resort in previous productions. Mr. Bonnick has introduced a new set of "floats." Act II. presented the setting of a ruined chapel romantically silhouetted against a night sky. Lighting, like the make-up, was generally restrained, and all the better for that.

Mr. Williams, who, when producing these operas is seemingly tireless, conducted each performance with his usual enthusiasm. The cast, the orchestra, and every one concerned, provided five evenings of welcome entertainment. Congratulations and thanks must be given to all.

M. E. C. and J. D. W.

The Entertainments.

On Tuesday, December 2nd, "The Haunted Barn," by J. B. Reynolds, was presented by 4B. Two school-boys on holiday named Manning (W. R. Benson and J. V. Evans) and their Hathersett cousins (J. Williamson and A. Nuttall) contrived a realistic ghost party. In the course of their operations they came into amusing contact with a portly rustic policeman (P. B. Stansfield), a yokel with a hankering for smuggling (R. C. Scaddan), and into vigorous conflict with a German agent (R. E. K. Martin). The Hathersett's father (D. D. Hilton), though naturally angered by the boys' midnight escapade, was mollified by their helping to capture this dangerous spy. Vigour of action unfortunately did not altogether atone for inaudibility and uncertainty over the dialogue. Mr. Thompson produced.

On Tuesday, January 13th, 3A reopened the session with "Maripoza Bung," by E. F. Boyd. It was a fitting prelude to "The Pirates of Penzance" for Maripoza (A. M. Vessey), the Pirate Captain Solomon Bung's daughter, was by no means happy in her position, nor was the little cabin boy (G. Heap). The bosun-butler, Ben (D. G. Gunn), also proved a chicken-hearted ruffian. The Captain himself (K. C. Murray) was threatened with foreclosure, for the last two instalments on his ship remained unpaid. He preferred, however, fighting it out manfully (off-stage) to tame surrender; but Maripoza offered much less resistance to his creditor's agent's (G. Gardiner) offer of his hand and heart. Effective staging, lighting and noises-off added much to an amusing occasion. Mr. Renny produced.

On Tuesday, January 20th, 3M presented "The Spy." Not merely documents but wars would have been lost if all civil servants were so indolent as Mr.

Lackaday (J. H. Mellor), Mr. Allswell (B. Nutt), Mr. Longlast (G. M. Arrowsmith), and their secretaries (R. C. Shaw and R. G. Hodgkinson), and so frequently interrupted by newsboy (M. D. Hague), cigarette-seller (N. A. Shelmerdine), and charlady (J. H. Shipton). Det.-Sergt. Broomstick (D. R. Latham) was so engrossed in his investigations that he let the German spies (J. Clough and J. G. Whittingslow) slip through his fingers. This amusing piece was written and produced by Mr. Jecny.

On Tuesday, January 27th, 1B successfully tackled "Mr. Fox," by Clemence Dane. Miss Marquita (D. A. Foxall) is the reluctant bride of the elegant Major Laramie (F. N. Skelton) at a wild and Western wedding. The reception is provided at the tavern of Glory Be (W. Blairs) and presided over with distinction by coal-black Saidie (I. J. Graham-Bryce), to the satisfaction of a strange assortment of guests (J. F. Kay, G. N. Leah, D. S. Norbury, H. V. Penketh). After Jimmy Red (R. K. Gibson) had serenaded the bride, it is revealed that the Major is none other than the mysterious "Mr. Fox," public enemy No. 1. With the help of his cowboy friends (D. E. Donovan, I. Jameson and B. Machab) Jimmy eliminated his rival in a gun battle, so we are promised another more acceptable wedding in the future, for which the amusing Chinese cook (J. B. Robinson) unhesitatingly submits he "can do." The play was produced by Mr. Bonnick.

The season was concluded with "The Stolen Prince," by Dan Tothoroh, a play in the Chinese manner, performed by 3S on Tuesday, February 3rd. J. E. Pepper as Chorus admirably introduced the action. Although he was extremely dissatisfied with his property-man (R. Swindells) the latter produced an amazing variety of "props" and laughs with incredible promptitude. The trouble began when Long Fo (L. A. Logue) and Wing Lee (J. R. L. Hall) snatched the infant heir in the absence of the Royal Nurse (G. Edwards). In later years this ill-starred child (D. H. Lythgoe) was about to fall a victim of the executioner (P. M. Harrison), much to the horror of his foster-parents (J. M. F. Drake and J. N. Hopwood), who had been arrested by the soldiers (D. K. Robinson and A. Potter), when his identity was revealed to the loud, if not exactly tuneful acclamations of the oriental band (A. H. Wilcock, G. I. Jones, J. G. B. Rhodes and D. H. Ogden). Mr. Geary was the producer.

The Hulme Lads' Club.

The School collection this year has produced £623, a total which has only been exceeded by last year's record. In the more difficult conditions prevailing this year this is a very satisfactory result, though we

are sorry that the series of broken records has at last stopped.

The outstanding event of this year has been the Lower First collection. They have passed the record Form collection of £75, which has stood since 1929, by collecting £77 5s. 6d. Their effort is the more creditable because the old record contained an individual contribution of £40, and while there were several excellent individual totals this year there was nothing on that scale.

The Preparatory Department brought £61 8s. 0d., which again passes their previous best. For some years they have been approaching £60, and we congratulate them on passing this landmark.

The Headmaster has received the following letter from Sir Joseph Nall, the President of the Club:—

Dear Mr. Bird,

Again I have the great pleasure of thanking you for your School's fine effort in assisting this Club.

I was so glad to hear that a representative party from the School recently paid a visit to the Club, and I am only sorry that I was unable to be there to meet you.

I can assure you that the continued support and display of interest in the well-being of the Club is very highly appreciated by those who have the rather onerous task of keeping it going.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH NALL.

Form totals and averages:—

Form	Total.			Average per head.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
6 C.U.	17	12	0	1	3	6
6 M.U.	5	8	6		6	0
6 S.U.	10	7	6	10	11	
6 C.L.	9	3	6	18	4	
6 M.L.	20	16	6	18	11	
6 S.L.	12	11	6	16	9	
5 A	27	15	9	15	0	
5 B	30	0	0	16	8	
5 C	20	4	7	11	7	
4 A	21	8	6	13	0	
4 B	20	17	0	12	8	
4 C	17	15	2	10	9	
3 A	26	14	8	19	1	
3 M	21	5	3	13	8	
3 S	24	16	9	16	0	
2 A	36	11	0	1	2	10
2 M	17	14	7	11	10	
2 S	31	16	4	19	11	
1 A	41	15	0	1	6	1
1 B	36	10	1	1	3	6
1 C	28	10	6	17	1	
L 1	77	5	6	2	9	10
Prep.	61	8	0	13	8	

The Debating Society.

Early in the term a general meeting was held to decide the form of the society. The Headmaster kindly accepted the Presidency, and Mr. Whitechurch was elected Chairman. J. F. Wyatt was appointed Secretary.

An impromptu debate was held on January 20th. First we decided, by 14 votes to 7, that we did not regret the introduction of Jazz and Swing, the subtle differences between which gave rise to much disputation. At the same meeting the House agreed that Professionalism was not injurious to Sport. Although the main trend of the discussion was towards Association Football, the supporters of the motion thought specialisation necessary. The Opposition referred to the gambling and poor sportsmanship involved in professional games.

The proposition at the next debate on February 2nd was "That this House considers that Columbus went too Far." The main argument of the proposers, M. E. Coops and J. G. Hallows, was the lack of culture in the Americans. The Opposition, under B. J. Stone and J. F. Wyatt, thought that the British were too insular. Politics and Foreign Affairs came under much discussion and even derision. Opinion was so evenly divided that the Chairman had to give the casting vote. The motion was therefore passed by 13 votes to 12.

On February 24th the following subject was debated: "That this House considers that the Cinema is a better form of Art than the Theatre." J. G. Hallows and M. E. Coops argued that the wider scope of the cinema was a great point in its favour, while H. E. Baker and J. G. Oldham of the Opposition thought that the cinema lacked the personal touch of the theatre. All deprecated Hollywood, except V. Edkins, and the proposers looked forward to a bright and highly artistic future for the cinema.

We have the prospect of at least two more debates before the end of this term. Although our style of oratory is not as good as it could be, there are very good prospects for the society, which hopes to widen its scope considerably next year.

J. F. W.

J.T.C. Notes.

The J.T.C. has had a busy term preparing for Cert. "A" and other work. The Cert. "A" examination was held on February 18th and 19th, when 22 candidates sat for Part I. and 26 for Part II. At the time of going to Press the results are still awaited, but all who took part made a very creditable effort, and we hope that this will be reflected in the results when they are published. The contingent has

arranged to pay a visit to 63 P.T.C. on March 3rd by kind permission of Lt.-Col. Buchan, O.C. 63 P.T.C.

Lacrosse, 1947-48.

FIRST TEAM.

Ten matches have been played this term, and eight have been won. The two losses were against a full Cambridge side at Cambridge, and a very strong Old Hulmeians "A" team in the Lancashire Junior Cup Competition. Both matches were very even and were lost only in the last quarter in both cases.

Our wins, with the exception of the match against Cheadle Hulme School, have not extended the team, which is almost as good as that of last season, and the new comers on the team, G. B. Lawson, D. W. Booth, C. A. Smith, G. B. Appleby, A. Godson, A. Morley and A. E. Marsland, have all been successes.

RESULTS.

10th January, v. ASHTON "A." Home. Won 7-0. First round of the Lancashire Junior Cup.

Although our opponents were two men short they managed, by playing a solely defensive game, to slow our attack very considerably, the result being a most uninteresting game with a score 7-0 at the final whistle.

17th January, v. DISLEY "A." Away. Won 12-1. C. A. Smith took the place of F. M. McClinton, who had left, and Marsland was brought on to strengthen the attack, Shepherd taking Godson's place. A match, played in weather conditions which did not encourage good 'crosse, resulted in an easy victory of 12-1.

24th January, v. HEATON MERSEY "A." Home. Won 9-6.

Godson, having recovered, returned to the team. Our opponents proved to be the most skilful in attack and steady in defence of those we had yet played. A hard and close game, however, resulted in a victory for us of 9-6.

31st January, v. MELLOR "A." Away. Won 12-2.

Threlfall captained the side instead of Ward, who was absent, and whose place on the attack was filled by Shepherd. A pleasant game resulted, and although there were, perhaps, one or two weak points in the defence, the attack did not exert themselves.

4th February, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Won 9-7.

Fleming played instead of Shepherd, otherwise the team was the same as against Mellor. There was a surprising lack of combination, both in attack and in defence. A very close game resulted, which we just won 9-7.

7th February, v. OLDHAM "A." Away. Won 25-2. Second round of the Lancashire Junior Cup.

Ward returned to the attack. Owing to very weak opponents this was by far the simplest game of the season, and we could not help but win.

14th February, v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY "A." Away. Won 21-1.

This was a most disappointing game. Our opponents did not provide a full team so we won with little exertion.

19th February, v. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY "A." Away. Lost 11-13.

A match with Cambridge resulted in our first defeat. This disappointment was forgotten, however, owing to the fact that it was by far the best game of the season. The game was fast and hard until the last whistle. Although we were leading for a large part of the game, the greater size and weight of our opponents began to tell on us in the second half, and at the close of play the score was 13-11.

21st February, v. OLD HULMEIANS "A." Home. Lost 8-9. Semi-final of the Lancashire Junior Cup.

A rather tired team turned out to play this very important match and we lost. The reason for our defeat also lies in the fact that the defence played too open a game to be safe and there was very poor combination amongst the attack, particularly in the last quarter, in which we really lost the game. Although the score was fairly level throughout, our opponents managed to score three goals in quick succession towards the close of play, giving them a lead of two. We managed to score only one more goal before the final whistle.

25th February, v. M.G.S. Home. Won 25-0.

Our team appeared to be in fine form against a very weak side, and our attack did not waste any opportunities of scoring.

The team has usually been:—G. B. Lawson, D. W. Booth, G. B. Appleby, R. M. Threlfall, C. A. Smith, R. P. M. Bond, A. A. C. Darroch, A. Morley, A. Godson, E. W. B. Ward (captain), J. C. Edwards and A. Godson.

SECOND TEAM.

This year's side has been fairly successful, but is not entirely satisfactory. They have beaten Manchester Grammar School three times and Cheadle Hulme School once, but have lost once to Cheadle Hulme School. In fixtures against Clubs they have won against Heaton Mersey "B," Heaton Mersey Guild "A," Boardman "A," and Old Hulmeians "B," but have lost twice to the Old Boys "B." It is some

consolation that no game has been lost in which the team was at full strength. It has been one of our difficulties that too many changes have been necessary.

The defence is good individually, but the covering has been poor, and the clearing slow. It is not enough for a defence to mark his own man. He must be in a position to help his colleagues.

The attack has been disappointing, though there has been good individual play. The shooting and passing have been very inaccurate, and this is due mainly to a tendency to throw from the waist instead of from the shoulders.

Heywood has been a sound goalkeeper and a most efficient captain.

RESULTS.

1947.			
Nov. 22.—v.	Old Hulmeian "B"	H	L 5-8
" 29.—v.	Manchester G.S.	H	W 12-0
1948.			
Jan. 10.—v.	Heaton Mersey "B"	A	W 10-1
" 17.—v.	Heaton Mersey Guild "A"	A	W 13-2
" 24.—v.	Manchester G.S.	A	W 14-1
" 28.—v.	Cheadle Hulme School	H	W 9-5
" 31.—v.	Boardman "A"	H	W 11-3
Feb. 7.—v.	Old Hulmeians "B"	A	W 11-5
" 21.—v.	Old Hulmeians "B"	H	L 3-6
" 25.—v.	Cheadle Hulme School	A	L 3-5
" 28.—v.	Manchester G.S.	H	W 19-1

Team: R. Heywood (captain), A. G. Shuttleworth, B. R. Banton, J. J. Nesbitt, J. Fleming, J. A. Gilbert, J. A. Shepherd, J. H. McClinton, P. W. Walker, B. Hawthorne, A. W. Crowe, I. R. Houghton.

Also played: C. A. Smith, A. E. Marsland, D. Macpherson, J. A. Douglas, A. M. Blight.

UNDER 15 TEAM.

This team has won all its matches, but its play has not been entirely convincing. In size and pace it is above the average, but more practice in passing and shooting is necessary, as well as better judgment about when to shoot. One has seen an attack shoot from thirty yards out, and a few minutes later try an impossibly short pass when only five yards from goal.

The defence is strong, but its confidence has led it to take unreasonable liberties, and there has seldom been any adequate covering. A fast defence man may play well up the field, but must always get back quickly when the ball is thrown to an opponent behind him. The defence also must get the ball away more quickly.

RESULTS.

1947.			
Nov. 29.—v.	Manchester G.S.	A	W 9-6
Dec. 13.—v.	Manchester G.S.	A	W 6-4
1948.			
Jan. 24.—v.	Manchester G.S.	H	W 13-3
" 28.—v.	Cheadle Hulme School	A	W 7-1
Feb. 7.—v.	Cheadle Hulme School	H	W 18-4
" 25.—v.	Cheadle Hulme School	A	W 6-5
" 28.—v.	Manchester G.S.	A	W 16-6

Team: C. S. Smith (captain), E. Hill, J. M. Beazley, D. M. Archer, W. R. Lee, K. Hoskinson, P. R. S. Radband, A. A. Rainford, J. Harrison, N. C. Cuthbert, G. S. Preston, P. R. Donovan.

Also played: S. L. Beckett, R. J. Winfield, L. A. Logue.

House Games.

This term is remarkable for the fact that, up to date (March 1st) House lacrosse matches have been played on no fewer than nine of the eleven available afternoons. The unusual clemency of the weather has given newcomers to the game an opportunity to improve their individual play, and this has led to a higher standard of teamwork in the House games.

Having carried off the Football Shield, Gaskell, with 70 points, is leading the field in pursuit of the Lacrosse Flags. This House possesses two heavy if not particularly skilful teams, the senior of which holds an advantage in that it loses none of its members to the School 1st XII. The Junior team adopts a vigorous style of play, which frequently brings it victory.

In contrast, Fraser, which is second with 62 points, has five representatives on the School 1st XII, and consequently its Senior team wins only a few of its matches. Apart from being tremendously keen the Junior team is quite talented, and usually manages to win fairly comfortably.

Whitworth has not kept up its early season form, and has dropped from first to third position with 54 points. An exceptionally heavy Junior team overwhelms most of its opponents, but the Seniors, despite a good attack, are rather uncertain at times.

Next in the House League is Dalton with 42 points. Here the Seniors are the stronger team, and they have won a fair share of their matches. Unfortunately they receive little support from a young and inexperienced Junior side.

Byrom, having failed to win a single game on either of the last two afternoons, occupies a lowly position with 32 points. Neither team is very strong, though the Seniors have pulled off some surprising victories and managed to win half of their matches.

Lack of experienced players is the reason for Heywood's place at the bottom of the League with 28 points. At full strength the Seniors are a powerful side and will probably run Fraser close in the Senior Knock-outs.

First round Knock-out results:—

SENIORS.

Fraser beat Whitworth by 13 goals to 4 goals.
Heywood beat Byrom by 4 goals to 1 goal.
Gaskell and Dalton drew byes.

JUNIORS.

Heywood beat Dalton by 4 goals to 1 goal.
Gaskell beat Byrom by 9 goals to 3 goals.
Fraser and Whitworth drew byes.

A word of thanks is due to those masters and boys who have given up their time to referee on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. R. M. T.

The Outpost.

The man walked slowly up and down in the cold, grey mist of early morning. He was thickly muffled in a great-coat, with his military hat pulled down over his ears, leaving as little as possible of his face exposed to the bitter cold. The sky gradually became lighter, and the man turned with wonder to watch the glories of a mountain dawn. Ever-changing colours flitted over the snow-capped hills and nature seemed to wake at the sight. The man clearly heard the singing of the birds in the woods below him, and with a thrill he saw a fox break across an open patch in search of food. All was at peace. But no! from the valley below him the man heard the rumble of guns and nature became silent at the ominous sound.

The man frowned. His task was brought home to him, for he and two other soldiers were a reconnaissance patrol watching enemy movements and wirelessly information about the new positions which they were taking up, to the artillery. The three men had been there for a week, and each day they viewed, with mixed feelings, the results of their reports. The sentry, when alone, was troubled by his job. He could see shells bursting on moving transport in the enemy lines, and it seemed to him that it was he himself who was killing the drivers and the hurrying troops away down in the valley. He did not know much about politics, this man, and to him it seemed all wrong to do his best to ensure the destruction of many human beings, and to cause deep suffering to their families. But then he must do his utmost to add to the glory of his country about which the National leaders were always speaking. He saw another shell burst, accurately, and thought of the telegrams starting, "We regret to inform you —" and the broken hearts, the misery, and sorrow

and hate which that shell had caused. It was only when he was alone that these thoughts came to him. When he was with the others he hated the enemy, for a soldier must be patriotic. But when he was alone, out in the early morning, it seemed so futile that so much happiness had to be destroyed for the acquisition of a few paltry square miles of territory. He was glad that he had been moved from the trenches to the reconnaissance section. Down there it was mud and shell-holes with a continual fear of snipers, for every now and then a man would give a choking cough and fall to the ground. It was hard on the nerves to have a conversation interrupted in that way.

The man wondered if there were any in the enemy lines who thought as he did, but the National leaders had told him that they were all insanely obsessed by the desire to exterminate. "After all," he thought, "they are human beings, and no human being can revel in killing perfectly unknown men who have never done them any harm and who they themselves have never injured." Poor simple man, had he not been told that the enemy were ferociously cruel and brutal, and would wipe out everything in their paths? The thing to do, he was informed, was to wipe them out first so that they could not satisfy their mad lust for blood.

All was still, down in the valley, and the man's thoughts once more were turned on the scene around him. The birds again began their song, and everything was normal. The sun was well up by now, and sparkling rays of light from the snow dazzled the man. It was such a peaceful scene and it seemed to him that the conflict taking place in it was sacrilege to the tranquillity of the spot. He hated war and he had been dragged into it against his will; the suffocation of decent human feelings, which the war brought about, disgusted him and turned his mind into a turmoil. He felt that he was being dragged down into the hell of hate which the war produced, he seemed to be drowning in a sea of blood and he was terrified of losing his sensitiveness, of becoming hard and apathetic to suffering. He loved life and he hated to see it poured down the drain of battle. His whole soul cried out that he was doing wrong by joining in the slaughter, he felt himself to be a murderer. And with the disgust against himself there grew upon him an increasing revulsion against the politicians, the schemers, the people who were blinded with jealousy of other nations, the men whose humanity was clouded over with their so-called nationalism. He was ashamed of his own race.

Eight o'clock. His duty was over; now he could go in and get something to eat and have some more sleep. He could forget it all, for a time, until his next solitary vigil out in the mountain dawn.

Eight o'clock on a fine sunny morning, but all was not well. J. L. B.

Elections, Old and New.

What are English elections like? A few months ago two Soviet working-girls asked the editor of their local paper this very question. In reply he referred his questioners to the account of the election at Eatonswill in *Pickwick Papers* suggesting that, although it is an imaginary description of about 120 years ago, it is still typical of elections here to-day! That rather astonishing revelation must have sent back many like myself, to see what Dickens really did say! Though the resemblances were rather few, I realised that English elections still possess well-defined Dickensian qualities.

"The first casualty in war is Truth"; so the historian will glibly inform us. This applies to battlefields both military and political. At these times "Truth's a dog that must to kennel." The goddess of Truth so scrupulously worshipped at all other times (when convenient!) is left uncared for at elections. The reasons for this are obvious: the Utopian doctrine adopted by all political parties, and election results themselves.

Observe the reaction of the politically immature to election speeches. "Excellent" is the epithet he applies to all in turn. The politically experienced will naturally dismiss as "gross falsification" the arguments he does not want to believe; or he will doubt the sincerity of any opponent who promises to carry out the reforms which he himself has wanted for many years. Political opinions are based on emotion rather than reason. This, of course, is the explanation of the success of our party system.

The announcement of election results will always cause a rapid emigration of the worshippers from the shrine of Truth to the already over-populated Temple of Political Loyalty. On such occasions special mathematical formulas are available for both the loser and the winner. With these the former is able to convince himself (if no one else) that *he* was really the victor: and with such aid the winner is able to claim an "overwhelming majority"—from a majority which can be counted on the fingers! A mere phrase like "reduced poll" or "split vote" will remove all political self-recrimination or introspection—which surely does not befit rulers at all! The "scientific method" of mathematical falsification has quite naturally replaced the out-moded method of attributing a defeat to public dislike, or a victory to public favour. Even Gladstone—certainly a perfect embodiment of moral principle—preferred to attribute his defeat of 1874 to "a torrent of gin and beer" rather than to the public disapproval of his Education Act.

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Gone, however, are the golden days of Elections! Gone the "red band" of Gladstone's first election and "the Musicians who received fifteen shillings a day"!

gone the days when "the inns, great and small, were joyously thrown open" and "meat and liquor were supplied free to the tune of a couple of thousand pounds"! Gone even are the days of Goldsmith who (so he informs us) "left town in company with three fiddlers, nine dozen of hams and a corporation poet, which were designed as reinforcements to the party." We surely miss the joys of the populace "who seemed perfectly enchanted at hearing their music, but above all at seeing their bacon."

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However, two recent events provide some hope for more colourful elections. The first is the names recently adopted by two candidates. From Wigan comes the news of a "King's Cavalier"—surely a complete disregard for austerity! And in North Croydon we have the spectacle of a "Constructivist" as a candidate, which—however politically ingenious the title may appear—is a welcome change from the usual appellations.

The second ray of hope to "our dark world and drear" comes from the U.S.A., where a little while ago a certain Jimmie Davies was elected as Governor of the State of Louisiana. Instead of long, political speeches he spoke for two or three minutes, then brought out his hill-billy band, put on a show and finished with "You are my sunshine": whenever the meeting was held in a hall the band played for dancing! What is still more significant, he was elected by a tremendous majority!

A. B. W.

"Ride for Life!"

Just as the children's matinee has become an integral part of modern film entertainment, so the "Ride for Life" has become an accepted feature of favourite films in these shows. In fact, one of the most amazing features of film-making is the way in which this kind of plot, originally devised to provide excitement for adolescent audiences, has continued to thrill both young and old wherever films are shown.

No theatre show can equal the broad effects which the films provide, and no stage production can create those thrilling flashbacks. They build up the tension. The girl sprawled across the railway lines; the oncoming engine! Back to the hero—pounding through the sage on his faithful broncho! Will it stumble? Who knows?

Another glimpse of the girl's agonised features! Then a close-up of the engine-driver.

Hero still pounding along—never needs a whip! Then the race between train and horse, and the rescue—to cheers and stamping from the kids in front.

Crude plots and cruder situations—but Westerns have survived the years, whether it's to make a rescue from a forest fire, a bursting dam, or "a fate worse than death."

The most cynical of us find it hard to keep aloof as the hero sees the flames close in. The fire licks his boots! His horse feels like a hot-water bottle! But they press on—regardless. Sighs of relief from the audience when the hero hits the trail again!

And all for ninepence—unless they're full!

B. N.

Cowed.

During my summer holidays it was my custom to go down to a farm huddling beneath the limestone crags of Dovedale in Derbyshire. My day's routine consisted of many duties, some pleasant, some unpleasant, but all very laborious. The most detestable, to my way of thinking, was that of bringing in the cows for milking.

After a hard, hot day in the corn-field, with arid throat and aching limbs I descended into the little hamlet of Milldale, nestling in a hollow by the river. I crossed to the opposite bank of the Dove by that little bridge made famous in "The Compleat Angler." Then, very slowly, with my heart beating against my ribs, I struggled up the steep hillside, pausing now and again to regain my breath. Eventually, I reached the summit and perceived my quarry scattered over some quarter mile of ground, feeding peacefully. At my approach the nearer beasts raised their heads and gave me that baleful look so characteristic of the cow. When I gave vent to my temper they bestirred themselves so much as to lumber off slowly towards the river. Leaving these to make their way down the hillside, I hastened to the more distant beasts, which were lying on their stomachs, chewing the grass. The first that I approached gently raised her head and looked at me through her big bleary eyes; then she slowly lowered it again, wrapped her tongue round a tuft of grass, pulled it up with a tearing sound and continued chewing. By now quite exasperated I gave vent to my feelings by belabouring the creature, who clumsily staggered to her feet and set off at a lumbering gait in pursuit of her companions. Eventually I induced the remainder of the herd to follow suit.

My troubles, however, were not over yet, for the cows split up into groups, some making their way down while others stood eating. How I prayed for a dog, for having moved one group, I had to climb up again after another, which had recommenced feeding. Finally, I got them all to the river side, and here matters became worse than ever. As I

have already stated, it was a hot, dry day, and on reaching the foot of the hill the cattle made straight for the water. Town-dweller as I was, I knew that it was useless to disturb them till they had quenched their thirst. But the beasts had no respect for my patience, and having drunk their fill, they stood there with the small wavelets of the river lapping against their legs. As my shouting had no results, other than straining my vocal chords, I seized some stones and threw them, splashing the water on the far side of the beasts. This had the desired effect on the majority, but one, possessed of even less intelligence than her companions, went out on the opposite side of the river.

It will be remembered, I trust, that in order to cross the river I had had to go down to the bridge at Milldale. Imagine my chagrin therefore, when I was compelled to retrace my steps for one solitary stupid cow. Alas for my ignorance, for the least intelligent country boy would have known that a cow will never stay on her own, but soon follow the herd! This I soon discovered, for having arrived at the place where I had left her, I perceived the indolent beast calmly chewing the cud on the other bank again.

In no pleasant frame of mind I returned to Milldale, crossed the bridge and followed my charges. The cattle were now leisurely making their way to the farm where, a quarter of an hour later, I was only too pleased to be relieved of their company.

A. M. B.

Daybreak.

The sleeping world its sable mantle wears,
And nought disturbs the dark and tranquil night.
Until the cock with piercing cry declares
His sensing of the fast approaching light.

And, like a Moslem from his Minaret,
He summons bright Apollo to his task—
To rout the night in shadows ling'ring yet,
That all the earth in golden morn may bask.

In answer then appears the hidden sun
With swords of rose the shroud of black to shred.
And vivid shafts of warmth in pursuit run
After the night, which swiftly west has fled.

Thus morning glories poets eulogise:
A pity 'tis I never early rise.

V. E.

First XI. Cricket Fixtures, 1948.

May	29.	King Edward VII. School, Lytham, Away.
June	2.	Manchester Grammar School, Home.
	9.	Cheadle Royal, Away.
"	11.	Manchester Club, Old Trafford.
"	12.	Whalley Range Cricket Club, Home.
"	16.	Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, Home.
"	23.	Manchester Grammar School, Away.
"	26.	King's School, Macclesfield, Home.
"	30.	Old Hulmeians, Home.
July	10.	Cheadle Royal, Away.
"	14.	Birkenhead School, Away.
"	24.	Cheshire Wayfarers, Home.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News.

N. W. Sunderland has recently returned from an extensive tour of British Columbia as a member of the British Timber Trade Delegation. The tour was organised by W. A. McAdam, C.M.G. (Agent-General for British Columbia), who is also an Old Hulmeian.

We congratulate T. F. Redman, M.B., Ch.B., on admission to Membership of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, E. S. Frazer on admission to Membership of the Royal College of Physicians, and W. Dickson on obtaining the Diploma in Child Health.

Oxford University Examination results:—

B.A. Honours School of Theology: Class III., J. H. P. Slade (Keble).

B.A. Honours School of Modern Languages: Class II., M. F. Wood (Exeter).

A. B. Dunworth has passed the Final Examination for the Diploma in Dentistry of Manchester University.

In the final match of the English Universities' Lacrosse Championship, played at Cambridge on February 26th, P. Wolfenden, T. K. Robinson, D. Watkins and A. F. Crowther played for the victorious Manchester team, and J. P. Chilton and A. R. Rodgers for Cambridge. Chilton and Rodgers also played for Cambridge against Oxford in the Inter-Varsity match.

It is with regret that we have to add the names of F. H. Collins and G. Goddard to the "Roll of Honour." We have also to apologise for allowing a misprint in E. Hubbert's name to pass undetected in last term's reprint of the list.

BIRTHS.

WHATLEY.—On December 25th, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Whatley, a daughter.

DEACON.—On December 29th, to Mr. and Mrs. Graham Deacon, a son.

MARK.—On January 1st, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. R. Mark, a daughter.

EDWARDS.—On January 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Edwards, a son.

WARD.—On January 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ward, a son.

ALLMAN.—On January 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alec Allman, a son.

JONES.—On January 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. Alan Jones, a son.

BEVIS.—On January 30th, to Dr. and Mrs. Douglas Bevis, a son.

WADSWORTH.—On February 4th, to Dr. and Mrs. W. V. Wadsworth, a daughter.

HAWLEY.—On February 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hawley, a son.

SOWOOD.—On February 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sowood, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MCCORMICK—TURNER.—On September 27th, 1947, at Chorlton, E. M. MCCORMICK to PATRICIA TURNER.

WEATHERBY—BULLIVANT.—On January 17th, 1948, at Fallowfield, JOHN FREDERICK WEATHERBY, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Weatherby, to CONSTANCE, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Bullivant.

ELLIS—HAGGETT.—On February 7th, at Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, Captain LEONARD ELLIS, R.A.O.C., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. L. Ellis, to EDNA, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Haggett, of St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands.

BUCKLEY—ASHWORTH.—On February 18th, at Blackpool, NORMAN HUGHES BUCKLEY to BETTY ASHWORTH.

DEATHS.

ODDY.—On December 7th, 1947, STEPHEN ROBERTS, the dearly beloved husband of Norah Oddy of Haddon Hall Hydro, Buxton.

BOND.—On January 23rd, 1948, at Salford Royal Hospital, FRANK BOND, of 134, Fog Lane, Didsbury.

CAW.—On January 24th, 1948, at his home, Hindle, Park Road, Hale, MICHAEL STANLEY HOUGHTON CAW, aged 32 years, beloved younger son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Newton Caw.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The Old Boys returned to Longford Hall for the Annual Dance, held this year on January 20th, and well over two hundred attended a very enjoyable function. The social side of the event was greatly helped by the use of "communal" transport admirably arranged by Messrs. G. A. Norris, C. H. Jones and B. D. Norris. Mr. K. Rains is to be congratulated on a most successful dance, the arrangements for which could not be bettered in any way.

The apologies of the Committee are due for the lateness of issue of the fixture cards, and it is hoped next season to send them out at a much earlier date. Nevertheless, their re-introduction sees the return of one more pre-war custom.

The portrait of Mr. Trevor Dennis has now been completed and consequently the subscription list will shortly be closed. All Old Boys who have still not contributed should send their donations at once to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. Whittingham, 63, Cecil Avenue, Sale, Cheshire.

A special Sub-Committee has recently been formed to endeavour to ensure that those boys who enter His Majesty's Forces straight from School join the Association on their release. All boys leaving School are requested to contact Mr. A. O. Gatley or Mr. J. A. Barber, both of whom are members of this Sub-Committee.

The Lacrosse and Rugby Sections can both be said to have had successful seasons, and the hard work and team building done by both sections this season should be beneficial when next season arrives.

The Annual Dinner, to be held on March 12th, at the Grand Hotel, will be over by the time these notes are published, but other dates to note are the Annual Meeting of the Golf Section on May 6th at Chorlton Golf Club, not at Didsbury as stated in the fixture cards, and the cricket match between the School and an Old Boys' XI. on June 30th, 1948.

It is with great regret that we record the death of Mr. S. R. Oddy. He was the friend of every Old Boy, and while his activities in the Association were wide-spread it was the Lacrosse Section which benefited most by his unfailing enthusiasm as player and secretary for many years.

E. B.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The Lacrosse Section's main concern this season has been with team building. This has caused numerous changes in the sides' composition. The consequent disappointments have been borne by the members with excellent sportsmanship and loyalty, which the Committee acknowledge with appreciation. Our work is still far from complete, and many opportunities remain for present and future members. The Club, nevertheless, has had a fairly satisfactory season.

Representative honours have been gained by J. Buckland, who has been selected both for the North side and Lancashire, and R. J. Young and J. Mark, who played for Lancashire against Cheshire.

The first team's form has been unpredictable and their chances of being league runners-up are now only slight. They should, however, finish in the first four. After losing in the first round of the Senior Flags they made amends by reaching the Lancashire Senior Cup semi-final, only to be surprisingly beaten by the odd goal by Ashton.

The best performance was to defeat Stockport Sunday School away by 10-4. This success was the result of excellent team work. The attack kept the ball moving continually, and the defence were never too open. In no other match have both parts of the team been on form at the same time, which accounts for the large number of goals we have conceded, although we have at the same time scored more goals to date than any other senior team. Our present side is capable of better things, given time spent in practising both handling and shooting, and a higher degree of fitness.

Since the previous notes W. T. Curtis and J. Mark have earned regular places. Young and Dennis, on defence, are our most improved players. Barnes' ability to secure possession at the face has been invaluable. Gill's dodge worries most defences and, although nominally a reserve, R. Mark in his many games has proved himself very little inferior to the regular members of the side.

The "A" team, although below the pre-war standard, have done well under A. Jones's captaincy. They head the third division, having lost only one league game, and should retain their league trophy. After two close games, won only by the odd goal, they have qualified for the Lancashire Junior Cup final.

Owing to first team calls the side has suffered constant changes, particularly on attack, and has been further weakened by an untimely injury to J. Wright, who has all the members' sympathy and good wishes for a complete recovery. The heavy defence, with Rickards keeping goal determinedly, has been sound, the best being Arrandale. Price and McClinton have

settled down well. Flunder, Tunc and Nesbitt are effective attacks. The team as a whole has still much to learn both of the basic principles and the finer arts of the game.

The revived "B" team has been successful, and in spite of the difficulty of turning out a full side each week they have forfeited only two points and are first in the fourth division, and will almost certainly earn promotion. The commendable keenness of the side's leading spirits has compensated for the side's low standard of play, which can only be improved by turning out a regular side and the assistance of an experienced player or two. The team's mainstays are Emery, W. J. Bell, Thelwall, Onions, Kingham, Milgate, and Dean.

The most notable event in the Club's calendar is the tour in London arranged for Easter. The three matches arranged are against Middlesex at Stanmore on Good Friday, against Purley at Addiscombe on the Saturday, and against an Old Dunstonians XII. at Beckenham Hill on Easter Monday. Considerable interest has been aroused in Southern Lacrosse circles by our visit, and the trip should be both enjoyable and successful.

As usual the Club still requires new members, but an even greater need is equipment, the lack of which has kept some of our most promising young players off the field. If any former members have boots, gloves, caps or jerseys for which they have no further need will they please communicate with N. A. Barber, 7, Valley Road, Cheadle, Cheshire. GAT 2787, or COL 2744.

N. A. B.

RESULTS 1947-48.

FIRST TEAM (First Division).

1947.			
Sept. 27.—v.	Heaton Mersey	H	L 11-16
Oct. 4.—v.	Old Mancunians	A	W 14-4
" 11.—v.	Mellor	H	W 10-9
" 18.—v.	Old Waconians	A	L 2-7
" 25.—v.	Cheadle	H	W 13-3
Nov. 1.—v.	Old Waconians (1st Round Senior Flags)	H	L 2-7
" 8.—v.	Heaton Mersey	A	W 12-6
" 15.—v.	Mellor	A	L 4-10
" 22.—v.	Old Waconians	H	L 7-12
" 29.—v.	Cheadle	A	W 12-4
Dec. 6.—v.	Disley	H	W 16-3
" 13.—v.	Ashton	H	W 10-8
" 20.—v.	Old Mancunians	H	W 13-10

1948.			
Jan. 3.—v.	Boardman and Eccles	H	L 1-4
" 10.—v.	Heaton Mersey (1st Round Senior Cup)	H	W 14-10
" 17.—v.	Stockport Sunday School	A	W 10-4
" 24.—v.	Ashton	A	L 9-10
" 31.—v.	Disley	A	W 15-11
Feb. 7.—v.	Boardman and Eccles (2nd Round Senior Cup)	A	W 6-4
" 14.—v.	Stockport Sunday School	H	W 12-8
" 21.—v.	Ashton (Semi-final Senior Cup)		L 7-8

1947. "A" TEAM (Third Division).			
Sept. 27.—v.	M/c. University "A"	A	W 15-1
Oct. 4.—v.	Cheadle Hulme "A"	H	W 15-4
" 11.—v.	Disley "A"	A	W 21-1
" 18.—v.	Old Waconians "A"	H	W 14-7
" 25.—v.	Cheadle "A"	A	W 17-4
Nov. 1.—v.	Cheadle Hulme "A"	A	W 17-3
" 8.—v.	Heaton Mersey "A"	H	L 5-6
" 15.—v.	Wm. Hulme's G.S.	A	L 5-17
" 22.—v.	Mellor "A"	H	W 15-2
" 29.—v.	Manchester G.S.	H	W 10-6
Dec. 6.—v.	M/c. University "A"	H	W 7-3
" 13.—v.	Ashton "A"	A	W 14-4
" 20.—v.	Old Mancunians "A"	A	W 16-4
1948.			
Jan. 3.—v.	Cheadle "A"	H	W 1-0
" 17.—v.	Manchester G.S.	H	W 10-1
" 31.—v.	Ashton "A"	H	W 12-6
Feb. 7.—v.	Heaton Mersey "A" (2nd Round Junior Cup)	H	W 9-8
" 14.—v.	Disley "A"	H	W 1-0
" 21.—v.	Wm. Hulme's G.S. (Semi-final Junior Cup)	A	W 9-8

1947. "B" TEAM (Fourth Division).			
Oct. 4.—v.	Heaton Mersey Guild "A"	H	L 0-1
" 11.—v.	Oldham & Werneth "A"	H	W 15-2
" 18.—v.	Stockport S.S. "A"	H	W 16-0
" 25.—v.	Disley "B"	H	W 1-0
Nov. 8.—v.	Heaton Mersey "B"	A	W 10-5
" 15.—v.	Manchester G.S. 2nd	H	W 14-3
" 22.—v.	Wm. Hulme's G.S. 2nd	A	W 8-5
" 29.—v.	Boardman & Eccles "A"	H	W 11-9
Dec. 6.—v.	South Manchester and Wythenshawe "A"	A	L 4-10
" 13.—v.	Mellor "B"	H	W 10-9
" 20.—v.	Mellor "A"	A	L 3-4
1948.			
Jan. 3.—v.	Boardman & Eccles "A"	A	W 6-5
" 10.—v.	Manchester G.S. 2nd	H	W 8-3
" 17.—v.	Manchester G.S. 2nd	A	W 13-2
" 24.—v.	Heaton Mersey Guild "A"	H	W 7-3
" 31.—v.	Stockport S.S. "A"	A	W 8-3
" 7.—v.	Wm. Hulme's G.S. 2nd	H	L 5-11
Feb. 14.—v.	Heaton Mersey "B"	A	W 1-0
" 21.—v.	Wm. Hulme's G.S. 2nd	A	W 6-3

Old Hulmeians Football.

As the second full post-war season draws to its close the Section looks back with mixed feelings.

From a playing point of view, the start of the season gave us a lot of hope, for with the gradual influx of new members, it was expected that we would have some excellent games. Unfortunately the standard of play on the whole has not been high, and games have been lost by heavy margins, which by a little extra effort could have either been won or been made much closer.

However, there are still seven games before the end of the season, so we hope that the remaining games show more promise. Despite our shortcomings, mention must be made of the keenness both on and off the field of W. B. Macara, P. Harrison, J. B. Swarbrick and O. R. Dennis, who have spent quite a lot of their time helping to get the headquarters and ground straight. Our thanks are due to Mr. Graham Norris for practical assistance in improving our headquarters, and also to J. Goudie and A. Wilson for their efforts on the night of the Section Dance, which was enjoyed by all those present, and even produced a small profit. It is expected that the next one, on April 9th, at the Fallowfield Hotel, will be even more successful, and members and friends should get their tickets now from any member of the Committee.

The date of the Annual General Meeting has not yet been fixed, but will be mid-April, and all intending members are welcomed. It is vital that we have all available members present.

We send our best wishes to Arthur Hesford, now resident in Canada, and regret that his cheery countenance won't be seen by us for some time.

D. Huxstep, who sustained a bad injury just after Christmas, is, we are happy to report, making a satisfactory recovery, and we trust that his progress is speedy and recovery complete. W. G. A.

RESULTS.

1st XV.

Nov. 29.—v. Old Aldwinians	H	Cancelled.
Dec. 6.—v. Broughton Park Ex. "A"	H	W 16-3
" 13.—v. School	A	W 19-3
" 20.—v. Macclesfield	A	L 0-29
" 27.—v. Winnington Park	H	L 0-17
Jan. 3.—v. Broughton Park Ex. "A"	A	L 3-27
" 10.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey	A	W 6-3
" 17.—v. Old Aldwinians	A	L 0-44
" 24.—v. Manchester Extra "A"	A	W 24-11
" 31.—v. Old Salfordians	A	L 0-48
Feb. 7.—v. Preston Grasshoppers "A"	A	Cancelled.
" 14.—v. Winnington Park	A	L 0-37
" 21.—v. Didsbury	A	L 3-31
" 28.—v. St. Bede's O.B.	H	Cancelled.

"A" XV.

Nov. 29.—v. Old Aldwinians "A"	A	Cancelled.
Dec. 6.—v. Broughton Park "B"	A	Cancelled.
" 13.—v. School 2nd	A	L 0-16
" 20.—v. Metrovick "B"	H	L 6-15
" 27.—v. Winnington Park "A"	A	L 0-17
Jan. 3.—v. Broughton Park "B"	H	L 3-8
" 10.—v. St. Bede's O.B. "A"	H	Cancelled.
" 17.—v. Old Aldwinians "A"	A	L 0-24
" 24.—v. Manchester "B"	A	Cancelled.
" 31.—v. Old Salfordians "A"	A	L 0-28
Feb. 7.—v. Davenport Extra "A"	A	W 8-3
" 14.—v. Winnington Park "A"	H	Cancelled.
" 21.—v. Didsbury "A"	H	Cancelled.
" 28.—v. Metrovick "B"	A	L 3-5

Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

The number of Old Hulmeians in Oxford decreased when J. H. P. Slade (Kemble) and M. F. Wood (Exeter) went down at the end of last term. Slade seems to have forsaken the dark blue and is now trying Cambridge, and Wood has settled down to teaching Modern Languages at Blackburn. We congratulate both on passing Schools, and wish them every success in the future.

We must also congratulate D. Ogden on gaining the Close Scholarship to Brasenose. We look forward to welcoming Ogden when he comes up next autumn or after his National Service, which seems to intervene in the scholastic careers of all boys leaving school nowadays.

Our third congratulatory greeting goes to W. J. Duerden (New College), whose engagement to Miss Sally Plimsoll, who is up at Lady Margaret Hall, has been announced. Duerden has been playing Soccer and flinging parties for the Socialist Club during the term; his most successful one was attended by the Prime Minister and the Vice-Chancellor.

A. G. Smith (Brasenose) wears a green bow tie with white spots these days, and has taken up the novel and interesting sport of fencing; he is probably the first Old Hulmeian to do either of these things. In the Peter's Hall production of Karel Capek's Robot play, "R.U.R.," J. F. Mair played one of the leads and got an encouraging write-up in the local Press.

We do not see much of J. Wilks (Brasenose), but hear that he spends most of his time either climbing mountains or working hard in an obscure laboratory somewhere. S. S. Wilson (Brasenose) is also working hard, and, in addition, encourages others to do

the same in the Engineering School; but he finds time to maintain his interest in yachting. Sailing on the Thames recently in bad weather, his inspection of the Boat Race course became closer than he anticipated, and the outing developed into a bathing expedition which must have confirmed the idea that this is the wettest racecourse in England. All but two of the boats capsized, and his was not one of the two. We gather that so far he has not been too successful in organizing a party to accompany him to the Broads during the Easter vacation.

During the same spell of bad weather F. J. Whelan (Brasenose) kept his balance in a much flimsier craft; he rowed at 3 in the First Torpid, which is now fourth crew on the river in "Toggers." They were inspired during training by an original duet, adapted from Gilbert and Sullivan, and sung by Whelan and F. G. Higgins (Brasenose). A gala performance of this song at the Boat Club party was interrupted when Higgins was hit on the head with the corner of a metal tea-tray. Their adventures at the Radcliffe Infirmary later have become legendary—rumours must have been started by L. Robertson (Brasenose), one of whose medical friends applied the necessary stitches to the head of the disorientated cox. However, Robertson was there to supervise the removal of the stitches a few days later. He seems to spend most of his time at the hospital gaining practical experience.

We were pleased to see D. Ogden, B. T. Gibson and J. V. Gosling from School at the end of last term, and have had visits from G. Wilkinson and J. W. N. Glover this term; both were on their way out of the Navy and will be joining us in October.

We look forward to seeing a lot of boys from School coming up for Entrance and Scholarship Examinations this year, and trust that their welcome by the authorities will be as friendly as ours would be. F. G. H.

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge.

Liaison between School and Cambridge and between Old Hulmeians and Cambridge has been particularly good this term.

We were delighted to have the Head Master up here in the first half of the term—he became an undergraduate again as he chatted away over tea in Rodgers's rooms in Trinity Great Court. Though it was impossible to gather in all the Cambridge Hulmeians those of us who could either cut our supervisions or miss lectures did so, and we all hope to see the Head along with us again very soon.

Mr. Barber's visit with the School Lacrosse team was a happy event for all the Varsity team, and especially for the two Old Boys who played goal and third man. We hope the result will encourage many of those who will be leaving School at the year's end to join the light blues next year and ensure another hard-fought victory for Cambridge. We all hope that, as in the pre-1939 days, this School fixture will become permanent.

John Spalding (Jesus) is steadily rising in the rowing world and is now a member of the Jesus Second Boat. He and his boat distinguished themselves in the Lent, and did much better than certain other Colleges, which shall be nameless. He is now quite genuinely working hard for Law Qualifying Two, and is more confident about facing the Easter term than others of us up here.

Though not in *stata pupillari* Phillip Slade has deserted "the other place" and is now "theologising" in the better place!

John Chilton (Clare) continues to keep goal for the Varsity lacrosse team. This term he has survived many vicious blows from both sticks and balls, but has come through all and is in no small measure responsible for the fact that the light blues have this year won the South of England Championship and also the South Flags Final. Though we lost the English Universities Final to Manchester the blow was not quite so severe as there was a goodly number of Hulmeians on the northern team. Chilton is now a member of the Union, and together with Hall and Rodgers, helps to swell the number voting (usually) for the Conservative cause.

The sole regular rugger player is Gordon Hall (Fitzwilliam Hall) who plays often twice a week for his college team. He continues to apply himself with no little ardour to legal problems, and remains one of the few honest reporters on the staff of Varsity! He visited the other place but saw no Hulmeians and hopes for better luck next time.

The only one of us who needs not fear the Easter exams. is Angus ("Jock") Ogilvy (Peterhouse), who, when not baking apple-pies, delves into the neutron-dosemity problem! He lives in his own highly scientific world and is not often seen by his fellow Hulmeians.

Arthur Rodgers (Trinity) has, as usual, been taking part in much of the Varsity "society" life. He spoke in the Union on the lack of incentives provided by Socialism and thoroughly enjoyed a visit to Edinburgh as the Cambridge Union representative in the inter-Varsity Parliamentary debate. He managed a paper speech as Foreign Secretary in a Conservative Government, and is as convinced as

A. R. R.

S. W. ROFFEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

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