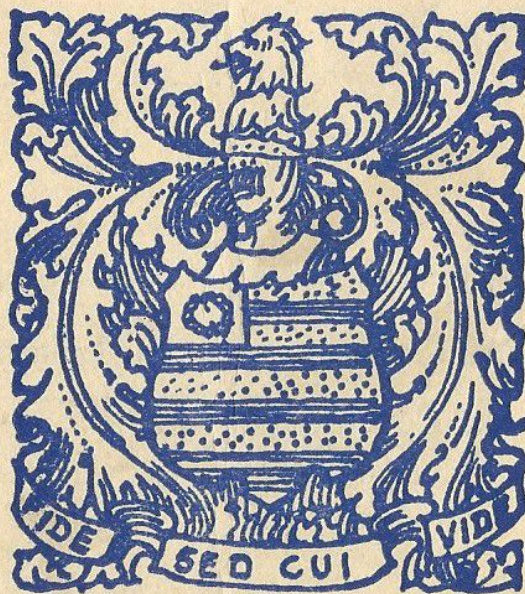


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### School Notes and News

It is with very deep regret that we record the death of Miss E. Viney during the Easter holidays. A tribute to her work in the Preparatory Department appears after these notes.

We congratulate the Old Hulmeians Lacrosse team on their remarkable achievement in winning the league competition, the North of England Flags, the Referees' Trophy and finally the Iroquois Cup, the English championship trophy. The last time this feat was performed was in 1932.

The Old Boys' Rugger club also ended their season on a high note by winning the Toc H 'Sevens' tournament.

At the end of the Easter term Dr. L. A. Jecny left us to take up an appointment as Associate

Professor of German at Lewis and Clark College, Portland, Oregon, U.S.A.

Dr. Jecny has been on the staff for 22 years, during which time he has made a whole-hearted contribution to the life of the school. Many present boys and Old Boys will remember with very great pleasure the parties abroad under his careful planning and supervision; he must have been responsible for introducing hundreds of Hulmeians to the delights of ski-ing, a sport at which he is himself very skilful. With the Headmaster he founded the Leonardo da Vinci Society and shared the entertainment of its members in his house in Demesne Road: he produced form-plays, ran film-shows, and for many years acted as School Librarian, a task to which he devoted himself with typical thoroughness, spending many hours on the cataloguing and care of books.



He has made a full contribution to the successes of the Modern Language Department, and was teaching Russian in the School long before it became fashionable as an extra foreign language. He is a man of wide interests who has enriched the School by his enthusiasms, his kindness and his genuine interest in the boys he taught and met throughout the School. We are glad to pay this tribute to one who has served the School so loyally, and we wish him and Mrs. Jecny, who has taught in the Preparatory Department for many years, every happiness in the future.

We congratulate Mr. Blight and Mr. Proudlove, both of whom were married during the Easter holiday. We also congratulate Mr. and Mrs. Green-slade on the birth of a son.

The number of games activities available on Wednesday afternoons has been increased by the introduction of golf on the Chorlton course.

The following appointments have been made: *Captain of Cricket*, G. Casale; *Captain of Tennis*, M. Brown; *Captain of Athletics*, M. V. Tidmas.

Mr. Haynes, Mr. Manning, Mr. Furniss and Mr. Simpson took 40 boys to Swaledale and Wensleydale for the last five days of the Easter holidays. A pleasing group had fair weather in excellent country. Other School parties went to Paris, the Broads, Devon and the Lake District.

We acknowledge receipt of the following: *The Wallaseyan*, *The Birkonian*, *Ulula*, *The Savilian*.

Calendar: C.C.F. Inspection, Friday, July 10th; Speech Day and the opening of the Sixth Form Centre, Wednesday, July 15th; Midsummer Term ends on July 15th; Michaelmas Term begins on Friday, September 11th at 10-45 a.m.

G. Casale has been appointed a School Prefect.

### Miss E. Viney

It was with dismay and grief that we learned of the death of Miss Viney. After an illness of nine weeks, she entered hospital on Maundy Thursday, where it was hoped she would respond to further treatment, but unfortunately this was not to be, and she died peacefully a week later on 2nd April.

Miss Viney joined the Staff of the Preparatory School in September, 1948, and in her quiet, unassuming manner served the School loyally and well. As a form-mistress she was thorough and painstaking, and many boys must be grateful for the good basic training which they received at her hands. Her musical ability as a pianist and singer enriched the School, and will be sadly missed.

Colleagues, parents and boys will long remember her with affection and gratitude.

### The Prep

As many of our readers will know, the Preparatory Department at "Peveril Mount" will close at the end of this term. The last two forms of the Prep. will come over to the Main School, where they will be housed in Rooms 1 and 2. The Prep., therefore, returns to the main building where it began life over 50 years ago.

In 1908 the old Whalley Range High School was taken over by Manchester Education Committee and its kindergarten closed. Its mistress, Miss M. E. Smith, was invited to come to Hulme to open a Preparatory Department for boys between five and eight years of age. In the next ten years the Department increased rapidly in size as the residential areas of South Manchester were developed; by 1916 there were three mistresses and, with accommodation for the main School already strained to bursting point, the Governors decided in 1918 to buy "Peveril Mount" on the corner of Wilbraham Road and Alexandra Road.

There the Prep. has remained, sending into the Main School a steady stream of boys well prepared in the traditions of Hulme by a succession of mistresses who have served the School with loyalty and enthusiasm. For many years the final touches were given in Room 7 by Mr. Williams as form-master of Lower I.

The School has been most fortunate in its Prep. mistresses; older generations will remember not only Miss M. E. Smith, but also Miss Mitford Smith, who succeeded her sister as Headmistress, Miss Caiger, Miss Evans, Miss Speed, Miss Davies and Miss Hall who retired only recently. In more recent years Miss Adams maintained a connection with the School which began when her father joined the Staff in 1910: Miss Jones not only made a valuable contribution to the Prep. but also assisted the Staff cricket XI on several occasions: Mrs. Jecny's enthusiasm has been an asset to both the Prep. and School life generally, while we mourn Miss Viney's untimely death and are grateful for her service to the School.

Miss Berry has been Headmistress of the Prep. for thirty years, and generations of boys and parents have been grateful for her unflagging interest in the School and for her tireless enthusiasm. One has been given to understand that education under Miss Berry can never be dull, and we are delighted that she has agreed to postpone her retirement for a year to bridge the transitional period before the Prep. ceases to exist.

The Editor would be pleased to receive any recollections of the early days of the Preparatory Department and of its mistresses.



## The Sixth Form Centre

At the time of writing, work on the interior fittings of the new building is going ahead steadily. Banks of lockers are being skilfully swung through windows apparently far too small to admit them; tiles are being laid in pleasing geometrical designs with a speed that baffles those of us who have not progressed beyond a chess-board pattern in the bath-room; black-boards are in position, doors are being hung and light-fittings are being installed. Many of us, when we first heard that the building would be ready for use in September, smiled sceptically; as for an official opening on Speech Day—absurd! However, the optimists have been proved triumphantly right, and on Speech Day, Wednesday, July 15th, the Sixth Form Centre will be opened by Lord Fisher of Lambeth, the former Archbishop of Canterbury. Naturally we hope that as many parents, Old Boys and friends of the School as possible will be present for an occasion which will be a landmark in the history of the School.

Now that the scaffolding has been taken down, the bold, clean lines of the new building can be seen to their full advantage. What at first seemed aggressive in its concrete starkness has now taken on a pleasing balance between strength and light, to which the wide expanse of window makes a full contribution.

It is already known that two Houses, Fraser and Gaskell, are to take possession of most of the ground-floor on which there are two housemasters' rooms, two Sixth Form rooms (one for Classics, the other English), as well as four full-sized classrooms. On the first floor there are private study rooms, a reading-room and a 'quiet' room, a small kitchen and a large, airy Sixth Form Common Room with a magnificent view over the playing fields towards Alderley Edge. On the top floor there are two full-sized form rooms, a suite of rooms for the Music Department, and a Lecture Hall which will comfortably seat three hundred.

The whole project continues to arouse considerable interest in educational circles throughout the country. The value to the School in terms of extra class-rooms is obvious, while the Lecture Hall will provide a solution to the thorny problem of finding accommodation for any meeting of more than fifty. But most important will be the new responsibilities given to the Sixth Forms and the experience they will gain in organizing their own common-room. Once again may we appeal to all friends of the School to support us on Wednesday, July 15th, at the opening of the new building.

## The House Play Competition

## WHITWORTH

*The Eccentric* by Danny Abse was produced by A. G. Broome, who also played the eccentric tobacconist, waging his incessant one-man campaign against the ordinariness of the conventional suburban 'little man', played with nice pernickety-ness by R. J. Q. Gristwood. In a well-designed tobacconist's shop, with a suburban backdrop painted evocatively by H. W. Douthwaite, Broome, with an excellent costume and lively business, but above all with uncannily accurate vocal inflections, gave an outstanding performance that beautifully caught the affectionate self-mockery of the author's Jewish humour. M. Sykes as an out-of-work student and D. Thomas as the motor-cyclist gave good support, and D. B. Cunningham was an unusually convincing woman: he managed his costume and his walk particularly well. A. G. Skinner in a rumbustious if somewhat overdrawn performance as a celebrating Scotsman provided the play with its rather inconclusive ending—the weak point of the production was its failure to hide the weakness of the writing here. But in the general presentation of the gentle, idiosyncratic and non-conformist view that the play puts forward, the cast played together well, and served the author admirably.

## GASKELL

Producer N. B. Pearson's initial task of adopting Robert Bolt's *A Man for all Seasons* from full-length to House-play proportions was neatly executed, for Prologue, Trial and Dispatch jelled well into acceptable homogeneity. The resultant play's nub was that of the individual conscience's difficulty in aligning itself to the exigencies of authority. While not wishing to suggest it to be designed as an old illustration of a new dilemma—it's better to be beheaded than be led—it must be acknowledged that the producer cast his opposing forces most appositely.

On one side were marshalled the forces of Reaction. Master Secretary Marsden, marvellously if monotonously sardonic, needled and bumbled his perjuring way towards a compromised truth. In this, he found able support from D. J. Lunt and J. O. Freeman, who gave a positive performance on those occasions he was left unmasked, and G. Hibbert, a fine actor but strangely throaty and wrong-footed for once.

For these representatives of the troubled conscience of a king, D. E. M. Pollard's Sir Thomas More was more than an intellectual match. The



words of rationality and of an embryonic protest-antism were projected with commendable clarity and a quite commanding presence. It was a happy debut.

The producer's final problem was that of achieving continuity. In R. I. Morgan his plan was ably realised. The homespun, cracker-barrel philosopher of the Prologue became, in turn, stage-hand, juror, executioner and commentator. This was a difficult role for, since this was a quasi-Brechtian audience-linking device, the qualities appropriate to spot-lit mouthpiece and simple on-stage spectator required careful transition. To the play's advantage, Morgan's shoulders were broad enough to take the strain and by dint of delicate, laconic under-playing gave the production sufficient ground to construct a thoroughly satisfying and workmanlike evening's entertainment.

The set should not escape notice since it followed the official rules more closely than has been customary of late. Economic platform staging on three levels was sufficient. The lighting was the most impressive feature of all, however. Really intelligent realisation of mingling areas of light and gloom was, for once, satisfying to see.

Amongst a number of worthy performances that of Gaskell's electrician is worth very high commendation.

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### DALTON

One could not withhold a gentle sigh of nostalgia on seeing *On Monday Last*. It was a good example of a species now become rare—the comfortable, whimsical and, above all, old-fashioned type of play popular with school houses up and down the country from the mid-Twenties up to the Fifties. Perhaps the recent St. Laurent decree of 'back three decades' had something to do with the selection. If so, then Dalton is to be congratulated on being in harmony with current trend (not really such a satisfactory one, perhaps).

I suspect, however, that, rather than relying upon *à la mode* demands, this resulted from shrewd resource assessment.

For those who have explored the fascinating area of mediaeval Japanese drama to any extent, the plot was extremely straightforward: a single incident involving four characters is separately related by them to a central figure; the result is four stories.

For nearly an hour, the five actors involved paced steadily through their lines, hitch-free, in a prolongedly twilit park. Frankly, it was a strain on both ear and eye to follow it all, but the audience was patient and Dalton's conscientiousness was rewarded.

Liversedge held the stage throughout as a retired bank manager become father-confessor. Measured and precise in tone and movement, he was well fitted for the part and gave an intelligently considered and stable performance.

With this bedrock, the passing procession received confidence and gave adequate characterisations.

Clare was the most assured female impersonator we have seen for some time and, although no Mrs. 1970, he convinced us that he was above that sorry band of females unable to distinguish between 'fresh Normandy and vitaminised grease. King grappled nobly with Mr. Average Man, Whaite worked well with the hundred-per-cent American kid from Chicago, and M. Hopper upheld British Bobbyhood with some dignity.

The set was most professionally tricked out with municipal bric-a-brac—quite the best naturalistic effort of the series. Whereas Heywood achieved realism with mess, Dalton firmly kept Britain tidy with a regulation green waste-paper container. This, together with a *real* park bench and a well above average gas lamp—this last was a magnificent specimen, a connoisseur's piece—amounted to a classically economic and effective set.

Lighting, however, was not nearly so efficient. Adaptable retina need not find twilight too trying, but the illumination of feet rather than features was a serious error. The make-up—I'm told that really was something to write home about.

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### FRASER

Like the previous play, Fraser's was on familiar ground with both cast and locale in *Atomic Incident*. To fight a war purely on paper seems a logical conclusion for professional soldiers who "like to make themselves comfortable". To entertain regularly one's opposing general (an elegantly St. Tropez-clad A. Horwich) seems as natural to the British C.O., R. W. Warburton, as is his engineering of the death of War Minister M. D. Rayburn (who also produced) who commits the error of discovering too much and of laughing too little.

As gentle farces go, this one was easy enough on the ear, but its almost complete absence of action made it material more appropriate for an off-peak radio play than for the boards.

Warburton's Sandhurst voice and mannerisms were admirably sustained in a barnstormer of a performance: he must have been gargling with gravel for weeks before. He buzzed rather than flapped (even in the most precarious situations) from one side of the stage to the other, consumed quarts of cold tea and seemed, in general, much at



home in a part which owed not a little to Henry Reed's Gland. Why there was so much buzzing and why he buzzed clean out of sight on occasion whilst talking still is less clear, however. Prickly heat induced by best B.D. trousers in lieu of K.D. in the tropics may have had something to do with it.

J. S. Nixon, his son, helped the farcical pot's simmering as did B. Saville whose numerous appearances with cold tea, dusters, brushes and other items of apparatus meet for those who stand and serve were always welcomed and wholly effective.

A. Horwich, however, seemed as bored with the no-plot (like Dalton, Fraser were obviously going Japanese this Olympic year) as, secretly were the audience. Rayburn, also, promised in entry more than he felt capable of effecting in practice. Had the cast sat on a bench and talked to a cardboard microphone, we would have lost little—except for Saville's sterling and purposefully bustling and broom-angled contribution.

#### BYROM

Wolf Mankowitz's little play, like his long-short stories, deals with a recognisable community with its own distinctive humour and vernacular. In his faithfulness to locale, he resembles an English O. Henry.

Jewish plays involving stock characters—back street tailors, dealers and the like—require specialised acting, Jewish or Gentile, of high competence to avoid parody on one hand and pathos on the other. The required blend comes from close observation of colloquialisms and mannerisms and a keen sense of true pathos.

That this fundamental difficulty of adequate transmission of character and situation in *The Bespoke Overcoat* was not recognised at the outset by the producers, was the factor chiefly responsible for turning a depressing enough play into an even gloomier performance.

It would have been agreeable, for example, to have seen evidence of observational excursions to Bury New Road if not to Whitechapel itself.

Morry and Bender, tailor and clerk, were given suitably crumpled performances by G. Roberts and B. G. Gazzard. The *largo* selected as *tempo primo* had become *lentissimo* by the time the coda arrived. This enabled the ardent innocent ear to hear such remarks as: "Do me a favour" taken perfectly straight. Genuine monotony prevailed.

While Bender, complete with his bespoke burden, crawled toward death, D. G. Cowan, a heartless "with it" employer, manfully coped with a distinctly ungrateful part and showed welcome

panache as did I. M. K. Lowe, whose appearance was fleeting but forthright.

The facility and slickness with which warehouse/tailor shop changes were achieved on the static set was the prime evidence of quality in the production. The timing in this respect was uncannily accurate and hiatus-free.

This was an ill-starred choice and one left it regretting that the energies of the enthusiasts involved were so optimistically misguided.

#### HEYWOOD

With a hat-trick of successes under their scalp belts, the burning question of the hour was whether Hados would box the compass with another winner. Such mixing of metaphor will not seem inappropriate to those who watched with absolute fascination the plastic possibilities of stage cement under Holmes' expert hands—but more of that, later.

The cast in Patrick Hughes' *A Place of My Own* was the same as for the previous year's *No Fixed Abode*, but this time they were dispensing with a producer's services.

Curtains parted to reveal the now familiar Hados playground setting for a whiff of the old social-realist magic. Where else on the Hulme stage can we be assured of seeing a rumpus room replete with *real* cement, *real* dirty milk bottles, *real* workman's tea—really strong enough to stand a spoon up in. The building site in the quad had evidently been so thoroughly raided that the real actors seemed almost incidental.

The old magic lingered on with phase two, *stage business*. Mortar is mixed, caps adjusted, tea and thick *butties* guzzled with carefully observed professionalism. The cast was not so much playing at as *being* workmen. It was marvellously impressive.

And there the necromancy faded away. The great P. D. Roylance himself opened the serious part of the agenda with a mulligatawny of an accent ranging wide and erinfree from Dublin to Co. Mayo via Cork: the process of de-Chancellorisation had perhaps shocked the system a little too much. Under the circumstances, it was probably wise of all save C. R. Holmes to follow this lead and decently muffle with dialect rare lines as barren of point and navy wit as the plot emergent proved to be of purpose.

The play's own flabbiness may have been responsible for the cast's approach of extreme casualness to delivery but the audience would have been grateful for a fairer chance of judging its quality. After all, this rough assessment is



itself based only upon the few scraps tossed as evidence in my direction.

The upshot, several impressive showers of ceiling plaster later, seemed to be as follows: Nipper had no girl; Paddy no return ticket; Larry no job; Tom no housewife. Foreman Ken's summary of: "A bunch of no-goods who'll never do nothing" seemed a trifle undiplomatic.

Respectively responsible were: R. C. Back, cool and keen; P. D. Roylance, a beautiful mover; T. C. Cunliffe, modulating his pathos well; C. R. Holmes, the most audible of the quintet and a promising action cement sculptor, and J. D. Shuttleworth, a remorseless seeker after unpalatable truths.

Perhaps it's time for an opera again.

The final placings in the House Play Competition were as follows:—

1st, Gaskell; 2nd, Heywood; 3rd, Fraser, Whitworth; 5th, Byrom; 6th, Dalton.

### The Stage Staff Play

It was quite straightforward, really. Set before the bamboo curtain, a sino the times, a peekin' young laundomat, played in a dazzlingly bright Beverley Hills manner tries to teach his junk sailing mother how to curry dragons' eggs while scrambling on to the set in a glorious dame of puddings ensemble which she has just completed with a blue-chip gamp gained via the local Dow Jones congregational bazaar but being a veritable comber of beechings had just put her son back on the rails when a green stamp of a report unshielded the jolly broolly genius whose wit is chuzzled constantly by the consuming consciousness of the renegade people's hero (fourth class) but meanwhile back at the North End resident D.J.—G.P. (B.Sc.) had the Barnsley sauce to pool vast deficit margins between united cities as a permutated penny pointing nought nought seven was spurred on to bring down a mute rafter-hanging kibbitzer with no possible means of rapport after a dummy run which shocked the rockers (especially a feathery dust-ring falconer who created an avenging gale of hot and cold change) and mollified those more moderately inclined like the sago pudding queen whose hopes of haus frauhood were temporarily semi-detached by a Bootle-bound bee in a Bennett whose magic zed-carpet hopes were in turn arrested from top-ten ratings by the hero who widnes-sed the policeeding and accidentally reunited the twin cultures (if his know-how is for us who can be-leave us?) with a special licence—to whit—to wed.

The Stage Staff certainly gave us a refreshing palate-invigorator with which to conclude an all too brief season of real theatre.

To filch a phrase, this was a worthy fillip to our stage.

Among those who involved themselves with such aplomb, presence of mind and extremely effective enunciation were: M. A. Holland, S. M. Fletcher, G. R. Cocker, R. M. J. Kinsey, P. E. Beverley, D. J. Fletcher, D. B. Faulkner, R. N. Curry, J. W. Bennett and Mr. G. Phillips.

Who stage-staffed the stage-staff is not recorded.

### Stage Notes

At Christmas we were unfortunate to lose Mr. McCulloch, who has played a prominent part in electrical matters for several years. In his place we welcome Mr. Boustead, who has taken over the post of electrical supervisor, and Mr. Furniss, who will be concerned with sound effects.

The House play season once again gave us some interesting problems. As is our custom, the plays are stage managed by our senior members, and this year problems were mainly of an electrical nature. We had two false starts when both Fraser's and Dalton's plays were postponed at the last minute.

For Whitworth's play, *The Eccentric*, R. D. A. Mitchell and A. D. Molyneux were able to make the conventional box-set slightly different as the play took place in a tobacconist's shop. The hundreds of packets of cigarettes were so convincing that members of staff cast doubts on the legality of displaying them to the whole School. P. E. Beverley and P. Jandera are to be congratulated on the skilful use of rostra and lighting effects in Gaskell's play, *A Man For All Seasons*, which won the competition. *The Bespoke Overcoat*, which was Byrom's play, used three sets, and it was to the credit of J. P. Wilson and J. W. Bennett that in this play the lighting changes were executed with faultless precision. Heywood's production of *A Place of My Own* required a two-roomed set on a building site. A. S. Turner and G. Jones were responsible for this production, which resulted in several stage staff members being showered with builders' plaster. Immediately after half-term the two remaining House plays were staged, and a remarkable record was set up for Fraser's play when all the scenery was put up in the dinner-time before the performance. So hurried was the construction that no one realised that fireplaces are never found in outposts in the jungle! P. Jandera was electrician for this play and G. R. Cocker stage-managed it. The last play was Dalton's, and at last J. K. Brigham's big moment arrived—we could now use the Altrincham Corporation genuine old-fashioned gas street lamp which he had bought just after Christmas specially for this play. W. Fearon was the stage manager, and he took great



care in selecting the right kind of bushes to make his set look realistic.

During half-term the stage staff was privileged to be taken round the Opera House to see the scenery and lighting for *My Fair Lady*, and three of our members actually saw a performance of this show from on-stage. We are very grateful to the manager of the Opera House for this visit and to A. S. Turner who arranged it.

The end of the House plays fired us with enthusiasm, and just before Easter we were able to present a not-too serious play called *Ellova Dinn And His Wonderful Gamp*. Great research was needed for this play, and after much argument and abuse, T. A. Hoyle managed to reproduce the sound of a house disappearing.

After Easter the stage was cleared and we are again in the 'closed season', but even if the stage does appear silent, don't be deceived; for somewhere in the School the stage staff mind will be at work, making the organisation more efficient for next year's plays.

### End of Term Concert

It is a pity that the musicians in the School rate themselves so lowly. This thought comes to mind when considering the Concert given in the Lent Term. It must have been this reason that made them give so little publicity to their occasion, for their efforts deserved far better support than they received.

The concert had some very pleasant features, but in turning to the individual items one is forced to the conclusion that a lack of confidence does not always pay. Seldom during the evening did one obtain the impression that the executants were enjoying making music, which is surely wrong. The programme started with the Orchestra playing Mendelssohn's *War March of the Priests*, a choice which should have allowed for a warming up to take place, but it was given with an air of caution that came close to monotony. Music, like most other activities, obtains a lot of its effects from contrasts, and Mendelssohn liberally provides them in this overture.

The item which followed was a further proof of the musical talent in the School. It was an agreeable trio for oboe, violin and piano written by one of the boys, J. A. Ireland. More experience will help the composer to realise how to make use of the different tone qualities of his instruments—there were times when the oboe drowned the violin—but the work as a whole made pleasing hearing and came to an end with a great flourish.

It was very courageous of A. R. Cooper to tackle a piano solo so well known as Beethoven's

*Moonlight Sonata*, but he gave a creditable performance. His opening movement was a determined effort to keep the smooth flow of the music, and was a study in controlled playing. But again one felt that the pianist could have "let himself go" later in the Sonata and hence have added to the general effect by contrast. Whether it was from lack of confidence in himself or in the instrument, it was not a good idea to start with the piano lid closed and have it opened during the performance. These details, like the foot-tapping of one of the players in the trio, tend to take the mind of the listener from the enjoyment of the music.

The symphony which followed, Haydn's *Oxford*, was at times a little too much for the orchestra: some faulty intonation in the 'cellos and woodwind spoiled parts of the opening movements. The third movement, however, went well, and a really good showing could have been given with this latter movement alone. However, it was a very worthwhile attempt at an ambitious performance.

After the interval we had a trio for violin, 'cello and piano by Haydn which gave some enjoyable moments, although there was evident nervousness in the string players which at times upset the balance of the group. The madrigals which followed made one more convinced than ever that to appear to be enjoying musical activities is one of the main factors in giving a good performance. The singers here fully entered into the music, whether it was by a traditionally accepted or relatively unknown composer. (One of the madrigals was a setting by R. V. Nichols to words by D. E. B. Pollard, both sixth-formers). The singers enjoyed the music, and so did we.

The movement from Mozart's Oboe Concerto which followed was of a high standard, musically and technically. This applies not only to the oboe part played by I. Heywood, but to the very sympathetic and inspired accompaniment on the piano by A. P. Hamnett.

The evening finished with a suite of English Folk songs, and in these we felt that at last the orchestral players were enjoying themselves, having perhaps found inspiration from the two previous items and from pieces which they felt were in their range.

There is a lot to be gained from taking part in musical activities of this kind which give so much pleasure. We hope that it will not be long before we have another concert and that then a bigger audience will be there to appreciate and encourage the efforts of those taking part.

### The Donner Library

At the beginning of the School year a considerable number of worn-out and out of date books were removed from the Library. During the course of the year some 260 books have been added to



replace them. These two processes have necessitated an entire overhaul of the catalogue.

In commemoration of the Quatercentenary of Shakespeare's birth a new and up-to-date copy of each of his works was added to the shelves.

The daily papers taken in now include *The Guardian* and *The Daily Telegraph*. The weekly papers have also been augmented by *The New Society* and *The Economist*. We have to thank Mr. A. H. Allman for kindly providing copies of the monthly *Director*.

In an earlier report some reference was made to the devoted work of Dr. Jecny as librarian. As time progresses one's appreciation of the self-sacrificing application and skill he gave to his duties steadily intensifies. The books he selected ranged widely and were discriminatingly chosen. The time he devoted to repairing worn books and reinforcing the somewhat flimsily bound volumes current today was phenomenal. The School owes him a considerable debt for the conscientious services he rendered.

### The Junior School Library

We have gratefully received gifts of books and one cash donation from the parents of the following:— P. H. Woodhead (M6M), A. Steel (M6M), S. R. Marsden (3Y), D. K. Anderson (3B), K. M. Dodd, P. P. Morris (3A), J. R. Banks, P. Dickson (2A), G. D. Beaver, A. F. M. Brewood (2B), A. R. Grant, K. P. Hughes (1A), R. J. White, J. S. Wolstenholme (1C), A. Dean (1D).

Next term we are hoping to move to more capacious quarters and have ambitious plans for extending the scope and the use of the library. We therefore earnestly request that parents of older boys should sort out books suitable for boys of 11—13 that their sons no longer require and send them to us.

### C.C.F. Notes

#### 'A' COMPANY

The programme of advanced training was continued during the Spring term.

Signals Platoon, under the auspices of 2nd Lt. Williams, continued to thrive. Cpls. M. Brown and J. W. Bennett, L/Cpl. J. P. de la Perelle, and Cdts. J. Blake, J. D. Rogers, C. E. Whittaker and R. P. Nunn passed the Classification Test, and Cpl. G. Jones and L/Cpl. B. A. Sufrin qualified as Assistant Instructors.

Two and Three Platoons received a course of instruction in the 3-inch Mortar under the direction of the 8 Bn. Manchester Regiment.

On Field Day a welcome change in environment was made from the much-visited Crowden. The Signals Platoon exercised at Holcombe Brook, whilst the remainder of the Company went to the training area at Bickerton, near Tarporley, where amid attractive surroundings they took part in a T.E.W.T. organised by Major Pemperton of the 8 Bn. Manchester Regt.

This term courses are being run in Signalling, Civil Defence, and Advanced Infantry Training, and, as far as the limited number of places available allows, as many N.C.Os. as possible have been transferred to 'B' Company to gain experience in instruction.

#### 'B' COMPANY

A rigorous but very beneficial Cadre course was run for Four and Five Platoons during the Spring term by instructors from the 8 Bn. Manchester Regiment. Those under instruction will at least have learnt something of what is required of a good N.C.O.! These platoons have now been posted to 'A' Company, with a choice of either Advanced Infantry Training or Signalling.

Field Day was spent at Holcombe Brook, on ground new to most of the cadets and providing ample opportunity for exercises in fieldcraft, tactics, and patrolling.

Training up to Certificate 'A' standard is the primary consideration this term. It is anticipated that all cadets of the Company will take the Army Proficiency Test before the end of the term, and we are hoping for a high percentage of passes.

#### ANNUAL INSPECTION

The Contingent will be inspected by Brigadier R. B. Penfold, M.V.O., Commander, 127 Inf. Bde., on Friday, 10th July.

#### CAMP

16th to 24th July, at Ramsey, Isle of Man.

#### HOUSE SHOOTING COMPETITION

The Shooting Competition was held at the beginning of this term. The results were as follows: 1st Gaskell, 537 pts.; 2nd Heywood, 423 pts.; 3rd Byrom, 403 pts.; 4th Dalton, 360 pts.; 5th Whitworth, 339 pts.; 6th Fraser, 299 pts.

The best individual score was obtained by Sgt. Herbert (Gaskell)—160 points.

#### PROMOTIONS

The following promotions have been made:—

To R.S.M: C.S.M. C. R. Holmes.

To C.S.M: Sgt. R. I. G. Morgan.

To Sergeant: Cpls. I. S. Ashcroft, R. A. Assar, N. M. Kennedy, N. B. Pearson.



## THE HULMEIAN

To Cpl: L/Cpls. G. Jones, J. P. de la Perelle, W. M. Wolstenholme, W. J. Roberts, D. Marsden, A. G. Broome, M. J. C. Burns, J. D. King, S. R. Amor, S. J. Bertenshaw.

To L/Cpls: Cdt. B. A. Sufrin, J. Bunting, R. P. Nunn, R. H. Davies, M. P. Rack, S. Paton.

### Lacrosse

#### FIRST XII

The team throughout the season has shown great courage and determination despite their comparative lack in size. Unfortunately, last year's magnificent performance in the Junior Flags was not repeated, but the whole team went down fighting against a strong Manchester University side.

Cheadle Hulme School's dominance over us was reversed this year by three comfortable victories over a weakened side. Neither of the other schools presented any difficulty to our strong team. Apart from the inevitable defeat against the unconquerable Old Hulmeians, our four defeats, all against University teams, were close matches.

The attack, built around last year's colours and ably led by C. W. Beaumont, showed great imagination and speed, but fell down against the more experienced defences. It seemed that the greatest asset of the defence was in its forcing, particularly by J. D. Shuttleworth, as they all managed to score at least one goal during the season. They counteracted their lack of experience by hard robust play while D. L. Worthing's coolness in covering and anticipation was a joy to watch.

#### RESULTS

v. Cheadle 'A' H W 10—7

This being the opening fixture of the season, the School took some time to settle into their stride, particularly the defence. It was a hard-fought game all the time against experienced league players. The team's fitness in the last quarter enabled them to score three quick goals to clinch the match. Blake was the mainstay of the attack with five well-taken goals.

v. Stockport G.S. A W 9—2

The whole team quickly adapted itself to the hard, frosty conditions with the attack moving the ball about beautifully. Owing to poor shooting a lead of only four goals was established by half-time. Then Stockport decided to pack their defence in an attempt to stop their goal being over-run, thus preventing any further attractive lacrosse. Both Stott and Veitch played well in their first

games of the season, while Beaumont was the principal scorer with four goals.

v. Nottingham University H W 14—1

In this third fixture the first half was hard-fought and evenly matched. The defence, particularly Shuttleworth, played very well under constant pressure from the opposition. The School attack then clicked into form and gained complete domination of the game, every member figuring in the scoring.

v. Cheadle Hulme School H W 15—4  
(1st Round N.E.L.A. Junior Flags)

Revenge was sweet against the School's great rivals, Cheadle Hulme, for they had defeated us three times last year. The game, as usual, was extremely fast and rugged, bringing the inevitable crop of injuries. Five goals, including some fine individual efforts by Casale, were scored without reply in the first quarter, and to stop any further flood of goals they packed their goalmouth, only allowing one more goal to be scored by half time. After the interval Cheadle Hulme staged a sudden but only momentary come-back, and stemming from Jackson's continual supply from the centre, the School took complete control for the rest of the game.

v. Leeds University A L 6—7

This first defeat of the season was almost certainly due to the unavailability of two of our best attack players in Casale and Bentley, and a wretched coach journey. The game was played on a sloping, muddy pitch which completely sapped what was left of our energy. The defence was under continual pressure from a lively Leeds attack, while the School attack lacked its usual penetration. Veitch scored a fine goal forcing from defence, but two goals in the dying seconds of the game plucked victory from our grasp in a very tough match.

v. Manchester University H L 5—9  
(2nd Round N.E.L.A. Junior Flags)

The School were unable to reproduce their form of previous games against a very strong side at present at the top of the Second Division. Our defence were constantly in trouble with the fast moving, experienced Manchester attack and we were soon four goals down. Slowly our attack began to make some impression on their rather robust defence and reduced the arrears to a single goal. Better mid-field play enabled their attack to increase their lead into an unassailable target, and we were never able to catch up again. Throughout the game the whole team fought magnificently in an effort to try and repeat last year's performance in this competition, but experience won over zest.



v. Sheffield University

A L 4—5

This match was the most evenly contested of the season so far, with neither side being in possession for long. The School defence was suspect on the slippery surface of the goalmouths and this gave rise to most of Sheffield's goals. Attractive approach work was spoiled by a lack of finishing power in a fast, action-packed game.

v. South M/c. and Wythenshawe 'A' H W 9—7

Strong running, hard accurate passing and excellent finishing, particularly by Beaumont, enabled us to establish a firm grip on the game right from the start. Throughout the game Bentley played a foraging role providing the important link between defence and attack. The defence, apart from some tense occasions, played extremely confidently against an experienced club attack that always looked dangerous.

v. Cambridge University  
(Half-Term Trip)

A L 4—6

We travelled down to Cambridge on the Thursday morning in two hired dormobiles very competently driven by Mr. Bryans and Mr. Haynes. Mr. Bumgarner also accompanied us in order to see where the Brains of Britain live and to take some action pictures of the game. Leaving our lodgings, a Youth Hostel, after a quiet and early night, we were taken on a conducted tour of the colleges of Cambridge by the only person in the party privileged to have been a student here, Mr. Haynes.

After an enjoyable lunch we proceeded to the ground. We were two goals down in as many minutes, but the whole team played like demons against a very strong Cambridge side, and by half time honours were shared at four goals each. In the third quarter the attack played some beautiful lacrosse but bad shooting deprived us of a considerable lead. At the start of the last quarter it was still four each and the School were doing everything but scoring. Cambridge managed to get two goals without reply to win a wonderful match in which Stott's marking of their star attack player was magnificent. After a tea of a great variety of delicacies in the rooms of one of our opponents, we drove home a highly contented party.

v. Manchester University

H W 11—6

In this return fixture the School were always in full control of an easy-paced game, Stott's goal being the highlight of the match. The School attack moved the ball about well and just seemed to score when necessary. Manchester staged a late rally, but we still emerged victors by five goals in a rather dull game.

v. Cheadle Hulme School

H W 7—1

Once again the School proved to be a far superior side to Cheadle Hulme whose unimaginative attack made very little impression on our solid defence. The attack threw the ball about attractively and the ubiquitous Bentley, playing his usual role, soon had their defence wide open and in chaos. Only the excellence of their goalkeeper kept the score down to respectable limits. Both Morgan and Shuttleworth forced cleverly from defence.

v. Manchester Grammar School

H W 7—1

This was the most uninteresting game of the season against the most innocuous Manchester Grammar side we have played. Almost from the start of the game they blocked the whole of the goalmouth with their attack as well, thus preventing any interesting lacrosse, and thwarting many individualistic efforts by our attack. The few goals that came were little relief in an uninspiring game.

v. Stockport Grammar School

H W 16—2

Although this game was really over in the first half, Stockport can be congratulated for still keeping the game open and constantly trying to play attractive lacrosse. Their defence could not get to grips with our fast moving attack and in playing it so open allowed us to score almost at will. Beaumont again established himself as the sharp shooter with six goals, while the defence again proved their mettle in attack.

v. Cheadle Hulme School

A W 12—2

This victory completed our hat-trick over our great rivals. It was the finest and most complete performance by the School this season, with every member of the team playing his part perfectly and with the team playing as one complete unit and not just defence and attack apart. We were fortunate in having such an accomplished reserve in Hanson who fitted into the attack very well. The defence played confidently against a much improved Cheadle Hulme attack, and Worthing's covering inspired the defence to greater heights. The Cheadle Hulme defence could never manage to contain our lively attack in which Casale and Nixon played particularly well.

v. Old Hulmeians 1st

H L 4—16

Our magnificent opponents who have swept all before them this season certainly swept us aside and gave us an exhibition of beautiful lacrosse. Despite this, we held them to a margin of four goals at half-time with our defence performing miracles. Jackson, at centre, played the game of his life, and gave our attack a regular supply of the ball, but they were unable to penetrate their very strong and experienced defence. Our defence, though never lacking in spirit when fighting for possession on the ground, found it impossible to



contain the superb Old Hulmeians attack in the second half. Even when outclassed in every department, the School never gave up trying and the four goals we scored were well deserved in a memorable game.

Colours were re-awarded to: N. M. Kennedy (Capt.), C. W. Beaumont (Vice-capt.), J. D. Shuttleworth, P. N. Bentley, D. R. Stott, J. Blake, A. A. Jackson, and awarded to: D. L. Worthing, P. F. Veitch, R. I. G. Morgan, J. S. Nixon, G. Casale.

The following represented Lancashire School-boys against Cheshire: N. M. Kennedy (Capt.), C. W. Beaumont, J. D. Shuttleworth, D. L. Worthing, A. A. Jackson, P. N. Bentley, J. Blake.

The Lancashire team won comfortably by 21 goals to 7.

## SECOND XII

With only one player remaining from last year's team, a new side had to be built up from scratch. The defence has been the stronger department and, although many goals have been scored against it, the quick change from defence to attack produced many goals. Too often the attack played like a bunch of individuals, but it always fought for the ball. The best matches of the season were against Oldham and Werneth and against Heaton Mersey 'A'. Against Oldham the defence lacked cover and the attack did not combine, but the side played fast enough to upset the rhythm of the opposition. It was this speed and fitness which produced a close game against a skilful Heaton Mersey side. Many of the other games were very one-sided and it was a pity that the side was not tested more often because, with more combination added to the speed, the side would be very strong.

Colours were re-awarded to J. S. Street and awarded to J. O. Freeman (capt.), M. Brown (vice-capt.), G. Brister, P. N. McNulty, D. Buckley, K. McMurtrie, S. J. Bertenshaw, J. N. Jones, P. O. Hanson, J. K. Irving, W. J. Condon and D. Marsden. The following also played: J. A. Thornhill, J. D. Rogers, P. Burgoyne, A. Barnes, K. Lodge, O. A. Jackson.

## RESULTS

v. Ashton 'A' .....	H W	5—4
v. Liverpool University .....	A L	1—12
v. Chorlton 'A' .....	H W	5—0
(1st Round Lancs. Junior Cup)		
v. Oldham and Werneth .....	H L	8—10
(2nd Round Lancs. Junior Cup)		
v. Sheffield University 'A' .....	A W	21—1
v. Cheadle Hulme G.S. II .....	A W	15—4
v. Oldham and Werneth .....	A W	14—4
v. Heaton Mersey 'A' .....	A L	8—12
v. Cheadle Hulme School II ...	H W	12—3
v. Old Hulmeians 'A' .....	H L	3—13

## UNDER 15 XII

A fairly strong side enjoyed a reasonably successful season. Unfortunately some fixtures were cancelled and only later in the term did the team have a chance to develop. The defence was solid and covered well, backed up by some capable goal-keeping by J. N. S. Hancock. In attack P. S. Richardson, playing as wing or centre, made many openings. A. J. McGlue captained the team well and was a dangerous 1st Home.

The matches against Cheadle Hulme School, Stockport Grammar School and South Manchester and Wythenshawe Juniors were close and exciting, and the team gave very spirited performances in these. A strong side at Ellesmere Park School played well and administered the one heavy defeat, but unfortunately only five of the regular side were available for the game..

A. J. McGlue, P. S. Richardson, J. N. S. Hancock, M. L. Ford, I. G. Cundey, D. P. Gaskell and K. W. Nightingale were chosen to play for Lancashire Colts against Cheshire. From this successful Lancashire team, P. S. Richardson, J. N. S. Hancock and A. J. McGlue were selected to play for the North of England Colts XII which defeated the South of England Colts XII on April 11th.

The following played regularly for the team: A. J. McGlue, P. S. Richardson, J. N. S. Hancock, I. G. Cundey, M. L. Ford, D. P. Gaskell, J. J. McMullen, D. G. Cowan, C. Knott, W. P. Cavanah, B. R. Ross, A. A. Labaton, K. Burrell and K. W. Nightingale.

## RESULTS

v. Stockport G.S. 2nd XII .....	H W	7—6
v. Cheadle Juniors .....	H W	13—1
v. Cheadle Hulme School .....	H W	8—4
v. Cheadle Hulme School .....	A W	7—6
v. Manchester G.S. 2nd XII .....	H W	8—3
v. Ellesmere Park School .....	A L	9—2
v. S. M/c. & Wythenshawe Jnrs.	A L	11—12

## UNDER 14 XII

The team had its ups and downs: the season started with three good wins in which, unfortunately for the team and themselves, Dodd and Simpson were injured. The loss of these two players upset the balance and confidence of the team, and the next three matches were lost. Heaton Mersey eventually won the Juniors and Schools Cup, but we should not have lost to M.G.S. or Cheadle Hulme, though we had the satisfaction of



defeating the latter in the return match the following week.

The defence, well led by Derlien, played with determination and skill—both of which were needed, for it had to deal with opponents who were often bigger and older. The attack was less happy: handling and catching skills were there, but too often players stood still, hoping for, rather than working for, a pass; and they often failed, particularly in the early part of the season, to chase and fight for loose balls. These are faults that can be remedied, however, and there is considerable promise in this team.

Team: M. L. Derlien (capt.), M. Benson, G. S. Simpson (vice-capt.), E. E. Broadhurst, K. M. Dodd, R. J. Finnigan, D. J. Fletcher, J. P. Ketlev, R. D. M. Lind, G. E. Maule, A. D. Mitchell, C. J. Oxford. Also played: W. A. Veitch (8), S. R. Marsden (3), D. Hallworth (2), G. M. Young (1).

### RESULTS

v. Stockport G.S. U.15 .....	W	7—4
v. Mellor Juniors (2nd rnd J & S Cup) .....	W	5—4
v. M.G.S. U.15 2nd XII .....	W	8—0
v. Heaton Mersey Juniors.....	L	3—8
v. M.G.S. U.15 (Semi-Final J & S Cup) .....	L	2—7
v. Cheadle Hulme School .....	L	1—6
v. Stockport G.S. U.15 .....	W	7—6
v. Cheadle Hulme School .....	W	6—3
v. Mellor Juniors .....	L	3—7

### GOALS

P	W	L	F	A
9	5	4	42	45

### U.13 XII

Played 11, Won 7, Drawn 1, Lost 3.

Considering the very poor winter last year, when most of the players in this team did not get any lacrosse until after half-term, their performance this year was particularly satisfying.

The team was led by P. R. Day and showed considerable fight, if little technique, in coming on from behind to win a match. The attack was led by H. J. Davies and they worked well as a team although their handling is still very weak and they never learned to use the behind-goal area successfully.

Particularly commendable was J. Makin in goal who made many brilliant saves and showed the value of a good attack player in goal. A good eye and real ability to handle the ball are essential in goal. Also outstanding in the team were P. R. Day and B. Brittain, quite imperturbable at point and cover point, while the two wing defences, J. A. Wheatley and P. F. Atkinson, were indefatigable and often ran the opposition off their feet.

### RESULTS

v. Stockport Grammar U.14 .....	W	8—7
v. Stockport Tech. School U.13 .....	W	22—0
(Preliminary Round, Centurions Trophy)		
v. Peel Moat School U.13 .....	W	10—2
v. Brownley Green School U.13 .....	W	9—5
(1st Round, Centurions Trophy)		
v. Broadway School U.13 .....	W	6—5
v. Reddish Vale School .....	L	1—3
v. Cheadle Hulme School U.13 .....	W	7—3
(2nd Round, Centurions Trophy)		
v. Cheadle Hulme School U.13 .....	D	6—6
v. Stockport Grammar U.14 .....	W	7—4
v. Cheadle Hulme School U.13 .....	L	2—4
v. Broadway School U.13 .....	L	4—7
(Finals, Centurions Trophy)		

This final match was easily the most exciting of the season and although we held our own and were one goal up at the beginning of the last quarter Broadway played magnificently in the last 15 minutes. Their centre was quite out of our class and stormed through a bewildered defence to slam in three beautiful goals.

This is the first year we have ever lost the Centurions Trophy and although we regret the loss of such a record, Broadway thoroughly deserved their win.

### U.12 XII

Played 2, Won 2.

This is the first year any 1st form team has ever had an outside fixture, but they came on so well after half term that it was thought they were fit to represent the School and so it proved.

Although they have much to learn—particularly in handling—the attack showed a surprisingly mature sense of positional play. Quite outstanding for their age and experience are A. P. Taylor, G. Jones (Capt.) and R. Waddington in attack, J. E. Tebbett at centre, and K. Foster, G. Frost and J. H. Flanagan in defence.

v. Broadway School U.12 .....	W	4—1
v. Manchester Grammar School U.12 .....	W	6—1

### HOUSE LACROSSE

One of the kindest winters for many years enabled a comparatively large programme of House games to be played, and it was only in the latter stages of the term that any games had to be cancelled.



It was evident in the first few weeks that last year's winter, with its repeated cancellations, had had its effect on the handling, but before very long the usual standard was reached.

The Houses are to be congratulated on the extremely high standard of play, especially on the first teams.

In the early stages, Fraser went off very rapidly and were soon well ahead of the rest. They eased off a little in the middle of the term but put on the pressure again and emerged clear winners of the league. Result: 1. Fraser, 2. Heywood, 3. Gaskell, 4. Dalton, 5. Byrom, 6. Whitworth.

Gaskell made a clean sweep in the Knock-outs, winning both Junior and Senior trophies. There were two particularly exciting games during the competition, in the Juniors first round Byrom managing to beat Fraser 6—5 after an 8-all draw, and in the Junior final Gaskell defeated Byrom 8—7 after extra time.

#### FIRST ROUND

##### *Seniors:*

Byrom beat Fraser .....	12—3
Dalton beat Heywood .....	9—0

##### *Juniors:*

Whitworth beat Dalton .....	4—3
Byrom beat Fraser .....	6—5

#### SECOND ROUND

##### *Seniors:*

Dalton beat Whitworth .....	9—3
Gaskell beat Byrom .....	7—1

##### *Juniors:*

Gaskell beat Whitworth .....	4—1
Byrom beat Heywood .....	14—3

#### FINAL

##### *Seniors:*

Gaskell beat Dalton .....	8—5
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##### *Juniors:*

Gaskell beat Byrom .....	8—7
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### Cross Country Running

Though better than last year, the season this year left much to be desired. Although several senior runners had left in the summer, there was still a nucleus of both seniors and juniors around which we hoped to build reasonable teams. However, this was not to be, and neither team showed anything like real strength in depth. The U.16 team always had at least four men in the first ten,

but as with the senior team, invariably had to wait for the fifth and sixth counters. Consequently they lost matches which they might well have won with one or two more better-than-average runners.

The senior team produced no one of outstanding talent and suffered heavy defeats on six occasions. However we were very unlucky to lose twice by four points to Derby School, Bury, and with a full team we could have beaten Worksop College. We did manage to beat Cheadle Hulme School on two occasions, and Chorlton G.S., but as with the U.16 team, in no race did we provide the individual winner—the first time for many years that this has happened, and, it is to be hoped, the last for many years to come.

The U.16 managed two wins, defeating Bolton School and Worksop College. D. J. Whaite again showed considerable promise, running for the senior team on several occasions; in fact, in the last match of the season, he put us all to shame by leading in the entire senior team! R. B. Kapadia ran well throughout the season, as did C. F. Cusick, and A. D. Koffman and P. J. Jandera often gave good support, but one wishes that M. P. Reddin had been fit earlier in the season, and that D. J. Bremner had performed throughout the season as he did in the House Championships.

The senior team was placed second in the Manchester Schools' Championships, and A. R. Armour, P. S. Booth, P. A. Holland and M. V. Tidmas were invited to run for Manchester in the Lancashire Championships at Oldham. Armour, Booth and Holland ran there and found the terrain and conditions not to their liking.

In the Northern Schools Championships, none of the teams covered itself with glory, but we were pleased to see that our friends from Didsbury Technical School won the senior race at their first attempt. Whaite performed well in his age-group, and so did A. W. Renshaw.

Both teams felt the disadvantage of not running before Christmas, of the lack of organised training, and especially of hill-training. Although the latter form of training is difficult in this area, it is hoped that the other disadvantages will be overcome by the beginning of next season.

In the House Championships, despite Fraser juniors winning the U.16 team race, Dalton, with their five senior counters packed into the first 13, took the Crucible Cup for the third time in four years, this year beating Gaskell by 40 points. M. V. Tidmas won the senior race and D. J. Whaite just beat R. B. Kapadia in the junior race.

Colours for 1964 were re-awarded to M. V. Tidmas (Capt.), P. S. Booth, P. A. Holland, R. P. Nunn, and P. G. Grossman; and awarded to A. R. Armour.



## The Badminton Club

The match results this season were the best for many years. The first pair, M. Brown and D. Merriman, playing forcefully and dependably all the season, have been the backbone of the team, winning 46 out of the 48 games they played together against opposing schools. At the beginning of the season the second and third pairs were changed several times to find the strongest combinations. N. Kennedy and G. Roberts emerged as a very strong second pair. P. G. Wood played regularly in the third pair and was usually partnered by J. Whaite or J. Freeman. They could usually be depended upon to beat their opposing number. J. Mayer, P. A. Warburton and J. Rogers also played for the team.

The financial position of the club has improved. The School is paying for the shuttlecocks so that this season subscriptions were found to be unnecessary.

The membership has been increased by a large number of fifth formers. They will provide a healthy nucleus for the club in future years and a strong team should develop.

### RESULTS

v. Bolton G.S. ....	A W*	9—9
v. Altrincham G.S. ....	H W	18—0
v. Manchester G.S. ....	H W	17—1
v. Central G.S. ....	A W	11—7
v. Central G.S. ....	H W	11—7
v. Manchester G.S. ....	A W	12—6
v. Burnage G.S. ....	H W	17—1
v. Parents .....	H L	5—7
v. Bolton G.S. ....	H W	8—6
v. Altrincham G.S. ....	A W	10—8
v. Stand G.S. ....	H L	8—10
v. Parents .....	H D	9—9

\* Won on points.

I should like to thank Mrs. Taylor for the cups of tea, Mr. Ogden for supervising and M. Brown for arranging the matches. D.M.

## The Donner Union

Attendance during the Lent Term has not been so high as during the previous one, but much well-informed comment was a prominent characteristic of all debates.

On January 27th, Mr. G. Casale proposed a motion entitled *This House thinks smoking in public should be abolished*. His argument that smoking was deleterious to the health was countered by that of Mr. C. R. Holmes, opposing, who

championed the liberty of the individual. The House decided in favour of Mr. Holmes by a comfortable majority.

Some lively exchanges occurred the following week during the Mock Election, when the candidates were Mr. R. J. Q. Gristwood (Tory), Mr. Rayburn (Labour), Mr. A. Crewe (Lib.) and Mr. B. G. Gazzard (B.N.P.). Eventually the House chose to ignore the propaganda of the three major parties and Mr. Gazzard was returned by a small majority.

The next debate was entitled *Criminals should be reformed, not punished*. Mr. J. N. Jones, proposing, called for greater opportunities for the prisoner to be rehabilitated into society, whilst Mr. P. L. R. Wood opposed this on the grounds that punishment acts as a deterrent to potential criminals. The House thought otherwise, however, and the motion was carried by a handsome majority.

The following meeting was devoted to a lecture by Mr. Bumgarner entitled *The American Comprehensive Educational System*. With the aid of slides, he enabled a large audience to comprehend the apparent complexities of the educational system of that country.

The Play-Reading Society of Whalley Range High School entertained us for the first meeting in March, when the first two acts of Shaw's *Man and Superman* were read.

The final debate of the year was entitled *This House is in favour of Comprehensive Education*. Mr. Gazzard, proposing, claimed that comprehensive education would offer equal opportunities for all, whilst Mr. J. D. Shuttleworth vehemently opposed this, speaking of the inevitable class differences arising in such a system and criticising the size of individual schools. The House favoured this latter argument by a substantial majority.

For the final meeting, the Deputy Chairman, Mr. R. J. Q. Gristwood opened a discussion on *The Three Cultures*. He analysed the alleged schism between Arts and Sciences, and proposed a further division between Pure and Applied Sciences. A vigorous and occasionally vituperative discussion ensued and proved a satisfactory conclusion to an interesting and entertaining term.

R. J. Q. GRISTWOOD (Deputy Chairman).

## The Science Society

It rained continuously as Mr. F. A. Seamman, from the Manchester Weather Centre, spoke to us on *Weather Forecasting and Aviation*. Undeterred, he managed, with the aid of many fascinating charts and diagrams, to convince us that they are not, perhaps, after all, entirely to blame and are



even right some of the time, as proved by the large number of aircraft which eventually do arrive.

The next week Dr. B. W. Langley, from the Research Division of I.C.I., gave a lecture on *Discovering Drugs*. This, although sadly ill-attended as a result of its clashing with one of the House plays, was generally agreed to be one of the best lectures of the year so far. He spoke authoritatively and entertainingly on the work which goes into producing a new drug and smoothed the wrinkled foreheads of our most ardent anti-vivisectionists with his unexpected flashes of wit.

This was followed, after the half-term break, with *Is Biology really Chemistry?* by Dr. F. R. Jevons from the Chemistry Department of Manchester University. He amply expanded his initial query in convincing fashion before yet another minority audience due to yet another House play.

Professor C. R. Tottle, from the Metallurgical Department of the University, at the last meeting before the Easter vacation, spoke on the subject of *New Metals for Old*. He described the fascinating progress that is being made in the field of metallurgy and brought along some interesting rocks and rare metals for us to see.

Immediately after the holidays Mr. R. A. Haynes, of the School Staff, presented a lecture on *Colour and Form in Animals*, which, accompanied by a large number of weird and wonderful slides, mostly of his own creation, showed how animals have adapted their own colour schemes and even their own shapes for different purposes, including camouflage, mate-attraction and so on.

We owe our thanks to B. G. Gazzard, our retiring vice-chairman, and wish him every success at Cambridge and offer our congratulations to J. A. Ireland on being appointed the new vice-chairman.

H. Douthwaite and J. I. Mallinson also deserve our hearty thanks for their excellent advertising methods.

As the Hon. Sec. is now in the throes of 'A' level and Science Society preparation, he would welcome relief in the form of *helpful* suggestions from members or prospective members for lectures and visits next year.

P.D.R. (*Hon Sec.*).

### The Music Society

Once again, the Society has had a varied and contrasting programme.

The first meeting of the term was held on February 5th when D. Taylor played a recording of Johann Kuhnau's *Six Biblical Sonatas for Keyboard* (1700), the instrument on the record being

a harpsichord. Unfortunately the works of Kuhnau are generally neglected, mainly owing to the fact that he was succeeded, and overshadowed, in his position at St. Thomas, Leipzig by J. S. Bach. However he did achieve one distinction in that he was the first to write *Sonatas* for a solo keyboard instrument, and it is to be hoped that his works will eventually become more popular, as they indeed deserve.

The following week, C. R. Lloyd brought a record of Dvorak's *Symphony No. 5 in E minor*, from *The New World*. On February 19th, one of the lesser-known works of Tchaikovsky was played by G. Roberts, the *Manfred Symphony*. This work, written between the fourth and fifth, is certainly as impressive as the other great symphonies, and deserves many more concert performances than it does receive.

At the next meeting, D. G. Sparrow played a record of what is undoubtedly one of the most popular concertos, Grieg's *Piano Concerto in A Minor*.

The last programme of the term on 11th March, was for those with an interest in grand opera. R. N. Curry selected and played excerpts from Verdi's opera *Il Trovatore*.

Form and G.C.E. examinations make the Summer term a difficult one for the Society, but it is hoped that it will continue to hold the weekly meetings.

A.R.C.

### The Model Railway Society

Progress on the construction of the layouts last term was less than usual owing to the shortness of the term. The Society's shelves, however, were finished and modified to provide more storage space. This was found necessary following the construction of an additional baseboard. The construction of the new baseboard for the narrow-gauge layout was undertaken by a group of members working at the house of K. D. M. Bowman during the Easter holidays.

It was decided, last term, to hold the evening meetings of the Society on Tuesdays as this seems more convenient for most members.

Early this term the Society was pleased to welcome back the former Honorary Secretary, Mr. K. N. Walton. The pleasure was the greater since he came armed with some excellent colour slides. The title of his lecture *South of Derby and Crewe, or London Life*, caused considerable curiosity. The assembled members, expecting a talk on the



London suburban railways or a similar topic, were surprised when the slides varied between Blackpool tramways and the Snowdon Mountain Railway (several hundred feet!). Slides were also provided by I. Mallinson, and an interesting and enjoyable time was had by all.

The Society would like to thank the Middle School Society for the invitation to their lecture by Mr. Smith of British Railways. All the members who attended found the talk and films very interesting.

The Society would also like to thank Mr. D. F. Manning for his help and patience during the term.

### The Middle School Society

The Society enjoyed a successful term with a wide variety of meetings. Mr. Peter Wheeler (O.H.) gave a lively and interesting account of the various stages between the receipt of a news report and the actual broadcast of the news item on television. He gave interesting glimpses of behind-the-scenes activities and the number of people involved in a news transmission.

Mr. S. W. Smith, the Assistant Divisional Manager, British Railways, gave an interesting talk on the modernisation of the railways, illustrated by an extremely good colour film.

Mr. K. Bumgarner spoke on *Scuba* diving, illustrating his talk with equipment he had borrowed from Alec Watson's Ltd. After demonstrating the uses of the various items of equipment, he went on to give some personal reminiscences of diving in the Puget Sound, including his experiences in octopus-hunting.

Other meetings included a debate in which the House refused to be disgusted with Manchester; a balloon debate in which Abraham Lincoln (D. B. Faulkner) survived Charlie Chaplin (N. S. Lerner), Queen Elizabeth I (R. N. Curry), Winston Churchill (D. G. Sparrow), Julius Caesar (M. R. Cavanagh), Lord Shaftesbury (C. G. Barnes), and Cassius Clay, a boxer (R. A. Fox); and a debate in which the House overwhelmingly demanded the lowering of the voting age to 18. The term ended with 75 'electors' in Room 32 listening to the party programmes of five Parliamentary candidates and subjecting them to a searching barrage of questions. R. N. Curry (Conservative) was 'elected', with R. G. Owens (Communist) the runner-up. The Society is looking forward to its first 'away' fixture, a joint debate with Manchester Grammar School.

### The Christian Fellowship

The Lent Term has been, for us, an interesting and difficult one.

The shadow of poor attendance, which has always lain over meetings, grew ominously long early in the term, and members uneasily began thinking of ideas to infuse new spirit into the Fellowship.

The first suggestion was that we should amalgamate with an officially organised body, such as the Students' Christian Movement, when we might have acquired a 'new image' and idyllically large audiences.

This proposition was rejected in favour of an attempt to establish some kind of regular gathering with the Fellowship of Whalley Range School for Girls.

The meeting which resulted was a memorable success: we were addressed by the Rev. R. Mallett, who took as his topic *A New Gospel for a New Age*, and whose remarks sparked off the usual controversy. We must thank Mrs. Taylor and her staff for providing us with a plentiful supply of tea and biscuits.

During the lunch-time meetings, a number of interesting topics were discussed, and Lodge secured two film-strips for us, *Albert Schweitzer* and *Wilfred Grenfell*.

### The Chess Club

Last term the team finished the bulk of its fixtures with some excellent results and consequently won the Southern Section of the Schools' League. We also reached the final of the Sinclair Trophy. Thus at the time of going to press, we have reached the finals of two competitions.

During the Easter holidays, as usual several boys represented the School at the Manchester Junior Chess Congress. The following boys won prizes: G. N. Henderson came joint second in the Manchester under-eighteen championship; D. Taylor and O. A. Jackson also came joint second in their respective sections.

The following are the results of matches played during the Lent term.

In the South Manchester League:

v. Stretford Grammar School .....	W	5½—1½
v. Altrincham Grammar School ...	W	5½—1½
v. Poundswick Grammar School ...	W	4½—2½
v. Wythenshawe Tech. High School	W	6—1
v. Central Grammar School .....	W	6—1
v. Xaverian College .....	W	5—2
In the Sinclair Trophy: Round Two:		
v. Bolton County G.S. ....	D	3½—3½



Replay:	
v. Bolton County G.S. ....	W 5 —2
Semi-Final:	
v. Eccles Grammar School .....	W 6 —1
Friendly Matches:	
v. Manchester High School .....	W 5½ — ½
v. The Parents .....	W 9 —1

We should like to thank Mr. Haynes for his attendance at home matches and also Mrs. Taylor for providing refreshments on match days.

## Jazz Club

This year, meetings have been held once a week, and although progressive developments of jazz have been studied, the popularity of the blues has been significant, especially the now commercialised *rhythm and blues*. We invite anyone along who has the slightest interest in jazz music.

Members have attended concerts by Erroll Garner, Stan Kenton, Count Basie and the M.J.Q. But the highlight of the year must be Duke Ellington's visit in February. It is amazing that in his sixty-fifth year the Duke still commands a fresh and colourful orchestra. By combining the idiosyncrasies and versatility of his musicians he is able to obtain a compact unit; however, perhaps the secret of his success lies in the mainstays of the orchestra—Harry Carney, Johnnie Hodges, Lawrence Brown and Cootie Williams, and don't let us forget the potential pensioner himself.

## Geographical Society

School 'Society life' was enhanced this term by the formation of a Geographical Society, under the enthusiastic auspices of Mr. P. Travers. This innovation is planned to cater for anyone in the Fifth or Sixth Form who has any interest in Geographical matters, and in particular for those people who are working towards 'A' level Geography.

Up to the time of going to press, the Society has held four meetings, all of which have been fairly well attended. The fact that the bulk of the audiences has been made up of scientists speaks volumes for the broad-mindedness of the Science Sixth, but is perhaps rather damning in relation to the geographer's interest in his own subject.

For the inaugural meeting on 16th January, we were fortunate enough to obtain the services of Mr. G. North, a lecturer at Manchester University. Mr. North, who is one of the foremost authorities in the country on East Germany and Poland, chose as the subject for his talk *Life in Communist*

*Eastern Europe*. His pertinent and amusing style of lecturing supported by some vivid 35 mm. slides made the lecture a very memorable one. The discomfort of 93 sweaty bodies packed into Room 32 was well worth enduring.

We welcomed Miss P. Gilbert for our second meeting on 6th February. Miss Gilbert delivered a talk on *Changing Social Conditions in Nigeria* which was illustrated by slides.

For our third lecture we were addressed by Mr. K. Bumgarner on the subject of *The Geography of Washington and Oregon*. Mr. Bumgarner demonstrated his versatility (having previously lectured to various sections of the School on *The American Administrative System* and *Comprehensive Education*) by giving an amazingly scholarly analysis of the geography of the two states. This lecture, too, was supported by the showing of some admirable colour slides.

For the final meeting of the term, on 10th March we welcomed Mr. D. Fox from the Department of Geography at Manchester University. Unfortunately because of competition from other events, only about 20 members were able to attend. Those that were present were treated to an interesting discourse by Mr. Fox on the geography of Mexico, as usual supported by colour slides.

Apart from visiting speakers, the Society's activities included a visit to Pilkington's Glass Works at St. Helens during half term.

Next term the Society's activities will be necessarily curtailed by the demands of examinations. It is hoped, however, at least to show some films of geographical interest. Fuch's *Crossing of Antarctica* is amongst those which the Society hopes to obtain.

J.D.S.

## The Great Little Trip

A tightly scheduled field course began at 6 a.m. on Saturday, 11th April, for a party of eighteen who travelled to Devon. Travel was in two Dormobiles driven by Mr. P. Travers and Mr. P. Rains, and any discomfort compared with coach travel was more than compensated for by the versatility of the vehicles.

The first major stop was in Bath where we looked at some of the outstanding examples of Georgian architecture, including the Royal Crescent, and also visited the Roman Baths.

At 6 p.m. we arrived at the C.H.A. Guest house, an impressive Victorian mansion set on cliffs overlooking Babbacombe Bay, about two miles west of Dawlish. Later in the evening some members made their first really important discovery of the week.



The whole of Sunday was taken up with a land utilisation survey of Teignmouth and its immediate surroundings. This survey, with an enquiry into the explanation of present functions, was completed the following Thursday and a comprehensive account has been drawn up.

Teignmouth is a small but interesting town of 10,000 inhabitants, situated at the mouth of a deep estuary. It combines the role of a holiday resort with that of a port, and although the latter is in decline, there is still an important export of high quality ball-clay to Holland as well as some traffic in timber, coal, and fertiliser.

On Monday, after an introduction to Exeter by the Chief Planning Officer, who received us in the 15th century Guildhall which is still used as the council chamber, we were conducted on a tour of the city by a senior lecturer in geography. The tour had an historical approach, and paid great attention to the site of the Iron Age Camp, the remains of the Roman walls, the Norman castle, and the later port. The Exeter Canal built in 1556 is considerably older than Manchester's more famous ship canal.

The Centre was almost entirely destroyed during the last war and although redevelopment has successfully fused old and new, it has unfortunately failed to take account of the increasing volume of traffic.

In the late afternoon we toured the premises of Whiteway's Cider Co., in the remote village of Whimple. After a rather haphazard tour, we left, very unimpressed by the working conditions, clutching our free samples.

Tuesday was the most memorable day for many of us. A day at sea with the Brixham fishing fleet began at 4-30 a.m. The prospect of a force six wind deterred most of the boats from putting to sea. However we were lucky (?) to find enough boats to accommodate our party and in twos and threes we left the harbour on board forty-foot boats.

The weather was fine but unsettled and the catches so poor that many boats returned early after about nine hours at sea, much to the relief of several would-be sailors. The day gave us a vivid impression of the fisherman's everyday life and illustrated some of the reasons for the decline in recent years.

Wednesday comprised a useful and interesting journey across Dartmoor, but a detailed examination of the granite at Hay Tor was cut short by typical Dartmoor mist and driving rain, while a proposed hike from Postbridge had to be omitted on account of the weather. Later, while drying off in Princetown, we lunched within a file's-throw of the town's main tourist attraction.

We did manage to see some of the principal features of Britain's largest batholith and included a visit to the world's largest kaolin pit, producing a high quality china clay, much of which is exported to the United States for use in the paper industry.

The final day in Devon was spent studying the physical geography of the area known as South Hams and considering the effect on the settlement pattern. We examined the site of Totnes ("a little gem of a town"), using the 11th century castle as a vantage point. The town probably dates back 4,000 years and owed much to its position at the head of navigation on the Dart. The silting of the river caused Dartmouth to take over the function of the local port, but today even Dartmouth is of little importance in this respect.

The afternoon was spent on the magnificent coast with a complex history. While the main features are the penetrating *rias*, some of the cleanest examples of raised beaches in Europe are seen to the east of Prawle Point, and this is an ideal area to observe the landscapes which develop as a result of the changing levels of land and sea.

During the return trip to Manchester on Saturday we took time to visit the Caverns at Wookey Hole and the gorge at Cheddar, both interesting examples of the action of water on limestone, but the latter marred at its entrance by over-commercialisation and lack of planning.

We would all like to thank Mr. Travers and Mr. Rains for "a great little trip" which was extremely well organised and which will undoubtedly prove invaluable both for those taking 'A' level geography and for those interested in the different environments to be found within their own country.

G.O. & D.T.

## Outdoor Society

### EASTER IN THE LAKES

During the Easter holidays a small group spent a most enjoyable week in the Lake District, despite weather which was at times appalling. The first day was spent driving to Keswick where three decided to go for a row on the lake. The product of this folly was blisters on the hands. They seemed pleased!

The following morning the party rose early and in good spirits for a scant breakfast at Keswick Hostel. Spirits, indeed, were so high that we helped with the washing-up unasked. About 10 o'clock we set off, rounded the head of Derwentwater and had a clear view of Cat Bells when it started to rain. It was only slight at first, but as we climbed,



the cloud came down and the wind whipped up to gale force. We battled on over Black Craggs and Maiden Moor but soon, shrouded in mist and driving rain, we became uncertain of our position. It was decided to drop below the cloud level. Soaked through, we at last found ourselves above Grange so a short walk by the River Derwent brought us to Seatoller where, partly dried, we indulged in afternoon tea—a luxury we allowed ourselves nearly every day of the following week. We finished in time to meet the rain for the second time on the way to Honister Hostel. Then tragedy struck. The hostel water supply was off because there had not been enough rain!

Early on Friday we set off for Haystacks. At this point there was some indecision and near rebellion ("I'll thump yer!" was distinctly heard). Finally it was undemocratically decided that Great Gable was going to be shrouded in mist that day and Red Pike was to be our goal. Scarth Gap received us with brilliant sunshine and a breeze that had blown the cloud off Gable (more "Thump yer's!"). The two more sedate members sun-bathed while the rest turned their minds to bridge—a recent addiction. Red Pike was accomplished aided by brilliant sunshine and superb views. Buttermere welcomed us with a magnificent silver tea-pot from which only a modest 20 cups were extracted compared with a handsome 35 from our quaint little tearoom in Seatoller. A brisk walk (a run for some, who soon regretted it) back to the hostel in the dying sun crowned a wonderful day.

On Saturday, cloud loomed but determination to conquer Gable persisted. Having tasted morning coffee in Stonethwaite we followed Langstrath Beck to Esk Hause only to be greeted with mist and a plentiful supply of snow. Ideas of attempting Gable were quelled and replaced by imaginary afternoon tea in Seathwaite. This never materialised so Seatoller was again visited.

The following day the group had to walk to Eskdale Hostel—about 15 miles. We set out in pouring rain and once below the cloud line we could see why there are so many lakes; streams were everywhere; all the footpaths were streams and the rivers looked very fine indeed. At Sty Head the rain stopped so the walk down to Wasdale Head for lunch was a pleasant change. The afternoon was a slog with two members having trouble with their feet. It was a pity that the hard men of the party were always being held up by the ill-equipped! We eventually arrived at the hostel—a delightful place with a very pleasant atmosphere. The two bad pairs of feet went to bed.

Monday dawned bright and clear. The bad feet from the previous day decided on a rest while the hard men set off for Scafell. They soon turned back when one of their number turned out to have seized up in the legs. The two groups met (accidentally?) at the village inn at Boot, and a slow walk back in the sun brought us back to the hostel.

Alas, the last full day turned out to be wet. Hardknott and Wrynose passes are not very interesting under ideal conditions, but in rain they are grim. We had to get to Elterwater and no better alternative could be found. The organisation of Elterwater hostel warned of nearby civilisation; one day later we were again regrettably back in the smoke, grime and noise of Manchester.

Perhaps the week gave a truer insight into the Lake District than one when the weather is always fine. It makes one wonder how foolish mankind has become when he has to exchange the peaceful beauty of the fells for the oil, dirt and noise of the town. I hope he finds out before it is not too late.

### Paris, 1964

At long last—we were in Paris. As the train steamed into Gare St. Lazare we caught our first glimpses of the Sacré-Coeur, shining on a hill in the setting sun and the Eiffel Tower, silhouetted against the evening light. After a good night's rest (we needed it after 20 hours of travelling!) we were given the usual continental breakfast of coffee and rolls. Then came our first real sight of the great city; travelling by coach we went to the Invalides, in which Napoleon's tomb is housed. And then onwards to the Quartier Latin where students of every race and colour live. Northwards past Notre Dame, over the Ile de la Cité, westwards past the Place Pigalle and the Moulin Rouge and then into the Place Vendôme, past the Opera House and round the Etoile of the Arc de Triomphe, back to the school at which we were staying, the Ecole Gerson. In the afternoon we wandered to the modern Palais de Chaillot, along the bank of the Seine to the Place de la Concorde, the largest square in Europe where we caught the Métro back to the school. In the evening we played football and so ended our first day.

On the Wednesday morning, we were taken on a *bateau mouche*, a streamlined river boat, to see some of the buildings which border the Seine; we saw such places as the Louvre, the Grand Palais and the Invalides. Returning to the quayside we made our way to Notre Dame and it was here that we climbed the 384 steps to the tower. On descending we continued to the Conciergerie, the former palace of French kings, which also served as a prison for revolutionaries. Round the corner we came to the magnificent Sainte-Chapelle where beautiful stained glass windows rise majestically from floor to ceiling. Off next to the book-stalls on the left bank, where one can buy etchings and paintings of Parisian scenes. Returning to Notre Dame we went inside and saw the huge, circular window; then we returned to the school.



## THE HULMEIAN

On our third day we visited La Malmaison, the home of Bonaparte and Josephine. It is lavishly furnished but rather small. On next to Marie Antoinette's Village. This is a quaint yet attractive 'hamlet' built on a whim of Marie-Antoinette who wished to find out how the peasants lived. We then looked round the town of Versailles, or should I say, the cake-shops; we gazed, our mouths watering, at those mountains of cream and fruit. But to continue. We drove to the Palace where we were confronted by a huge courtyard; we crossed this and entered the Palace, being shown round by an excellent guide. We saw the wonderful tapestries which hung from the walls; we saw the beautiful murals on the ceilings; and we also saw the magnificent Hall of Mirrors. Unfortunately the fountains were not working, but nevertheless we wandered through the never-ending gardens and then back to the awaiting coach.

At a reception held for us at the Hôtel de Ville we had a fine but frustrating opportunity for French translation. This was yet again another building filled with mirrors, murals, and marvels. We were given the afternoon free and this was spent shopping in the big stores.

On the Saturday afternoon we visited the famous Louvre where, amongst many priceless works of art, we saw The Winged Victory and the Mona Lisa but no Venus de Milo because 'she' is in Tokyo. In the evening we walked down the Champs Elysées from the Arc de Triomphe to the Place de la Concorde where standing in the middle we watched the cars going round and round; a hair-raising experience.

On Sunday morning we went into the Bois de Boulogne and it was here we saw men playing *boules*, a game similar to our own game of bowls except that the *boule* (which is made of metal) is thrown. Returning to the school we had lunch and then made our way to Montmartre. Standing at the bottom of the Butte was a woman selling balloons of many colours and this added a striking contrast to the shining white Sacré Coeur. Climbing the many steps we entered the church and then, again climbing, we went up into the dome where we were given one of the most splendid views of the trip. Then we went into the Place du Tertre where some of us had our sketches done and this caused considerable amusement at 'unrecognisable likenesses'. We then walked into Montmartre with its steep steps and streets and houses abounding in Maigret atmosphere.

Monday brought the most spectacular view of the tour when we finally made the ascent of the Eiffel Tower. There one got a breath-taking, panoramic view which almost at a glance took in everything we had seen in the preceding days. We did not, however, leave Paris purely with a rose-coloured picture of this great city. Not only does it possess palatial buildings, treasures of art, and

much of historical interest but the last walk we took on the visit was through dingy, unplanned, narrow streets, such as abound in other cities all over the world. With this we saw our last of Paris.

The many hours of the return journey were filled with memories of all we had done; but for myself my most immediate recollections were not of the buildings but of getting an unexpected invitation out to dinner to some French people whom I had met in Scotland last year (the dinner was no doubt enhanced by my first taste of French wine); of arguing at some lengths in a foreign tongue with a Frenchwoman trying to sell me a map; and of a frightening ascent of the Eiffel Tower in a cage containing about twice the maximum number of people allowed.

Our sincere thanks must be expressed to Mr. Collings, Mr. Timm and Mr. Kirkham for accompanying us on this trip and helping to make this such a memorable and enjoyable Easter vacation.

D. B. FAULKNER, 3Y.

### House Notes

#### BYROM

At the end of last term the House regrettably lost J. N. Jones and B. G. Gazzard. We should like to wish them good luck in their present jobs and future university careers. At the beginning of this term G. Roberts was appointed Head of House. J. K. Irving and J. Blake were appointed House Prefects.

The House was again well represented on School teams: 1st XII; D. R. Stott, J. Blake, J. K. Irving. 2nd XII; J. N. Jones, J. S. Street, D. S. Buckley. 3rd XII; G. Roberts (capt.), J. D. Rogers. U.15 XII; K. W. Nightingale, M. L. Ford, D. G. Cowan, C. Knott. U.14 XII; G. S. Simpson.

P. S. Booth, I. S. Ashcroft and F. A. Green represented the School at Cross-Country Running. M. P. Reddin also ran once.

In the Lacrosse Knock-Out competition, the Seniors, led by D. R. Stott, comfortably beat Fraser in the first round. In the second, however, they drew strong opposition in the form of Gaskell, the eventual winners, and were deservedly beaten 7-1. The Juniors had more success and led by K. W. Nightingale they reached the final by beating Fraser after a replay and Heywood. In the final they narrowly lost a hard-fought game in extra time 8-6 to Gaskell.

The House was placed fourth in the Cross-Country Running where P. S. Booth ran very well to gain second position in the Seniors. Once again



the results in the House League were very disappointing and we came sixth. One can only surmise that all our strength was taken up representing the School.

Despite the spirited acting of B. G. Gazzard, who took the part of Bender in the production of *The Bespoke Overcoat*, the House only managed to finish fifth, a rather disappointing position after the hard work of the producers J. N. Jones and M. Bowker in arranging such a difficult play.

At the end of the term R. E. Cox again led the Orchestra in one of its most successful Easter concerts for several years.

We are looking forward to success in the present term and to winning the much coveted Athletics Shield for the third time running.

### DALTON

For the second year in succession, the House Cross-Country team proved victorious. In the Junior section, R. B. Kapadia finished joint first, but the House position was second, and in the Senior race, M. V. Tidmas, the team captain, won convincingly, and the rest of the team were all well placed, giving the combined result that Dalton was placed first.

In the Lacrosse Knock-Outs the House senior team, captained by P. Bentley, reached the final against Gaskell, after defeating Heywood and Whitworth in two exciting games, but were well beaten by the strong Gaskell team.

The Juniors met Whitworth in the first round. The game was extremely close and hard fought, but at the finish, Whitworth were, unfortunately, just in the lead.

In the House league competition, although the games were played with enthusiasm, Dalton was placed fourth. Special mention though, must go to the House third team who remained undefeated throughout the season; good hopes for the future!

The Dalton House play this year was *On Monday Last*, by Mark Bevan. No marks were announced, since the plays were so even in performance, but the Dalton play was placed sixth.

The House was represented on School teams as follows: 1st XII: P. Veitch, P. Bentley, G. Casale. 2nd XII: W. J. Condon, P. D. Hanson. U.15 XII: J. J. McMullen. U.14 XII: M. L. Derlien (capt.), W. A. Veitch, R. J. Finningan, C. J. Oxford, S. R. Marsden. Cross-Country: M. V. Tidmas (capt.), A. R. Armour, M. St. C. Hopper, P. A. Lefèvre, R. B. Kapadia, C. F. Cusick.

We congratulate G. Casale on his appointments as the captain of School Cricket and a School Prefect. House appointments for the term are: Captain of Athletics, M. V. Tidmas; Captain of Tennis, J. D. Whaite.

Finally, to all those members of the House who are leaving at the end of this term go our best wishes for the future.

### FRASER

During last term, S. J. Bertenshaw, G. R. Cocker, R. S. Cowell and I. R. Fergie were appointed House Prefects. Appointments for this term are: Captain of House Cricket, E. C. Comyn-Platt, Captain of Athletics, M. D. Rayburn; Captain of Tennis, P. G. Wood.

The House Play, *Atomic Incident*, came third in the Drama Competition—a position not wholly indicative of the hard work put in to it by Rayburn and his cast. It is pleasing to note, however, that we seem now to have broken away from our old tradition of obtaining last place.

The overall position of the House in the Cross Country Championships was also third. The Juniors did particularly well; D. J. Whaite won the Junior race and the team was placed first.

In the Lacrosse Knock-Outs, the Juniors were defeated in extra time of a first round replay with Byrom. The standard of play in both matches was exceptionally high and the whole team deserves congratulating on the way it played. Much can be expected from this team next year as it will be virtually unchanged. The Seniors were also beaten in the first round, again by Byrom. Although they fought hard, it was obvious, even in the early stages of the game, that they were playing a much better side. The House won the House League by a convincing margin of over 30 points, holding on to first place right from the beginning of the season and never once being seriously threatened by any other House. The first and second teams remained undefeated throughout the season, and the third team also maintained a fairly impressive record. The main weakness seemed to lie in the fourth team, which relied far too much on the efforts of its captain and one or two other players.

We hope to do well this term, both in Cricket and Athletics. Since several members of the House seem likely to play on the School First XI, the Senior team should be particularly strong and the Athletics team will be much the same as last year.

The House has been well represented this year, in those School activities which do not normally receive much publicity. P. A. Holland has been Stage Manager, with G. Cocker as his assistant; A. P. Warburton and P. G. Wood have played regularly on the School Badminton team, while R. W. Warburton and E. Rigg are helping to produce the next edition of *Crucible*. In addition, several boys in Fraser are N.C.O.s in the C.C.F.

Last term, R. A. Assar, G. R. Cocker, I. R. Fergie, I. Hartley and K. McMurtrie were awarded their Senior House Colours and D. J. Fletcher, G. E. Maule, G. McKee and G. M. Young, their Junior Colours.



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Generally speaking, the House seems to have fared quite well this year. The attitude of the majority of boys towards games has been one of keenness and, as was shown by our position in the House Lacrosse League, such keenness often has very pleasing and well-deserved results. If this same attitude prevails next year, and is fostered, there is no reason why the House should not enjoy further successes. Certainly, the House will not disgrace itself, if it follows the standards set this year.

Finally, to all those who are leaving School this year, the House extends its thanks and best wishes and, in return, the leavers whole-heartedly wish the House well for the future.

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### GASKELL

Last term was undoubtedly a successful one for the House and indeed it must rate as one of the most richly reaped for many a year. Our successes included the retention of the Senior Flags, a win in the Junior Knock-Outs and first place in the House Drama Competition. The last achievement, in many respects, overshadows anything else we attempted in the term, for it represents a considerably longer period of hard work and concentrated effort than do the others. The choice of Robert Bolt's *A Man for all Seasons* was an ambitious and difficult one, and we must congratulate the producer, N. B. Pearson, and the cast on the success of the production.

As regards the two victories in the Finals of the Knock-Out Competition, the Juniors' was by far the more interesting and exciting game. The Seniors started in the often unenviable position of favourites, but having drawn a bye into the second round we felt luck was on our side. After a comfortable win over Byrom, we overcame Dalton without too much difficulty with a final score of 8-4.

The Juniors, on the other hand, deserve particular credit for their 8-6 win against Byrom. After winning through to the second round with the consummate ease that we associate with our good friend, the Bye, the Juniors did well to beat Whitworth as easily as they did. There we expected their success might end, as their opponents in the Final were the favourites, Byrom. The game, however, developed in see-saw fashion into a most absorbing tussle. At one stage of the game with the score standing at 5-0 in Byrom's favour we thought the end was a mere formality. At the end of the final quarter however, they had fought back and by maintaining their revival throughout extra time they eventually emerged victorious by a two-goal margin. It proved to be a highly entertaining

game and the Juniors deserve our congratulations for such a determined effort.

The other two lacrosse competitions turned out to be less successful. In the league we were placed third whilst the Six-a-Sides were disappointingly rained off. As a result of the two successes in the Knock-Outs the House was looking forward to the Six-a-Sides, and in retrospect it seems rather a pity that a competition that is commonly enjoyed by all should have to be arranged for the last day of term. It is particularly galling as it is the second successive year that it has had to be cancelled.

The other sporting event of the term was the Cross-Country Competition, and for the second year in succession the mud and sewage on and around the banks of the Mersey—which in fact shows remarkable signs of ever-increasing cultivation and beauty—proved to the liking of the Gaskell runners. The Seniors particularly gave a good account of themselves, and A. D. Koffman very creditably finished third in the Junior race. The House was placed second in the overall result.

Once more, School teams had their fair share of Gaskell players. N. M. Kennedy (captain), C. W. Beaumont (vice-captain), R. I. G. Morgan and D. L. Worthing all gained First XII colours, while J. O. Freeman (captain), D. Marsden and G. B. Brister were awarded Second XII colours. I. G. Cundey, D. P. Gaskell, J. N. S. Hancock, A. A. Labaton and K. Burrell all played for the U.15

In addition to this C. W. Beaumont and D. L. Worthing played for the Lancashire Open-age Schoolboys team that was captained by N. M. Kennedy, while I. G. Cundey, D. P. Gaskell and J. N. S. Hancock were likewise selected for Lancashire Juniors, and the last mentioned also played for the North.

The House was represented on the School Cross-Country teams by P. W. Grossman, R. P. Nunn, and W. M. Wolstenholme who ran for the Senior Team and A. D. Koffman who ran for the Juniors.

Recent appointments include two new House Prefects, namely D. E. B. Pollard and D. J. Lunt, while at the end of last term we said good-bye to R. E. Hough. We wish him a successful career at Bristol, where he is to study law.

The Summer term is now beginning to get under way and although our prospects are not outstanding, we can hope that it will be an enjoyable term in which everyone gives of his best. There is no doubt that the Summer always provides a wide range of activities and the Juniors are reminded that, although their main sport is cricket, strong support from them is essential if we are to improve on our placing over the past few years in the Athletics Sports. It is also fair to remember that



the summer term is especially important for the Senior members of the House, many of whom will be engaged in examinations. It is hoped therefore that the rest of the House will display the increased sense of responsibility expected of them.

Finally, on a somewhat lighter note, the best wishes of the House go with all its members who will be leaving this summer.

## HEYWOOD

Last term was one of the most satisfactory for several terms, being a great improvement on Michaelmas, although there were no trophies forthcoming. The impression given was one of keenness and enthusiasm holding sway over ability. This was especially evident in the House league in which the House came second to Fraser after a very close struggle. We must, however, concede that all Fraser teams played consistently, and thoroughly deserved their victory. Special mention must be given to our own second team who played keen and determined lacrosse, losing only one game during the term and thus playing a leading part in keeping us high in the League.

We were also narrowly beaten into second position in the House play competition, only this time by Gaskell. We have won this competition for the last three years and it was with sadness that we saw the golden statuette leave our shelf when it had almost become a fixture. We were confident of winning it again but evidently the judges' ideas differed from our own. Perhaps the very close similarity between this year's and last year's plays influenced them, and they were trying to spur us into producing plays from more varied sources. Perhaps it would be a good idea if someone with literary aspirations in the House were to write a play for production in the competition.

As expected, we did not meet with any success in the Knock-Outs. The Seniors were soundly beaten by Dalton in the first round, and the Juniors were beaten in the semi-final by Byrom who were, it must be said, very much a one-man side. The failure in the Knock-Outs was due to the lack of experienced School team players who are really essential if a Knock-Out team is to be successful.

Unfortunately the Six-a-Side competition was cancelled owing to bad weather at the end of term, and there was no time left in which to play them. Although we would not have started favourites we would have done well if the same determination had been shown in this competition, as in the House league.

We were unsuccessful in Cross-Country and finished last, mainly owing to the Seniors who were very weak indeed. In the Junior Cross-Country, K. G. Walker was outstanding.

The House Shooting should have been held last term but was postponed to this term. If results on paper are anything to go by we can anticipate success both in the team and individual sections.

Members of the House figure prominently in the life of the C.C.F.; C. R. Holmes has just been promoted to R.S.M. and J. D. Shuttleworth is C.S.M.

It has been decided this year that House colours will be awarded on a different basis from in the past. In future colours will not be awarded simply because a boy has represented the House. Instead they will be awarded if a boy shows keenness and enthusiasm, since these qualities are more important than ability. Upon this basis House colours are awarded to I. Heywood, J. F. Wilde, S. Bentham, M. J. C. Burns, T. R. L. Dean, M. J. Giles, S. J. Burslem, M. R. Cavanagh, S. J. Pope.

The following boys played on School teams:— J. D. Shuttleworth (1st XII), J. A. Thornhill (2nd XII), B. Ross (U.15), J. P. Ketley and M. D. Mitchell (U.14).

## WHITWORTH

The lack of success in the House during the last term can probably be traced to the paucity of upper sixth formers. This in turn leads to a lack of experienced leaders.

The nearest the House got to success was in the House play competition. According to the draw, Whitworth should have been the third House to put their play on. As a result of postponements by other Houses, Whitworth had the doubtful honour of displaying their abilities first. Broome, the producer, was supported well by his cast, and the House was placed third.

The standard of play on the House lacrosse teams varied considerably. The first team set a fine example, and played the best lacrosse in the School, at times. Unfortunately the Juniors failed to respond to the lead, and there was a marked lack of keenness at times.

In the Knock-Out competition the Junior team was ably led by A. J. McGlue. In the first round they disposed of Dalton in an excitingly close game. They were beaten by Gaskell in the second round. The Seniors, after obtaining a bye, were drawn against Dalton in the semi-final of the competition. As a result of the attack's unflagging support of the defence, Dalton were held, and the



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score was four all at three-quarter time. However, in the last quarter Dalton scored freely to win by nine goals to six.

The House was represented on School lacrosse teams by: A. A. Jackson (1st XII); M. Brown (vice-capt.), P. M. McNulty (2nd XII); A. C. McGlue (capt.) (U.15 XII); E. E. Broadhurst, K. M. Dodd, R. D. Lind, D. Hallworth (U.14 XII).

Once again the House Cross-Country team did badly. Despite good runs by N. Searle for the Seniors, and J. K. Bremner for the Juniors, there was lack of support from the rest of the House.

R. G. Edwards ran for the Senior School Cross-Country team, and J. K. Bremner for the Junior team.

M. Brown has been re-appointed Captain of School tennis for the Summer term. R. G. Edwards has been appointed Captain of House athletics, and M. R. Sanderson Captain of House cricket.

## The Rabbit

As I lie in the soft, clean straw,  
I think of my relations who might be  
                        nibbling at the soft lush grass,  
Who run and play to their hearts' content,  
And who raid the farmer's cornfield,  
Free from human bondage.

In the summer from dawn to dusk,  
They run and let the wind ruffle their coats,  
And at night, lie under the dark blue sky,  
While the stars watch over them.  
(Careless captors, poisonous prison. brutal  
box.)

When winter comes they shiver in their deep  
dark burrows,  
And never go out to find something to eat,  
In case they never come back again.  
Outside, the fox, the ferret and the farmer,  
Hunt the poor hungry things,  
Never a chance are they given,  
Just hunted, until at last,  
They lie dead at the hunter's feet.  
(Kindly, caring captors, protective,  
Philanthropic prison, benign,  
benevolent box.)

M. MEAKIN, 1D.

## The Man of the Moors

Though grey and bleak,  
The moors are home to me.  
The clouds are low,  
The mist is down.

It swirls about me as I go.  
 Sodden is the path which roams across the  
 peat;  
 But free is the spirit that is in me.  
 I hear the tolling of the bell in Keld;  
 Below, the quiet valley invites.  
 My foot-steps quicken,  
 To trudge the last remaining mile,  
 And eat a Swaledale tea.

A. P. HAYNES, 1D.

## The Dreamer

The aging pauper sits cosy by the fire,  
Dreaming and drowsy,  
Careless of time or man;  
In a bliss of thought and mind  
With closing eyes in unreal slumber  
Dreaming awake and dreaming asleep,  
One moment with image and idea sensible and stable.

And then another with image, watery and blurred,  
Idea, weird and fascinating;  
And all the while sitting in front of the fire.  
Cold comfort!  
The day is cold;  
The wind whistles through the bare, rotting  
floor-boards.

Through the cracked ceiling  
The single flame flickers to and fro—and fades.  
The room is cold, the dingy room whose walls  
Neither plaster nor paint have known—  
Only scratches where the rats have clawed—  
And everything is cold.  
But the old man dreams on, dreams  
Of riches, of wealth,  
Of power, of position, of dignity,  
Of death.  
And the morning dawns yet again,  
And he wakes,  
Happier for his drowse  
For he can dream again after the cold touch  
of reality,  
And dreams are immortal.

P. J. TAYLOR, 2B.

## Why Was I Born?

Why do I bother? Should I, as a black,  
Be so impertinent as to live upon this earth?  
"All men are equal," or so some white men say,  
But others laugh and jeer, or quote back  
That some are equaler than others.  
The few who want us equal, and come to teach us  
"The Way of Life"—it would be easier for us



If they taught their countrymen this first.  
We are to the others just the scum,  
The scum of the earth, and so we have no rights.

The white men say they have more brains—  
But yet there is no difference in our size of heads,  
And brain beats brawn, which they must admit  
But their brawny louts, compared with whom we've got,  
More brain, have just the same rights as their  
compatriots—  
Skinny feeble things with so-called high I.Q.

Shut doors all around me, and often  
Mud and stone are lain upon me, painfully.  
They have no use for me, except it be  
To work off tempers on, with a belt or stick—  
No use for me, or for my family, so  
Why can't they leave us all alone?  
Life aeons ago was calm, and peaceful and happy,  
Life now is miserable, stunted and not worth  
living.

Homeless, and without a family,  
Nowhere to sleep except out in the rain,  
Eating's just allowed, and drinking's nearly a  
crime,  
I'm surprised they don't hang me for breathing  
all the time—  
Wasting all 'their' clean fresh air—  
As if they've none to spare!  
So I'll go and hang myself (that saves finding a  
bed)  
And let those power-drunk whites have my  
corpse—  
Me dead.

S. P. POPE, 4A.

### Perspective

... I wish I were Shakespeare ... he must have  
had something, mustn't he? ... I mean, to be re-  
membered for four hundred years ... wonder  
what? ... Bet I could write plays and stuff just like  
him ... must be easy ... well, perhaps not so  
easy! ...

... Wonder if there really was a Shakespeare  
... a lot of people say he was Bacon, or some-  
body ... just a synonym (or do I mean pseudo?)  
... Somebody must have felt done when all his  
plays and that came way in! ...

... What would he have thought if he was here  
now? ... Bet he'd have been a mod ... composed  
some real rockers ... Can't picture him composing  
sonnets on a motor bike on a burn up, so he

wouldn't have been a rocker ... No, a mod ...  
in his mod jeans, with his calf boots, thinking  
"Now I'll do a scene where Brutus sticks it on  
Caesar" ... suppose they knew what girls were in  
his day ... they must have done ... Henry had  
seven wives, didn't he? ... what's the sentence for  
bigamy? ... Oh yes, Shakespeare!

... Wonder what he felt like when he was  
writing? ... bet he used the bottle as much as the  
pen ... most geniuses—genii?—do ... I would  
... maybe I'm a hidden genius ... perhaps I'd  
better stay hidden ...

... Who makes all the loot out of Shakespeare  
now he's—he is dead isn't he?— ... must be ...  
bet somebody makes a packet out of him ... it's  
not right ... wish I made a packet out of him ...  
out of anybody ... 'specially out of me! ... never  
mind ... bet he was dead intellectual ... like me  
... dark glasses ... goatee beard ... smoked—  
were cigarettes invented then? ... don't think so  
... life must have been a drag ... no cigs, gin,  
buses ...

... People used to go to his plays like they go  
and see all the groups nowadays ... wonder if the  
girls screamed at Romeo? ... perhaps ... perhaps  
not ... Funny, isn't it? ... Not been much change  
in four hundred years ...

... What would I have been in his time? ...  
a captain of a guard? ... or a grave-digger, like in  
Hamlet? ... I'm better off now ... no trade unions  
then, were there? ... got better pay now, haven't  
I? ...

... Glad I wasn't Shakespeare! ...

S. J. BURSLEM, 4A.

### "Ode on behalf of a ridiculed Elephant"

I think I'll write a poem; what shall I write?  
I could go on thinking all through the night.  
I'll write about prunes, and rhubarb trees,  
And why *do* elephants have wrinkled knees?  
And what is green, and has four wheels?  
(I wish someone would make up a flat joke about  
eels, just for old rhymes' sake).  
All this guff about raspberries (colour-blind)  
And gooseberries (lift-bound),  
And bananas (magnetic),  
And prunes (electric),  
And canaries (four-ton),  
Is getting rather overdone.  
While how, if you are an elephant, would you  
feel?  
Wouldn't it really make you squeal,  
If you had to paint your toe-nails red,  
With no-one to tuck you into bed?



And while you were parachuting on crocodiles' backs  
 And hearing the pitiful little quacks  
 Of the burning ducks you're stamping out  
 (I wonder if they know what it's all about)  
 And when you're sitting on very young oaks,  
 You'd be sick of all these jokes.  
 So please, you flattie purveyors, please,  
 Give up your elephants and rhubarb trees,  
 Don't be "way-out", return to the flock,  
 Whatever did happen to the old "Knock-Knock"?  
 M. CAVANAGH, 4A.

### Before Nine

The harsh peal of the cheap alarm clock jerked Mrs. Cramp from her deep sleep into stark, horrible reality. Another day. A swift thump on the clock was enough to end its violent assault upon her ear-drums.

"Come on, Joe. Out of it!" she said, whacking his paunch with her slipper. The dormant mound that was her husband emitted an animal-like grunt and promptly rolled over. Thirty years of married life had, however, developed a perfect technique for rousing him; the bedclothes were heaved off and an icy hot-water bottle tossed upon his chest.

"Time to get up, Ethel?" he asked, shaking off the last memories of his night's sleep.

"About half-an-hour ago," was the tart reply.

"Why didn't yer wake me, then?"

"You need your beauty sleep," she replied derisively.

Mrs. Cramp made her usual round of rousing her sons, then, with their groushings in her ears, she hurried downstairs to start the breakfast. Soon came the usual barrage of "Where's me socks, Ethel?" or "Mum, I've lost me trousers," to which she replied with petty scoldings and the occasional helpful word.

Her husband was always the first to appear, to use the sink for his shave—a constant source of conflict between the pair. "You're always getting lather over my clean dishes," she would complain. The two older boys appeared next, but still no Ernest (a school-hating, football-loving, comic-reading eleven-year old).

"Where's our Ernie?" she demanded of Philip, her eldest.

"How should I know? Last time I saw him he was still in bed."

Mrs. Cramp shuffled in sloppy slippers across the living-room to the foot of the stairs.

"Ernie!" she called. Silence. "Ernest!" she bel-lowed. Dead silence. Mrs. Cramp mounted the stairs and hurled open the bedroom door. He was sitting up in bed, engrossed in a glossy horror-comic. She pounced, tore it from his grasp, and dragged him, protesting shrilly, out of his bed.

"Now, get dressed at once, else I'll get yer Dad up here with a stick!"

The terrified rascal began to scramble into his clothes. "Aw, Mum, I was only havin' a little read," he whined.

"I don't care. You get downstairs and eat yer breakfast—quick!"

He tumbled downstairs, pursued by his irate mother. "Readin' his bloomin' comics again," she snapped at her husband.

"If I've told yer once, I've told yer an' 'undred times—only after school," said his father from behind a large mug of tea. "An' don't forget, young Ernie."

"Yes, Dad," came the mumbled reply from an abject Ernie.

"Yer what?"

"I mean 'No, Dad'."

His father growled menacingly and glanced at the clock.

"Hurry up, Phil, or we're goin' to be late." He picked up his coat. "Ta, ta, Ethel," he said.

"'Bye, love, 'ave a good day. Go on, Phil, yer Dad's going."

"O.K. 'Bye, Mum. See you tonight." He hurried after his father, slamming the door behind him. Mrs. Cramp turned to her other two sons.

"Got yer books ready, our Charles?" she asked.

"On the table, Mum," he replied. She picked one up. "*The Rainbow* by D. H. Lawrence," she read. "Hey! ain't he the one that wrote . . .?"

"Yes, you've got it," Charles interrupted with a grin. "Aw, don't fret, mum—this one's all right. He can't half write, though, can old Laurie," he added with enthusiasm. "Right, I'm off. So long our kid; 'bye mum."

Mrs. Cramp watched him go with a pride that was more than tinged with anxiety. Suddenly she turned on her remaining son. "You should be off too, Ernie," she said. "And you can take that comic out of your pocket—and don't argue. Remember—I want you back early tonight, an' all. Now, be off with you."



A scurry of feet and another, louder, slam of the door marked Ernie's departure. She sat down to enjoy her breakfast in peace and quiet before starting the daily grind of household chores. She thought how much easier they would be if Joe would buy her a washing machine or a new 'Hoover': she glanced idly at the lurid picture on the front of Ernie's comic; she wondered what Charlie would do when he left school. The soft croonings of *Housewives' Choice* lulled her mind into the realms of furs and frippery until the piercing shriek of the kettle rudely shattered her day-dreams.

W. M. WOLSTENHOLME, 6ML.

### A Study of Character in Monologue

[Enter Maletho into a bedroom—a table etc. with some books; a wardrobe with a large mirror. He walks quickly to his table, seats himself deliberately, and opens a few books or papers. After a few seconds of inspection he pushes aside his papers, grimacing disgustedly. He rises, then hurriedly sits down. Again after a few seconds he thrusts away his work and now walks to the mirror. There, with a grim smile at that audience, he speaks—]

Sure, it is more worth to do  
Than be able to, but  
Doth success still require effort—  
Nor will come effort ere success;  
What escape then, Maletho, from  
This heavy and gateless sphere which so burdens  
The distant bodies of your soul?  
To free or not to—? Oh damn!  
Must again—? Oh please,  
Please my God  
Will such quizzing never cease?

I say: desist procrastination!

What?—  
N', never you, oh always potential;  
Think *you* yourself to order?  
You, wretched from birth condemned  
To dream in a cell of doubt,  
Own wit your gaoler? That wit  
Shining to all, most brilliant to yourself—  
Whose so bright light can 'gainst all darknesses  
Shine; but self dazzles to show aught beyond.  
The same with which you *do*  
So much. Know it well, Maletho?—  
And well I know it ill, too.  
If, in figuring, I may not after assumptions untrue,  
Simply fake their truth,  
And deduce to any conclusion, then how—  
Oh how? how? how?—how can I  
Think myself to order?  
For my wit—as I do pride myself—  
Being disloyal will not but devolve

To a deeper, worsen, more hateful delusion  
Of its problem.  
Oh! full round and vicious encompasses me  
My circle. Oh damn myself!  
And damn thee too! (*—throws a pencil at the mirror—*) thou

Treacherous and most evil God that  
Upon this foul and unreliable planet  
Enchained forever my suffering soul!  
No! God forgive please, shut this rude tongue  
And fulfil the hot futility that governs it—  
But perhaps it's true:  
As dirt no purity breeds, so every littlest link  
In this vast chain is begotten ill-formed and  
hideous!—

Though true to the Mother to whose dusty bosom  
It returns!

Pah! Enough, idiot! you weary me to nausea!  
Enough, clown! enough I say! Even now  
Preserve dignity, take up your tasks!  
Oh poor, conceited fool, shut up!  
Yes! and I do despise you,  
You, speaker of borrowed clichés and 'trick'  
phrases,

All sickly sour with repetition!  
Look at yourself, you liar and faker of feeling,  
Look!  
But no!—you coward-like turn away  
Lest the reflection waxing true show hurtful  
To the empty conceit, and so wasteful,  
That is you and your reality!  
You imitate tones in speech and emotion,  
In walking, e'en in the littlest action—Oh!  
Even now! Oh always—  
Unsure always of my truth,  
Am I condemned to seek it, not wanting to?  
Oh God! self-pity, self-scorn, self-praise—  
What am I not guilty of?  
But 'tis self-crime and must self-witness, self-judge,  
Self-jury and in course self-execute—  
Then corruption, decay and futility  
Infest the soul, as doth the perjured witness  
Pervert the very knowledge of justice and truth.  
Oh! What is there then, save frustration and  
Darker despair?  
God, what am I? where am I? what to do?  
Oh waste! there is never relieving answer:  
God lies as his nasty world lies!  
Pain, torment, agony only thrive—and they  
To relieve me of my tortured senses.  
Oh! God! God! God! do you want me in tears?  
Oh! oh-oh-Oh! Oh! Oh! OH!  
Oh stop these, Maletho! not a thousand Os can  
make

A whole one!  
There; smile at yourself, Maletho. Seek  
New knowledge to save; waste not in desperation.  
Perhaps some occult faith or eastern science  
Will knit the wants of your soul to  
The means of your body-mind, and thus evolve  
A wholesome man—at one with his self,  
And his God?



But 'tis late, too late for the tasks tonight;  
So; I forgive myself this once more—  
This last procrastination!—  
But promise is familiar . . . . .  
Z. J. QURESHI, 6cl

**Bend:**  
Das Keepenyurfutdownitzscharper Zanuthinken.  
**50 m.p.h.:**  
Das ist das Englisch Schweinhund Ernescht.

## Holidays Abroad

With the approach of the holiday season, the Old Hulmeians Motor Club is anxious to assist those members of the School who may be touring in Germany this year. It has, therefore, compiled the following list of technical terms that may not appear in the more conventional dictionaries.

### The Car:

Das Volkswagen.

### The Driver:

Das Obertaken und Lonksufferen Kresschur.

### The Navigator:

Das Gessenwerker mit Komputentractor und Kwells.

### High Octane Fuel:

Das Firenschpitten Wasser.

### Throttle:

Das Vorwartflinger.

### Brake:

Das Halter mit Edbangeronwindenschreen.

### Horn:

Das Loudenboomer.

### Twin Horns:

Das Earenschplitten Loudenboomer.

### Exhaust:

Das Smokenund Schnortentuben.

### Cross Roads:

Das Kussundschweering-Strasse.

### Major Road:

Das Bigenbetterstrasse mit das Bigenthikken Trafikjammen.

### Level Crossing:

Das Flattenbit mit Pufpuftraken.

### Low Bridge:

Das Makengrossenbuss un Singldekker.

### Hump Bridge:

Das Plispullaunti bakthru das sunroof.

### Roundabout:

Das Euhezitaets ischlost.

### Two-way Traffic:

Das Kommundgowen mit der Wagen Gottvilling.

## Old Hulmeians Notes and News

We congratulate A. H. Allman on his appointment as Chairman and Hon. Treasurer of Convocation in the University of Manchester.

W. W. Land is the Vice-President of University Convocations and will be President next year.

F. J. Whelan (1934-42) has been appointed a Judge of the High Court of Northern Rhodesia: his address is Judges' Chambers, High Court, P.O. Box RW67, Lusaka, N. Rhodesia.

John O. Woodhead has been appointed German master at Chorley Grammar School, having attained B.A. (Hons.) in German and a Diploma of Education at Newcastle University.

His brother, S. Woodhead, finished sixth in the East Lancs. Junior Cross-country championships.

Mike Lord has been playing regularly for Bedford and was "capped" for Eastern Counties against the Barbarians. The Rev. Alan Godson continues to play for Manchester.

N. N. Walmsley, now in his third year at B.N.C., Oxford, has been News Editor of *Isis*.

B. W. Derbyshire will soon be returning from London to join the English Department at the Manchester Grammar School.

In the last issue we recorded the names of several Old Boys now in Canada. We have since heard that Frank Livsey, having qualified as an actuary, is now with an insurance company in Canada; his address is 279, Glen Forest Road, Toronto 12.

R. B. Dawson, O.B.E., M.Sc., has retired from the post of Director of the Sports Turf Research Institute at Bingley, a position he has held since the Institute was founded in 1929. He is an internationally recognised authority on sports turf, and under his direction the Institute has acquired a very high reputation. In his retirement he will continue to live in Bingley, and as a newly created Vice-President of the Institute he will doubtless retain an active interest in its work.

I. A. B. Low has been awarded a Ph.D. at London University.

Jeff Shaw has been appointed Deputy Borough Engineer at Hyde, Manchester.

Graham Wood has been elected President of the Students' Union Society of Borough Road College, Isleworth, London.



## Births, Marriages and Deaths

### BIRTHS

DERBYSHIRE—On February 14th, to Jennifer and Brian, a son.

HERZ—On March 5th, to Patricia and Anthony, a son.

### MARRIAGES

BLIGHT—DOWNING—On March 28th, Alan M. Blight to Penny Ann Downing.

RODEN—RICHARDSON—On Mar. 28th, Benjamin J. S. Roden to Margaret E. Richardson.

MACCALLUM—KNOWLSON—On April 4th, Iain Robert MacCallum to Jennifer Kathleen Knowlson

### DEATHS

BROMLEY—On March 27th, of 255 Bramhall Lane South, Bramhall, William Arthur, Lieutenant-Colonel, O.B.E.

VINEY—On April 2nd, in hospital, Miss E. Viney.

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## Old Hulmeians Association

Pride of place in these notes must go to the Lacrosse Section. The first team under the captaincy of A. E. Marsland has won the championship of the first division of the North of England Lacrosse Association, the Senior Flags, the Referees Trophy which carries with it the Northern Club Championship, and the Iroquois Cup which is the Club Championship of England. The congratulations of the Association are surely due to the Section. Mr. J. A. Barber, the Section's Chairman, was so pleased with the team when it won the Senior Flags that he presented each member of the team with a Lacrosse Section tie.

The Rugby Section's good results this season were recognised by the ground in Brantingham Road being allocated the annual President's XV versus a South Manchester XV match on 29th April, 1964. In spite of a cold evening a fair crowd of spectators watched a good game. It had been hoped to fly the Association Flag for the first time on this occasion but a high wind prevented this being possible. The thanks of the Association are due to Tommy Bland and Walter Liggett who have combined to present the first flag to the Association.

Members should not be alarmed to see guard dogs apparently in occupation of the Rugby

ground. Permission has been granted for the No. 184 (Manchester South) Squadron, Dog Training School to use the ground for training dogs on certain days.

The annual cricket match against the School has been arranged for 4th July, 1964. Any Old Boys who wish to be considered for selection should contact Mr. A. M. Blight at the School.

Thanks are due to H. A. Whatley, B. T. Plaskett, T. W. M. Bland, W. Liggett and A. Jones for combining to arrange a most enjoyable and successful Dinner Dance at Abney Hall, Cheadle, on 7th February, 1964. A similar function is to be held on the 5th or 12th February, 1965.

The Annual Dinner at the Midland Hotel, Manchester on 14th March, 1964, was also a pleasant occasion and is to be repeated on 13th March, 1965.

Through pressure of business J. E. Peters has been obliged to resign from the Chairmanship of the Membership Sub-Committee. It will be remembered that since he sponsored in 1960 that sub-committee which became known as the "Peters Commission" he has striven to increase the membership of the Association. His resignation is a loss but the Association has been fortunate enough to secure the services of K. P. Thompson as his successor. Our gratitude to Jim Peters must be recorded.

The Association, after protracted negotiation, has reached agreement with the Association of Old Hulmeians in London over subscriptions and membership. Basically it is agreed that members of regional or daughter associations should be first members of The Old Hulmeians Association. The General Committee would be delighted to make similar arrangements with other groups of Old Boys in other parts of the country.

Yet another School year is drawing to a close. A most sincere invitation to join the Association is made to all boys leaving School in July. To become members, all they need do is pay their first year's subscription of 10/- to the School Office.

Hon. Sec., Eric Barnes, 'The Hollies', Gatley Road, Gatley, Cheshire.

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## Old Hulmeians Dinner, 1964

About 100 members and their guests attended the Annual Dinner at the Midland Hotel, Manchester on Saturday, March 14th. As usual, this proved to be a most enjoyable occasion and it deserves to be even better patronised than it is.

The toast of *The School* was made by John Dodd, who was recently the subject of *This is*



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*Your Life* and is well known for his work in the welfare and rehabilitation of discharged prisoners. This was a very good speech—witty, interesting and brief enough to make one both sorry and surprised when it ended.

The Headmaster replied in his usual urbane and polished manner. He always manages to include an up-to-the-minute report on life at the School, academic, sporting and material, which is very welcome.

The Lord Mayor of Manchester, Alderman Rodgers is another practised speaker who was in good form. He proposed the toast of the Association and the response was suitably made by the President, T. W. M. Bland.

The toast to *The Guests* was made by Peter Harrison and a graceful and sonorous response came from Canon F. Paton Williams.

The duties of the Toastmaster were admirably discharged by Clive Dennis.

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### Old Hulmeians Lacrosse

The reward of endeavour is success. This season the endeavour has been prodigious and the rewards have been in direct proportion to it.

Financially the Club has done better than ever. Socially, we have a good membership which needs to be enlarged but which has enjoyed a number of really happy occasions; one such was the Easter Tour about which J. Buckland has written an account.

At play the lower teams have formed the durable foundations of a pyramid at the top of which the first team is virtually unassailable. At a time when Lacrosse is becoming faster, when tactics supplement skill as never before, the first team arrived at their pyramidal peak by winning every match and by gaining every honour available.

We intend to celebrate this champagne season as it deserves to be celebrated, with the hope that it will be the first of many vintage years.

Hon. Sec. G. B. Lawson, 294 Mauldeth Rd. West, Manchester 21. Tel.: CHO 1927.

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### Old Hulmeians Lacrosse in London

At 0830 hours on Good Friday eighteen of our members left Wilmslow and disappeared into the cold, southern rain mists, transported in vehicles varying from a Mini to a Rolls Bentley. Our ninth bi-annual Easter Tour of London was under way.

This year we were represented by a well balanced cross-section of the Club's teams and included some of our oldest and youngest playing members. We were also delighted to have with us the playing prowess and the companionship of Neil Kennedy, David Shuttleworth and Christopher Holmes from the School, and Lawrence Oliver who joined the Section from School earlier in the season.

After a relaxing journey, punctured only by Alan Marsland stopping on the M6 to trace a non-existent mechanical fault and by Mr. Manning learning that even certain foreign cars have big ends, we reached our hotel in time for a quick inspection and a quicker lunch.

Our first game had a very exciting climax; after leading 6—0 it was only in the closing minutes, by scoring three goals, that we finally managed to succeed 10—6 against Old Thorntonians whom we thank both for the game, and for the most enjoyable evening which followed.

Afterwards, we spent a quiet and fairly uneventful night in the secure and cosy bosom of our hotel.

On Saturday we had our annual match with the Purley Lacrosse Club and once more we had a hard game. We feel, indeed, that the final result of 10—2 in our favour was a little unjust to our opponents. This was the eighteenth time since the war that this annual fixture for the Purley Shield has been played, and, although we have managed to win everyone of them, the Purley hospitality has never wavered in its warm generosity as hosts nor has its enthusiasm to travel North on alternate years in an endeavour to wrest the trophy from us diminished.

Later that evening we found enough reserves of strength to take what, perhaps, is best described as a breath of fresh air in the West End and, for our troubles, spent a slightly restless night in the hotel afterwards.

On Sunday morning a few of the party went on what proved to be a detailed but abortive survey of the Beckenham Hill area in search of the Surrey versus Yorkshire match. It was only after having given up any hope of finding their quest that they eventually found the ground, nearly three hours too late. This was as they were irrevocably propelled past it at some sixty miles an hour by train on their way back to London. Their experience, we understand, was not a complete waste of time: they have told us, for instance, it is their considered opinion that lacrosse is played over a very wide area in the South and that there appear to be an over-abundance of superb sports grounds all bearing—they swear to this—not only similar but often identical names!



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Footsore, they slept for the remainder of the afternoon in a cinema, paying enough, we feel, to have enabled them to have bought the place and the film: but by then, no doubt, anguish and the weather had dulled their sagacity.

The evening we spent on a combined social study of London on an Easter Sunday night and, as a consequence, had a hilarious time in an Italian restaurant. Eventually, we returned to the hotel to have a short, mutilated sleep.

After a very slowly and carefully taken breakfast next morning we said goodbye to a comfortable hotel and to its impressionable and tormented but understanding staff. Then, having held up the traffic to take the usual photograph of the party outside the hotel, we made our way to make what we feel is a notable page in the history of the Old Hulmeians Association. The Association of Old Hulmeians in London fielded against us a team collected by George Arnold from Old Hulmeians playing in the South.

As should be expected the game created a good deal of interest and fittingly the standard of the lacrosse played was of a high order; the touring team running out victors 8—2.

After reviewing the passing years with several old school friends during a delightfully informal lunch, we wearily but sadly sorted ourselves into our cars and sped, with mute dignity, towards the North to merge once again into its grey vastnesses, each vowing to repeat the whole punitive treatment in two years' time.

### RESULTS

#### FIRST TEAM

v. Cheadle .....	H W	10—3
v. Stockport .....	A W	12—5
v. Old Stopfordians .....	H W	1—0
v. Mellor (Semi-Final N.E.L.A. Senior Flags Comp. Neutral Ground) .....	W	12—3
v. Rochdale .....	H W	20—5
v. Wm. Hulme's G.S. 1st .....	A W	16—4
v. Heaton Mer'y (Final N.E.L.A. Senior Flags Comp. Neutral Ground) .....	W	10—3
v. Stockport .....	H W	18—5
v. Old Waconians .....	A W	6—0
v. Lee (Iroquois Cup and English Club Championship, Neutral Ground) .....	W	21—5
v. Sth M/c. & Wythenshawe...	A W	8—5

#### 'A' TEAM

v. Old Waconians 'A' .....	A W	7—2
v. Ashton .....	H D	6—6
v. Old Grovians .....	A W	13—4
v. Sth M/c. & Wythenshawe .....	A L	7—8
v. Wm. Hulme's G.S. 2nd .....	A W	13—3
v. Old Waconians 'A' .....	A W	9—4

#### EXTRA 'A' TEAM

v. Urmston 'A' .....	H L	6—14
v. Ashton 'A' .....	A W	7—4
v. Heaton Mersey 'A' .....	H D	6—6
v. Sheffield University .....	A L	12—17
v. Ashton 'A' .....	H W	9—4
v. Wm. Hulme's G.S. 3rd .....	A W	11—10
v. Urmston 'A' .....	A W	7—5

#### 'B' TEAM

v. Offerton 'A' .....	A L	3—24
v. Stockport 'A' .....	H L	2—16
v. Manchester Univ. 'A' .....	A W	8—3
v. Leeds University 'A' .....	H W	1—0
v. Sth M/c. & Wythenshawe 'B' .....	A L	0—13
v. Wm. Hulme's G.S. 4th .....	A W	8—6

### Old Hulmeians Rugby

*"It is not writ what man should do  
If the foul offender strike the other cheek."  
Pathan Proverb*

Failure to recall this ancient adage resulted in three unfortunate lapses in a steady if not brilliant season. They all occurred in a disastrous period before Easter. Firstly against Old Aldwynians, whom we had previously beaten, then even more shatteringly against Old Bedians on the worst day of the winter. To those more venerable Hulmeians, whose remarks, in one of the town's hostelrys, were so scathing after this defeat, and to others who felt likewise—our apologies; but the following Saturday we were even worse—down 27—0 to Ashton-on-Mersey, whom we had also beaten easily early in the season. These lapses marred a reasonable looking record for the First XV.

Offensively we have not been outstanding. The ball neither moved rapidly to the wings nor have we been successful in breaking our opponents' lines with coherent movements. However, a steady defence in depth and an occasional individual



breakaway resulted in a steady toll of victims. Then came Easter. It may have been the Easter Tour, the thought of the end of the season or our University guests, but the penultimate game against West Park was a joy to behold. Ten minutes from time, we were coasting comfortably with a 14-0 lead. Two defensive errors gave Park eight points in that time but it would be churlish to dwell on these. The final game against Toc H left this normally dour and phlegmatic spectator in transports of delight. If only we could play like that all the season . . . . .

4-30 p.m. on Saturdays, usually found 'A' team skipper Ken Pettener gibbering with frustration. Generally his team has played with considerable vigour and enthusiasm and on occasions, skill. More than a fair share of possession has been obtained. The standard of rugby has been better than for some years but, alas, the fruits of victory have been squandered by careless mistakes. Some defeats have been narrow—8-11 to Ashton-on-Mersey, 0-5 to Thornton Cleveleys, 0-3 to Newcastle. Some showed a larger margin not reflected in the run of play. Morale, despite frequent team changes, has improved throughout the season and if continued, will augur well for the future.

To play on the Extra 'A' I am convinced one must be an optimist and an enthusiast grade one. None of the glamour of the other two teams pervades here. The opposition is either (a) composed of class players of undoubted superiority to our XV or (b) they have 15 men and we haven't. According to skipper Dave Roberts the refereeing is always abysmal (unless we win) and every game is played with vigour and a lust for victory. Something however seems to go wrong somewhere, such as at Calder Vale when an impartial count revealed we had 15 and they 14. To an unbiased observer, the most hectic moments seem to have been the arguments between the chairman from the touchline, representing the purist, academic approach, and the captain representing the 'practical' approach. Only the 5-yard zone appeared to prevent a blood-letting on more than one occasion. The game, of course, proceeded indifferently.

Despite all the tribulations, our enthusiasts remain. We hope they will be joined by others of like nature—with a small prayer in brackets for some additional skills. An innovation this year was an Easter Tour when we played Windermere and won—Old Crichtonians and lost. Those who went had an excellent time, but it was a last-minute round up to get adequate players.

Finally, a stalwart '7' led by Brian Hayes brought home the trophy from the Toc H 'Sevens' without conceding a point. A most praiseworthy effort.

'MUDDIED OAF'

## RESULTS

## FIRST XV

Feb	1 v. Thornton Cleveleys ...	A L	3—8
"	8 v. Old Salfordians .....	A W	3—0
"	15 v. Metrovick .....	A L	11—14
"	22 v. Newcastle-u-Lyme	H W	10—3
"	28 v. Old Aldwinians .....	A L	8—18
Mar	7 v. Old Rochdaliens .....	H W	6—3
"	14 v. Old Bedians .....	H L	0—14
"	21 v. Ashton-on-Mersey ...	A L	0—27
"	27 v. Windermere .....	A W	14—8
"	28 v. Old Creightonians ...	A L	6—18
Apr	4 v. Calder Vale .....	A W	3—0
"	11 v. West Park .....	H W	14—8
"	18 v. Toc H .....	H W	19—5

## 'A' XV

Feb	8 v. Old Salfordians .....	H L	6—12
"	15 v. Metrovick .....	H L	0—3
"	22 v. Newcastle-u-Lyme	H L	9—11
"	29 v. Old Aldwinians .....	H L	10—15
Mar	7 v. Old Rochdaliens .....	A W	9—3
"	14 v. Old Bedians .....	A L	0—14
"	21 v. Ashton-on-Mersey ...	H L	0—6
Apr	4 v. Calder Vale .....	H L	0—12
"	11 v. West Park .....	A L	3—28
"	18 v. Toc H .....	A L	6—12

## Extra 'A' XV

Feb	8 v. Old Salfordians .....	A L	3—26
"	15 v. Metrovick .....	A D	8—8
"	29 v. Old Aldwinians .....	A L	9—12
Mar	7 v. Old Rochdaliens .....	H L	0—6
"	14 v. Old Bedians .....	A W	6—3
"	21 v. Ashton-on-Mersey ...	A L	0—24
Apr	4 v. Calder Vale .....	A L	9—14
"	18 v. Toc H .....	H L	9—12

Hon. Sec., F. M. Burton, 27 Edale Close, Hazel Grove, Cheshire. Tel.: STE 6876.

## Old Hulmeians Motor Club

After the highly successful film show in January, we continued in February with an indoor event on February 18th—a Table Top Rally. This was a very well attended event, some seventeen members and friends taking part despite the inclement



weather. Competitors were formed into 'crews' of two for this armchair type rally, conducted in the warmth of the Clubhouse, and proceeded to cover a route of about 120 miles on Map 101 at a theoretical average speed of 75 m.p.h. The winners, by a very large margin indeed, were those ardent rallyists from I.C.I.—Shirley Alcock and Julia Davenport.

On March 18th we held an 'Evening Run'. This event was first put on in December, 1963, when there were only three entries. As a result, it seemed a waste not to repeat it, and this was duly done. This time, we attracted five entries, for a jaunt round the southerly parts of Map 101 following a straight line route about three feet long. Timing by marshals' watches was used only as a tie-decider, and was not taken into account in deciding that Messrs. Barber and Siddall of I.C.I. had beaten Messrs. Turner and Webb, also of I.C.I. These two turned out to be the only two finishers inside the given time limits, so the route finding may have been a little more difficult than the organisers anticipated.

We were invited to compete in I.C.I.'s 'Anno Vernal' Rally, on March 22nd. O.H.M.C. provided three entries for this event, when 24 starters progressed through about 140 miles of maps 101, 110 and 111. The route was indicated by a collection of map references and straight lines (these are much more difficult to follow starting at the top and working downwards than the other way round) with a lunch halt in the South-East corner of 110. The return half was mainly on 111, and showed up the problems of day-rallying, when the eventual second and joint fifth competitors were trying to follow a non-competing Minivan through Grindon hairpins! I.C.I. provided the first four places, O.H.M.C. taking the joint fifth position with Michael Peters and J. Lawrence in the M.G.B., and Gordon Davies and Stanley Foulds running for the first time in Gordon's new Herald 12-50. Christopher Templar, navigated by H. W. Wood, was the other O.H.M.C. entry.

On Sunday, April 5th, we provided marshals for one hill of the Derbyshire Trial, organised by the Lancashire and Cheshire Car Club. Some six members were present, and all had a pleasant day in the fresh air watching the trials cars do impossible things.

The Committee is at present actively considering the report of the Motor Rallies Advisory Committee set up by the Rt. Hon. Ernest Marples (he who it has been said must go!) concerning the implementation of Sec. 36 of the Road Traffic Act, 1962. The matter is one which will receive very serious discussion at our Annual General Meeting in June/July, in view of its likely effect upon our activities.

Enquiries concerning Motor Sport and about joining our Club will be welcomed by the Joint Hon. Secretaries—Dr. Stanley B. Foulds, 131 Gatley Road, Gatley, Cheshire, Tel.: GATley 2887, or John L. Williams, 7 Kings Avenue, Gatley, Tel.: GATley 4666.

## Old Hulmeians Golf

The annual competition was played at the Didsbury Golf Club by the courtesy of their Captain and Board. The number of competitors was fewer than usual, possibly owing to the early date, May 7th, and a clash with a charity match at Maine Road.

Weather conditions did not favour good golf; a high wind throughout the day and heavy showers in the evening made low scoring difficult.

We were honoured by the presence of our President, Mr. Bland, who kindly presented the cups at the end of an enjoyable evening.

### RESULTS

MERCHANT CUP (best gross): F. H. Marshall, 84.

BRADBURY CUP (best net): F. J. Smith, 90—15: 75 net.

VLIES CUP (best net—handicap 16 and over): J. Foulds 93—18: 75 net.

J. FOULDS, Hon. Sec.

## Old Hulmeians Masonic Lodge No. 7062

The Annual Ladies Evening was held on April 1st, 1964, at the Embassy Rooms, Sale, when the Worshipful Master and Mrs. W. Allman welcomed the members and their guests, totalling 178. We were honoured to have the Headmaster and Mrs. J. G. Bird, also The President of the Association and Mrs. T. W. M. Bland present with us on this occasion. The Ladies' song was given very splendidly by Roy Harvey Vernon, W.H.G.S.

On April 8th a coffee morning was held at School which realised £23 6s. 4d. and enabled the Lodge to donate a further 50 guineas to the School Building Fund.

On April 25th the new worshipful Master, Bro. John Parry Moran, was installed by his predecessor, at the Temple, Bridge Street, Manchester. Hon. Sec., A. E. Bolsover, 268 Brooklands Road, Baguley, Manchester.



## Association of Old Hulmeians in London

For our first Meeting this year, the Supper on 25th March, we patronised the *Copper Kitchen*, a new restaurant in Fleet Street, only a short distance from the *Cheshire Cheese* where the London Association held its inaugural meeting over fifty years ago. On this occasion we were not provided with churchwarden pipes that were featured at that earlier meeting, but the steak and kidney was well served and we shall probably pay further visits to this address. We were glad to welcome for the first time K. Rivett, who made the journey from Aldershot, A. L. Thornley and Douglas Buttrey. It was equally good to see H. H. G. Redshaw who has been unwell but who was determined to make the effort to be with us; we greatly value his enthusiastic interest.

The O.H.A. Lacrosse Club's Easter tour was apparently as successful as ever, but from our point of view, its highlight this year was the inclusion in the programme of a game against Hulmeians in these parts. The condition of the ground at Kenton made it necessary to switch the game from there to Addiscombe. We were beaten 8—2 but the fixture was one we shall hope to repeat. Despite very dreary weather, a number of spectators arrived to lend encouragement on the field and to join the get-together that followed in the pavilion. Frank Waddington, who had spotted the press announcement, and Jim Davies put in 'first' appearances and we hope to see them again.

Our congratulations to the Lacrosse Club for their success in the Iroquois Cup at Hurlingham Park on 25th April. It was a welcome turn of events that brought this final to London after many years, and London Old Boys availed themselves of this opportunity to see the game, several with their ladies, whom we were delighted to see there. With us for the first time were John Harvey, who has been in these parts a number of years, and C. H. Hunt, who came south comparatively recently. When Buckland opened the score in the first minute to be quickly followed by more goals in the first quarter, the superiority of the Manchester team was apparent to all, and it seemed only appropriate to leave it to the opponents' followers to give vocal support to their team; we were able to sit back and enjoy the competence of our players. We hope it will not be as long before this final is played here again.

Still on the subject of lacrosse, it can be mentioned there is a strong body of opinion that favours the formation of an Old Hulmeians in London team to play regularly. This idea is being seriously considered and Old Boys who would like to see the project developed and would give support or have any views on the matter are invited to drop a line to George Arnold, 4 Malcolm Gardens, Povey Cross, Horley, Surrey.

The date of our cricket match to be played at Farnham Royal with the Association of Lancastrians in London has been put back to the 14th June. If these notes appear before then, they will serve as a reminder that all are welcome, and an inquiry to the secretary will bring any further information required.

Details of future arrangements will be given later. Meanwhile you are asked to make a note of Friday, 25th October, for the Annual Dinner, this time in the Inns of Court Regimental Mess Hall, Chancery Lane, and the 20th November, for the Autumn Supper.

Members who on the 25th March added their greetings to air letters will like to know that their good wishes were returned from both Ian Low and George Wood. Apparently the latter, for his daily toil at New Haven, luxuriates in an office the furnishings of which would make most of our tycoons of industry weep with envy. According to Ian, there is plenty of room for improvements in the Toronto pubs but he nevertheless sounds very happy there. Congratulations to S. G. Wood upon his election as President of the Students' Union Society of Borough Road College. This office and his rugby for the College first team will keep him very busy. Best wishes also to Jeff Shaw who left London upon his appointment at Hyde. Gordon Hall seems to be putting in a fair stint of travelling, to Paris, Brussels, Frankfurt and Zurich; nine trips in eight weeks all told is not bad going, even for these days. Bill Douglas is engaged at weekends on C.D. exercises in Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire. To the wrist he broke last year, Geoffrey Wilkinson has now added an ankle injury as an added hazard for the cricket season. Further information about activities here, from G. W. Creasey, 145 Copse Hill, S.W.20. WIMBLEDON 6778.

## A Critique of The Two Cultures or Old Hulmeians at Manchester University

C. P. Snow's thesis about the sharp division between devotees of the arts and exponents of the sciences is erroneous in two fundamental respects. There are not two "cultures" but a multiplicity, in fact one per department. Secondly, the barrier to communication is not mental but physical: all known Old Hulmeians, with the exception of Jim Kelly, whose Scottish ancestry becomes increasingly apparent, and S. Fewster, who mumbles incoherently through an indigenous form of facial fungus, still retain some degree of fluency in the English language; but the contingent of Old Hulmeians at Manchester, though large by comparison with those at most other universities, has been widely dispersed on the densely-populated campus.



Consequently, apologies must be tendered to those who have been omitted from this account.

The imminence of Finals appears to give D. J. Sudlow little cause for alarm; he remains his old cheerful self, and continues to waste a large part of his substance in riotous living in the Coffee Bar. Mike Vale, however, talks more of work and less of sport than formerly, and he has frequently been seen entering the library. S. Fewster wears a worried frown, but occasionally he condescends to astonish the inmates of the Union Lounge with his skill at bridge. We wish them all luck in June.

One of the more athletic undergraduates is J. M. Kelly, who celebrated a nationally advertised fund-raising festival, held each February, by walking home from Lancaster. This experience stands him in good stead when he leads groups of unsuspecting friends on exhausting hikes. K. Hamer is another noted sportsman; he plays an obscure game, involving a round leather ball and much kicking, for his department. Little is known of his fellow mathematicians, J. Brownhill and F. Boardman, though the latter is rumoured to have feigned illness after donating blood in order to attract the attention of an unwary nurse.

Apparently Ian Woolley is determined to bankrupt his local barber; to this end he has abstained from having his hair cut since he left school. This must weigh heavily on his conscience, or his mind must be pre-occupied with the intricacies of electrical engineering, for his conversation, on the rare occasions when he is seen, is restricted to monosyllabic grunts. R. Frobisher, another engineer, is seen only in the early morning, when time permits no more than a brief salutation before he hastens to lectures.

It is believed that a small band from Hulme entered "Tech" last October, if not the year before, but only one, D. W. Birchall, is known to emerge occasionally. He has been seen at Union debates, but when questioned about the doings of his fellows he could offer little enlightenment—at "Tech" the population per square yard is even greater than at "Owens".

P. L. Heywood has acquired a philosophical attitude to his studies; when he can be persuaded to interrupt his discourses with J. E. Ellis he claims to be working hard, but that's what they all say! Another familiar figure swathed in a "medic's" scarf and bearing a striking resemblance to A. Blackburn has been glimpsed from afar. G. R. Collins came out of hibernation in the dental department a couple of months ago, but he appears to have returned to await a rise in temperature.

For aspiring social scientists in search of congenial company, Manchester is definitely the place to apply: the rate of entry of Old Hulmeians into

the faculty doubled last year, making a grand total of three. That excludes M. A. Kerr, who is taking a postgraduate course in business studies, but how dare one include a man with a first in such a crew? John Hill is the athlete of the trio; he has developed a passion for table-tennis, and when last seen he was riding a bicycle at great speed down Oxford Road. F. J. Kenworthy was discovered in the library on one occasion, but he apologised profusely and promised that it would not happen again. Both rejoice in the fact that for most inmates of the faculty, lectures start at 10-30 if not later, and they believe that work is a thing of the past, in spite of M. T. Sumner's warning of the tribulations which await them next year. Much work and little money have compelled the latter to adopt an ascetic mode of existence; when friends dispute that by pointing to the hours he spends in the Union, he claims that his visits are made purely to gather information for future articles in *The Hulmeian*. A likely story!

Those who have exams to pass are now preparing for a whole six weeks' unremitting toil, but they will be out of cold storage (provided they are not out of the university) in time to welcome new arrivals in October.

M.T.S.

## Parents' Association Notes

Once again during March the Annual Supper Dance attracted nearly two-hundred parents and their friends who, I am sure, enjoyed a most pleasant evening at the Embassy Rooms, Sale. We also had with us some sixty members and their guests from the staff.

Our Speaker for the April Talk was Mr. Michael Barton of the Talks Department, B.B.C., Manchester, and his subject "Producing for Television" was illustrated by film through the medium of the projector recently presented to the School by the Parents' Association. We are indeed indebted to Mr. Barton for taking the time to be with us on that evening which everyone who attended enjoyed so very much.

Every effort is being made to make arrangements for the Annual Tennis and Cricket Matches again this year and we appeal to everyone who would like to participate to send in their names as soon as possible.

Our Chairman, Mrs. G. C. Allen, resigned at the Annual General Meeting this year, after many loyal years spent on the Committee. We all know the value of a good Chairman and would like to thank her for the untiring effort and guidance which she has given during the past year.



Mr. J. McMullen did not seek re-election, and our thanks must be recorded for the help he has given, particularly as M.C. at several of our evening functions.

During the Meeting the following were elected for the ensuing year:

*President:* Mrs. G. C. Allen.

*Vice-President:* Mr. R. C. Swift.

*Chairman:* Mr. E. J. Giles.

*Vice-Chairman:* Mr. H. B. Shires.

*Hon. Secretary:* Mrs. A. L. Wolfendale.

*Hon. Treasurer:* Mr. R. E. Hoyle.

*Committee:* Mr. J. Blezard, Mr. W. N. Brewood,

Mr. G. Edwards, Mr. A. S. Fortune, Mr. C. P. Guthrie, Mr. E. V. McGlue, Mr. S. Slight, Mrs. M. E. McKeowan.

Other Vice-Presidents of the Association were as follows: Mrs. L. Stockdale, Mr. S. V. Hickling, Mr. H. W. N. White, Mr. J. Whitfield, Mrs. E. J. Gazzard, Mr. F. J. Allen.

Our best wishes go to all boys leaving in July who, we trust, will meet with every success in each chosen walk of life.

To the Head Master and staff we wish a very happy summer vacation.

E. J. GILES, *Hon. Sec.*

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