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School Notes and News

On Thursday, May 8th, before afternoon lessons began, the Memorial Clock, which has been placed on the East front of the Art Building, facing the field, was formally presented to the School. The Clock was dedicated by Canon Woolnough, the Chairman of the Governors, and a memorial tablet was unveiled by Mr. J. A. Barber in his capacity of President of the Old Hulmeians Association for this year.

Mr. J. A. Barber was elected President of the Old Boys' Association in honour of his completion of fifty years' signal service to the School as its Secretary. Mr. Barber was originally appointed by the first Headmaster of the School, Dr. Hall, and has given loyal and valued support to him and each of his successors, the Rev. W. A. Parker-Mason, Mr. Trevor Dennis, and the present Headmaster, Mr. J. G. Bird. His activities in the Lacrosse world have

extended far beyond the bounds of the School, but to him primarily must go the credit for the reputation the School and the Old Boys' Lacrosse enjoys. Many will remember with respect, Mr. Barber's work during the early stages of the School Corps and the efficient manner in which he ran the camps. The latter include the harvest camps he organised during both world wars.

Mr. Barber has recently had to undergo an operation. Everyone will wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

In honour of Mr. Barber's exceptionally prolonged service, the School was granted an additional two days to the Whitsun holiday.

At the end of this term, we say a reluctant goodbye to Mr. Van Hee, Mr. Winter and Mr. Foxcroft. Mr. Van Hee has been appointed Senior Mathematics Master at Bablake School, Coventry, Mr. Winter is taking up a resident post at Mill Hill School and Mr. Foxcroft is going to Westminster School. We

congratulate them all upon their new appointments, thank them for the good work they have done here, and wish them every happiness in their future spheres of activity.

A sun dial has been erected on the South Wall of the Science Building. A note has been placed at its side to ensure that, weather permitting, it shall synchronise (approximately), with the Memorial Clock on the Art Building. The traditional excuse for unpunctuality after the morning interval and at the commencement of afternoon school now seems entirely invalid.

Interest in swimming was revived last year and boys in the first and second years had the opportunity of attending a swimming period at Chorlton Baths after School hours on Fridays during the Summer Term. The same period has been arranged during the Summer this year. Special attention has been devoted to non-swimmers. Messrs. Foulds, Winter and Fearon and some of the swimmers, have been giving instruction, which has been distinctly successful.

We have received an interesting little pamphlet giving an account of "The Levy on Manchester" imposed by Bonnie Prince Charlie on December 9th, 1745. It was compiled by Mr. W. H. Thomson, former History Master at this School, from whom copies are obtainable.

The Governors have awarded the following Free Places to take effect from September, 1952:— Robert H. Eldridge, William Hulme's Grammar School; David Wallace, William Hulme's Grammar School; David L. Mather, William Hulme's Grammar School; Ian Sargen, William Hulme's Grammar School; Colby V. Hickling, William Hulme's Grammar School; Peter N. Fanning, Chorlton Park Junior; Jack Peats, Denton West End County; Graham Thorp, Royal Oak Primary; Colin Worsnip, St. John's C.E., Dukinfield; David A. Wolfendale, Benchill Primary School; Ralph Millner, Alkrington Primary; Robert A. Bremner, Old Moat Primary; John R. Coleman, Birchfields Road Primary; David B. Heap, Sharston Primary; Trevor Houghton, St. George's C.E., Hyde; David Turgoose, Old Moat Primary; Geoffrey P. Mainwaring, Denton West End County; Peter Bardsley, Leigh St. Primary, Hyde; John D. Richards, North Reddish Primary; Philip Marsden, North Reddish Primary; Robert N. Tattersall, Alkrington Primary; Michael J. Needham, Denton West End County; Geoffrey Slater, Moss Park Primary; Alan M. Follows, North Reddish Primary; Roland Whitaker, Fairfield Road County;

Foundation Scholarship awarded at Entrance 1952: Christopher R. L. Mark, William Hulme's Grammar School.

Calendar for Michaelmas Term:—

Michaelmas Term will begin on Tuesday, September 9th, at nine o'clock.

Mid-term Holiday will be on October 31st, November 1st and 3rd.

The Christmas Holidays will begin on Tuesday, December 16th, at noon.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the *Aldwinian*, *Denstonian*, *Lidunian*, *Savilian* and *Waconian*.

Obituary Notices

THE REVEREND W. A. PARKER-MASON, M.A.

The news of the death of the Reverend W. A. Parker-Mason, M.A., the second Headmaster of this School, was received too late for anything more than formal notification in our last issue. Mr. Parker-Mason was educated at Dulwich and King's College, London, from which he gained a scholarship to Trinity College, Oxford. After further study in France, he took up an assistant mastership at Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby. Thereafter he was Classics and History Master at the Perse School, Cambridge. While there he was ordained deacon in 1910 and priest in the following year.

To follow so distinguished a predecessor as Doctor Joseph Hall, who had directed the School for its first twenty-six years, can have been no easy task. When appointed Headmaster in July, 1917, it was Mr. Parker-Mason's problem to reconcile the demands of the Board of Education (as it then was), with the traditions of the School till then administered entirely independently by the Hulme trust. The outbreak of the first world war within a year of his taking up his duties added considerably to his problems. The task of developing a school is at all times onerous, war renders it doubly formidable. The drain on the country's man-power was heavy and intensified the problem of adequately staffing the School. Despite this, the School steadily expanded and the numbers doubled during the seven years of his headship. The buildings were extended and the Preparatory department removed to another building. It was during his period of office that the Corps was first established. Mr. Parker-Mason, a true scholar, was, however, most at home when teaching the Sixth Form, and those who came under his influence there bear eloquent tribute to his skill.

Upon his resignation of the headship of this School at the end of 1920, Mr. Parker-Mason, devoted his time to the service of the Church. From 1937 till his death, he was Vicar of Ardleigh, near Colchester, Essex.

MR. JOHN LORD

It is with very deep regret that we have to record the death of John Lord at the early age of 52. Himself the son of a schoolmaster, he won a scholarship to this School in 1910, and when he left in 1917 to join the forces, he was Head Prefect and had won an Exhibition to Christ's College, Cambridge. He was also a prominent member of the Lacrosse team and a Sergeant in the Corps.

After the war he proceeded to Cambridge, where he took a First in both parts of the Historical Tripos, and was mainly responsible for the revival of the University Lacrosse Club. His first appointment was at Liverpool Collegiate School and he returned to us as Senior History Master in 1925, when Mr. Kelsey retired. In 1932 he became the first Headmaster of Audenshaw Grammar School, and threw himself wholeheartedly into the work of building up his new school. He always expected and obtained a very high standard of work, but was not satisfied that a school should be only a place to achieve learning. Out-of-school activities flourished at Audenshaw—games, societies, and musical and dramatic work—and the Headmaster even learnt to play the viola to help in the formation of an orchestra.

The second war brought new problems and responsibilities. Mr. Lord formed and himself commanded a school company of the Air Training Corps, and later became an officer in the Home Guard. He always gave freely of his time and great ability to the service of his neighbours, and the calls on him were many and varied.

He was a very able historian and an exceptionally fine teacher. His own special subject was modern industrial history, and of the several books he wrote, perhaps "Capital and Steam Power" is the most valuable. But in addition to outstanding ability, John Lord had gifts of character and personality which won for him not only the respect but also the genuine affection of all with whom he came in contact. He was a natural leader of both boys and men, and his own complete unselfishness made everyone eager to work with and for him, though none could work harder than he did.

His life had been shadowed by domestic tragedy, but he never allowed his own sorrow to affect others, and with the same quiet courage he faced his long and painful illness, going on with his work long after a lesser man would have given up. We feel sure that he has laid enduring foundations at Audenshaw Grammar School, and that his courage and devotion will be an inspiration to all who knew him.

To his wife and three sons, two of whom are now at this School, we offer our deepest sympathy.

The Library

Since we last reported on the progress of the Library, the builders have nearly completed their work, but a good deal of painting and finishing remains to be done. Shelves from the old Library have been cleared and moved, but no shelves are as yet available in the new Library and everything is in a state of controlled disorder.

During the past six months, additions have been made to the Library from two sources. In December, Mr. G. B. Templer presented a set of the works of Scott and Thackeray for which we are very grateful, and our thanks are again due to Mr. N. Shields, this time for a German Dictionary. Meantime, items have begun to arrive from the main book order for the year. These include eight volumes of a new American History of Europe, five volumes of critical works on English Literature, some Mathematics books, a Greek Grammar and a few new biographies. Of more general interest are volumes in Athletics and Astronomy, Dr. Garbett's "In an Age of Revolution" and a new translation of Plato's "Republic."

When reorganisation of the Library in the new building is completed, it is hoped to establish a Junior Library in the old Library room.

The Athletic Sports

The Athletic Sports were held under reasonably good conditions on the last afternoon of the Spring Term, Monday, April 7th. The exceptionally fine weather that prevailed this Spring enabled much more extensive and thorough training than usual. Although this did not result in a large number of records it did produce a high level of achievement and keenness. Actually one record was broken, for A. Potter improved on his last year's performance by jumping 5 ft. 6½ ins. Mr. Renny again organised the Sports with indefatigable enthusiasm.

Loud-speaker equipment, kindly lent by J. Lord, E. P. Campbell and D. J. Townsend, added to the interest of the proceedings.

RESULTS

HIGH JUMP.—Open: 1, A. Potter (B) (5 ft. 6½ ins.), Record; 2, K. H. Harper (G); 3, G. F. Rushworth (F); 4, J. M. Selman (H); 5, A. Beckett (D); 6, B. B. Wallwork (G). Under 16: 1, G. Shaw (F) (4 ft. 9 ins.); 2, G. W. Barrow (H);

3, I. F. Small (W); 4, M. Insole (F); 5, K. Cashmore (D). Under 15: 1, N. R. Watson (F) (4 ft. 6 ins.); 2, N. D. Sedgely (D); 3, A. G. Royle (F); 4, A. W. Day (H); 5, I. M. Stewart (G); 6, J. G. Taylor. Under 14: 1, A. M. Fish (W) (4 ft. 3 ins.); 2, G. H. F. Turner (F); 3, M. Lord (G); 4, T. J. Bush (G); 5, R. E. Hargreave (H); 6, J. W. Howatt (B) and D. L. Watkin (F). Under 13: 1, N. V. Barber (W) (4 ft. 1 in.); 2, A. Gresty (B); 3, E. R. Birch (W); 4, G. L. Lewis (F); 5, I. W. Rodger (W); 6, G. W. Francis (F).

* LONG JUMP.—Open: 1, G. F. Rushworth (F) (18 ft.); 2, K. Harding (B); 3, R. K. Davis (D); 4, J. K. Glover (G); 5, B. E. Reeve (F); 6, R. Swindells (D). Under 16: 1, D. Wilde (W) (16 ft. 9 ins.); 2, G. T. Skelding (W); 3, A. Hodgkinson (F); 4, I. Jameson (D). Under 15: 1, E. A. Royle (F) (14 ft. 9 ins.); 2, A. W. Day (H); 3, G. Stockdale (W); 4, A. E. Backhouse (W); 5, B. H. Blakeley (D); 6, J. Collinson (H). Under 14: 1, C. W. Maclean (F) (15 ft. 2 ins.); 2, M. J. Yerbury (W); 3, T. L. Venables (B); 4, P. G. Arnfield (W); 5, J. W. Howatt (B); 6, C. G. Silcock (D). Under 13: 1, N. V. Barber (W) (13 ft. 6 ins.); 2, R. G. Harrison (D); 3, D. G. Mallalieu (F).

HURDLES.—Open (3 ft. 3 ins.): 1, A. Potter (B) (19.8 secs.); 2, R. K. Davis (D); 3, B. E. Reeve (F); 4, J. K. Robertson (F). Under 16 (3 ft.): 1, B. A. Craven (B) (21 secs.); 2, C. E. Byans (D); 3, I. Jameson (D); 4, D. J. Pilkington (H). Under 15, 75 yards (2 ft. 6 ins.): 1, D. F. Borland (G) (13 secs.); 2, W. D. Maughan (H); 3, B. H. Blakeley (D); 4, J. Collinson (H).

PUTTING THE SHOT.—Open (12 lbs.): 1, A. Potter (B) (34 ft. 6 ins.); 2, M. R. Walker (W); 3, R. Swindells (D); 4, G. F. Rushworth (F); 5, P. H. Webster (B); 6, A. C. Dyson (D). Under 16 (8 lbs.): 1, M. Credland (B) (38 ft. 9 ins.); 2, R. A. Colling (D); 3, G. Shaw (F); 4, A. R. Bailey (W); 5, G. T. Skelding (W); 6, D. J. Pilkington (H).

HURLING THE JAVELIN.—Open: 1, G. Preston (W) (141 ft. 10 ins.); 2, B. L. Tebbutt (W); 3, J. M. Selman (H); 4, R. E. Jones (D); 5, B. Macnab (W). Under 16: 1, G. Shaw (F) (121 ft.); 2, P. T. Welch (H); 3, C. E. Bryans (D); 4, D. J. Pilkington (H); 5, R. Francis (D).

100 YARDS.—Open: 1, J. M. Selma (H) (11.8 secs.); 2, R. K. Davis (D); 3, R. E. Jones (D); 4, R. K. Gibson (D); 5, K. Harding (B); 6, A. H. Wilcock (D). Under 16: 1, D. Wilde (W) (11.8 secs.); 2, F. Martin (B); 3, K. L. Kilbey (G); 4, I. Jameson (D); 5, D. L. S. Paine (F); 6, A. Hodgkinson (F). Under 15: 1, E. A. Royle (F) (13.1 secs.); 2, A. E. Backhouse (W); 3, P. J. Richards (G); 4, D. N. Cox (G); 5, R. Carroll (G); 6, G. Stockdale (W). Under 14:

1, F. P. Haslam (D) (14 secs.); 2, M. J. Yerbury (W); 3, M. Lord (G); 4, I. A. B. Low (D); 5, J. D. Hague (B). Under 13: 1, T. Craven (B) (14.8 secs.); 2, I. M. Ross (W); 3, C. B. Symons (D); 4, R. E. Harrison (D); 5, I. W. Rodger (W); 6, G. W. Francis (F).

220 YARDS.—Open: 1, R. K. Gibson (D) and P. Marlton (D) (27 secs.); 3, D. N. Norbury (D); 4, K. Harding (B); 5, W. Newey (G). Under 16: 1, F. Martin (B) (26.9 secs.); 2, K. L. Kilbey (G); 3, K. F. Mercer (D); 4, R. Booth (H); 5, J. F. Kay (D). Under 15: 1, D. F. Borland (G) (27.4 secs.); 2, E. A. Royle (F); 3, A. E. Backhouse (W); 4, R. J. Bradshaw (D); 5, R. Smallwood (D). Under 14: 1, J. D. Hague (B) (31 secs.); 2, F. P. Haslam (D); 3, R. E. Williams (G); 4, T. V. Jones (D); 5, R. E. Hargreave (H); 6, C. G. McDiarmid (F).

440 YARDS.—Open: 1, R. E. Jones (D) (57.6 secs.); 2, P. Marlton (D); 3, D. S. Norbury (D); 4, J. K. Robertson (F); 5, B. E. Reeve (F); 6, J. N. Hopwood (F). Under 16: 1, D. Wilde (W) (63 secs.); 2, C. E. Byans (D); 3, M. Credland (B); 4, B. A. Craven (B); 5, B. E. French (F); 6, R. Booth (H).

880 YARDS.—Open: 1, D. A. Rees (D) (2 mins. 17 secs.); 2, P. T. Masterson (B); 3, J. N. Hopwood (F); 4, P. Deegan (H); 5, D. H. Roberts (F); 6, J. M. Robinson (B).

ONE MILE.—Open: 1, D. A. Rees (D) (5 mins. 16 secs.); 2, P. T. Masterson (G); 3, D. L. Sparrow (F); 4, J. R. L. Hall (H); 5, R. Winfield (D); 6, P. Deegan.

RELAY RACE.—4 x 440 yards Open: 1, Dalton (3 mins. 59.4 secs.); 2, Fraser; 3, Gaskell; 4, Byrom.

RELAY RACES, 4 x 110 yards.—Open: 1, Dalton (50.8 secs.); 2, Fraser; 3, Byrom; 4, Heywood. Under 16: 1, Byrom (53.8 secs.); 2, Whitworth; 3, Dalton; 4, Fraser. Under 15: 1, Gaskell (58 secs.); 2, Heywood; 3, Dalton; 4, Byrom. Under 14: 1, Whitworth (61 secs.); 2, Dalton; 3, Byrom; 4, Gaskell. Under 13: 1, Whitworth (62.4 secs.); 2, Heywood; 3, Byrom; 4, Gaskell.

Gaskell Cup.—Open: A. Potter (B).

Cardwell Cup.—Under 16: D. Wilde (W).

Donner Cup.—Under 15: E. A. Royle (F).

China Cup.—Under 14: F. P. Haslam (D).

Henry Worrall Athletic Shield.—Dalton.

The Athletic Society

Two well attended meetings of the Society were held after the April edition of the *Hulmeian* had gone to press.

On Wednesday, March 19th, Mr. Thornton, gave a comprehensive talk on "Hurdling." He enumerated the basic fundamentals of hurdling technique, and later with a lecture demonstration on the field, he enabled members to overcome many of the difficulties they had encountered.

On Wednesday, March 26th, an enjoyable lecture was given by Mr. Jecny on "Putting the Shot." Once again we were able to take advantage of practical instruction under the capable guidance of Mr. Jecny.

The Society formally closed its activities for the year at the end of the Lent Term after a successful Sports Day.

We express our gratitude to the Committee, and all members who are leaving this year, and who have contributed to the growth of the Society.

We welcome those who intend to join in the activities of the Society after the Summer Recess.

At the Cheshire County Athletic Championships, held at Port Sunlight on May 17th, A. Potter (6 cmu) succeeded in winning the Cheshire County Junior High Jump with a height of 5 ft. 4 ins. A.P.

The Science Society

A General Meeting was held on Tuesday, May 6th, when a new Committee was elected as follows:

Vice-Chairman.—T. Oliver.

Secretary.—J. M. Sutcliffe.

Treasurer.—J. M. Selman.

Committee.—Arts Sixth: D. C. Hankey, A. D. Thompson.

Science Sixth: J. Lord, J. Hood.

It was decided that in addition, the two specialist sections of the Society should each have a committee of three members, including the Leader. Accordingly, A. Hodgson (Leader), B. R. Heap and J. Lord, were elected for the Photographic Section, and J. Hood (Leader), P. R. Higginson and J. Hazlehurst, for the Meteorological Section.

In view of the overhanging shadow of the General Certificate Examinations, it has been decided to suspend the Society's activities (apart from the

routine work of the two sections), until towards the end of the term, by which time it is hoped to arrange two or three outside visits.

The members of Photographic Section continue their secluded labours in the Dark Room, and they are commencing upon a project to construct an enlarger. An end-of-term exhibition of photographs taken and developed by members is being arranged.

The Meteorological Section appears to be recovering from its recent lapse, and regular readings are being recorded again. At the time of writing, the Stevenson's Screen nears completion and we look forward to using the recently acquired equipment which is to be installed in it, when it takes up its position on the roof of the Science Block. We would like to express our thanks to Mr. Foxcroft, who is leaving this year. It was he who initiated the Section, and established it as one of the School's regular activities.

We look forward to what we hope will be a very full programme next term, with the emphasis on the hitherto neglected Biological branch. J.M.S.

The Music Society

Since the last magazine went to press, there have been four meetings of the Society. Cricket practices have to some extent accounted for the size of the attendances, which have on the whole been disappointing.

On March 18th, I. Ainsworth introduced a selection from the new ballet "Pineapple Poll," adapted from the lesser-known themes of the Sullivan operas, to a plot from one of Gilbert's "Bab Ballads." Those present appreciated a lively and interesting programme.

A numerically superior audience heard a programme devoted to music for the stage given by W. A. Baker on March 25th. Included in the varied selection were extracts from Bizet, Wagner, Berlioz and Gounod, and ballet suites by Meyerbeer and Chopin.

"Gilbert and Sullivan," was the title of an illustrated talk given by Mr. Williams on April 5th. By means of a selection of records gleaned from various members of the Society, the speaker traced the development both of the operas and their creators from the early jokes of "Pinafore" to the almost Grand Opera of "The Yeomen of the Guard." The large audience were grateful for an entertaining and instructive lecture.

B. H. Blakeley rounded off proceedings to date with a light programme which ranged from "The Pirates of Penzance" through Rossini and Brahms to the invigorating "Thievish Magpie" of Rossini and the mighty tone-poem "Finlandia" by Sibelius.

A School party again attended the Hallé Youth Concert held on May 5th at King's Hall, where, in spite of a close proximity to an enthusiastic percussion section, an enjoyable evening was spent by all.

K.H.

C.C.F. Notes

Field Day was held "as advertised" at Crowden on April 2nd. The R.E.M.E. section had an interesting day studying the "ins and outs" of tank recovery, whilst the remainder of the senior platoons were practising battle procedure under the supervision of Captain Smith. The junior platoons spent the day learning Fieldcraft and put in some very useful practice.

On April 25th, the Colonel of the Manchester Regiment, Major-General Costin, C.B.E., inspected the contingent. After the ceremony he presented the School contingent with a silver cup, to be offered for any competition the Corps may devise.

In the future the event of note is the Annual Camp, which is to be held at Kinmel Park, Rhyl, from July 18th—26th.

As a result of the Certificate "A" Part II examination held at School on May 23rd, all the candidates were successful, i.e.:—

Cdts. Axson, D. R., Baguley, P. C., Blairs, W., Blakeley, B. H., Bryce, I. J. G., Burgess, J. C., Cheek, R. A., Clarke, J. P., Craven, B. A., Cummings, R., Gibson, R. K., Hollins, A. D., Insole, M., Kersey, J. G., Kilbey, K. L., Kyffin, P. D., MacCreath, M. K., Mitchell, P. T., Myers, P. T., Roberts, D. J., Segal, B., Skelding, G. T., Tredwell, D. H., Wilde, D., Wilde, P. F. and Williams, W. G.

W.R.B.

A Visit to Ringway

On Sunday, May 18th, a party of twelve members of the C.C.F. paid a visit to Ringway Airport. They had been invited by the officer commanding the local Territorial branch of Air Observation Flights, Royal Artillery. The party assembled outside the airport building at 10-30 a.m., and were then led into the lecture room, where a brief introduction

to the organisation of an Air Observation Flight was given by the Commanding Officer, Captain Wright.

The particular flight based at Ringway consisted of three Captain-pilots of the Royal Artillery and a Bombardier-driver, and their equipment included three Auster aircraft and one Land Rover complete with wireless.

All three aircraft were in use and every member was taken up for a "flip," usually as far as Northwich and the "Low-flying Area." The weather was more characteristic of the tropics than of Manchester and perfect for flying. No one, therefore, suffered any ill effects, thus defying all rumours concerning N.A.A.F.I. lemonade. For the members who were not flying at the time there were many items of interest on the ground. B.E.A. air-liners were open to illicit inspection and the 613 Squadron of Vampire jet-aircraft provided an awe-inspiring but ear-splitting spectacle.

Dinner was provided by the R.A.F. authorities and was well up to the usual standard of military catering.

In the afternoon, invaluable driving experience was gained by several members at the expense of the Land Rover, despite the protests of cyclists, landlords and army corporals.

Altogether a very enjoyable and instructive day was passed. It has since been reported that one cadet has completely "lost his head" over aeroplanes. Our sincere thanks are due to both Major Watkins, who arranged the visit, and Captain Wright and his fellow-officers, who devoted a day of their training to the party's instruction.

A.D.G. Gunn.

Lacrosse

FIRST XII

Saturday, March 29th, v. SOUTH MANCHESTER AND WYTHENSHAW A. Won 16—11.

They put out a much stronger side than that we played in the 2nd Round of the Lancashire Junior Cup. Our defence played well and managed to hold their stronger attack which included several 1st XII players. Our attack found little opposition in their defence.

Saturday, April 5th, v. OLD HULMEIANS "A." Lost 7—11.

Having lost to the Old Boys Extra "A" earlier in the season we expected a very hard game. School started off well and scored the first three goals thanks to a quick moving attack and some good handling

and shooting by G. S. Preston. School then slowed down to the Old Boys' pace and we gradually lost command of the game.

First XII Colours have been re-awarded to : G. S. Preston and B. E. Reeve.

New Colours have been awarded to : J. R. L. Hall, P. Marlton, D. A. Hilton, W. R. Benson, A. Potter, D. G. Robertson, J. N. Clarke and R. C. windells.

The team has usually been : R. J. Winfield, G. S. Preston, B. E. Reeve, J. N. Clarke, J. R. L. Hall, D. G. Robertson, A. Potter, W. R. Benson, R. C. Swindells, J. K. Robertson, P. Marlton and D. A. Hilton.

The following have also played : B. B. Wallwork, R. K. Davies, A. O. Dyson and J. A. Austin.

SECOND XII

The Second team finished the season with a very good record :—

P	W	D	L
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The matches played in the second half of the term provided us with stiffer opposition than those of the earlier matches. We were unfortunate to lose Glover because of illness and Robertson, who was promoted to the First team. Jones ably filled Glover's place and was a great asset to the side. We tried different centres but none provided us with the thrust we had down the centre when Robertson was playing. The match against Stockport G.S. 1st proved this when Lindley played in the centre. Against Cheadle Hulme we played Wallwork in the middle and this was our best match so far. The scores remained equal until Cheadle Hulme had the misfortune to lose their goalkeeper. Jones was the hero of the game with seven goals, his shooting was first class and exceptionally fast. We played two matches against M.G.S., one against their second team which we won comfortably, and one against their first team which brought us our first defeat. Their team was much bigger than ours and together with the heavy ground this accounts in some ways for the result. Despite the result our team played extremely well and did not disgrace itself; Hopwood in defence effectively stopped their best attack man. Our attack was upset by the hard and quick checking defence and Jones never got near enough goal to be useful. Our one goal was scored by Gould.

Colours were awarded after this match to the following : Dyson, Hurd, Austin, Linley, Gibson, Hopwood, Davies, Robertson, Jones, Norbury, Jameson.

Other boys who played were : Wallwork, Wilde, Newey.

RESULTS

The results were as follows :—

Feb. 16—v. Manchester G.S. 2nd.....A	W 14-3
Mar. 8—v. Stockport G.S. 1st .....A	D 5-5
„ 15—v. Cheadle Hulme School	
2nd	H W 10-7
„ 29—v. Manchester G.S. 1st.....A	L 1-11

The team was captained throughout the term by W. M. Gould. W.M.G

UNDER 15 XII

The Colts finished their season by defeating Cheadle Hulme School 12-3 in the final of the Juniors' Challenge Shield, thus retaining the trophy they won last year.

The final, played on the Heaton Mersey ground, was the best game we had during the season. Weather conditions—a strong and bitterly cold wind with flurries of snow—were difficult, but both sides played fast and clever 'crosse. Our defence, facing its first real test, did very well indeed, and from the start took the measure of a fast and determined attack. Particularly pleasing was their clearing by short passes against the gale.

The Cheadle Hulme defence was strong, and was supported by exceptionally good goalkeeping, but our attack had its best day. There was always a man in position to take a pass, and return passes came hard and accurately. Only a really good shot could beat the goalkeeper, but the good shots were there, particularly from Bryans. There was not a single foul throughout the game.

RESULTS

Match 8th, Under 14 XII v. Stockport G.S. Under 15. Home. Won 13-7.

March 29th, Under 15 XII v. Cheadle Hulme School (Final Juniors' Challenge Shield), at Heaton Mersey. Won 12-3.

Cricket

FIRST XI

This year's team is not up to the standard of those of the last few years, and for this there are two main reasons. In the first place, few of the team have enough experience, as even those who were on last year's team seldom batted in matches, and we have had to find six new men.

More serious is the fact that most of the batting is technically unsound. Very few of the team can be relied on to pick the bat up straight and to play down the line of the ball, and the habit formed in youth of lifting the bat towards third man and turning round when playing forward is very difficult to eradicate.

The bowling is better than the batting, but is less accurate than last year's, and has so far lacked the ability to press home an advantage. The team is keen in the field, but too many catches have been missed at critical times.

R. J. Winfield, the new Captain, is working hard to weld the very raw material into a team. He has set an excellent example in the field and has made the best use of the bowling.

Only three matches have been played so far, of which one was drawn and two lost. Rain prevented a start against King's School, Macclesfield, and Whalley Range.

May 3rd, v. CHEADLE ROYAL. Away. Match drawn.

We batted first on a very soft wicket, and as their bowling was steady and the outfield very slow, we could not score quickly enough. Tebbutt batted well, and we lost several wickets in well-meant but unsuccessful attempts to speed up the scoring. Winfield's well-judged declaration kept the game interesting by giving them just time to get the runs. Rain, which had been threatening all the afternoon, began to fall when they batted and only Glover of our bowlers was able to control the wet ball. He saved the game by doing the hat-trick in his last over. Our fielding was rather slow.

SCHOOL

R. J. Winfield run out	...	...	...	...	5
B. L. Tebbutt b. Eglin	...	...	...	...	35
R. C. Shaw run out	...	...	...	...	5
D. A. Hilton b. Adie	...	...	...	...	11
B. M. Oakes st. Compton b. Adie	...	...	...	...	1
J. K. Glover b. Adie	...	...	...	...	8
J. N. Clarke c. Eglin b. Adie	...	...	...	...	5
J. N. Hopwood b. Adie	...	...	...	...	0
I. Jameson st. Compton b. Eglin	...	...	...	...	0
G. S. Preston not out	...	...	...	...	12
R. E. Jones not out	...	...	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	...	...	12

Total (for 9 declared) 97

Bowling: Adie 5 for 31, Eglin 2 for 33.

CHEADLE ROYAL

E. Horton b Glover	...	...	...	...	10
F. P. Davies b. Preston	...	...	...	...	5
J. H. Windsor b. Glover	...	...	...	...	48
A. Compton c. Winfield b. Preston	...	...	...	...	13
F. Jackson b. Hilton	...	...	...	...	10
D. Eglin not out	...	...	...	...	0
H. Ellis c. Shaw b. Glover	...	...	...	...	0
Dr. W. V. Wadsworth b. Glover	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	2

Total (for 7 wickets) 88

R. Holden, G. A. Adie and F. Hasleham, did not bat.

Bowling: Glover 4 for 20, Preston 2 for 33
Hilton 1 for 13.

May 21st, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home.
Lost by 2 wickets.

Their bowling was good, but not so good as to justify our poor total. Most of our batting was hesitant, especially against the slow bowlers. When they batted Glover had to stop bowling on account of illness, and Hilton and Delany could not bowl because of injury, but we made a fight of it. Jones bowled with great determination, and we had six of them out for 43. Some bright hitting by their Number 8 gave them the match.

SCHOOL

R. J. Winfield b. Layfield	...	...	...	...	11
B. L. Tebbutt b. Hutton	...	...	...	...	7
D. A. Hilton st. Mitchell b. Jeans	...	...	...	...	18
B. M. Oakes b. Hutton	...	...	...	...	3
I. Jameson b. Hutton	...	...	...	...	0
R. C. Shaw lbw. b. Dee	...	...	...	...	5
J. E. Leeder b. Dee	...	...	...	...	10
J. K. Glover run out	...	...	...	...	5
J. H. Delany lbw. b. Dee	...	...	...	...	0
G. S. Preston st. Mitchell b. Dee	...	...	...	...	1
R. E. Jones not out	...	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	...	5

Total 65

Bowling: Layfield 1 for 11, Hutton 3 for 20,
Dee 4 for 9, Jeans 1 for 9.

CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL

F. P. Jeans run out	...	...	...	...	13
P. Tomkinson lbw. b. Jones	...	...	...	...	3
I. Jackson st. Shaw b. Preston	...	...	...	...	5
G. M. Dee c. Shaw b. Jones	...	...	...	...	18
K. Broadbridge lbw. b. Jones	...	...	...	...	0
N. Davis b. Jones	...	...	...	...	3
P. B. Allen c. Winfield b. Jones	...	...	...	...	7
D. G. Layfield not out	...	...	...	...	20
D. Mitchell lbw. b. Jones	...	...	...	...	0
R. Stretch not out	...	...	...	...	4
Extras	...	...	...	...	1
Total (for 8 wickets)					74

Bowling : Jones 6 for 22, Preston 1 for 20.

May 24th, v. MANCHESTER G.S. Home. Lost by 95 runs.

They batted first on a fast wicket, and after a wild start our bowlers seemed to get control of the game. They batted very carefully, but had lost 6 wickets for 64 runs when Brooks came in. He hit hard any overpitched or short ball, and our bowlers lost control. Our fielding also deteriorated and several catches were missed. They were able to declare at 138 for 9 made in rather more than three hours. We had about 100 minutes to get the runs, and Winfield and Tebbutt attacked from the start. When they were out, trying to score from balls that were too good, the rest of the side collapsed.

MANCHESTER G.S.

I. Gibson b. Glover	...	...	...	...	17
I. Langton lbw. b. Hilton	...	...	...	...	19
G. D. Edge c. Jones b. Glover	...	...	...	...	1
T. M. Richardson b. Preston	...	...	...	...	4
R. L. Grant b. Preston	...	...	...	...	11
F. Brooks not out	...	...	...	...	70
S. M. Jackson b. Tebbutt	...	...	...	...	0
A. B. Shelmerdine c. Delany b. Tebbutt	...	...	...	...	0
A. J. Dover lbw. b. Preston	...	...	...	...	4
M. J. Ray st. Shaw b. Preston	...	...	...	...	0
J. R. Leech not out	...	...	...	...	5
Extras	...	...	...	...	7

Total (for 9 wickets declared) 138

Bowling : Glover 2 for 41, Preston 4 for 27, Tebbutt 2 for 20, Hilton 1 for 10.

SCHOOL

SCHOOL				
R. J. Winfield c. Edge by Dover	...	...	...	12
B. L. Tebbutt lbw. b. Dover	...	...	...	13
D. A. Hilton c. Edge b. Dover	...	...	...	0
I. Jameson b. Shelmerdine	...	...	...	5
J. K. Glover b. Shelmerdine	...	...	...	0
J. E. Leeder c. Gibson b. Shelmerdine	...	...	...	3
B. M. Oakes not out	...	...	...	2
R. C. Shaw b. Gibson	...	...	...	7
J. H. Delany run out	...	...	...	0
G. S. Preston lbw. b. Gibson	...	...	...	0
R. E. Jones lbw. b. Ray	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	1
Total				43

Bowling : Shelmerdine 3 for 12, Dover 3 for 25, Gibson 2 for 4, Ray 1 for 1.

SECOND XI

The Second XI have so far only played three matches, two of which have been drawn and the other lost.

We lost our first match of the season to S.W. Manchester—the less said about this the better.

In the game against Cheadle Hulme School, we were able to top the 100 mark, mainly due to a fine innings by Clarke, ably assisted by J. K. Robertson. When Cheadle Hulme batted we were soon in a commanding position, dismissing half their side for 50 runs, but the later batsmen played more cautiously and the game ended in a draw.

In our away match against Manchester Grammar School, thanks to good bowling by Colling, Clarke and MacNab, we were left about 100 minutes to get 120 runs. After a good start, in an effort to make quick runs, wickets fell cheaply, but the match ended in a draw, thanks to determined resistance by Bryans.

The batting has not yet settled down but we are hoping for some good scores later in the season. The bowling on the other hand has been fairly steady and accurate, the brunt of the attack being borne very successfully by Clarke, Colling and MacNab. The good bowling has not been so useful as it might have been because of the bad fielding. This will certainly have to improve if any games are to be won.

The match against King's School, Macclesfield, was cancelled owing to rain.

The following have played :—D. G. Robertson (Capt.), R. A. McLaughlin (Vice-Capt.), J. N. Hopwood, J. N. Clarke, J. K. Robertson, C. E. Bryans, C. A. Beswick, R. N. Colling, B. McNab, M. R. Walker, G. Shaw, J. H. Delany and R. Paulson.

RESULTS

May 10th, *v.* S. W. MANCHESTER EX. 2nd. Home. Lost by 89 runs. S. W. Manchester 125 for 9 dec. (MacNab 4 for 13, Colling 3 for 25). School 36.

May 21st, *v.* CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Drawn. School 116 for 9 dec. (Clarke 41, J. K. Robertson 21). C.H.S. 69 for 8 (Clarke 4 for 27, Colling 2 for 14).

May 24th, *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Drawn. M.G.S. 119 for 8 dec. (MacNab 3 for 19, Clarke 3 for 44). School 91 for 8 (D. G. Robertson 25, McLoughlin 21).

UNDER 15 XI

The season has only just started, and it is difficult to assess the qualities of the side. So far, one match has been lost, one has been won, and the third was washed out entirely by rain. There are four of last year's caps available—C. Gee, T. W. Warnes, D. F. Borland and H. M. Greenhalgh. Two others, M. Lord and R. E. Williams, gained match experience last season; the rest of the side this year has so far been chosen from J. D. E. Rayman, N. D. Sedgley, E. A. Royle, J. H. Swindell, G. E. Ramsdale, N. Pattinson, R. B. Edge and J. M. Temperley.

Already, the side seems to be settling down to keen and intelligent fielding, but the fast bowlers have not yet shown of their best, and with one or two exceptions, the batting lacks experience and defensive technique. Gee and Warnes have batted and bowled well, and Lord, Gee and Royle, have made some excellent catches.

RESULTS

Wednesday, May 21st, *v.* CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL, at home. Lost by 2 runs. Cheadle Hulme 54 (Warnes 5 for 8, Gee 4 for 19). School 52 (J. H. Swindell 15).

Saturday, May 24th, *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, at home. Won by 2 wickets. Manchester G.S. 104, School 107 for 8 wickets (Gee 30, Warnes 25, Lord 20 not out).

Saturday, June 14th, *v.* KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD, at home. Rain prevented play.

House Games

The season opened with two afternoons of "rolling"—this treatment being very necessary for the pitches after the 'crosse season and School Sports. On the whole, the weather has been good, and it is perhaps unfortunate that some Juniors have had to miss an occasional afternoon owing to

overcrowding. However, their keenness shows no sign of failing and it is hoped that this happy state of affairs will continue as they move further up the School.

The first round of the "Knock-out" Competition was played off on May 17th. The results were as follows:—

SENIORS: Dalton beat Whitworth, Gaskell beat Byrom.

JUNIORS: Dalton beat Byrom, Heywood beat Whitworth.

The draw for the second round was:—

SENIORS: Gaskell *v.* Dalton, Heywood *v.* Fraser.

JUNIORS: Heywood *v.* Dalton, Fraser *v.* Gaskell.

The final round will be:—

SENIORS: Fraser *v.* Gaskell.

JUNIORS: Dalton *v.* Gaskell.

M.J.L.

Football Fixtures

The following First XV fixtures have been arranged for the 1952/53 season. Any Old Boy who does not play for the Old Hulmeians R.U.F.C. and would care for a game against the School on Wednesday, October 1st, is cordially invited to write to Mr. Watkins, giving details of position, etc.

FIRST XV FIXTURES

- Oct. 1—*v.* Mr. Watkins' XV. Home
 „ 4—*v.* Old Hulmeians R.U.F.C. Home.
 „ 8—*v.* King Edward VII School, Lytham.
 Away.
 „ 11—*v.* Sale R.U.F.C. Home.
 „ 25—*v.* King's School, Macclesfield. Away,
 Nov. 5—*v.* Wilmslow R.U.F.C. Home.
 „ 8—*v.* Cheadle Hulme School. Home.
 „ 12—*v.* Wallasey G.S. Away.
 „ 15—*v.* Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby.
 Home.
 „ 20—*v.* Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Wakefield.
 Away.
 „ 22—*v.* Old Hulmeians R.U.F.C. Home.
 „ 26—*v.* Birkenhead School. Home.
 „ 29—*v.* Manchester University Freshmen's XV.
 Home.

Courage

From the start we had resented the two stalwart young men. They were out of place here, among so many cripples. Vulgar health radiated from them, giving a crippled arm distinction, a new strength, so that our pain became almost precious. It had set us apart, and strangely purified us.

They were two house-surgeons, their pity as patent as their health. Their smiles of inevitable sympathy would turn to abrupt interest on the removal of a bandage. Worse they would tell us of the lives they led outside the hospital. Cripples are only interested in their own lives.

Only Sister Merton knew that, and she hated us. Her life had been spent working for such as us, and never had anyone been grateful. Her vocation was long since dead. No doubt she had started nursing through a sense of duty to the sick. Now it was only a duty to herself. We knew it, and hated her. The other nurses were young. They tried to be kind and cheerful, indeed, some of them were naturally kind—as yet. But when they were in the ward together, they would call across to each other, and talk of their own affairs, or the affairs of the hospital. We did not like them to talk to each other. They were our nurses. We grudged them each thought that was not concerned with us.

I had only been in the ward for three years. Spencer had been in for twenty years and had grown old in the hospital. It was only age that had brought him there, but a natural death is a slow death. He had watched us all changing from crippled men to cripples. He would tell us how first we had clung to the shreds of the old life, then had slowly realised we could not hold them and that new patterns were being woven in which we would have no part. He would tell how each of us had accepted the new knowledge. First the wonder would come, then the misery, then the apathy, and then, slowly, the new pride, the renaissance. And you could tell how he pitied those who had to return to a world no longer theirs, to friends, now alien, and pleasures, now dead.

Poor Neale was one of these. He had been injured driving, and now was learning to walk again. The first time he reached the window, he told us what he could see. Two sisters, the younger playing with a puppy, the elder talking to a boy, a window-cleaner, and a lorry outside a public-house. He said that he did not remember the sun being so bright, the roads so white, or the bricks so red. He said he did not remember the harshness of chimneys against a blue sky. When he got into his shirt the first time, one sleeve was warm; it had been lying in the sun. Then he wept. Osborne, the house-surgeon, said it

was shock, and showed us a photograph of his sister. Neale was a thin man, emotional and rather boastful. We had never much liked him, but we pitied him now.

I do not see how a philosopher can be anything but a pessimist. We all became philosophers now, and we all became pessimists. Morgan found his consolation in reading poetry. He had slightly squinting eyes, heavy cheeks and swept-back hair. Once he woke up to say he had heard angels singing, but the rest of us had only heard an aeroplane. Our philosophy was bitter. We foretold the doom of the world. We were detached from it, so we could analyse it. We did. It had rejected us and we had risen above it. There is immense natural pride in all men, that only the ways of the world subdue. But we were outside the world now.

And yet there were the doubts still. We still felt regret for what we had resigned. No life can be altogether evil, not even in the retrospect of a cripple. There had been the compensations. And our visitors reminded us. Their visits hurt us. We grew to fear visiting days. We felt like spirits disturbed by mediums. Then there were the young nurses. One of them was quite pretty, too. There were regrets, dreaded and defiant.

Our feelings were quick and our nerves were always dreaming. Our place was the casualty ward of a city hospital and our time was violently present. And the long corridors of the hospital were always full of noise. Then Spencer died.

And the two young house-surgeons talked outside the door. I heard them; my bed was near the door.

"He knew he was going to die," said Osborne.

"Yes," said Brown, "he was a brave old man. He knew he would never return to the world. He knew he was going to die. And he almost seemed as if he didn't mind."

E. G. L. Collins, 5 Y.

By the Water's Edge

Nigel Pentire got off his bicycle and leant it against a rock. Walking out a little way onto the pebbles of the sea-shore, he undressed and put on his bathing costume. Then, running down the rocky promontory which dipped steeply at the end into deep water, he dived in and swam out to sea.

The mists still clung over the mirror-like sea, and, a mile away, over the little coastal village of West Felpham. It was dawn on an August day, but the sun had not yet gathered enough strength to dispel them.

As he swam round in a wide semi-circle, Pentire thought morosely of his work as a clerk in the employ of Standish & Sons; of his short summer holiday, already half spent, and of his sneering, mean, sarcastic superior, Oliver Price. He hated this Price with all the hate of an underling who dare say nothing of his opinions for fear of losing his job. He hated him for his smug manner, his close-fistedness, and his fawning way to the bosses of the firm. Then, cheering up, he thought of his forthcoming marriage, and of the beauties of the unspoiled hamlet where he was staying.

He was now approaching the shore again, near where he had left his clothes. His hand touched the bottom; he stood up and started to walk towards the beach.

He stepped out of the water, looked up, and stopped, amazed. For there, advancing down the beach towards him, in bathing dress, was his hated superior, Price!!

Dimly he heard the other's smug hail, "Why hullo! I see you've followed me even to my own little bathing place!"

All the seething hate in his heart seemed suddenly to rise into his throat, overturning his reason. The rest of the world disappeared, leaving that one familiar, odious face.

He sprang for the scraggy neck, and seized it. His soul sang within him as he saw that face blacken, the eyes protrude, and the breath rattle in its throat. Then he dropped the dead thing, picked up a broken bottle and went for it, tearing the face beyond recognition.

Soon his mad fury lessened, and gave place to a quiet cunning. He realised the penalty for his deed, and began to plot to avoid it. He saw about him the churned-up sand, the blood on his body and costume. He saw the broken bottle, and the puny dead thing at his feet. His heart sank as he realised the evidence against him.

Then he remembered that the tide was coming in, and that the high tide mark was several yards in front of him. He realised that the blessed sea would wash away all traces of his crime: so he walked back down the beach and into the sea. He saw the red melt away from him into the water. Then he swam back towards where he had left his clothes.

Suddenly pain gripped his stomach: he doubled forward, gasping, as he realised that cramp had seized him far out of his depth. The gasp filled his lungs with water, and he began to sink. Panic seized him, but he struggled in vain. As he lost consciousness he seemed to see before him the face of his victim, the purple lips and cheeks, the protruding tongue. Then all became dark.

J. S. BAKER, 5 Y.

Unexpected Arrival

The Wheels of Time "chugged" slowly round, minute after minute, hour after hour, day after day. Then it happened. In a sudden rush of activity, the bank paid out, and, like a large and exquisite moth breaking from its cocoon, my pride and joy, my brand new bicycle, glinting in the Easter sunshine, emerged from its glittering nest, the bicycle shop on the village main road.

The Easter holidays went happily by with my treasured possession. The hours marked the passage of miles, the days the passing of towns. The weather was merciful, the machine was light and I had plenty of time and surplus energy. Truly that was a marvellous week's holiday.

Good Friday slipped away in the hills of Derbyshire, and tired but happy and well contented, I went to bed.

My first impressions of Easter Saturday were that the bed was throbbing, the house was hammering and the whole earth was pounding out a steady beat. There was a high shrilling noise like the shriek of a whistling kettle going full tilt in my ear. Each throb was a stab of agony, each blow a shot of pain, each pound shook me until I cried out and even the sound of that hurt.

Yes! the deadliest and most unendurable of all pains had arrived, namely ear-ache. Many people do not suffer from this ghastly experience. Believe me, they are the most fortunate people in the world.

I crawled out of bed about half past one in the afternoon and took a bus to the supposed curer of ills, the doctor. But could he cure mine? No! He didn't even try! A large and hostile notice on his door stated most bluntly and rudely that there was morning surgery only on Good Friday, the day following and Easter Monday.

The little colour that I had, drained out of my face. What would I do? Monday morning! By then I would be perfectly insane, I was quite sure of that.

I struggled to a nearby cinema to deaden the pain of my torture and what do you think was showing? (Unhappily I did not know it when I entered.) A film about a doctor whose unselfish and devoted service to his patients, earned him a Military Cross or some such medal.

Irony! Irony! In fiction amusing, but in life harsh and horrible.

Home again, to bed, with hot-water bottles, hot pad of cotton wool, a hot sweet lemon drink, and the best comforters of all, three aspirins.

Sunday dawned, and to my extreme relief and astonishment, the world's "heart" seemed to have stopped beating. Wonderful, I thought. Two unsteady steps; four more confident ones. I was alive and free! I wouldn't die; I wouldn't go deaf; I wouldn't go mad.

"Released from bondage."

I made the morning tea, cleaned my father's pipes, made the fire and went for the papers. In fact I did everything, and my parents just gaped in amazement. I was their ideal son at last. But you see they have never had ear-ache.

C. Gee, 5 Y.

When Darkness Fell

The evening sky was bright and clear,
Stars shone above, both far and near,
For silently the night was here
And Darkness fell.

The wind sank peacefully to rest,
The birds returned, each to his nest,
The sun had gone to wake the west,
When Darkness fell.

The prowling fox lurked in the shade,
The owl's hoot sounded in the glade,
The squirrel on the branches swayed,
As Darkness fell.

From treetop tall down in the dale,
The nightingale poured forth its tale
Of wondrous notes from bird so frail,
When Darkness fell.

So here was rest and sweet content,
The day's work done, the hours well spent,
And peaceful night for man's rest sent,
When Darkness fell.

C. A. Monks, 5 Y.

Private Possessions

One's private possessions vary a great deal. Some mean more than others, which apparently seem more valuable.

Not many people can remember everything that has happened to them during their lifetime. Perhaps long forgotten happenings will remain undisturbed in the darkness of the past, till quite suddenly a dust-covered object will come to light bringing either laughter or tears.

Even the youngest have memories and as they grow older, and their younger days slide away, small tokens of friendships long ago, become valuable to the tiring monotony of daily life. Sometimes our past leaps when we see someone we have not seen for years. And yet again, hearing a band, or a pianist playing, can take one back into the far distant years gone by.

As for my "possessions," which I value far above any others, well, I have not very many, but those which I have, will never be forgotten. One particular piece of music was a favourite of mine and of my music-teacher. It had never meant much to me, till one night he took me for my lesson, and the very last piece he played for me was the one previously mentioned. That same night he died, leaving me yet another memory, and now, every time I hear the piece played or play it myself, I find it has a peculiar effect upon my mind, and I feel that I am drifting into the past.

Loneliness often lights neglected corners of one's brain, and even the most hard of heart are as prone to remembrance as anyone. Out in the lonely hills of the "Derbyshire Peak" dwell many of my thoughts, among the windswept rocks and hillsides, stopping occasionally amongst the ling and heather.

In the glow of a low fire at eventide, memories flood back into the room, chasing the shadows on darkened walks. Two or three lines I know seem to leave a gap in the mind, which the imagination is left to fill.

"When the sun fades and darkness falls
I sit by the light of the firelight's glow,
Watching old friends and faces on darkened walls,
Softly come and go."

G. E. Ramsdale, 4 B.

The Rooks

High up in a tree perched a little gathering of rooks. Down below an old man toiled away in his garden. Occasionally, as he straightened his back to take a rest from his digging, he would look at the rooks in the tree above him. The big black birds with their straight beaks and bedraggled appearance looked like a collection of tramps. Even so, they behaved more like a group of old women; incessantly cawing and making little guttural noises. Now and then one would fluff out his ragged feathers, cock his head on one side and begin some important speech, only to find an impossible number of hecklers. Even this did not amuse the old man for he distrusted rooks out of the pie-dish, especially plump ones like these, which looked surprisingly well after the hard winter.

At last the old man finished his work and leant up his spade against the hen-house. Then he gave the hens their corn. The hens that year were rather a disappointment, all skin and bone. However, the old man had one consolation—the black cockerel. He was a wonderful bird, magnificent with coal black feathers and scarlet comb. The old man felt sure that the cockerel would win the coveted prize at the local show for the best-looking live bird, just as his father had done before him. And so with a final look at his favourite he stumped out of the garden, crossed the road and went into his cottage for dinner.

At once the rooks flew down from their perches into the hen-run and began to gobble up the corn. But unfortunately for them, the old man had at last realised why his hens were so skinny—"Of course," he told himself, "'em varminty rooks must 'a' been eatin' the 'en's corn!" And so, he took down his grandfather's shot-gun from over the fireplace and set off for the garden.

This time, however, he crept cautiously round to the far end of the garden and entered through a hole in the hedge. From there he dragged himself at full length through the cabbage patch. Thence, on all fours, over the remaining lettuces to the compost heap. Laboriously, he lifted the gun on to the heap and cautiously peeped over. Sure enough, the rooks were still busy gorging themselves. To add yet another insult to injury, one actually entered the hen-house! "Aha," muttered the old man, "I'll get 'ee fur that. Just 'ee wait till 'ee comes out."

A few minutes later something black appeared in the doorway of the hen-house. So eager was gaffer for revenge that without more ado he pulled the trigger. Feathers flew in all directions. The old man dropped the gun and ran to the hen run. But alas! his dead crow was a beautiful black rooster!

I. M. Stewart, 4 Y.

A Trip to Lancaster

On Wednesday, the 9th of April, Mr. Thornton, Mr. Renny, Mr. Simpson and Mr. Wolfenden, took a party of boys of which I was a member, to Lancaster for a visit to the castle, and a look round the town. The coaches left the School at about 9 o'clock and arrived at Lancaster at twelvish. I went into the town for dinner upon arrival and met the rest of the party outside the castle at 2-15 p.m. We paid threepence to look round, and it was well worth it.

We first visited the Shire Hall, built on the site of the old moat. It is semi-circular in shape, and is still used for the Assize Courts to this day. Among the shields of the High Sheriffs of Lancashire, is the shield inscribed "William Hulme, of Davyhulme, near Manchester," dated 1701.

We were then shown Hadrian's Tower, and to get to it, passed through the 9 ft. 6 in. curtain wall that the Normans built to join one tower to another. This, as our guide told us, was only broken through about 1819. Hadrian's Tower is now mainly used as a museum, and the key, presented to the late King when he visited the castle in 1951, is among the exhibits.

We next went to the dungeons, again passing through a wall 2 ft. 6 in. in thickness, this wall having been broken through as late as 1931. The dungeons were thought to have been used for solitary confinement. We had a bit of fun here, shutting each other up in them, until order was restored. We were then conducted through the courtyard, under an archway, up a winding staircase to the Norman Keep. This is thought to have been built about 1088, and has walls 10 ft. thick. The two big barred rooms on the second floor are called the Quaker rooms, owing to so many Quakers being imprisoned in them. We were not allowed in them, as the floors were worn thin, and were unsafe.

We then climbed a spiral staircase, walked along the battlements, through the barristers' libraries to the Crown Court, used mostly for criminal cases. In four years, no less than 240 persons received the death sentence there. In the dock where the prisoners stood for trial, is the holdfast and branding iron, with which they were branded with the letter "M" standing for "Malefactor." Our last port of call was the "Drop Room" or pinioning room, which, as its name implies, was where the prisoners, under sentence of death, were pinioned before being led out for execution. The body was then taken through a trap door, and along a secret passage, under the church wall opposite.

We came out of the castle at 3-45 p.m., and arranged to meet at the coaches at 4-30. We arrived back at School at 8 o'clock, after a very enjoyable day.

Of all the parts of the castle visited, I was most impressed by the Shire Hall, especially by the hundreds of shields ranged round its walls, and I was very grateful to be one of the party.

A. J. Wintringham, 1 D.

The Dance Hall

Round the couples sway in jostling throng,
Lost their carking cares in rhythmic song,
Trumpet, trombone, oboe, saxophone.
Treading couples love their strident moan.
Smoke and scents pervade the foetid air,
Frame for modern terpsichorean fare.

I. H. Munro, 5 Y.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News

We congratulate Mr. D. Lloyd Griffiths, who is a member of the Governing Body of the School and an Old Hulmeian, on being appointed Surgeon-in-Charge of the University Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

We congratulate Mr. Eric Barnes on his election to the Presidency of the Lancashire County Lacrosse Association at its Annual General Meeting.

On April 26th, 1952, Mr. Alec Allman was installed as Master of the Old Hulmeians Masonic Lodge, No. 7062, by Mr. A. O. Gatley, the first Master of the Lodge. Since the consecration of the Lodge in April, 1951, steady progress has been made. The Lodge has gained a high reputation for the standard of its work and is now well established. The Secretary is Mr. A. E. Bolsover, 268, Brooklands Road, Wythenshawe, Manchester.

Owing to the difficulties of the times, during the later years of the war the framing of School photographs in the Old Hall fell into abeyance. It is intended, as far as possible, to bring these photographs up to date. For this purpose the following photographs are required:—

1945: First XI Cricket, Corps, Orchestra, School Staff.

1946: First XV Rugby, First XII Lacrosse, First XI Cricket, Corps, Orchestra.

If any Old Boy can offer any of these photographs perhaps he will be kind enough to inform Mr. Taylor of the School Office Staff.

Old Hulmeians Association

Although this item will be referred to elsewhere, mention must be made of the fact that the Old Hulmeians First Lacrosse team won the First Division Championship for the second year in succession, and were also successful in winning the Referees' Trophy. The last time this trophy was won by the Old Boys was nineteen years ago.

The Memorial Clock was presented to the School by the Old Boys' President, Mr. J. A. Barber, on May 8th, 1952, and immediately after the Presentation, Canon Woolnough, conducted a short service of Dedication. The ceremony was attended by the entire School, representatives of the Association, and personal relatives of some of those who had fallen.

The Annual Golf Tournament was held this year at the Chorlton Golf Club on 22nd May, and J. C. Jarvis, J. L. Somerfield and S. I. Davies, are to be congratulated on winning the three trophies.

The most notable achievement during this term has, of course, been the completion of fifty years' service to the School by Mr. J. A. Barber. A Sub-Committee has been set up to consider how best the Association should recognise this feat. A Fund has been opened and donations should be sent immediately to the Hon. Treasurer as it is considered that the next Annual General Meeting would be a suitable occasion at which to make a presentation to Mr. Barber.

It is possible that Old Boys who are not members of the Association, will not hear of this appeal, so it would be appreciated if readers would draw the attention of such Old Boys of their acquaintance to it.

Boys leaving School at the end of this term are invited to join the Association and any of the sections in which they may be interested. Both the Lacrosse Section and the Rugby Section are in need of playing members, who need not necessarily have played for any of the School teams.

It is with pleasure that it is possible to report that Kenneth Rains has recently returned home after his severe illness. All members of the Association are looking forward to seeing him completely restored to health in the near future. E.B.

BIRTHS

CLELAND.—On Saturday, March 8th, to Eileen and Keith Cleland, a daughter.

JACKSON.—On March 28th, to Eira Wyn (née Williams) and Arnold, a daughter.

CHAMBERS.—On April 7th, to Sydney Barbara (née Kernahan), wife of David A. E. Chambers, L.D.S., a son, Whitewings, Smart Street, Curepe, Trinidad, B.W.I.

WEATHERBY.—On April 21st, to Constance (née Bullivant) and John Frederick Weatherby, a daughter.

VAN HEE (Staff).—On April 30th, to Mr. and Mrs. V. G. Van Hee, a son.

FOXCROFT (Staff).—On May 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Foxcroft, a son.

SIMPSON (Staff).—On May 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Simpson, a daughter.

MARTIN (Staff).—On May 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. G. R. Martin, a son.

COLLINGS (Staff).—On May 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Collings, a daughter.

MAYER.—On June 3rd, to Barbara (née Mercer) and Philip B. Mayer, a son.

THURSBY.—On June 10th, to Elsie (née Wyles) and Norman Thursby, a daughter.

HATTON.—On June 12th, to Gene (née Breese), wife of Jack Hatton, a daughter.

HEWITT.—On June 19th, to Muriel (née Walls) and Peter S. Hewitt, a son.

OGILVY.—On June 22nd, to Eleanor, wife of Angus Ogilvy, M.A. (Cantab), a son.

COCKER.—On June 26th, to Margaret and Ralph Cocker, a daughter.

GREGORY.—On June 27th, to Joan Eleanor (née Skinner) and Clifford, a son.

EATON.—On June 27th to Vera (née Hunt), wife of Denys Rayner, at Lima, Peru, a son.

MALLINSON.—On June 29th, to Muriel and William A. Mallinson, a son.

HOLMES.—On June 30th, to Joan (née Gartside) and Frank H. Holmes, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

FLUNDER-ARNOLD.—On March 15th, William Flunder to Catherine Mary Arnold.

PENTELOW-SMITH.—On April 10th, Mr. R. Pentelow (Staff), to Miss Jacqueline le Blare-Smith.

COOPER-TIMMIS.—On April 12th, Neville Howard Cooper to Elizabeth Mary Timmis.

NESBITT-CHRISTIE.—On April 17th, Colin Houghton Nesbitt, L.D.S., to Rona Isobel Christie.

BERRY-KEEN.—On April 19th, Brian Shepherd to Maureen Keen.

HARRISON-ASHLEY.—On June 7th, Peter Harrison to Kathleen Mary Ashley.

ROBERTSON-PLATT.—On June 28th, Alexander W. Robertson to Wendy Mary Platt.

THRELFALL — MOORE.—On July 5th, Robert Malcolm Threlfall to Elizabeth Rachel Moore.

DEATH

LORD.—On May 13th, at his residence, The Hollies, Town Lane, Denton, John Lord, M.A., headmaster of Audenshaw Grammar School.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse

The Lacrosse Section has had another good season. The First team has retained the North of England League Championship. Its record is the same as last season's. Only three points were lost. The side had an improved goal average. In addition it has won the Referees' Trophy by defeating the Old Waconians at Cale Green by 6 goals to 5. This was probably our most interesting game of the season. At full time the score was five goals each and it required twenty minutes overtime before we shot the winning goal. For this match we had to make two changes from our regular side. C. A. Smith was ill and R. Mark unavailable. Fortunately, H. A. Whatley was at hand to fill Smith's place on defence and N. G. Bullivant was brought into the attack. The team was: B. C. R. Ballinger (Captain), F. M. McClinton, R. M. Threlfall, N. R. Coe, G. Price, H. A. Whatley, D. B. Flunder, J. Buckland, B. T. Plaskett, N. G. Bullivant, S. Gill, N. A. Barber.

With the exception of our disappointing form in the Senior Flags competition the team's general standard of play has been better than last season. This in no small measure has been due to the excellent qualities of captaincy shown by B. C. K. Ballinger, a role he took over from H. A. Whatley in the middle of November and before we had met our strongest opponents. The two newcomers to the defence, R. M. Threlfall and C. A. Smith, have both proved their worth and should be a great asset to the team for many years. At centre, D. B. Flunder's play, particularly in midfield, has been a valuable link between the attack and defence. The attack, with the inclusion of B. T. Plaskett on the left wing, has been a better balanced combination, capable of shooting goals even on the occasions when either Buckland or Gill, our chief scorers, have been held.

The First team's league winning record is as follows:—

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals		PTS.
				F.	A.	
22	20	1	1	327	120	41

The "A" team completed its league programme holding the third place in the second division. The side not only won two more points than last season but, very satisfactorily, defeated every team in the division at least once. The defence, consisting of J. T. Emery, A. Jones, F. Barnes, F. D. Bell, W. J. Bell, and G. B. Appleby, is really very little inferior to the first team's and is the second strongest in the division. The attack, which looks thoroughly competent on paper lacks penetration and accuracy in finishing. It is flattered by the goal average. The heaviest scoring was in the early part of the season before Plaskett's promotion to the first team. The side makes amends for any shortcomings on the field by maintaining the high standard of its annual social function, at which it was very gratifying to meet again a former member of the team, J. G. Rickards.

The "A" team's league record for the season is:

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals		PTS.
				F.	A.	
22	15	6	1	176	106	51

The Extra "A," who, as previously reported, won the Lancashire Junior Cup, added to its laurels by finishing the season as runners-up, one point only behind the leaders, in the third division. As no two sides can play in the same division, other than the lowest, the team cannot be promoted. Only two further games have been played since the last report was written and there is little further to report on the Extra "A" team's activities. D. M. Archer, when available, has played soundly in goal and P. R. Donovan and D. W. Stone have shown excellent form on the attack where G. C. Martin's play has always been very valuable. M. W. Barber's centre play has made him a strong candidate for promotion.

The side's final league record is as follows:—

P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals		PTS.
				F.	A.	
20	17	3	0	210	92	34

Our bi-annual Easter tour to London was again most enjoyable. The perfect weather was almost too hot for lacrosse, but nevertheless very welcome. We were disappointed with our Good Friday fixture but thanks to the initiative of E. Barnes, the help of our good friend, Gordon Forster, and the hospitality of Old Dunstonian's club, we were able to play a scratch game. Purley, who had postponed their annual dinner until our visit, made us very welcome, as usual, on the Saturday. Our hosts, unable to field their strongest side, due to injuries,

did not give us as close a game as was anticipated. We paid Purley, the southern Senior Flag winners, the compliment of fielding our strongest side and won by 15-6.

On Monday morning we completed our tour with a 19-4 victory over Old Dunstonians, who played a much better class of lacrosse than the score suggests.

At the section's annual general meeting the following officials were elected for next season:—

Chairman, J. A. Barber; Vice-Chairman, E. Barnes; Hon. Secretary, H. A. Whatley; Hon. Teams Secretary, N. A. Barber; First Team Captain, H. A. Whatley; First Team Vice-Captain, S. Gill; "A" Team Captain, A. Jones; "A" Team Vice-Captain, D. Watkins; Extra "A" Team Captain, E. S. Thelwall; Extra "A" Team Vice-Captain, M. W. Barber; Committee: J. Buckland, W. T. Curtis, R. Heywood.

We regret to report that ill-health has forced R. Buckland to relinquish his duties as Vice-Chairman. His position has been filled by E. Barnes, whom we have to congratulate on his election as President of the Lancashire County Lacrosse Association.

RESULTS

FIRST TEAM

1952

Mar. 29—v. Ashton	.....H	W	8-3
Apr. 5—v. Offerton	.....H	W	19-5
May 2—v. Old Waconians (Cale Green)	.....W		6-5
(Referees' Trophy Final)			

"A" TEAM

1952

Mar. 29—v. Mellor "A"	.....H	W	7-4
Apr. 5—v. William Hulme's G.S.	....A	W	11-7

EXTRA "A" TEAM

1952

Apr. 5—v. Ashton "A"	.....H	W	7-3
„ 26—v. Urmston "A"	.....A	W	11-5

Old Hulmeians Rugby

Thanks to the support of many General Members of the Association, the Rugby Section should be able to see the much-needed Toilet Block erected at Brantingham Road by the beginning of next season. With two pitches giving games to sixty players, and a good handful of spectators also present on most Saturdays, the temporary accommodation had long been hopelessly inadequate, and only the costliness and difficulty of going ahead with building projects in post-war England caused the acceptance of admittedly unsatisfactory conditions for such a long period.

Expense was the major problem. The General Committee of the Association felt that it was unwise seriously to deplete reserve funds after the already heavy drawings made to establish the Rugby Section at Brantingham Road. Hence an appeal was launched by the Chairman of the Section with the approval and support of the Association. The target of the appeal was £200 and although there is still some way to go before this is reached the response to date should enable work to be started soon. Much of the support has been from members of the Association who have never played Rugger and whose sporting interests lie elsewhere. Their generous contributions earn the thanks of all present, and also, let it be said, future members of the Rugby Section.

The improvement in accommodation is doubly welcome for it should be in time to match an improvement in fixtures. The efficiency of the Fixture Secretary, Peter Knight, aided by the good work of his predecessor, Brian Etchells, has led to an improvement in the fixtures for 1952-53, with arrangements for a still greater improvement in the season 1953-54. In view of the very keen competition for fixtures in Lancashire and Cheshire, it is very satisfactory to report fixtures against the "A" teams of Sale, Broughton Park and Manchester; whilst a Junior fixture, it is hoped the first of many, has been arranged with Fylde "B." There is a good fixture list for next year's Extra "A"—intending members, please note.

The final playing records are encouraging. The First XV will do well to ponder the defeats as well as to rejoice in the victories. As the fixtures improve so will the experience we gain from our opponents. Many of our members are young and thus lack experience, but it is unwise to assume that one can gain it only from mistakes. On heavy pitches we allowed the bustling tactics of Y.M.C.A. and Toc H to put us off our game. The remedy lies in using our heads as well as in keeping our feet, and in making good use of training time and practice games. The standard of opposition which the First XV is now meeting ruthlessly punishes the type of cluelessness that results in being caught in possession, or worse still, fly-hacking, in our own "25." When we lose our heads we do both these things—the remedy is clear.

The "A" XV has done better than the figures may suggest. Many of its losses were caused by injuries and the unsettlement of the side to meet the calls of the First XV. It would help everyone, and particularly the Team Secretary and the "A" Team Captain if all cry-offs were made early in the week. Genuine emergencies will always occur, but not nearly so often as the feverish activity that is necessary on Friday and Saturday morning would suggest.

The Extra "A" had a few disappointments towards the end of the season through the scratching of fixtures. The members concerned showed their usual cheerful resilience, and a high standard of table-tennis was reached in the pauses of a number of serious conversations about "Life."

Finally, the Rugby Section would like to record its thanks to Mrs. Dennis, Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Huxstep, for their help with various forms of catering, and First Aid to the injured. It is, perhaps, a good thing that Brantingham Road is not run on entirely the same lines as Mount Athos.

RESULTS

FIRST XV

Mar.	8—v. Toc H.....	A	L	9-21
"	15—v. Crewe and Nantwich ...	H	D	6-6
"	22—v. Davenport "A"	A	W	3-0
"	29—v. Ashton-on-Mersey	H	W	14-12
Apr.	5—v. Crewe and Nantwich ...	A	W	8-3
"	12—v. Churchill's	H	W	16-5
"	14—v. Didsbury	H	W	14-0
"	19—v. Oldham "A"	H	W	6-5

"A" TEAM

Mar.	8—v. Toc H "A"	H	W	12-11
"	15—v. Crewe and Nantwich ...	A	W	27-0
"	22—v. Davenport Ex. "A" ...	H	W	22-3
"	29—v. Leigh Tech. Col. "A" ...	H	L	0-39

EXTRA "A"

Mar.	8—v. Toc H "B"	H	D	0-0
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FINAL RESULTS

	P.	W.	L.	D.	Goals For	Goals Agst.
First XV	31	24	5	2	383	141
"A" XV	23	9	12	2	175	342
Ex. "A" XV ...	15	3	10	2	86	254

J.H.P.S.

Old Hulmeians Golf

The Annual Competition for the Bradbury, Vlies and Merchant Cups was played on May 22nd. This year the event was held at the Chorlton Golf Club by the kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Club. The weather was kind and the course in excellent condition, so all twenty-seven who took out cards enjoyed their games.

The winners were:—

Bradbury Cup: J. C. Jarvis, 91—22 = 69.
 Vlies Cup: J. L. Somerfield, 83—8 = 75.
 Merchant Cup: S. I. Davies, 91—20 = 71.

Old Hulmeians at Oxford

A few days ago, in the narrow Catte Street, which runs between the ceremonial gate of All Souls and the Radcliffe Camera, a certain undergraduate was buttonholed by an American visitor, who asked with true transatlantic charm, "Say, pardon me, but, where is the university?" That worthy young man did his best to explain that the "university" (in parentheses), is largely a figment of the imagination; that it is a disembodied power with little to mark its existence in the material world; that it is, in short, merely an organisation which binds together a number of ancient colleges. Somewhat baffled by his latest experience of English humour, the visitor gazed down from his modest six feet four and tried an easier question. If he could not be shown the "university" where could he find the campus? At this point, the undergraduate, whose only personal experience of a "campus" derived from Caesar's Gallic War Book I, suddenly remembered an urgent appointment with someone in high authority and departed.

He who wishes to write of "Oxford," (in parentheses), in Trinity Term, has a problem similar to that of the American. He can remark upon the pallid candidates, with white bow-ties and faces to match, who, in the sixth week, surge into the "Schools" in a last desperate attempt to deceive the dons; upon the champagne-parties on the steps of that awesome building, thrown by the exhibitionist few, for whom all is over bar the cross-questioning of the "viva." He can even pick out familiar faces in the crowd; J. N. McManus of Saint Edmund Hall, asking himself if Goethe really were significant: or D. Read of University, careering down from Headington Hill, postulating what Gladstone really said; or F. S. Sutcliffe of Saint Catherine's, unmindful, for the moment, of Bach fugues; or A. Wilkinson of Brasenose, pondering abstruse problems of chemical research, to be undertaken in his fourth year, in the odd moments when not leading the 'Varsity' Crosse team or his brother Geoffrey, now a practiced pedagogue from Mill Hill, about to convince the examiners that his theory of instruction is equally sound.

Or should the writer talk of the busy, senior generation so rarely seen; of J. Wilkes, L. Robertson, and S. S. Wilson, though rumour has it that the latter now holds the purse-strings of the Yacht Club?

Or should he say, in passing, that K. Carter and A. Sedgewick joined the ranks of those otherwise intelligent men, who, in parties of eight, on six afternoons in May set aside for the purpose, travel

at great speed between the "Concrete Bridge" and Folly Bridge, backwards: though, in truth, both Carter and Sedgewick preferred to see where they were going and chose to sit in the stern of B.N.C. Second and Fourth boats, shouting lustily and more or less rhythmically. H. Davidson, B.N.C., the writer hears, continues to play tennis, the piano and darts, in that order of preference, and is also a member of the rather exclusive Alchemist body known as the Alembics.

And what of B. T. Gibson, who played Lord Staggmante in the Saint Edmund Hall production of "The Ascent of F6" and then withdrew to the Victorian-Gothic fastness of North Oxford?

This said, what can be added to convey the atmosphere of an Oxford summer? Alas, like our campus, it remains intangible. B.T.G.

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge

The academic year at Cambridge is now ended, and most O.H. are no longer in residence. The end of term provided the usual climax to the year—May Week.

This "festival" commences on the first night of the May Races—a Wednesday, always. In the evening, the Madrigal Society sings for us under King's Bridge until dusk; when it slowly moves down-river in lighted punts. Other evenings are occupied by various college productions: and all the time the annual Footlights Revue (this year at the Arts Theatre), continues for two weeks. After four days racing, Bump-suppers round off Saturday night in a rowdy but enjoyable fashion: and the following week there is a more decorous evening procession of concerts and May Balls.

Behind the gaiety, the students—the late examinees, await their results: this respite is allowed for enjoyment to those whose results prove bad, and to those who are "going down" for the last time, after degree day. There is no O.H. in this unhappy band at the present time: though perhaps there are some impressed by the unreality of this whole finale.

G. R. MacLeod (Christ's) and J. P. Chilton (Clare), are still in residence, doing what one presumes to be "research." MacLeod remains out of sight: Chilton has been seen carrying a tennis-racquet in various colleges, in a Clare boat in the races, and in other meeting-places.

V. Edkins (Pembroke), gave up rowing for the term: he has now had enough time to find out the details of his Tripos, but must have regretted the

surrender of his place on the river, as his college did very well in the "Mays." D. Schlapp has remained a steady worker in the Natural Sciences; and still acts the part of an untypical undergraduate. M. E. Coops (St. John's), gave up rowing too: but immediately after the exams and a week before the races, a scratch crew was formed in which he was invited to join. The crew got on to the river (in a low division!) made two bumps and missed a "double over-bump." Of course he was found celebrating on Saturday night, after L.M.B.C. remained Head of the River.

In the midst of these celebrations, he met D. Hood (Peterhouse), who was also in a successful and higher boat. Hood appeared to be appreciating his nocturnal visit to St. John's; but no conversation ensued to provide information for these notes. A. B. Wilkinson (St. Catharine's) and H. Gooddie (Emmanuel), have not been seen; so must be given merely respectful mention. J. F. Wyatt (St. John's), has played tennis and must have found other ways to make summer-time pass very quickly: but he refuses to consider them worthy of mention in any O.H. chronicle.

Next year, the same names will be appearing, we must suppose. But we hope that several others will have arrived from School to make the column longer.

M.E.C.

Old Hulmeians at Manchester

The Summer Term is once again upon us and with it examinations. Few old boys are to be seen about these pleasant courts and the desired reunion seems no nearer. Even "caf" is deserted and as to the aristocrats who dine upstairs we care not. For the most they have been driven into solitary confinement; for the rest we wish they were in the same place for frequent attacks of "examination neurosis" make them unbearable to live with.

In spite of the implications of R. P. M. Bond and M. H. Orr, the Rag nevertheless seems to have been a success. E. A. G. Hamilton and G. L. Davies were prominent on the floats of their respective Faculty and "Soc," the less said of Hamilton's appearance the better. As for the affairs which centred around one of our City's glorious cinemas we report that the School training stood Old Boys in good stead for they all successfully avoided arrest. The rumour that J. M. Beasley has formed a small band can here be confirmed. It is not, however, associated with D. Heffer but with G. Beaumont. Knowing the latter's lamentable failure to successfully play any musical instrument while at School you will be

pleased to hear that he has at last admitted to this failure and is now to be found in the midst of the "rhythm section" where he finds a "drooping cigarette" much more pleasing to the mouth than a euphonium mouthpiece.

This writer is glad to report the increasing number of Old Boys entering the Medical School. We could now almost obtain a quorum for an Old Boys meeting in the Dissecting Room, which we assure you is ideally suited for such purposes. A. J. Ralston, E. A. G. Hamilton and G. MacDonald have been seen there brandishing hammer and chisel with true medical skill! We hear that W. R. Lee has joined the Yacht Club but that the nearest he has yet got to the water is polishing the bottom of a boat. We are sure, however, that he executes this task with great dexterity and enthusiasm. The name of D. D. Hilton is frequently to be seen on Mountaineering Club notice boards; we have prepared a touching obituary for the next edition. It is with sadness in our hearts that we report that no longer do we see the plenteous figure of S. B. Foulds. He has retired to an "ivory tower" until the end of exams. We hear, with a sigh of relief for fellow pedestrians, that he has acquired a more adequate motor-bike. We hesitate to think what happened to the other one. It is indeed disturbing to think that he even seems to have deserted the University Training Corps. This is a severe blow to the Nation's Defence. With relief, however, we notice that J. V. Evans is maintaining the standard of this patriotic body in the name of Hulme. After a recent conversation, though, we have reason to doubt that the motive is no longer that bristling keenness so admirably displayed at School but the prospect of being paid for his services.

We congratulate R. Calderwood on his rise to fame within the Union. After a sequence of elections he has now attained the post of General Secretary. Whether this illustrates any political trends we will not commit ourselves. It is believed that he spends what few leisure hours he can spare "doing" a little law. The association of G. J. Oldham and J. G. Chivers with the Drama Group and Gilbert and Sullivan Society respectively, does not seem to have marred their progress and it is remarkable that they have both had successful seasons.

Occasionally a little news filters through from that far flung outpost down Whitworth Street. After the events of the Rag it would seem that they have still not been blessed with the arrival of Western Civilization. J. Cairns goes from bad to worse. Not satisfied with a motor cycle, which was lethal enough in itself, he has now taken to terrorising the streets of Manchester with a small, green, three-wheeled object which he has the audacity to call a motor car! We believe that D. Heffer and D.

Langan are playing on the "Tech" Tennis Team. We also believe they know the captain well, which probably accounts for this remarkable state of affairs.

Soon the vacation will be with us and we will be making our way into the busy world to deliver milk, dig holes in the road or sell ice-cream on Blackpool promenade. If we can oblige you in any way we will be only too pleased, for we have in hearts those immortal words "Fide, sed cui vide!" G.B.

Parents' Association Notes

We mentioned in our last report that the Annual Social Evening was to be held at the Fallowfield Hotel on March 18th. This event duly took place and it was pleasing to note that 48 people representing the Staff and nearly 100 representing the Association, foregathered for a very happy evening. Whilst a last minute rearrangement of the seating accommodation put the entertainment committee a little out of their stride, it is felt that the prevailing atmosphere of friendliness augurs well for the next time.

The twelfth Annual General Meeting was held at the School on May 7th with the usual attendance of about sixty members. Nevertheless, the meeting proved a most interesting and helpful one. In his opening remarks the Chairman, Mr. S. V. Hickling, expressed the opinion that one would view with some pride the achievements of the past year. He was sure that the various reports to be presented would confirm this, and said what pleasure it had given him personally to be associated with the many activities of the various committees. The enthusiasm, support and friendly atmosphere prevailing amongst the committee members was very gratifying.

Subsequent to dealing with the various reports and balance sheets came the election of officers for the ensuing year. Some changes in office were mentioned, beginning with that of Chairman. Mr. S. V. Hickling stated that though he gave up the office with some reluctance he felt that a change would be advisable, and proposed Mr. E. A. Mowl, who was duly elected. The new Chairman intimated that he felt this to be a great honour and mentioned that our past Chairman would be glad to carry on his activities as a member of the Committee.

Our good friend and past Chairman, Mr. Tredwell, in a moving homily, expressed the sincere appreciation of the body of the meeting for all Mr. Hickling had done during his three years in the chair.

Mr. M. Archer also withdrew as Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. L. Stockdale was elected to this office.

Mr. L. Selman was again elected as the Hon. Treasurer and thanked for his services. Special mention was made of the extra work entailed during the past year in dealing with the Music Room Fund.

Our very active Hon. Secretary, Mr. I. S. Hilton, tendered his resignation, not without regret. Messrs. E. Morris and G. M. Robinson remarked on the assiduity and friendliness with which he carried out his many duties, and requested that a note of appreciation of his good and faithful service be placed on record. This was backed by the unanimous assent of the meeting. Mr. M. Archer, who has a background of service with the Association, has agreed to carry on the good work.

Mr. H. N. Hargreave requested to be released from committee duties, and reference was made to the attention and time he had given to the revision of the constitution. Appreciation for this work was expressed. Mr. R. A. Palmer of Gatley was suggested to fill this vacancy, and the committee was approved en bloc—full details will appear in our next circular.

Quite an interesting discussion developed when the suggested new constitution was placed before the meeting. Finally, with minor amendments, the draft was approved. Members will receive copies in due course.

Our Auditors, Messrs. Broomhead and Foxhall, were thanked for their services and unanimously re-elected.

The Annual cricket matches arranged for June 16th and June 25th, in which the Parents' Association teams challenge the Staff and School, will be on record again when these notes appear. We are again indebted to the School for practice facilities and the use of nets and cricket gear. A special word of thanks is due to Mr. Morley for his cheery co-operation on these occasions.

Our next season's programme is still under discussion, but the Fallowfield Hotel has been booked again for our Annual Dance on October 24th. You will be reminded of this date early during the Autumn Term.

We cannot conclude without some reference to Mr. Barber and the yeoman service he has rendered to the School. We, the Parents' Association, wish to add our congratulations to the many, and to wish him well.

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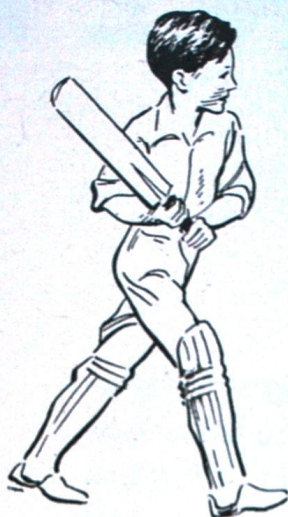
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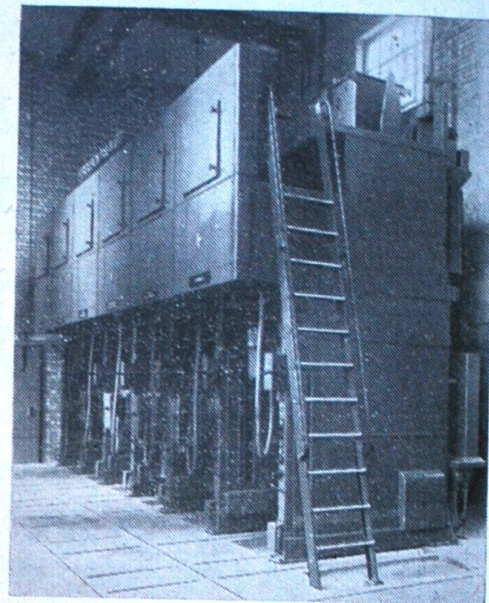
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