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Editorial.

This time last year we had to lament the wretched weather which had so much interfered with outdoor games during the Michaelmas term. No such complaint can be made now. More favourable conditions for the start of the football and lacrosse season could not have been desired than those we have enjoyed this term. Bright weather and a dry field have tempted boys out, and in no previous term has greater keenness been shown. In proof of this we may mention the big turns-out on half-holidays and the success of the Fifth game and ground, the establishment of which has proved a great boon to small boys just starting the game.

The First Football Eleven has a better record of success for the first half of the season than has been the case for some years past. Five matches have been won and three lost, and we think they will improve on these figures before the season closes.

The Old Hulmeians Football Club have suffered the loss of some valuable players, but with a larger roll of members than ever before they are evidently tiding it over in buoyant style.

The Old Hulmeians Lacrosse Club have had a very successful season so far. Their First Team stands second in the Third Division of the League, and has won six matches and lost two, while their "A" Team has won five and lost two.

AGE.

School Motes and Mews.

In the Victoria University Faculty of Medicine, E. C. Dutton has passed Part I. of the Final Examination, R. S. Nichol Part A of the Second Examination, F. R. Sawdon Part II. of the First Examination, and F. C. Hudson the Entrance in Arts.

In the Royal Manchester College of Music, H. M. Sheaves has obtained the performer's diploma, with distinction, in organ playing, and the teacher's diploma for the same instrument, and thus becomes an Associate

of the College.

In the examinations of the Lancashire County Council, the following successes have been obtained: - Commercial scholarship of £60 per year for three years: A. E. A. Searle. Science exhibitions of £10: F. Norquoy, C. S. Youatt, C. H. Johnson. Junior science exhibitions of £10: G. R. O. Chorlton, W. H. Evans, H. C. Swindells, G. E. Mason, W. Kemp, A. K. Wilkins. Commercial exhibitions of £10: E. Bazley, C. E. Charnley, C. R. Green, E. H. Leigh, R. E. van der Veen. Junior commercial exhibitions of £10: N. H. Hey, C. H. Saxelby, D. Knoop, W. Hough, B. Robinson, H. Astley, J. Norquoy, C. G. Dehn.

At a meeting of the Governors held at the commencement of the term the following awards were made: -The foundation scholarship of C. R. Green was extended for one year. Foundation scholarships were awarded to H. C. Swindells, A. du T. Pownall, E. Bazley, and G. N. E. Gilliat, of this School, and to Frank Mason, of the Oaklands School, Withington. Public elementary school scholarships were awarded to H. H. G. Redshaw, of Christ Church School, West Didsbury, and to W. Hough, H. W. Green, and P. Barrs of this School. A leaving exhibition of £30 a year for three years was awarded to A. E. A. Searle, and the exhibition of S. A. Guest was increased from £30 to £40 for one year.

Searle is holding his scholarship at the Handelsschule, Osnabrück, Germany; J. Wihl has gone to Cologne,

In the averages for the season of the Manchester Cricket Club, we notice the name of A. G. Baker at the top of the batting list with an average of 73 for ten innings, upon which we offer him our hearty congratu-

The annual collection for the Hulme Lads' Club and Procter Gymnasium has been made as usual during the last few days, and we hope that excellent institution will be found to have received liberal support from boys in the School, as well as their friends.

We are indebted to the following contributors of reports of school matches, etc.:—A. F. Baker, A. K. Wilkins, E. D. S. Shelmerdine, A. Baker, C. H. Hawkins, E. T. Wihl, G. F. Buckland, E. Derbyshire, H. S. Wihl; E. B. Le Mare; and to S. W. Saxelby and L. C. Clarke for the accounts of the Old Hulmeian Football and Lacrosse.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the Oldham Hulmeian.

The Christmas holidays begin on Thursday, December 23rd, at noon. Lent Term, 1898, begins on Tuesday, January 18th, at 9 a.m. The Entrance Examination for new boys begins on Monday, January 17th, at 9 a.m.

Traces and Life=Saving Swimming Competition.

The sixth annual Swimming Races and Life-Saving Competitions took place at the Leaf Street Baths, on Friday, September 24th. A half-holiday was given to enable boys to see the racing, but, owing to the unfavourable weather, a large number stayed away.

If we consider the number of boys who have attended the Baths since April 1st, when the season commenced, then this year has been far more successful than any previous year. The Instructor gave lessons in swimming and diving to 56 boys, of whom 16 were continuing their lessons from last year. The majority of the class can swim and dive well, and the remainder will probably acquire the art in a very short time next year. A record of the number of lessons each boy has received has been kept, and there are a few cases where the attendance has been so irregular that the Instructor will require a further fee next year. The importance of regular attendance while receiving instruction was pointed out at the beginning of the season.

The Humane Society for the Hundred of Salford again offered three medals for competition. For the School Races and Plunge Dive the Games Club offered silver medals, and the prize for the Beginners' Race was kindly presented by Mrs. Fison.

The entries for the Swimming Races did not show the increase in the number of good swimmers that we anticipated. This is partly due to the fact that 16 efficients left the School during the preceding year; 50 boys entered, however, for the various events.

The Life-Saving Competition attracted an entry of 30, and with very few exceptions the tests were skilfully accomplished, the improvement in the diving for the dummy being especially noticeable. Mr. R. N. Whitehead acted as judge on behalf of the Humane Society.

OPEN COMPETITION.—Winner, P. F. S. Tyrer. Gale, T. B., Le Mare, and Brelsford, W. O., were good. Brown, A., supported the dummy incorrectly, otherwise his performance was well done. Norbury excelled in his diving. Atkinson was slow, but handled and supported the dummy with care and skill.

SENIOR (under 15).—Winner, Coupe, F. W. Allen, E. C., and Jacoby, L. J., deserve special mention for very creditable performances.

JUNIOR (under 14).—Winner, Davies, R. L. The first test was well done by all the competitors, but several failed in the second test. Bransby showed considerable skill and pluck.

The School Races, which took place immediately after the Life-Saving Competitions, were as follows:—

SIX LENGTHS (open).—Brown, H. P., who received the medal for this event last year, took part in this race, and a capital struggle took place between him and Tyrer for the School Championship. Brown eventually won a well-contested race by a yard. Time, 2 mins. 47 secs.

THREE LENGTHS (under 15).—The winners of the heats were as follows:—First Heat: 1, McGaffin, J. H.; 2, Jacoby, L. J. Second Heat: 1, Davies, R. L.; 2, Bearn, J. G. Final Heat: Davies, R. L. Time, 1 min. 16 secs.

BEGINNERS' RACE (one length).—For this race there were 19 entries. The following won their heats:—
First Heat: Buck, R. R. Second Heat: Buck, W. M.
Third Heat: Bransby, A. H. Final Heat, Bransby.

FOUR LENGTHS HANDICAP (24 entries).—First Heat: Atkinson, R. A. H. Second Heat: Tyrer, P. F. S. Third Heat: Le Mare, E. B. Final Heat: Tyrer, P. F. S. Time, I min. 51 secs.

PLUNGE DIVE.—This event which was instituted last year has improved the diving at the school, but one fault is still too prevalent, namely, striking the water with the heels. The medal was won by Bradshaw, W. P., who dived well throughout. Brelsford was easily second, in fact, at one time it was thought he would be awarded the prize. Bradbury and Mason were good. Norbury, is very neat, but unfortunately twists himself before entering the water.

Owing to the lengthy nature of the programme it was found imposible to hold the Flying Squadron Race.

The race was held the following week when the Moderns won easily.

The prizes were presented by the Head Master on the day following the competitions.

The medals of the Humane Society were presented by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, at the Town Hall, on Friday, December 3rd, and we congratulate Tyrer, Coupe, and Davies on being holders of the Society's medals.

The tests of efficiency have been passed by 11 boys this season. The total number of efficients since July, 1896, when the tests were first held, now amounts to 49. To become efficient it is now necessary to swim 100 yards, to swim 25 yards on the back, and to dive from a height above the water, and from the surface.

The following are the new additions to the list of efficients:—Atkinson, R. A. H., Blaikie, M. G., Bradbury, L. A., Bransby, A. H., Brelsford, W. O., Buck, W. M., Coupe, F. W., Gale, T. B., Mc.Gaffin, J. H., Mc.Gaffin, W. M., Norquoy, J.

Old Bulmeians Games Club, 1897-8.

The annual general meeting was held at the School on Wednesday, September 17th. The President was in the chair, and there were 41 members present. The Treasurer's report was read and passed, when it was remarked that despite a decrease in the income of the club, yet a lessened expenditure placed the club on a sounder basis to start the season on. (A statement of the accounts is given elsewhere.) The officers for the ensuing season were then elected, as below:—

Hon. Treasurer: S. W. Saxelby, 56, Alexandra Road South.

FOOTBALL OFFICERS.—Captain of First Team: J. S. Corbett; Vice-Captain: H. J. Amos; Hon. Secretaries: S. W. Saxelby, and Arthur Payne, Carlton Road, Whalley Range; Committee: J. C. Tyson, H. Durden, C. J. Green, H. H. Price, and E. Truswell.

LACROSSE OFFICERS.—Captain of First Team: W. B. Smith; Vice-Captain: W. H. Saxelby; Hon. Secretaries: L. C. Clarke, 3, Albert Road, Whalley Range; S. R. Oddy, Brantwood, Burford Road; Committee: W. N. Caw, H. van der Veen, R. G. Clarke, V. Norbury, and E. Youatt.

After the fixtures for the coming season had been read by the respective secretaries, votes of thanks to the President, the officials for the past season, and the concert promoters, were passed, and the meeting then dissolved.

SOCIAL GATHERING.

The fifth social gathering or smoking concert was held at the Duke of Edinburgh Hall on Tuesday evening, November 16th, and passed off in the usual satisfactory manner. Mr. Hewlett kindly presided, and there were about 50 old boys present. An enjoyable programme had been arranged by Mr. Arthur Payne, the most interesting features of which were, perhaps, the duet singing of E. A. Brown and J. S. Corbett, who also rendered valuable assistance in other departments, and the comic songs of V. S. Booth, which proved an unfailing source of amusement. After a vote of thanks to the Chairman had been proposed and carried, the meeting broke up to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne."

Old Hulmeians Games Club Concert.

The seventh annual concert on behalf of the funds of the Club was held on Wednesday evening, December 1st. at the School, before a good attendance. The programme was entirely vocal, and was varied by the excellent musical sketches and songs of Mr. Thornley-Dodge. An enjoyable evening was spent, and the best thanks of the Club are due to the ladies and gentlemen who kindly contributed to the programme, and whose names appear below. We were glad to hear Brown again, after an interval of four years, during which time his voice has developed into a very pleasant baritone.

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and at Whiteditch " Mr. E. Thornley-Dodge. Duet.."The moon has raised her lamp above".. Benedict. Messrs. E. A. Brown and J. S. Corbett.

Humorous Song .. "Romeo and Juliet, Ltd." .. Jackson. Mr. E. Thornley-Dodge.

Old Bulmeians Association Football, 1897=8.

Our prospects at the beginning of the season were none too encouraging, as we had to face the fact that out of last year's team we could only depend on the regular services of Price, Saxelby, Amos, and Corbett, at any rate during the first part of the season, Shorrocks, Lowe, and Classen having left Manchester, and the others being prevented by various causes. With a fixture list stronger than ever, the outlook was at first sight rather gloomy; but after the first match we found that we had as large a membership as ever before, if not larger, which revived the drooping spirits of the executive. The results up to date naturally suffer by comparison with the three previous seasons, but we have had less difficulty in turning out two teams, and the few matches that have been cancelled were declined by our opponents.

Two good recruits have been unearthed in H. P. Brown (forward) and V. S. Booth (full back), who have proved valuable acquisitions; and with Baker, whose knee has grown much stronger, appearing from time to time, and the possible reappearance of Swinn, Hardie, and H. R. Classen, with perhaps Norbury as well at an early date, we have reason to hope for better results in the second half of the season.

The following is a summary of results up to date:-

Matches. Won. Lost. Drawn. For. Ag'nst. First Team... 10 .. 3 .. 7 .. 0 .. 16 .. 32
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FIRST TEAM MATCHES.

October 2nd, v. Chorlton-cum-Hardy. Lost. The opening game was played under rather disheartening circumstances. The team was only a shadow of last season's, and we were forced to play throughout the first half with only ten men, owing to Wright being detained by business. In the first half their forwards did most of the pressing, and showing fair combination overplayed our defence, who played loosely. They scored three times. After crossing over, Baker played goal for us, and he saved one or two hot shots in fine style. The game degenerated considerably, and each side scored once, making the result 4 goals to 1 in their favour. Team:—W. C. Barrett, A. Payne, S. W. Saxelby, C. O. G. Muth, S. Atcheson, J. A. Hardie, C. J. Green, H. Durden, J. S. Corbett, and H. J. Amos.

*October 9th, v. Cross Hill A.F.C. (Blackburn). Lost. Play opened fast, and before our defence had settled down they scored twice from rather easy shots. These reverses put us on our mettle, and until half-time even play ruled. After crossing over they again scored immediately after the kick-off. This was their last effort, however, and until the close we outplayed them and were continually on the aggressive. Amos, Corbett and Green played well together, and took the ball down time after time, but could only score twice owing to bad support on the left wing. Final score:—Cross Hill, 3 goals; Old Boys, 2 goals. Team:—H. H. Price, A. Payne, S. W. Saxelby, S. A. Smith, C. O. G. Muth, W. J. Young, H. J. Amos, J. S. Corbett, C. J. Green, F. O. Williams, and A. G. Adshead.

October 16th, v. Cheshire Magpies. At Chester. Won. With apparently a weaker team than last week we journeyed to Chester with somewhat subdued hopes. They were much heavier than we, but as soon as the game commenced we saw that we could hold our own, and, making the most of the wind and a slope in the ground, we kept them mostly on the defensive during the first half. Our forwards put in all they were worth, and the defence backed them up in good style, so that the home front line could very rarely get going. Brown and Corbett scored, and we crossed over with a useful lead of two goals. It was now our turn to act on the defensive, but the backs played a sound game, and kept the ball out of harm's way for a long time. They scored at last from a corner, the ball bouncing off the head of one of our players out of Price's reach. After this reverse our forwards worked the ball away, and when the whistle went their goal-keeper was being kept busily employed, and the score read 2 goals to 1 in our favour. Team:—Price, Payne, Saxelby, S. A. Smith, W. J. Young, Tyson, Amos, Corbett, H. P. Brown, F. O. Williams, and E. Classen.

*October 23rd, v. Owens College. Lost. We went into the field with our forwards strengthened by the inclusion of Bell, who turned out for the first time this season. Our half-back line, however, was very weak, and it was here that we were outclassed, their line being exceptionally strong, and keeping the ball in our half most of the time. Their forwards lacked shooting strength, and they could only get through once each half. Our forwards were dangerous at times, but were not fed sufficiently to be able to keep up a sustained attack for any length of time. A pleasant game ended in a win for Owens by 2 goals to nil. Team:—Price, Payne, Saxelby, S. A. Smith, J. M. Miller, W. Lane, H. P. Brown, J. D. Bell, Corbett, Green, and Amos.

* October 30th, v. Worsley Wanderers. Won. This week it was the half-back line that was stronger than usual, Muth and A. G. Baker replacing Miller and Lane. Amos and Bell's absence weakened the forwards, but J. H. Wright turned out for the first time this season. The weather was exceptionally warm for this season of the year, and it had its effect somewhat on the play, which slowed down at times, especially in the first half. Baker's steadying influence was of great service at the start, when our defence play is usually rather loose, and after the first attack we began to take the measure of our opponents. The forwards played up in fine style and showed pretty combination, Brown and Corbett being especially prominent. Corbett scored after a passing run, and we crossed over one goal to the good. On restarting our attack kept up the pressure, and Brown was particularly prominent at outside right. The game livened up considerably this half, but we did most of the pressing and scored three times, through Corbett (twice) and Wright, while Worsley were dangerous at times and two of their rallies resulted in goals. Baker's reappearance after more than a year's rest was very welcome, and it is to be hoped that his old complaint in the knee will not trouble him again. Score: -Old Boys, 4 goals; Worsley Wanderers, 2 goals. Team:-Price, Payne, Saxelby, Smith, Baker, Muth, H. P. Brown, Corbett, Green, J. H. Wright, and W. J. Young.

^{*} Played on our ground.

November 6th, v. Lancashire College. Lost. We were fairly well represented, Amos taking the place of Green forward, and Widdowson that of Muth at half. During the first half even play ruled. They scored first, and then Baker equalised, ending a splendid individual effort with a shot that gave the goalkeeper no chance. The College gained the lead again just before half-time, when the score was 2 to 1 against us. On restarting, their forwards quickly assumed the aggressive, and for a time fairly ran round our defence. They scored three times in quick succession, when a stoppage occurred owing to an injury to Price, after he had just saved three hot shots in fine style. On resuming we seemed to pull ourselves together again, and even play ruled to the end. The home team were much the heavier, and had the advantage of playing on their own ground, which is very narrow and surrounded by high trees encroaching on the field of play, conditions familiarity with which is no mean advantage. Final score: 5 goals to 1 in their favour. Team :- Price, Payne, Saxelby, Smith, Baker, E. P. Widdowson, Brown, Corbett, Wright, Young, and

November 13th, v. Manchester Grammar School. Lost. We were fairly well represented, while they had the assistance of one or two masters. We pressed at the start and quickly registered two goals, after which however their defence played much better, and kept our forwards in check, while their front division, combining well, drew level by quick following up. With the scores even half-time was called. On restarting, it was their turn to press, and from some loose play in our goal mouth Young kicked through his own goal in trying to clear. Despite several rallies on our part we could not draw level, although Corbett at one time seemed to run through the defence and score easily, but was ruled off-side after he had run several yards. Nothing further was added, and the game ended in another defeat by three goals to two. The ground was very small and uneven. Team:-J. van der Veen, Payne, Saxelby, Smith, Muth, Young, Brown, Amos, Corbett, Wright, and F. O. Williams.

November 20th, v. Melling, at Liverpool. Lost. We left Manchester with only eight players, and our prospects were consequently not very bright. substitutes were found, but we started without their help, and before they put in an appearance Melling had scored two rather lucky goals. These reverses seemed to put us on our mettle, and up till half-time they by no means had all their own way. On crossing over, our play seemed to deteriorate, and the ball was in our half most of the time. They added three more goals, and the game ended in semi-darkness with the score five goals to nil in their favour. Booth made a very promising début with the first team, and offered a stubborn defence all through. Saxelby was practically useless after half-time owing to an injury. Team: -J. van der Veen, Saxelby, Booth, C. G. Swinn, Payne, Young, Corbett, Brown, and three substitutes.

* November 27th, v. Fairfield Athletic. Won. We had a team rather weakened by the absence of Saxelby, Swinn, and Amos, but Baker was again included. They started with the wind, and scored very quickly before our defence had settled down. Even play then ruled until nearly half-time, when determined efforts by our forward rank resulted in two goals being scored (Durden and Baker), and we crossed over with the lead. On resuming we had the best of the play for a considerable time, but could not get through. The game continued to fluctuate in an interesting manner until the close, before which each side had scored, Baker doing the needful for us. A pleasant game ended in a win by three goals to two. Team :- Price, Payne, Booth, Classen, Widdowson, Smith, Brown, Baker, Corbett, Durden, and Wright.

December 4th, v. Manchester Wanderers. Lost. The afternoon turned out miserably wet, and, with the ground a bog in many places and the centre of the field at the top of a fairly steep hill, the going was none of the best. We had a very fair team, while the Wanderers were much stronger than last year owing to the inclusion of several of the Old Brooklands team, with whom they have amalgamated. In the first half we were rather at sea in the heavy going, and their centre half continually got through our defence, and with only Price to beat, scored three times. Another from the foot of one of their halves made the total at half-time four goals to nil against us. Our halves did not play a close enough game, with the result that their forwards had plenty of liberty, which their centre and inside left took full advantage of. After the interval, with our defence on drier ground, we played up much better, and had decidedly the best of the game. Their dangerous men were better looked after, Booth particularly being very smart. Baker scored soon after the restart, and they scored by means of a long shot which dropped under the bar, and which Price made no attempt to save.

Final score:—Manchester Wanderers, five goals; Old Hulmeians, one. Team:—Price, Saxelby, Booth, Payne, J. van der Veen, Classen, Brown, Baker, Corbett, Durden, and Amos.

* December 11th, v. Dalton Hall. We again had several absentees, while Dalton also were not at full strength. A strong wind was blowing, and playing with it first half we did most of the pressing, but to no purpose, while their forwards were better rewarded for their occasional visits to our citadel, their centre scoring very smartly on two occasions. We were unlucky not to score, as Baker missed by inches once or twice, and lack of shooting power amongst the forwards threw away one or two fine chances. On facing the wind our defence played a much stronger game, and play ruled very even. Our forwards could make no impression, however, and we had to put up with another defeat by two goals to nil. Team: - Price, Muth, Saxelby, Widdowson, Payne, Hardie, W. J. Young, Durden, Amos, Baker, and J. B. Young.

SECOND TEAM MATCHES.

* October 2nd, v. Chorlton-cum-Hardy. Lost by one goal to two.

October 9th, v. Bowdon College. Lost by eight goals to nil.

October 23rd, v. Owens College "A." Drawn. One goal all.

October 30th, v. Manchester Wanderers "A." Lost by three goals to one.

- * November 6th, v. Bowdon College. Won by one goal to nil.
- * November 13th, v. Manchester Grammar School 2nd. Drawn. One goal all.

November 27th, v. Catholic Collegiate Institute. A pointless draw.

Old Bulmeians Lacrosse, 1897-98.

So far both teams may be congratulated on the results of their matches. The First Team have won 4 League matches and lost 2; and, together with Heaton Moor, are second in the Third Division of the League, a result which is most gratifying when it is remembered that this is their first season in the Third Division, having been promoted from the Fourth Division at the close of last season. The two friendly matches have both been won,

so that out of a total of 8 matches played, the First Team have won 6 and lost 2.

The Second Team have also had a successful half-season, having won 5 and lost 2. Their goal average is remarkable, being 60 to 15 in their favour.

FIRST TEAM MATCHES.

* October 2nd, v. Bolton (League match). Won. A rather one-sided game; in the first half the Old Boys scored 5 to their opponents' one, and in the second half added 8 more, winning by 13 to 1.

October 9th, v. Owens College "A," at Fallow-field. Won. A very close and well-contested game ended in a win for the Old Boys by 4 goals to 1.

*October 16th, v. North Manchester (League match). Won. A very tight game, remarkable for the poor shooting on both sides. The Old Boys had slightly the better of the game, and ran out winners by 3 goals to nil.

October 23rd, v. Rochdale (League match), at Rochdale. Lost. The Old Boys suffered their first defeat at Rochdale, the home team being too good for them, and were beaten by 11 goals to 2.

October 30th, v. Ashton, at Ashton (League match). Lost. The Old Boys experienced unusually hard luck at Ashton, as after each side had scored 3 goals, from a scrimmage round our goal Ashton scored another, which was certainly open to suspicion by reason of the goal crease rule. "Time" was immediately called, seven minutes before the arranged time, owing to the increasing darkness, and we had thus to put up with defeat by 4 goals to 3.

*November 6th, v. Heaton Moor (League match). Won. This victory was perhaps the best performance so far achieved by the Old Boys, a very close game ending in a splendid victory by 3 goals to 2.

November 20th, v. Didsbury Park (League match). Won. From the face Didsbury Park secured and scored before the Old Hulmeians had touched the ball. We, however, soon equalised, and later took the lead with a splendid goal from van der Veen's crosse. The second half was very keen, the Old Boys eventually winning by 3 goals to 2.

*December 4th, v. Old Woodlanders. Won. A miserable wet afternoon somewhat interfered with scientific play, but a very enjoyable game took place, and the Old Hulmeians won by 5 goals to 2.

"A" TEAM MATCHES.

October 2nd, v. Bolton "A." Won. Old Hul-

meians, 7; Bolton, 1. Old *October 9th, v. Christchurch 1st. Won.

Hulmeians, 13; Christchurch, nil. October 16th, v. North Manchester "A." Won.

Old Hulmeians, 10; North Manchester, nil. *October 23rd, v. Rochdale "A." Lost. Rochdale,

6; Old Hulmeians, nil.

November 6th, v. Heaton Moor "A." Lost.

Heaton Moor, 7; Old Hulmeians, 5.

*November 20th, v. Didsbury Park. Won. Old Hulmeians, 8; Didsbury Park, 1.

*Played on our ground.

Sveech Day.

The prize distribution was held on Thursday, July 29th, in the Central Hall, which was crowded with boys and visitors, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Hicks. The Head Master presided, and besides Canon Hicks there were also present the Rev. Canon Kelly, Mr. J. Bingham, and Mr. J. A. Bennion, Director of Technical Instruction to the Lancashire County Council.

The HEAD MASTER, in his annual statement, said that as the School entered the second decade of its existence in January last, the present occasion was something of a landmark in its history. It might not be unfitting to look back for a moment on what had been done. Opening in January, 1887, with 64 boys, they had now upwards of 250, a number which came very near the limit of the capacity of their present buildings. The permanent teaching staff had in the same time increased from five to eleven. To the original provision for practical instruction made by the Governors, had been added a workshop conducted by a highly qualified instructor. A considerable portion of the school field had been made fit for use, and the athletics of the school had been worked up to a high degree of merit. A strong ciub of Old Hulmeians had been formed for the cultivation of social intercourse and the practice of games. The standard of school work had regularly risen, rapidly at first from rather elementary beginnings, and of late years by steady advances, and had now reached a point beyond which it would be difficult to go, so long as the present leaving age remained unchanged. As evidence

of that, by the kindness of the external examiners, Dr. F. B. Jevons, Principal of Hatfield Hall, Durham, Mr. F. G. Jackson, Second Master of the Birmingham School of Art, and Mr. W. W. Haldane Gee, lecturer in the Manchester Technical School, who had just completed the annual review of their work, he was enabled to read letters which conveyed their general impressions. Mr. Haldane Gee in his report added that the time had now come when the Hulme Grammar School should be clearly recognised as an important feeder of our universities and technical institutes. To that end it would be satisfactory to learn that it would be possible in the near future to add to the list of forms already existing higher ones corresponding to the well-known name of the sixths of our older schools. The work of eight or ten boys showed that they were qualified to have their position in the school so distinguished. Mr. Gee's remarks, the Head Master said, distinctly introduced the subject of the school's future. A great obstacle to the full realisation of what Mr. Gee suggested was the present restriction as to the leaving age, which resulted in very much excellent material being lost to higher education. Boys who came to the school in good time with a definite career marked out, acquitted themselves with credit in University examinations. But these were the few, and there was a much larger class who would undoubtedly proceed to a place of higher education, if they could spend their eighteenth year at school. Some of these came late, some developed more slowly, and there were some who were attracted to a University career towards the end of the stay now possible for them in the school. It must not be supposed that that consideration affected only a small number of boys. There was a growing tendency on the modern side to give the best boys a chance of continuing their commercial education beyond the limits of the school course, and it must not be forgotten that the average leaving age of the whole school would be raised by the change now advocated. Among other improvements which would powerfully promote the future prosperity of the school he placed first the enlargement of the school field. The games were in a flourishing condition, thanks to the enthusiasm of the athletic section of the boys, but a considerable minority took no systematic share in them, and those, too, the very boys who would be most benefited by them. He should not consider that that most valuable side of school life was satisfactorily organised till every boy who was not physically incapacitated was obliged to appear at regular and stated times in the school field.

There was nothing to prevent this but lack of the necessary room, and nothing would, in his opinion, more advance the general efficiency of the school than the doubling of the area at present available for school games. There were other pressing needs which should be referred to. There was a widespread impression that the school, being connected with a rich foundation, was itself rich. That was a mistake. Indeed, the great bulk of the endowment received from the Hulme Charity was devoted to the supply of scholarships, leaving a comparatively small sum available for the general purposes of the school. He regretted to say that, financially, the school was worse off than it was last year. In 1895 they received from the Withington District Council a sum of £200 for the provision of an additional master. In 1896 that sum shrank to £120, and in the present year it was £80. He feared that it would disappear altogether at no distant date. That was rather a serious matter for for the school, which had, on the strength of that grant, organised and extended its work in such a way as to make it difficult to retreat. They were still without a gymnasium or school library, and they had quite outgrown their workshop. Last year the school gained three scholarships and twenty-six exhibitions, offered by the Lancashire County Council, amounting in value to £800. The lists were not yet announced, but he hoped they would not fall much short of that in the present year. The school had gained its first success at one of the older Universities, S. A. Guest, who left in 1895, with a County Council Scholarship for Owens College, having obtained an open mathematical scholarship at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

The Rev. CANON HICKS distributed the prizes, after which he delivered a brief address. Having congratulated the Head Master upon the development which the school was undergoing, he said he was one of those who rather dreaded uniformity in our system of education. He was inclined to think we might go a little astray by over-elaboration and unification of our methods of study. He thought that what must be aimed at was not elaboration of methods, though that was important and even necessary. The main thing they wanted was to bring vigorous, active, and, he thought he might say, noble minds and characters into personal and close contact with the pupils who were being taught. The great secret of true education was precisely that contact between worthy teachers and worthy scholars. What we wanted above all things was, whatever the system and the methods of teaching might be, that the pupils turned out should be persons of strong character, fearless courage, and scrupulous honour and integrity, and with sufficient address, and activity of mind and body, to hold their own and do their duty wherever the providence of God might place them. Proceeding, Canon Hicks touched upon the value of games in forming the character of a boy—in teaching him to take defeat with pleasure—to be loyal, to play for his side and not for his own hand. They learned in competitive games, where the curse and blight of professionalism was not permitted to enter, honour and fair-play, which were the great characteristics of an Englishman wherever he went.

Upon the motion of the Rev. Canon Kelly, seconded by Mr. J. Bingham, a vote of thanks—emphasised by the cheers of the boys—was passed to Canon Hicks. Subsequently the school sports were held in the field.

The Athletic Sports.

CHARMING summer weather again attended us on the afternoon of our annual Sports, which were held on July 29th on the School Field, before a large number of spectators. The programme contained the names of 237 competitors, an excellent entry, higher than in any previous year, and practically equivalent to the whole School. An entry like this speaks volumes for the favour in which the sports are held, and shows that every fellow likes to be "in it" on this great occasion, whether or not he "hopes for the reward of the well-won palm''-to translate a line of the programme. Of the various events the biggest was, of course, the 300 yards handicap, for which 184 boys entered, and which was divided into five heats, while 70 were in for the threelegged race, and 65 for the 600 yards handicap. The list of events was almost the same as last year, the only change being the substitution of a 100 yards under 12 for one under 13. The cricket and lacrosse ball throwing was judged on the previous afternoon, and very good throws were made in both cases; with the cricket ball Tyrer reached the distance of 841 yards, while Hobbins sent the 'crosse ball 114 yards. In the races the times were very fair, and both the high and broad jumps were good performances, taking age and height into consideration. The Gaskell Challenge Cup was won by G. R. O. Chorlton, winner of the 100 yards and broad jump, and third in the half-mile. The prizes were distributed to the winners by Mrs. Lamb, to whom the

accustomed tribute of thanks was paid. We were indebted to the following ladies and gentlemen who kindly presented prizes, and to whom our best thanks are due:—Miss Hall, Mrs. F. E. Brown, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Kelsey, Mrs. Tristram, W. Norquoy, Esq, the Head Master, and the Old Hulmeians Games Club.

President: The Head Master. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: C. E. Kelsey, Esq. Starter: J. I. Treasurer: C. E. Kelsey, Esq., Esq., The Rev. Franklin, Esq. Judges: E. K. Brice, Esq., The Rev. F. E. Brown, C. H. Crombie, Esq., K. G. Fison, Esq., E. G. W. Hewlett, Esq., J. W. Morley, Esq. Time-keeper: J. F. Tristram, Esq. Signaller: Sergeant Mitchell. Stewards: F. Norquoy, F. G. P. Ilderton, R. E. van der Veen, A. E. A. Searle, H. P. Brown, W. A. Hobbins, H. C. Swindells, F. E. Green, W. C. N. Lane, and P. J. Jefferis.

GASKELL CHALLENGE CUP (presented by the Misses Gaskell): G. R. O. Chorlton.

Broad Jump, Open: 1, G. R. O. Chorlton; 2, R. T. Slinger. Distance, 16 ft. $3\frac{1}{2}$ in.

80 YARDS, UNDER 11: I, C. M. Ford; 2, F. E. Swindells; 3, M. Pearson. Time, 12\frac{4}{5}secs.

100 YARDS, UNDER 12 (38 entries): 1, W. E. Butterworth; 2, H. S. Wihl; 3, J. S. Ardern; 4, A. Frankish. Time, 14\frac{3}{5}secs.

100 YARDS, UNDER 15 (57 entries): 1, O. J. Wilkinson; 2, C. Pattison; 3, R. A. Bateman; 4, E. T. Wihl. Time, 12 secs.

100 YARDS, OPEN: I, G. R. O. Chorlton; 2, H. P. Brown; 3, O. J. Wilkinson. Time, 12 secs.

600 YARDS HANDICAP (65 entries): I, A. Baker, 30 yards start; 2, H. P. Brown, 5 yards; 3, H. C. Swindells, 10 yards; 4, J. Norquoy, 35 yards; 5, H. W. L. P. Ilderton, 20 yards.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL, OPEN: I, P. F. S. Tyrer; 2, O. J. Wilkinson. Length, 84 yards I foot.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL, UNDER 14: 1, E. D. S. Shelmerdine; 2, W. R. McChlery. Length, 65 yards.

THROWING THE LACROSSE BALL, OPEN: I, W. A. Hobbins; 2, R. E. van der Veen. Length, 114 yards. THROWING THE LACROSSE BALL, UNDER 14: I, J. Norquoy; 2, M. G. Blaikie. Length, 59yds. 2½ft. 300 YARDS HANDICAP (184 entries, run in five heats): I, E. B. Le Mare, 20 yards start; 2, T. B. Gale, 10 yards; 3, A. Baker, 20 yards; 4, G. F. Buckland, 15 yards; 5, H. W. L. P. Ilderton, 15 yards; 6, F. Barrett, 10 yards.

HIGH JUMP, OPEN: I, R. E. van der Veen; 2, H. P. Brown. Height, 4 ft. 5 in.

HIGH JUMP, UNDER 14: M. G. Blaikie. Height, 3 ft. 10 in.

HALF-MILE, OPEN: 1, W. A. Hobbins; 2, H. P. Brown; 3, G. R. O. Chorlton. Time, 2 min. $32\frac{2}{9}$ sec.

SACK RACE: I, N. Norbury; 2, R. Norbury and F. E. Swindells tied.

THREE-LEGGED RACE (70 entries): 1, W. P. Bradshaw and C. Pattison; 2, A. Merchant and E. W. Phibbs; 3, W. R. McChlery and W. G. Bryceson; 4, H. P. Brown and F. Barrett.

CONSOLATION RACE (220 yards): 1, J. T. Dickinson; 2, W. J. Dearden.

OLD HULMEIANS RACE (220 yards): H. F. Clarke. Time, $28\frac{2}{6}$ sec.

TUG OF WAR, ANCIENTS v. MODERNS: Ancients.

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AVERAGES OF THE FIRST ELEVEN.

BATTING.

Times Highest							
Inns. not out. Score. Runs. Average.							
van der Veen, R.E., 13., 1., 58*., 235., 19.58							
Searle, A. E. A 14 0 77 171 12 21							
Brown, H. P 13 1 34 120 1000							
Baker, C. S							
Wilkins, A. K 13 3 22* 79 790							
Tefferis, P. I 12 1 20* 81 730							
Hobbins, W. A 9 1 12 54 075							
Hawkins, C. H, 11 3 10* 53 6.02							
Bradshaw, W. P 13 0 15 77 5.92							
Green, F. E							
Tyrer, P. F. S 11 3 8 24 3.00							
* Signifies not out.							

BOWLING.

	BO	WI	711/	u.				
	Overs.	. Ma	ide	ns.	Runs.		Wkts	Av'ge.
Searle, A. E. A	68.3		21		133		30	 4:44
van der Veen, R. E.	119		41		200		36	 5 33
Roker C S	16.1		TO		00	3 3	14	 0 7
Tyrer P F S	72.1		27		114		17	 0 ,-
Green, F. E	14.3		3		45		3	 15

MATCHES.

Played.	Won,	Lost.	Drawn.
13	 6	 3	 4

AVERAGES OF THE SECOND ELEVEN.

BATTING.

	Tin	nes	H	ighest			
Inns.	not	out.		core.			
Allen, E. C 11 .		0		46	185		16.81
Wilkinson, O. J 14.		0		72	145		10.32
Baker, A. F 8.		I		33*	59		8.42
Tyson, J. E 9		I		23*	57		7.13
Swindells, H. C 16.		0		25	III		6.93
Barrett, F 14 .		0		25	97		6.92
Shelmerdine, E.D. S. 10.		I		13*	45		5.00
Ilderton, F. G. P 12.		0		21	56		4.66
Hobdey, T. G. M 16 .		4		13	74		4.62
Smith, W 16.		2		10*	62		4.42
Dickinson, J. T 6.		0		6	13		2.16
Robinson, B 13.		5		3* .	16		2.00
Norquoy, F 5		I		1*	2		0.20
* Signifies not out.							

BOWLING.

	Overs. M	aidens.	Runs.	Wkts	Av'ge.
Wilkinson, O. J	36.3	I2	71	16	 4.43
Barrett, F	56.3	22	94	. 20	 4.70
Swindells, H. C	141.4	61	257	. 50	 5.14
Allen, E. C	54.1	14	123	. 19	 6.47
Robinson, B	31.2	7	67	8	 8.37
Tyson, J. E	53	20	117	. 9	 13.00

MATCHES.

Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.
15	 7	 7	 I

FIRST ELEVEN v. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Wednesday, July 21st, on our ground. The last match of the season was won by 60 runs. Jefferis was our highest scorer, and carried out his bat for a vigorous 20, his best innings this year. Searle and van der Veen were the only other batsmen who reached double figures. Going in against our total of 80, Stand made a good start and put on 16 for the first wicket, at the fall of which the whole side collapsed, and were all out for 20. Tyrer and van der Veen both had remarkable analyses, and the fielding was good on both sides. Score and analysis:—

THE SCHOOL

THE SCHOOL.	
Searle c Gregory b C. Thorpe	14
Brown c H. Thorpe b Gregory	6
1 77 77 79	12
Wilkins c Rothwell b Brooks	I
Hawkins c Brooks b Gregory	7
	20
Green b Mather	3
Bradshaw c Bridge b Brooks	4
Allen c Gregory b Mather	0
Dickinson b Mather	0
Tyrer c Holland b Thorpe	3
Extras	10
Total	-
Total	80
STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.	
Gregory b Tyrer	4
Mather ht wkt b van der Veen	12
Brooks c Searle b van der Veen	I
Thorpe, C., c Bradshaw b van der Veen	I
Rothwell b Tyrer	0
Clayton c Jefferis b van der Veen	0
Bridge c Dickinson b van der Veen	0
Thorpe, H., b Tyrer	0
Tasker run out	0
Wadsworth not out	I
Holland b Tyrer.	0
Extras	I
	_
Total	20
Bowling Analysis.	
O. M. R.	w.
van der Veen 12 8 10	5
Tyrer 11·1 7 9	4

SECOND ELEVEN v. WOODLANDS SCHOOL.—Wednesday, July 21st, on their ground. Lost. A very poor show on our part, no one but Baker showing any spirit, and Woodlands beat us with five wickets in hand. We went in again, and runs came freely enough when they were not wanted. Score:—

THE SCHOOL SECOND.—Barrett o and 16, Wilkinson 2 and 7, Hobdey o and 10, Swindells 1 and 6, Smith 1 and 6, Ilderton 1 and 3, Tyson 1 and (not out) 23, Baker, A. F., 10 and (not out) 33, Merchant 1, Buckland 0, Robinson (not out) 1, Extras 0 and 1, Totals 18 and (for six wickets) 105.

WOODLANDS SCHOOL.—Scott 16, Lynde o, Young, S., 4, Young, P., o, Zimmern 3, Nördlinger o, Boyd 6, Faraday 6, Lings, A., 5, Dunn, G., o, Lakin (not out) o, Extras 5, Total 45.

SECOND ELEVEN v. FIELD HOUSE COLLEGE.-Saturday, July 24th, on their ground. Lost. Tyson was the chief contributor to our total of 39, and for some time Field House did not look like passing that figure, six of their wickets being down for 12 runs. Horsley, however, hit hard, and we were beaten by one wicket. Our bowling might have been varied with advantage, only Swindells and Wilkinson being tried. Score: -

THE SCHOOL SECOND.—Allen 3, Barrett 3, Hobdey o, Shelmerdine o, Swindells 4, Ilderton o, Smith 3, Tyson 14, Dickinson 3, Wilkinson 2, Robinson (not out) 1,

Extras 6, Total 39.

FIELD HOUSE COLLEGE.—Bailey o, Fox o, Horsley 24, Langton 2, Dyson 0, Taylor 1, Horsley 0, Pierson 10, Turner 2, Elosua o, Hind (not out) 2, Extras 10, Total 51.

UNDER 14 v. OAKLANDS SCHOOL .- Wednesday, July 21, on their ground at Withington. Won. Score:-

THE SCHOOL (Under 14).-M'Chlery 11, Bradbury 5, Norquoy o, Wood 9, Shelmerdine 1, Gilliat, A. E., o, Froggatt 4, Green o, M'Gaffin o, Hough, W., o, Hough, H., (not out) 2, Extras 11. Total 43.

OAKLANDS SCHOOL.-Gaskill, J., 2, Gaskill, T., 0, Gaskill, H., 3, Gaukrodger 2, Dutton (not out) 23, Biddle o, Etches 3, Morris I, Atkins o, Armitage o, Avington Smith o, Extras 7, Total 41.

UNDER 13 v. FALLOWFIELD HIGH SCHOOL. -Wednesday, July 21, on our ground. Won. Score: -THE SCHOOL (Under 13). - Atkinson o, Gilliat, C. B., 3, Hobdey, F. W., o, Allner 11, Hampson 4, Bryceson 1, Wihl 13, Potts 2, Fearnley 0, Batty (not out) 4, Hudson o, Extras 2, Total 40.

FALLOWFIELD HIGH SCHOOL.—Artingstall o, Garner 3, Buckley 2, Jarvis 2, Arnold 3, Lomas o, Dowson 2, Jefferis I, Buckley, S., o, Robinson (not out) o, Hewitt o, Extra 1, Total 14.

THIRD ELEVEN v. FIELD HOUSE COLLEGE SECOND. Saturday, July 24th, on our ground. Lost. Score: THE THIRD ELEVEN.—Merchant 7, M'Chlery 24, Astley 2, Norquoy o, Green 5, Derbyshire 1, Dearden 1, Taylor 2, Gilliat, C.B., (not out) 3, Norquoy 1, Brad-

FIELD HOUSE SECOND. - Hoy o, Ferguson 3, Meunier I, Watson 29, Carriles 3, Andrew o, Towns o. Cowlishaw 8, Wood o, Pierson (not out) 8, Chetham 9, Extras 8, Total 69.

The Games Club.

The Games Club Committee this term has been constituted as follows: - Ex-officio members: - The Captains and Vice-Captains of the First and Second Football Teams and the First Lacrosse Team. Form representatives: - Science V., F. Norquoy and A. K. Wilkins: Science IV., O. J. Wilkinson and E. Taylor; Classical V. and IV., C. R. Green and F. Barrett; Modern V. and Upper Modern IV., G. F. Buckland and W. P. Bradshaw; Lower Modern IV., R. A. Bateman and A. Brown; Latin III. and II., E. C. Allen and N. Woolley; French III, C. P. Rowland and P. F. S. Tyrer.

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President: The Head Master: Hon. Treasurers: Mr. E. K. Brice, Mr. T. S. Sykes; Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. E. Kelsey; Captain: A. F. Baker; Vice-Captain: P. F. S. Tyrer; Captain of Second Eleven: E. D. S. Shelmerdine; Vice-Captain of Second Eleven: A. Baker.

Officers of the lower games :-

THIRD GAME—Captain: A. Baker; Vice-Captain: L. A. Bradbury.

FOURTH GAME - Captain: H. S. Wihl; Vice-Captain: T. Hudson.

FIFTH GAME—Captain: J. N. Buck; Vice-Captain: F. W. Thompson.

FOOTBALL NOTES.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

Bowdon College Lost I-4 Warrington Grammar School .. Won 4-0 Sandbach School . . . Lost 2-6 Lymm Grammar School .. Won 2-1 Warrington Grammar School Won 4-0 Hulme School, Oldham Won 5-4 Sandbach School Lost 2-18

Played 7; Won 4; Lost 3; Goals for, 20; Against 33.

The first half of our football season is over, and we are glad to say that it has been much more successful than the corresponding period of the three previous years. Our material did not look too promising at the outset, but favoured by some luck in the shape of fine Saturdays and a dry field, a very fair eleven was got together for the opening match. Indeed, the practice games during the first month of the term were well attended and very keenly contested, partly due no doubt to the fact that attendance in all the practice games would be taken into consideration when caps were awarded. A good deal of dash was imparted into the eleven, combination and short passing was much more conspicuous than last year, and we commenced our fixtures with a determination to render a good account of ourselves.

In all, fifteen matches have been played by the school, eight of which have been won, one drawn, and six lost, with a goal average of 48 "for," and 47 "against." Only once, in the return match with Sandbach, have we been badly beaten; in our first encounter with this powerful eleven we held our own for a considerable portion of the game. A point worth noticing is that we have scored in every match played by the school this term. The first eleven have played seven matches, winning four, and losing three. We have defeated Warrington (twice), Lymm and Oldham schools, and lost to Bowdon College, a very heavy team, and to Sandbach School (twice). Our goal average is 20 goals for the school, and 33 for our opponents, which compares very favourably with the "5 goals for, 34 against" of the first seven matches of last season, all of which were lost. The St. Bede's match was cancelled through bad weather.

We have been fortunate in being able to play, with one or two exceptions, the same eleven throughout. The team has got well together, and never been disorganised. The forwards are fast, and fairly good shots, but are inclined to pass too long, causing the "outsides" frequently to get "off-side." The "half line" is very satisfactory. They follow up the forwards, and are largely responsible for keeping the ball in our opponents' quarters, when playing a winning game. Baker, the captain of the eleven is safe, and clears well from the goal-mouth, but the kicking of the full backs is not so good as it should be. Our goal-keeper has been consistently good. He is reliable, cool, and plucky, and clears with judgment.

SECOND ELEVEN AND OTHER MATCHES.

Bowdon College (2nd)	Lost	1-2
Field House College		
St. Margaret's		
Oldham Hulme School (2nd)		
Wilmslow Grammar School	Won	11 1
*Fallowfield High School	Won	7 1
*Oldham Hulme School (under 14)	Lost	2 - 5
*Fallowfield High School	Won	2-1
* Junior Elevens.		

8 matches have been played by the Second and Junior Elevens. The results are as follows:—

Won, 4; Drawn, 1; Lost, 3. Goals for, 28; against, 14.

With so many players to select from, the results of these matches are not quite so satisfactory as they might be. The competition amongst the smaller boys has however been most keen for places in the Junior Elevens. The keenness indeed displayed among the smaller boys this term has been wonderful, and the bigger boys who are not actually in the two elevens might with advantage display the same energy. Every half-holiday, until the bad weather of December set in, at least two and often three matches of small boys were arranged by Mr. Fison and Mr. Tristram, and contested as though the very honour of the school depended on the results. On many afternoons over a hundred boys were taking part in various games on the school field. This keenness and activity cannot fail to be productive of good results in the future, and we hope that all those boys who have been playing regularly in these Third, Fourth, and Fifth ground matches will continue to play and practice hard. Let them remember that we shall have to rely on them in two or three years' time, and that on their continually practising and training now depends the winning of school matches in the future.

FIRST TEAM MATCHES. FIRST ELEVEN v. NEXT XVI.

Saturday, October 9th. Won. Mr. Brown and Mr. Kelsey played for the Sixteen, who however were one or two short. The first half was even. Wihl in goal stopped a splendid shot from Swindells, and neither side had scored at the interval. The second half was more productive. Green scored for the XI. after good combination on the part of their inside forwards. Mr. Kelsey then responded, rushing the ball up and scoring a good goal for the XVI. Wilkins, who had been playing well,

followed with a second for the Eleven. After mid-field play the XVI. right wing rushed up, and centred the ball, which was put through by Mr. Brown, thus equalising the score. At this point time was called, but it was agreed to play on till one side scored. Three minutes after Allen put the ball through for the XI. Final score: -The Eleven, three goals; Next XVI., two goals.

The teams were as follows:-

FIRST ELEVEN.-Rowland, C. P., goal; Tyrer, P. F. S., and Baker, A. F., backs; Barrett, F., Bradshaw, W. P., and Norquoy, F., half-backs; Swindells, H. C., Allen, E. C., Green, C. R., Wilkins, A. K., and Norbury, N. (substitute), forwards.

NEXT SIXTEEN. - Wihl, E. T., goal; Shelmerdine, E. D. S., and Norquoy, J., backs; Kemp, W., Bradbury, L. A., Mr. Kelsey, Mountain, W., and McKeever, J., half-backs; Taylor, E., Green, L. S., Baker, A., Mr. Brown, Green, H. W., and Coupe, F. W., forwards.

v. BOWDON COLLEGE.

Saturday, October 16th, on our ground. Lost. Bowdon were a heavy team, and there was considerable disparity between the two centre forwards. The first half was chiefly in Bowdon's favour, for after our first goal had been scored for us by one of their backs, the Bowdon forwards put in several rushes and scored three goals, one of which ought to have been stopped. We were pressing a good deal of the time, but our shooting was weak. The second half was very even, each side pressing dangerously, but while Bowdon succeeded in scoring again, Swindells had very hard lines in twice hitting the cross-bar. Our combination was good, but the shooting, with a few exceptions, far from it. Final score: -Bowdon, four goals; the School, one goal. Our team was:-Rowland, goal; Baker, A. F., and Shelmerdine, backs; Barrett, Norquoy, F., and Wilkinson, half-backs; Swindells, Allen, Green, C.R., Wilkins, and Bradshaw, W. P., forwards.

v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Saturday, October 23rd, on our ground. Won. Winning the toss we decided to kick up with a slight wind and the slope against us, and this proved good policy. After an unsuccessful rush by our opponents our forwards gradually worked up to their goal, but their defence proved much better than their attack, and it was some time before Bradshaw registered our first goal by a very good shot from the wing. Half-time was reached with the score 1-0 in our favour, and we increased the

advantage in the second half, in which play was chiefly in our opponents' quarters. Swindells scored our second point after some hot work in front of their goal, and Warrington made a slight change in positions, their right back going centre forward. They now made occasional rushes, and their centre missed an easy chance. For the rest of the time we pressed, and Green and Wilkins each scored. On the whole our forwards showed very good combination, but their shooting might have been better; Rowland had very little to do in goal. Final score:-The School, four goals; Warrington, nil. Our team was as in the previous match, except that Norquoy, J., took Allen's place.

v. SANDBACH SCHOOL.

Wednesday, October 27th, on our ground. Lost. The first half was very even and closely contested, both goals being vigorously bombarded. After some time we obtained a "hands," and directly afterwards another from which Swindells put the ball through. This wakened Sandbach up, and rushing down they scored with a shot which left Rowland no chance. Half time score, one goal all. On re-starting Sandbach made a change in their team, one of their backs coming forward. Determined rushes of their forwards were with difficulty repelled, and fast and exciting play followed. After some time their left half scored from a splendid shot which just skimmed the post. Our forwards responded with a combined effort, and Green succeeded in equalising matters. Here Sandbach made another change, Rigby coming from goal to centre forward. By this time the pace was telling on our team, and in the last ten minutes the visitors succeeded in adding four more goals. Our team played very well together, the forwards passing well, and shooting slightly better. Rowland saved some good shots. Sandbach forwards played a very good combined game. score: - Sandbach, six goals; The School, two goals. We played the same team as against Warrington.

v LYMM GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Saturday, November 6th, on their ground. Won. Lymm played two old boys, one of whom was much the best player of their team. At the start our backs were called upon to clear, and even play followed, varied by occasional rushes on either side. Lymm then began to press and once had very hard lines in not scoring. We then had a turn and obtained a corner from which Swindells put the ball through shortly before half-time (1-0 in our favour). Green re-starting the ball was

soon at their goal, which had a hot time for two or three minutes. Several corners were obtained but were fruitless. Lymm's right wing now became conspicuous, making some good rushes, from one of which they succeeded in equalising. The play was rather slow, but just before time Wilkins again put us ahead. Our play was not so good as usual, good passing being out of the question, for in some places the grass was very long. Final score: —The School, two goals; Lymm, one goal. Our team was as before, except that Allen played in place of J. Norquoy.

v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Saturday, November 13th, on their ground. Won. Warrington, winning the toss, decided to play with a slight wind in their favour. The game at first was even, neither side being able to break through their opponents' defence. Wilkinson, however, made several fast rushes and Green managed to score our first goal with a good shot. Their inside left then put the ball through our goal, but the point was disallowed, as he was off-side. Baker put in a few long shots, but they were saved by their goal-keeper, who had been playing a good game. Half-time score, I-0 in our favour. After the interval we pressed strongly and Green scored again for us. Almost directly after Norquoy got in a good low shot which took effect. Warrington then took up the attack and secured a corner, which dropped on the crossbar and fell in our goal mouth. It was then taken smartly up the field and Wilkinson scored our fourth and last goal, while their goal-keeper was floundering in a puddle in their goal mouth. Final score: - The School, four goals; Warrington, nil. Our team was the same as in the first match against these opponents, Norquoy, J., resuming as forward.

v. HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL, OLDHAM.

Saturday, November 20th, on our ground. Won. Tyrer and Wilkinson not being able to play, Shelmerdine nd Allen filled their places. They won the toss and decided to play up-hill. At the first we took possession and kept the ball in our opponents' half for some time. Their forwards at the commencement did not play well together, and were seldom dangerous. Baker scored our first goal with a high shot, and soon after Norquoy added another. Play now became more even, their forwards playing with more spirit. Wilkins scored our third point just before half-time (3—0 in our favour). Restarting the Oldham forwards rushed the ball down to our goal and quickly succeeded in scoring. Exciting

play followed, our goal having some narrow escapes, and eventually they scored again with a shot that should have been stopped. Our forwards now woke up and Wilkins scored a very good goal, making the game 4—2. Even play followed, but they scored another goal through a mis-kick. Just before time they equalised, but Wilkins put us ahead again, and a pleasant game resulted in a win for the School by five goals to four. Swindells and Wilkins were the pick of the forwards. Our defence was not very safe, and we were severely handicapped by the absence of Tyrer and Wilkinson.

SECOND TEAM MATCHES.

v. Bowdon College Second.—Saturday, October 16th, on their ground. Lost. We won the toss and chose to play down the slope. The game throughout was very even. We were the first to score, Taylor putting in a very good side shot. Bowdon, however, equalised before the interval, and though we pressed during the second half we could not manage to score again. Our opponents added another, and thus won a well-fought game by two goals to one. Our team was as follows:—Wihl, E. T., goal; Shelmerdine, E. D. S., and Pownall, A. du T., backs; Norquoy, J., Ilderton, H. L. P., and Bradbury, L. A., half-backs; Green, H. W., Baker, A., Baguley, F., Rhodes, H. H., and Taylor, E., forwards.

v. FIELD HOUSE COLLEGE.—Saturday, October 23rd, on our ground. Drawn. Again winning the toss, we decided to play down the hill with the wind at our backs. Our team was as before, except that Bradshaw, R., took the place of Baguley, who did not turn up. Soon after the start our first and only goal was shot by Bradshaw, but play then became more even. Both sides made good attempts, and just before half-time our opponents equalised by a very good shot from their left outside. The second half was closely contested, and no further goals were scored, the game thus resulting in a draw, one goal all.

v. St. Margaret's.—Saturday, November 6th, on our ground. Won. We again were successful in the toss, and decided to play up the slope, taking advantage of a strong wind behind us. After some even play Baker put in a good shot, which, however, hit the crossbar, and the ball bouncing in again was very smartly sent through by Taylor. This was our only point before half-time, and in the second half Baguley added another for us. Though the game was more even than before

the interval, our opponents failed to score, and the match resulted in a win for us by two goals to nil.

v. HULME SCHOOL OLDHAM SECOND. — Saturday, November 20th, on their ground. Lost. without Shelmerdine, who was playing for the First, and his place was taken by Chambers. Again we won the toss, and chose to play down the hill. Play at first was even, and then our opponents by good passing got the ball past our backs and scored their first goal. We then had a turn, and some good play by Taylor, Baguley, and Green secured a goal for us. Oldham scored again before the interval, but in the second half we had the best of the play, and Ilderton brought us level by a second goal. Our opponents, however, scored the winning point just before time. Final score:-Hulme School Oldham, three goals; the School, two goals.

UNDER 14 MATCHES.

v. WILMSLOW GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Wednesday, November 24th, on our ground. Won. This was arranged as an under 14 match, but as the visitors brought two men over that age, it practically became a second eleven match, and A. F. Baker, C. R. Green, and M. G. Blaikie, were put into our team. Our first goal was scored fifteen minutes from the start, after which two more were quickly added by Green. Wilmslow now pressed, and from a mis-kick by Webster they scored. We scored again three times before half-time, when the game was 6-1 in our favour. The second half we had things mostly our own way, and added five more. Final score: - The School, eleven goals; Wilmslow Grammar School, one goal. Our team was:-Webster, J., goal; Baker, A. F., and Simpson, J. H., backs; Blaikie, M. G., Hobdey, F. W., and Bradbury, L A., half-backs; Swindells, F. E., Green, L. S., Derbyshire, E., Green, C. R., and Chambers, H., forwards.

UNDER 14 v. HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL, OLDHAM (UNDER 14).-Saturday, December 4th, on our ground in miserable weather. Lost. Rain fell when the match should have commenced, and five of the home eleven failed to put in an appearance. Substitutes were found, but our eleven was very weak. We won the toss, and playing down the slope scored one goal in the first half. In the second half the visitors had the best of the game, scoring five goals to our one. Final score: -H.G.S., Oldham, 5 goals; H. G. S., 2 goals. Our team was:— Webster, J., goal; McGaffin, J. H., and Bryceson,

A. J., backs; Bateman, R, Barrett, G., and Dickinson, L., half-backs; Hobdey, F. W., Swindells, F. E., Woolley, N., Norbury, R., and Atkinson, R. C., forwards.

UNDER 13 V. FALLOWFIELD HIGH SCHOOL .-Wednesday, November 17th, on our ground. Won. Directly after the kick off Fallowfield scored their first and only goal. Hobdey soon after equalised, and almost immediately added another, after which play was pretty equal until near half-time, when Swindells scored our Score at half-time: - The School, three third goal. goals; Fallowfield, one goal. On changing over, we had much the best of the game, and scored four more goals before time, mostly from good centres by Chambers. Final score: - The School (under 13), seven goals; Fallowfield High School, one goal. Our team was as follows :- Harvey, L., goal; Dickinson, L., and McGaffin, J. H., backs; Bryceson, W. G., Barrett, G., and Wihl, H. S. (captain), half-backs; Hobdey, F. W., Chambers, H., Swindells, F. E., Norbury, R., and Atkinson, R. C., forwards.

THE FORM MATCHES.

Form Captains .- Science V., A. F. Baker; Science IV., O. J. Wilkinson; Modern V. and IV., W. P. Bradshaw; Classical V. and IV., C. R. Green; Lower Modern IV., E. D. S. Shelmerdine; Latin III. and II., E. C. Allen; French III., P. F. S. Tyrer; French II., F. W. Hobdey; Latin I., H. Chambers; French I., F. W. Thompson.

The following matches have already been played:-

UPPER DIVISION.

September 20th.—Science V. beat Classical V. and IV., 6-0; Modern V. and U. M. IV. beat Lower Modern IV., 7-0.

October 7th.—Science V. beat Science IV., 10-0; French III. beat Latin III. and II., 6-0.

October 18th.—Science V. beat French III., 8-1; Modern V. and U. M. IV. beat Classical V. and IV.,

October 21st.—Science IV. beat Classical V. and IV.,

October 28th.—Classical V. and IV. beat Latin III. and II., 7-0; Science IV. beat Lower Modern IV., 3-2.

November 4th - Modern V. and U. M. IV. beat Latin III. and II., 10-0.

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In this Division, Latin I., who are a very smart lot this year, easily disposed of their two opponents. Matches too numerous to mention have also been played between French I. and the second teams of both French II. and Latin I.

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President: The Head Master. Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. I. Franklin. Captain: C. H. Hawkins. Vice-Captain: B. Robinson. Second Eleven Captain: E. T. Wihl. Captain of the Flags Team: G. F. Buckland.

LACROSSE NOTES.

So far this season our Lacrosse has been confined to a select body possessed of sufficient keenness for the game to play it for its own sake, without the added inducement of increasing their individual reputation by representing the School against outside teams. We venture to think that they have found their reward in the well attended and keenly contested side games which were played as long as the weather remained favourable. The success of these games we attribute in no small measure to the exertions of the captain, Hawkins, C. H., backed up by his "vice," Robinson, B., both of whom have set their teams examples in the matter of skill, which all boys will do well to follow.

Our foreign fixture list has been of the very slightest character, including only two games each for the first and second teams, and two for teams with an age limit. The first and the last accounted satisfactorily for their opponents, the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools and Oaklands School respectively, with comparative ease. The second team, however, met with their match on each occasion against Woodlands School. The result of the latter encounter can only be described as disastrous, a fate from which we were only saved in the first match by the plucky goal-keeping of Hough, H., who, having in the interval between the two matches been

promoted to the first team, was unable to play on the second. The first team have an interesting fixture before them for next term with Woodhouse Grove School. Owing to the distance between Apperley Bridge and Manchester, it is only possible to arrange an annual fixture with this School. Last season they defeated us, hence we hope that no effort will be spared on the part of our present team to render themselves capable of placing us on even terms with them.

The great event of the season—the North of England Schools Flags Competition—is also before us. The "field" will, we fear, again be small, but it will include one or two teams that will take a lot of beating, and we cannot too strongly urge upon our would-be representatives the necessity of regular and vigorous practice, if they hope to maintain our reputation for success in this competition. Our teams have succeeded in guarding the trophy for two consecutive seasons; it remains now for the present generation to crown the labours of their predecessors by rendering it the property of the School, by bringing it home for the third time.

Let there be no lack of boys, stout of heart, swift of foot, and able with the crosse from whom Buckland may select his team when we come back after the Christmas holidays. Short indeed will be the time then left for acquiring the combination so essential to success.

FIRST TEAM MATCHES.

v. WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOL.

Saturday, November 13th, at Cheadle Hulme. Won. We won the toss and took advantage of the wind in the first half. Four goals were quickly put on, Chalmers and Sargent playing a very good game at first and second home. Some even play succeeded, but Chalmers shot another goal before half-time, when the score was 5-0 in our favour. Play slackened down a good deal after the re-start, and it was some time before Chalmers again put the ball through. At this point our opponents had a turn, and scored with a smart shot, after Hough had stopped several good attempts. Our defence got rather loose, one or two leaving their men, with the result that opponents got in twice more. Three more points, however, were added to our total, making the final score 9-3 in our favour. Our attacks combined well and Hough did well in goal, but the shying of the defence was rather weak. Our team was as follows:-Hough, H., goal; Phibbs, E. W., point; Robinson, B., cover point; Buckland, G. F., third man; Wood, F. A., and Chorlton, G. R. O, defence wings; Hawkins, C. H., centre; Chalmers, A. E., third home; Sargent, H. E., second home; Chalmers, C. S., first home; Dearden, W. J., and Wood, E. R., attack wings.

v. WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOL.

Saturday, December 4th, at Cheadle Hulme, in miserable weather. Won. Although we had the wind in our favour the first half was very evenly contested. Sargent and Brelsford each scored for us, and then the opponents took possession and succeeded in equalising matters. The play somewhat slackened down, but each side scored again before the interval. Half-time score, three goals all. The second half was very different, as we had the best of things all through. Our attack brightened up wonderfully and put on seven more goals, while the defence played a good game, and our opponents did not score again. The weather made the game anything but pleasant, and the state of the ground prevented good shooting. Final score: - The School, ten goals; Warehousemen and Clerks', three goals. Our team was as follows :-- Hough, goal; Phibbs, point; Robinson, cover point; Buckland, third man; Wood, F. A., and Pownall, defence wings; Hawkins, centre; Chalmers, C. S., third home; Brelsford, second home; Sargent, first home; Dearden and Wood, E. R., attack wings.

SECOND AND "A" TEAM MATCHES.

"A" TEAM v. OAKLANDS SCHOOL. - Wednesday, October 27th, on their ground. Won. Soon after the face, the ball was passed to Wood, who ran in and scored, and four more goals were added during the first half, in which Oaklands passed our defence only once. Half-time score, 5-1 in our favour. In the second half our opponents failed to score, and we only added three goals. The game thus resulted in a win for us by 8 goals to one. Our team was as follows:-Hough, H., goal; Buckland, G. F. (captain), point; Phibbs, R. A., cover point; Dearden, third man; Thompson, F. W., and Hudson, T., defence wings; Chalmers, C. S., centre; Gilliat, C.B., third home; Frankish, A., second home; Chalmers, A. E., first home; Wood, E. R., and McChlery, W. R., attack wings.

SECOND TEAM v. WOODLANDS SCHOOL.-Wednesday, November 3rd, on our ground. Lost. We won the toss and decided to play with the sun at our backs against the wind. From the start we had the best of the game, and our first home soon scored, Norquoy adding another goal soon after. Although Woodlands made several rushes they failed to score in the first half, partly because of their erratic shooting, and partly through Hough in goal placing himself in the way of the ball. Score at half-time, 2—0 in our favour. On the reface Woodlands immediately pressed, and soon drew Encouraged by this success, their level with us. defences, who were much superior in weight to our attacks, rushed down the field again and again, enabling their attacks to get free, and add four more goals, whilst our men, having lost all spirit, were unable to score. Final score: -Woodlands, six goals; The School Second, two goals. Our team was as follows:-Hough, H., goal; Wihl, E. T. (captain), point; Westwood, R. B., cover point; Pownall, A. du T., third man; Phibbs, R. A., and Holgate, G. F., defence wings; Allen, E. C., centre; Brown, A., third home; Norquoy, J., second home; Chalmers, A. E., first home; Stubbs, W., and McChlery, attack wings.

"A" TEAM v. OAKLANDS SCHOOL.—Wednesday, November 10th, on our ground. A one-sided game throughout, each half resulting in the score of 7-2 in our favour. Final score, 14--4. Our team was:-Hough, goal; Buckland, point; Phibbs, R. A., cover point; Frankish, third man; Gilliat, C. B., and Smith, W. H., defence wings; Chalmers, C. S., centre; Astley, third home; Stubbs, second home; Chalmers, A. E., first home; Allen, E. C., and McChlery, attack wings.

SECOND TEAM v. WOODLANDS SCHOOL.- Wednesday, December 1st, on their ground. Lost. Played in damp and foggy weather. When the game began, several of our men had not turned up, and by the time the full team had arrived the score was 6-1 against us. From this wretched start we never recovered. Our opponents kept their footing better on the slippery ground, whilst our attacks were too slow in taking the ball. Phibbs made no attempt whatever at stopping shots, apparently thinking the goalkeeper's safest place to be behind the goal. McChlery alone of the attacks showed any form. Final score: - Woodlands School, seventeen goals; The School Second, one goal. Our team was as follows:-Phibbs, R. A., goal; Wihl (captain), point; Westwood, cover point; Pownall, third man; Hey and Holgate, defence wings; Brown, centre; McChlery, third home; Stubbs, second home; Gilliat, G. N. E., first home; Allen and Norquoy, J., attack wings.

Dramatic Society.

A Dramatic Society has been formed during the past term, and has been received with considerable support and enthusiasm. Rehearsals of "Vice-Versa" have been going on for some time, and we hope in our next number to chronicle the successful début of the Society on the stage which is in process of construction in the Central Hall.

The Library.

The Executive of the Library this term has been as follows: - Secretary, E. B. Le Mare; Treasurer, G. W. A. Foster; Committee, F. Norquoy, C. H. Saxelby, W. Smith, and G. R. O. Chorlton. The subscription for

next session (January to July) will be one shilling, or for two brothers is. 6d. There are at present 35 members, and new members will be welcomed. The total number of books is 264, and the latest additions are: "The Vicar of Wakefield," Goldsmith, "The Scalp Hunters," Manville Fenn; "Nicholas Nickleby" and "Barnaby Rudge," Dickens; "Captain Courageous," Rudyard Kipling; "The Cruise of the Snowbird," Gordon Stables; "The Purchase of the North Pole," Jules Verne; "The Wizard," Rider Haggard; "All Sorts and Conditions of Men," Besant. The Committee acknowledge with thanks the following kind presents of books:-"Exiles of Fortune," Gordon Stables; "With Cochrane the Dauntless" and "A March on London," G. A. Henty, presented by E. B. Le Mare; "The Lost Trader," H. Frith; and "For Greenland and the Pole," Gordon Stables, presented by F. Dehn; "The Tiger of Mysore," presented by R. A. Lowe.

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