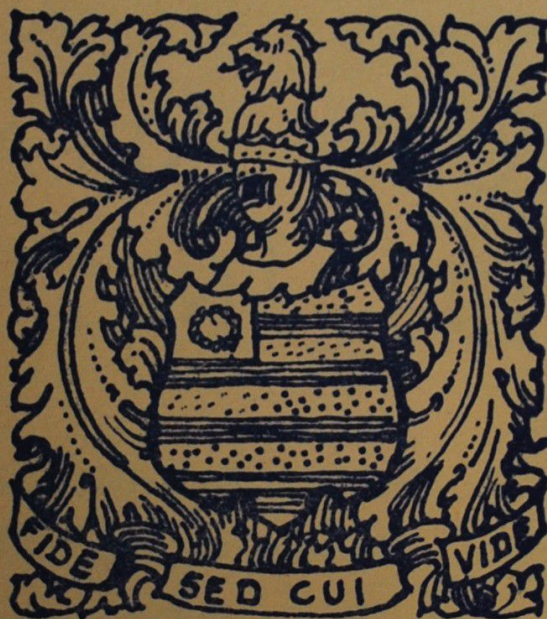


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## School Notes and News

We welcome to the School Mr. R. K. McCulloch, M.Sc., Leeds University, who has joined the Science Staff this term.

Several improvements have been effected to the School grounds during the summer holidays and the current term. The garden in front of the School has blossomed forth with unwonted brightness. A new asphalt path along the north side of the School field, inspired doubtless by a prophetic anticipation of the exceptionally wet weather we have experienced this term, has been much appreciated by spectators of School and House matches, as well as regular users. We have not observed its being used as a practical illustration of perspective by either the Art or the Physics departments, but we can readily imagine that more congenial weather is being awaited. A new fence has been erected on the Princess Road side of the grounds.

A new building for the groundsman's machinery is also in course of erection.

We have to thank H. H. Nall, Esq. (O. H.) for the gift of two lacrosse sticks for the first lacrosse team.

Dr. Jecny is taking a Winter Sports Party to the Continent, as usual, during the Christmas holidays. This year he is going to Mayrhofen in the Austrian Tyrol. We trust that the apparently inexhaustible moisture in the atmosphere will turn to snow before the party arrives so that all may have an enjoyable holiday.

The Annual Founders' Day Service will be held next term on Wednesday, January 26th, at the Cathedral at 11 a.m. when the preacher will be the Rev. Professor T. W. Manson, M.A., D.Litt., D.D.

The School prefects this year are R. K. Davies (Head Prefect), G. N. Leah, J. K. Robertson, K. L. Kilbey, I. H. Munro, D. L. S. Paine,



D. Wilde, D. W. Archer, B. H. Blakeley, C. Gee, P. J. Richards, C. E. Bryans, J. D. S. Harrop, J. A. G. Rimmer, E. A. Royle, B. M. Segal.

We congratulate C. Gee on being awarded a Hulme Scholarship in Mathematics, and J. S. Baker and J. D. S. Harrop on Hulme Exhibitions in Modern Languages and English respectively, tenable at Brasenose College, Oxford.

On the results of the Northern Universities Joint Board Examinations, held in the Summer Term, the following awards have been made:—

State Scholarships: N. Flitcroft, A. M. Sinclair, G. G. Ellis, C. Gee, B. M. Segal, R. Knowles, D. S. Norbury, E. G. Schumacher.

Manchester Education Committee Scholarships: N. Flitcroft, D. J. Pilkington, B. M. Segal, A. M. Sinclair, J. E. Thackray, A. S. Watkinson.

Stockport Exhibition: J. D. S. Harrop.

A National Coal Board Scholarship has been awarded to H. W. Morrell.

The Lent Term will begin on Tuesday, January 11th, at 9-15 a.m.

Mid-term Holiday will be on February 18th, 19th and 21st.

The Lent Term will end on Thursday, March 31st at four o'clock.

The Easter Holiday will extend from Thursday, March 31st at four, to Tuesday, April 26th, at 9-15 a.m.

The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term and for Scholarships and Free Places, etc., for Primary School Boys, will be held on February 9th and March 9th, beginning at 9 a.m. each day.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the *Aldwinian*, *Barrovian*, *Denstonian*, *Gryphon*, *Savilian*, *Standian*, *Ulula*, *Waconian*, *Wallaseyan* and the magazine of the King's School, Macclesfield.

### Speech Day, 1954

The School Speech Day was held as usual in the New Hall in the afternoon of Thursday, July 15th. Fortunately the weather on this occasion was not too hot.

Canon Woolnough, who presided, complimented the C.C.F. on their recent highly successful inspection.

The Headmaster then delivered his report. He began by explaining why he thought it desirable that Speech Day should be held in the New Hall, despite all the difficulties and inconveniences it involved. Nowhere else could the true atmosphere of the School be recaptured. Then he went on to lay down the standards by which a school should be judged; in and out of school activities by the Boys, by the attainments of Old Boys, and by its Governors. He claimed that the School could withstand each of these tests. A school could be judged by its successes, for continued successes inspired the whole. Forty-six boys had passed General Certificate at Advanced Level in three subjects, nine others had passed in two subjects. Five State Scholarships had been awarded, ten City Scholarships. I. J. Graham-Bryce had been granted an Exhibition at University College, Oxford, at the age of sixteen; G. T. Denton an Open Scholarship at Peterhouse, Cambridge; B. R. Heap an Open Exhibition at Cambridge, and a Major Scholarship at Oxford; P. Marlton had been awarded a Scholarship at Manchester University. E. G. Wilcock had passed seventh out of eighty successful candidates for Dartmouth. Among Old Boys, A. B. Wilkinson had been awarded an Honorary Scholarship at St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, and D. Gosling a Travelling Scholarship, awarded by the Institute of Builders, tenable at Manchester University. On the subject of Old Boys the Headmaster expressed his gratitude for the gift of £70 from them, the residue of the War Memorial Fund, which would be applied to purchasing books for the Library.

Turning to subjects of more general interest, he expressed the view that Television was not such a menace as was supposed. Once the novelty was outgrown, selection would play its part. Much depended on how children were helped to form taste. The Hydrogen Bomb he thought was not so overwhelming a threat to civilisation as was imagined. He felt sure the human race would not be allowed to destroy itself.

He concluded with an eloquent tribute to the long and distinguished service rendered to the School by its late secretary, Mr. J. A. Barber, and by wishing every success to Mr. W. Robinson, who had been appointed Senior Physics Master at Downside School, Bath.

After presenting the prizes, the Dean of Manchester, the Very Rev. H. A. Jones, B.Sc., delivered one of the most inspiring addresses one remembers having heard on such an occasion for many years. He said he had recently visited Christ Church College, Oxford, where he had seen the Library of the Seventeenth-century diarist and scholar, John Evelyn. There he had found a wide range of books, both the expected and the unexpected, reflecting the extreme catholicity of his



interests. He asked if we could produce such minds. It seemed to him we were devoting ourselves more and more to less and less. There was a danger that the expert was becoming the man who knew nothing else. He belittled, however, the danger of over-specialisation. He said that in his experience the Scientist knew more about the Arts than Artists did about Science. Darwin had lamented his over-specialisation. How could we maintain a wide range of interests? The answer was by being selective over a wide field. We should read the biographies of people who had done things we were unlikely to do. At the Universities and elsewhere we should get to know people who were doing other things. This would prevent our becoming narrow.

The audience then dispersed to watch the matches or examine the various exhibitions, testifying to the range of interests catered for at the School.

#### PRIZE LIST.

**SPECIAL PRIZES.**—Watkins: A. O. Dyson; Anderson: H. V. Penketh; Stone English Essay: G. T. Denton; Powell Scripture Reading: P. K. Wheeler; Aspinall Religious Knowledge: A. O. Dyson; Forrest Writing: C. B. Lowe.

**THIRD YEAR SIXTH**—Knoop English: J. D. S. Harrop; Dehn History: G. T. Denton; Vlies Modern Language: A. O. Dyson and G. N. Leah; Dorrington Latin: M. S. Blackburn; Lymer Mathematics: B. R. Heap; Williamson Science: I. J. Graham-Bryce and P. Marlton; Sir Samuel Turner Imperial History: G. T. Denton.

**SECOND YEAR SIXTH**—English: J. A. G. Rimmer; French: J. S. Baker; German: K. L. Kilbey; Physics: D. J. Bamber; Chemistry: A. M. Sinclair; Biology: G. G. Ellis; Mathematics: C. Gee.

**LOWER SIXTH**—English: M. M. Kelsall; History: M. M. Kelsall; Geography: W. D. West; Latin: J. D. E. Rayman; French: J. H. Delany; German: R. N. Paxton; Physics: W. D. Maughan; Chemistry: A. E. Backhouse; Botany: P. Bee; Mathematics: T. R. Bateson.

**FIFTH FORMS**—Parents' English: J. E. O. Screen; History: J. E. O. Screen; Hewlett Geography: T. W. Woodward; Rupert Hawley Memorial French: K. J. Hinson; German: E. R. Birch; Latin: I. A. B. Low; Mathematics: C. Burrows; Science: G. G. Mitchell; Art: J. G. Taylor; Handicraft: C. W. Maclean.

**FOURTH FORMS**—English: D. H. Eldridge; History: H. Bibby; Geography: P. Golborn; Caiger French: R. S. Lurie; German: L. Nögler; Latin: A. Belford; Mathematics:

D. M. Brierley; Science: D. M. Brierley; Art: P. J. Allport; Handicraft: B. W. Wilson.

**THIRD FORMS**—English: W. A. Drapkin; History: P. J. Blount; Geography: J. Slater; French: H. M. Davis; Latin: P. J. Bowler; Mathematics: P. S. Leach; Science: J. G. Banks; Art: J. M. Spence; Handicraft: P. J. Bowler.

**SECOND FORMS**—English: C. R. L. Mark; History: C. R. L. Mark; Geography: P. K. Dykes; French: C. R. L. Mark; Latin: C. R. L. Mark; Science: D. B. Heap; Art: C. Worsnip; Handicraft: G. L. Cooke.

**FIRST FORMS**—English: N. Bethell; History: G. N. Bromiley; Geography: A. G. Jones; French: N. Henshall; Mathematics: F. A. Richards; Science: P. H. Hill; Art: B. Hayes; Handicraft: B. Hayes.

**PREPARATORY**—First: M. S. Burgoyne; Progress: D. W. Parkinson; Barber Merit: D. C. Roberts.

#### C.C.F. Notes

The finale of last term's C.C.F. activity was the Corps Annual Camp, which was this year held at the Guards' Camp at Pirbright, Surrey. To the Corps, this was a new area for camp training, and ideas of what we might find there seemed to vary. The number of cadets who attended the camp was rather greater than in previous years; this is accountable only to the fact that we were to live in billet huts and not under canvas. Once again the Rev. A. H. Ginever, who conducted the Sunday morning service at the camp, acted as padre to the contingent.

Training for the infantry platoons commenced with a series of films and demonstrations, which proved highly interesting and instructive. Most of the instruction this year had to be given by our own N.C.O.s., but this in no way reduced the effectiveness with which the instructors used the opportunities given to them on the various training areas. As usual, a special course of instruction was arranged for the Signals platoon, whose ranks were swelled by a number of cadets from our R.E.M.E. platoon. Towards the end of the week, a Signals examination was arranged, allowing a number of cadets to be successful.

During the week's camp, one afternoon was given up to firing .303 ammunition on the open range. This proved most valuable and provided an interesting experience for the contingent, although some found that damage to themselves was easier to obtain than to the targets. The following afternoon we were concerned with Bren firing on the range, a new but deafening experience to all those who took part.



The main achievement of the contingent was, however, the winning of the Drill Competition which was held on the last night of camp. Several other School C.C.F. drill platoons were entered but, in the opinion of the inspecting officers, were unable to beat the standard set up by our own platoon.

Discipline throughout the camp period was of a very high standard, a factor which was considerably encouraged by the efficient organisation of the camp. In spite of the exacting, but not too strenuous training, and the appearance of a mysterious mascot, it was generally agreed to have been the most enjoyable camp so far held.

The beginning of this term brought the following promotions.—

With effect from September 1st:

Sgt. J. K. Robertson to be C/U/O.; Cpls. B. H. Blakeley, I. H. Munro, D. L. S. Paine, P. J. Richards, W. G. Scarlett, P. G. Thompson, P. F. Wilde, to be Sgts.

L/Cpls. A. E. Backhouse, C. Bryans, T. Bush, D. R. Crome, J. Davis, A. W. Day, F. Duckworth, D. K. P. Greenwood, P. Gribble, K. L. Kilbey, M. K. McCreath, A. M. Medcalfe, D. J. Roberts, G. E. Ramsdale, A. J. Royle, B. M. Segal, J. V. Sheppard, J. B. Wigglesworth, D. Wilde, M. Williams, R. E. Williams, to be Cpls.

Cdts. D. J. Bamber, G. G. Ellis, C. Gee, P. D. Kyffin, W. D. Maughan, W. D. West, P. T. Mitchell, A. Mathias, to be L/Cpls.

With effect from November 1st:

L/Cpl. G. N. Leah to be Cpl.

Cdts. A. D. Hollins, A. C. Morris, J. G. Taylor, G. F. Turnbull, T. D. Scott, N. R. Watson, to be L/Cpls.

There have been three main outside activities so far this term. The Corps Band, which was resting after its exertions during the Annual Inspection last July, was awakened from its hibernation to play at Oldham Hulme Grammar School, where it had been asked to function at the presentation of the new Standard to Oldham School's corps. From reports received afterwards, most members of the band seem to have found their playing was well rewarded.

Lyme Park once again provided the scene of a Field Day held on October 20th. The main feature of the exercise was a demonstration of "platoon in attack," carried out effectively by senior N.C.O.s, and watched by the more junior platoons. As has grown customary, the Signal Section disappeared on one of their mysterious "nets," only to reappear again at tea.

Two days after this Field Day came the highlight of the term, when on Friday, 22nd October,

during the Queen's visit to Lancashire, one hundred cadets, selected from our corps, were sent as a representative body on the Queen's Parade in Manchester. The hundred cadets were responsible for lining a certain section of the route to be taken by the Queen that afternoon, and although the weather was most unkind on such an occasion, all agreed it was well worth while.

Within the corps itself, training has commenced with promising rapidity. Although outdoor activities are rather restricted this term, "wet weather" programmes seem to have been quite as effective. The miniature range shooting has already commenced, allowing many corps members to become classified marksmen. The Recruits platoon has already grown to over capacity level and it has been necessary to split it into two platoons. Facilities for training cadets for the Cert. "A" exams, have been increased by the introduction of Wednesday and Saturday parades for those due to take the exam, soon. One platoon will be taking Cert. "A" Part II early in December.

It is hoped that, with the continued co-operation of all N.C.O.s, this coming year should be a most successful period for the contingent.

## The Entertainments

The principal dramatic activity of this term has been the work which Mr. Williams and his huge team of soloists, chorus, orchestra and stage staff are putting into the production of the rarely seen Gilbert and Sullivan opera, "Princess Ida." This is at present being rehearsed at all times of the day and evening, and deserves to emerge into the open with great success when it is presented to the public in December.

Two more dreams have come true this term. The stage manager's prayers have been answered and the good fairy, in the person of Mr. John Hammond, O.H.—himself an ex-S.M.—made him a Christmas present of a new, larger and much more efficient winch for the Main Tabs. As the S.M. complained that he was developing a permanent stoop, the new winch is raised on a stand. No longer will that "Quick curtain!" for which the producers call so often necessitate a noisy and exhausting battle with the winch handle.

No longer, too, shall we have to call upon the services of "Fred," the big extending ladder and the strong arm gang merely to change the colour filters in the F.O.H. lanterns. How to effect this change by remote control (yet keeping within our slender means) has long defeated us. However, the patient researches of our late Chief Electrician, D. J. Beadle, in the R.A.F. surplus shops un-



earthed a pair of remarkable components (at a price of 1/- each, they were within even our means!) which have been adapted and fitted to do the job. Once more we are indebted to Mr. Hammond who made for us the colour-wheels that are operated by these remote-control devices.

The Tuesday Form plays are continuing as usual, and three have been seen so far. These have all been fairly well attended.

The first, "By Which We Live," presented by 6M.U., was a play of ideals, a conflict in which the faith of a Communist Chinese officer is matched against a cynical individualist and a Roman Catholic priest. Within the limits of a short play the author created a convincing scene and found his climax in the officer's decision that one of his antagonists must die, "pour encourager les autres."

The acting varied in quality. D. K. P. Greenwood as the Roman Catholic priest attempted to create an impression of calm resignation, but the result was monotonous; more firmness of movement and gesture, greater variety of expression, were needed. The action was too often held up while he searched for his lines.

J. P. R. Gutteridge did not capture the desperate emotions of a man faced with death. More urgency in voice and gesture was needed.

After a very hesitant start the play came to life with the entrance of M. M. Kelsall as Brakley, the doctor, who has lost most of his illusions about life. His was a smouldering, vehement performance. The sustained intensity of his performance—as, for example, the fierce delight which came to his eyes at the sight of the whisky bottle—should be remembered by those who have the mistaken idea that acting is nothing more than the speaking of one's lines at the right time. Kelsall was a little too eager in this respect. For example, he reacted too early to the line "You've had some trouble." But it is a good fault, and he has improved even on his previous performance on this stage.

J. Davis as the officer did well; maintaining a cold, calculating manner. His timing was good. His performance would have been improved by a stiffer, more rigid control of gesture and movement: his casual stick-play was out of character.

G. E. Ramsdale and J. V. Sheppard were two impassive, sullen guards.

The make-up was appropriate and restrained, and the stage staff provided a convincing interior scene.

The play was produced by I. M. Stewart.

On November 9th 6L.S. presented "A Collection Will Be Made." This was an amusing variant on the theme of mistaken identity. This type of

play needs, above all, *pace*, but the chief fault of this production was that it was at times very slow, and wooden in movement.

N. A. Boyle as the Rev. Cuthbert Cheese was the central character. He gave to the part the tousled, wide-eyed innocence that it required. He made an amusing entrance with his mincing gait, but this was too often forgotten.

R. S. Pritchard as the Hotel Proprietor spoke up well, but was too fond of accompanying every speech with a meaningless gesture.

I. Rodger and I. A. B. Low were two confidence tricksters. Rodger had been well served by the make-up staff and looked a convincing "spiv." He would have been excellent if he had given the part more attack; his movements and gestures were good. Low's part was that of the lady-killer, but though suave he lacked passion.

Admittedly, A. P. Aked, as Mrs. Anstruther, did not give him much inspiration. He mumbled, and was altogether too staid, giving no life at all to such momentous lines as "I think you've deceived me." Col. Anstruther was played by T. Bush. He had a fine military presence, and his moustache was a beauty. He also lacked fire, though, and did not exploit his dyspepsia or his military training to give adequate force to such a line as "I'll horsewhip the scoundrel!" How that moustache ought to have trembled!

Surely the stage staff might have produced a more suitable continental setting. Even a striped awning outside the back centre window would have removed the similarity to a seaside boarding house. There was too much back-stage noise.

The play was produced by L. T. Keymer.

On November 16th "The Enchanted Christmas Tree" was presented by 1A. This was an admirable choice, having a seasonal interest and giving a part to practically every boy in the form. We saw how a husband and wife who, like Scrooge, considered children to be nuisances and Christmas mere "humbug," are made to discover the joy which they are deliberately shutting out from their lives.

This pair between them often carried the play along at a fine pace. The husband, B. A. Ebbage, was a stiff little business man, full of his own importance. His walk had obviously been carefully practised, and what he lacked in inches he made up for in firm, manly gestures. His "better half" was B. E. Naylor, who was outstanding in a prim, imperious, "mistressy" performance. To say that both were thoroughly unpleasant is to pay tribute to their success.

The maid, J. R. Mallinson, looked well and spoke well. His dusting at the beginning was rather half-hearted, and some postures were un-



gainly. He made an impassioned and persuasive plea in the court scene for his master and mistress.

Two "broker's men" arrived bearing a mysterious box which was found to contain a magic Christmas tree, and soon we were in the realm of pantomime. A delightful assortment of children invaded the scene, took charge, and in no time a juvenile court was in session to try the two wicked adults.

This scene was quite well managed, except for the close grouping of both the accused and the policeman and the prosecuting counsel in the centre of the stage. There was some masking here.

Many members of the form had scope for successful individual contributions. Amongst these G. McMullen convincingly portrayed a timid girl, and K. H. Tierney handled a long speech interestingly. M. C. Dyer as the foreman of the jury spoke the verdict with becoming gravity, and R. Welsby was a silent yet impressive executioner. R. T. Johnson was a mild yet firm judge.

The whole play was aptly opened and concluded by carols sung by the cast. Mr. Bonnick's tape recorder was used to good effect here in giving confidence to the singers, the previously recorded voices blending happily with the actual ones.

Some lighting cues were very late, and the whole scene was rather dim.

Mr. Foulds is to be congratulated on the choice of play and on the skilful management of a large cast.

### The Donner Library

Since September, sixty-six new volumes have been added to the Donner Library and a further number, at present on order, will be added before the end of the term.

This term we have received two especially generous gifts of books from Old Hulmeians. Mr. W. N. Caw presented us with one hundred and fifty volumes and Mr. C. S. Youatt with twenty volumes, for which we are extremely grateful.

After the last number of *The Hulmeian* had gone to press gifts of books were received from Dr. and Mrs. Cooke and from Mr. W. H. Thomson. We also wish to thank Mr. H. H. Vlies for giving us a number of copies of the splendidly illustrated and produced French magazine, "*Plaisirs de France*."

The following boys have very kindly responded to our appeal to them to make a parting gift to the library on leaving School: A. O. Dyson (20 vols.), W. A. Baker (3 vols.) D. A. Rees (1 vol.). All donors have our most grateful thanks.

A general overhaul of damaged books was made in September, 1953, when 130 volumes were rebound at a cost of over twenty pounds. It was hoped that considerably less money would be required for repairs this year; but, on close inspection, it was found necessary to send yet another 80 volumes to be rebound this September. This seems an unnecessary expense, much of which could have been avoided by more careful treatment of the books. A number of books, repaired last year, again need attention.

A very pleasing feature of the Library is the Shakespeare bust, transferred from an obscure corner of the New Hall at the end of the mid-summer term. A most artistic design in black Worcester porcelain, mounted on a pedestal of light oak, it was originally bought by boys with money earned by National Service during the Christmas Holidays in 1916. We are looking forward to the addition of some more light oak shelves, matching the present equipment, to accommodate recent accessions.

As always during the important Michaelmas Term, the Library has been in constant use. One hundred and eighteen sixth-formers have borrowed some five hundred volumes. We trust that by the end of the term they will all have been returned.

### The Science Society

Mention must first be made of two meetings held last term after *The Hulmeian* had gone to press.

At the request of six subscribing members an Extraordinary General Meeting was held on Thursday, July 1st, at 4-10 p.m. The new committee was completed by electing M. M. Kelsall as Arts Sixth member. A prolonged debate on the constitution followed and several amendments were introduced.

The final meeting of the term took place on Monday, July 12th, at 4-10 p.m. when W. A. Baker gave an illustrated lecture on "The Microscope." Baker began his talk with a brief history of the development of the microscope and then he described the essential components of a modern instrument. Members were afterwards allowed to view some slides through Baker's own microscope.

The first meeting this term was the Half-Yearly General Meeting of the Society held on Thursday, September 23rd, at 4-10 p.m. It was decided at this meeting to make the subscription payable as a lump sum of 2s. per year instead of two half-yearly subscriptions of 1s.



On Monday, September 27th, at 7-0 p.m. Mr. G. Stott of the Vacuum Oil Co. Ltd. presented a lecture entitled "Lubrication." As an introduction he gave a short account of the development of the oil industry. He then showed us, by means of a film strip, various methods of lubrication used in industry.

The Fiftieth Meeting of the Society took place on Monday, October 4th, when twenty-four members spent a day at Stanlow Oil Refinery, the property of Shell-Mex and B.P. Ltd. We arrived at the refinery, by coach, just before 10-30 a.m. and we were then given an excellent, short lecture explaining the main refinery processes. The rest of the day was spent travelling about the huge area which the refinery covers. The journey began on the riverside where the tankers unload the crude oil and ended in the laboratories where the final products are tested. The main attractions were the gigantic "cat" cracker and the huge fractionating columns. We were greatly impressed by the rambling maze of pipes and the large number of gleaming storage tanks, symbols of an important and still expanding industry. We were provided with two excellent meals and although it had started to rain during the afternoon it was with great reluctance that we boarded the coach at 4-30 to return home. We offer our sincere thanks to Mr. H. P. Sanders for arranging our visit and to Mr. S. Brooman and his colleague for entertaining us so well at the refinery.

A large number of members attended a meeting on Thursday, October 26th, at 7-0 p.m. when Mr. G. Hughes from the Shirley Institute gave a fascinating demonstration of glass moulding. After mentioning the different types of glass used he outlined the methods used in making glass animals. He then proceeded to mould glass rod and tubing into several shapes including a dog and a bird. After he had completed the demonstration he very kindly distributed the articles he had made among the members.

Mr. C. A. Grinham, from Midland Silicones Ltd., gave an extremely interesting talk on "Silicones" on Thursday, November 11th, at 7-0 p.m. He first told us how these substances, known as silicones, were discovered and then he gave us a short account of the growth of the industry which produces silicones. We were then shown a sound film of the production and properties of silicones. After the film Mr. Grinham showed us some of the various products and demonstrated some of their properties.

The Photographic Section of the Society has now been taken over by Mr. Haynes and formed into a separate Photographic Society. The Meteorological Section, I am sorry to report, exists at the moment only in name. It seems that the main factor which has produced this state of

affairs is that the daily readings taken were not put to any useful purpose.

With regard to the future it is hoped to hold at least one more meeting this term.

### The Debating and Literary Society

On Monday, 27th March, the Society went to the poll to decide its Parliamentary representative. Despite much flag-flapping by G. G. Ellis (Nationalist), a most learned discourse on the egg by D. R. Crome (Conservative) and a series of carefully prepared questions from the supporters of A. O. Dyson (Labour), M. M. Kelsall (Liberal) eventually carried the day.

The Society then went into an unseasonal hibernation until the beginning of September.

During this, the Christmas Term, our activities have been exceptionally well supported. Only once have there been less than 42 members present at a debate.

The season commenced with a talk by Mr. Calderwood (O.H.) entitled "Three Weeks in Russia," being an account of his visit to the Soviet States as a member of the National Union of Students. His description of the Russian world outlook, and of life in the several social spheres of the state, was most enlightening.

Perhaps influenced by what they had heard, J. D. S. Harrop and W. S. Scarlett vainly extolled the virtues of the *Daily Worker* and the *News of the World* a week later, in an attempt to prevent the house deploring the present condition of the press. Bemoaning the newspapers of today were E. A. Rose and C. J. F. Flint. The house joined the lamentation by 31 votes to 10.

A ray of sunshine broke upon this gloomy scene on October 18th when our neighbours from Whalley Range visited the School for a balloon debate. Although Mrs. Beeton (Miss V. Smith) and Harry Pollitt (L. Davis) were jettisoned on a primary vote, Cleopatra (Miss G. Griffiths) and Socrates (M. M. Kelsall), found themselves mutually suspended with 21 votes apiece. The house was rightly annoyed at this state of affairs and promptly ejected Socrates, a praiseworthy decision.

Our balloonists would never have been so foolish as to envisage atmospheric flight, however, if they had heard J. A. G. Rimmer and J. P. Clarke describing the pleasures of space travel on November 8th. Despite the gallant efforts of I. M. Broadbridge, D. R. Crome, and Mr. Smith



(who delivered a most eloquent attack upon British Railways) the house decided by a large majority (26—6) that flight into space was worthy of encouragement.

In more serious vein was the debate on October 25th, "The German Rearmament is Premature." Despite shades of Belsen, conjured up by T. Warnes and P. Bee, the house were convinced by G. Ramsdale and A. H. Brazendale that the Red Army was a more tangible menace.

The officers elected this term were:—Secretary, M. Kelsall; Deputy Chairman, C. A. Monks; Assistant Secretary, E. A. Rose; Committee, J. A. G. Rimmer, D. R. Crome, W. S. Scarlett, C. J. F. Flint, J. Davis, M. C. Johnson, M. A. Friedjung.

### The Athletic Society

The Annual General Meeting was held on September 28th at which the following committee was elected: Deputy-Chairman, R. K. Davies; Hon. Secretary, P. J. Richards; Hon. Treasurer, F. P. Haslam, also D. Wilde, D. D. A. Lamb, P. A. Gabbott and M. Lord. The subscription was fixed at 2/6 per annum.

The first meeting was held on Monday, October 4th. Four loop films on Sprinting and Long Jumping were shown and Mr. Peat gave a commentary.

The Society is building up a library of loop films as an invaluable aid to coaching. It now possesses films on the Pole Vault, Shot, Javelin and Middle Distance Running.

The Society is looking forward to next year's Athletic Sports and wishes its members all success in their efforts.

### Music Society

On September 18th, 1954, a General Meeting was held to appoint new officers to the Society.

P. J. Richards was elected to the chair and was succeeded as Secretary-Treasurer by D. K. P. Greenwood.

A committee of five was elected, consisting of G. Barrow, T. D. Culbert, F. R. Martin, G. E. Ramsdale, and W. West.

The new season opened with a programme of popular records, introduced to an appreciative audience by G. F. Turnbull. In his recital he included such favourites as "Jazz Me Blues," "Intermission Riff" and "Carolina in the Morning."

The following meeting was still concerned with Jazz and M. Williams opened his "School of Jazz." Seventy members attended—a record gathering. The programme proved so interesting that on Monday, November 15th, M. Williams is giving a talk at the Debating Society entitled "Jazz," which the Music Society has been invited to attend.

"Chairman's Choice" was the next programme, in which P. J. Richards shared with us some of the outstanding records from his library. They were well received and can still be heard spinning in the Prefects' room.

October 16th was the date set aside for the "Classical Programme" introduced by P. Haslam. The few who attended heard Mozart's "Symphony No. 21," and "The Intermezzo and March from the Karelia Suite" by Sibelius.

The first programme of Dixieland and Swing this year was presented by J. Hurd, entitled "Have You Heard?" This varied programme included "Willie the Weeper," "Mama Don't Allow It" and "Balboa Bash," also some of the ever popular Glenn Miller music.

In the future we hope to hear some tape recordings, a long-playing record of "Princess Ida," perhaps a few Madrigals, and even hold a debate.

### Photographic Society

This term an addition was made to the School Societies, when the Photographic Section of the Science Society was elevated to the title of the Photographic Society.

The inaugural meeting was held on 16th September, when officers were elected as follows: President, the Headmaster; Vice-President, Mr. Faulkner; Chairman, Mr. Haynes; Vice-Chairman, J. Davis; Secretary, T. J. Bush; Treasurer, B. H. Blakeley.

On 28th September Mr. Haynes gave a talk entitled "35 mm. Technique," which he illustrated with colour slides and a demonstration of some of his equipment.

The next meeting was designed for our more junior members. It took the form of a discussion on "Home Made Gadgets." J. Davis took the chair.

On 19th October Mr. Lancashire, of Metropolitan Vickers Photographic Club, treated us not only to a talk entitled "First Ideas of Photography," but also showed us some of his magnificent photographs and quite took our breath



away with his colour slides. We were amazed when he said that they had all been taken within 25 miles of this grimy city.

Another meeting designed for our Juniors, to which the 1st and 2nd forms were invited, took place on 9th November. This was a demonstration by Mr. Haynes of "How to Make Your Own Photographs."

It is hoped that more meetings will be held before the end of term. In particular we are looking forward to a talk by Dr. Weyl on Switzerland.

The dark room has been used regularly, especially as some of the Juniors have taken advantage of the facilities kindly made available to us by the Science Department.

Membership of the Society is open to 3rd forms and above, and new members would be welcomed.

### Badminton Club

The Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday, 21st September, at which the following Committee was elected: Vice-Chairman, K. L. Kilbey; Secretary, E. A. Royle; Treasurer, I. H. Munro; and N. R. Watson.

As last year, the Club arranged to play on Tuesday and Thursday at 4 p.m. and on Saturday at 1 p.m. The Club, unlike last year, now comprises only one group. Anyone wishing to learn the game, however, is welcome to come along on Thursdays.

This term the members have played Badminton in the most vigorous way possible, the accent being on having a good time rather than on good play.

One match has been played this term, this was against Manchester Grammar School and the result was a draw 8-8. We are eagerly awaiting the return game. The team was as follows: E. A. Royle (Capt.), I. H. Munro, K. L. Kilbey, P. C. C. Brown, N. R. Watson, and R. B. Woolham.

### The Leonardo da Vinci Society

The activities of the Society opened this term at Dr. Jecny's house on Friday, October 1st. Although several of last year's members have left School and were unable to attend, some new members were welcomed to our midst. We wish them every enjoyment at our meetings this year.

At the first meeting, Mr. D. W. Latham (O.H.) of Christ's College, Cambridge, gave a talk on

"Some Aspects of Poetry," which was very carefully and thoughtfully arranged. Interest was added through some readings of modern poetry and a lively discussion followed on the qualities of poetry and its appeal to us today.

On Friday, November 12th, at the Headmaster's house, M. M. Kelsall gave an introductory lecture on "Interplanetary Travel," which revealed a thorough technical knowledge of his subject and, in addition, belied the assertion that all "arts types" are narrow-minded. As the meeting was attended mainly by scientists, lively, if abstruse discussions followed.

The next meeting will take place on Friday, December 3rd, at Dr. Jecny's house, where J. P. Clarke will give an introductory lecture on "Archaeology."

Our thanks are due once again to Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Jecny for their continued hospitality which has added so much to the success and enjoyment of the meetings.

### The Christian Fellowship

Owing to the demand made on so many of our members by the opera rehearsals and other such activities, there have been only two meetings this term to date. The first, on October 14th, was an address given by Mr. McCulloch entitled "Our Duty to God." I think that all present were given much to think about as a result of the talk, and we look forward with pleasure to more help given in this way by Mr. McCulloch.

The second meeting took place on November 4th, and took the form of a general service with two members giving their testimonies. Our thanks are due to Hartley Victoria College for lending us hymn books for this meeting.

Next term a full programme is planned, and we hope to invite several outside speakers. A warm welcome is assured to anybody who wishes to join our fellowship. The writer has noticed that the number of Crusaders wearing badges at School far exceeds the number which attends our meetings. All Crusaders, particularly, are urged to attend.

### Swimming

The swimming season ended with the Manchester and District Schoolboys' Swimming Championships at High Street Baths. C. Swann did well to gain second place in the back-stroke race, despite a poor start. J. O. Tatham came second in the hundred yards back-stroke (Open)



and G. H. Stockdale won the hundred yards breast-stroke (Open) and came second in the hundred yards free style (Open).

Most of the boys who represented the School last season will be available next season. All those interested must put in some good training during the winter months. Great hopes are entertained for the coming season.

### Cricket

The following matches were played after the July number of *The Hulmeian* went to press:—

#### FIRST XI.

June 19th, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Match lost.

Bryans was soon out to a bad shot, but Gee and Watson then batted soundly against bowling that was accurate but not very difficult. Once Gee and Watson were out, though, nobody but Lord, who played a brave innings, and Kilbey stayed long. Gibson and Edge, both accomplished batsmen who have played for Lancashire 2nd XI, had little difficulty in hitting off the runs, though Bryans got two good wickets towards the end.

#### SCHOOL.

C. Gee ct. Jackson b. Gibbon	10
C. E. Bryans b. Richardson	3
N. R. Watson b. Wrigley	19
T. W. Warnes b. Edge	4
J. D. E. Rayman b. Edge	2
M. Lord b. Gibbon	32
J. K. Robertson b. Edge	1
K. L. Kilbey b. Jones	11
J. H. Delaney not out	2
K. S. Williams b. Richardson	2
D. W. Archer b. Richardson	1
Extras	1
Total	88

#### MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

I. Gibson not out	54
J. A. Forde lbw. b. Williams	8
G. D. Edge b. Bryans	24
P. N. Hutson b. Bryans	0
T. M. Richardson not out	6
Extras	0
Total (for 3 wickets)	92

Gibbon, Wrigley, Truce, Jones and Jackson did not bat.

June 23rd, v. WHALLEY RANGE. Away. Match drawn.

This was an encouraging and exciting match. Whalley Range batted first and on an easy wicket scored 139 in 90 minutes. Warnes, bowling from the wrong end, was hit several times over the short leg side boundary to start with, but on bowling at the other end did well to get two wickets, pitching the ball well up to the batsmen.

The fielding showed distinct improvement. When the School batted, Delany and Gee started slowly, but Watson, Warnes and Bryans all went for the bowling and with the score 98 for 4 wickets with 20 minutes left for play, victory seemed possible. The remaining batsmen did their best, but the bowling of Godson was too accurate to be forced easily.

#### WHALLEY RANGE.

W. B. Stansby ct. Delany b. Warnes	76
E. Withington b. Bryans	9
A. Godson b. Williams	13
D. J. Price b. Warnes	1
E. G. Widdows lbw. b. Bryans	27
B. C. K. Ballinger not out	3
Extras	10

Total (for 5 wickets) ... 139

Edward, Buckland, Oakes, Thornton and Cuthbert did not bat.

#### SCHOOL.

C. Gee st. Buckland b. Stansby	18
J. H. Delany ct. and b. Cuthbert	4
N. R. Watson st. Buckland b. Stansby	24
T. W. Warnes ct. Ballinger b. Widows	19
G. E. Bryans run out	46
M. Lord b. Godson	1
J. K. Robertson not out	4
E. A. Royle b. Godson	4
K. L. Kilbey ct. Buckland b. Godson	2
K. S. Williams not out	0
Extras	9

Total (for 8 wickets) ... 131

D. W. Archer did not bat.

June 26th, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Home. Match drawn.

We batted first on a slow and easy wicket, but scored very slowly, and this probably cost us the match. Watson and Bryans improved matters, and Lord played soundly and hit hard. Several wickets were lost by wild hitting in attempting to score quickly, but our total only reached 84.



We had left too little time either for them to get the runs or for us to get them out, and though Warnes bowled much better than in any previous match, a draw was inevitable. The fielding was again unsatisfactory, and several reasonable chances were missed.

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee b. Ridyard	10
J. H. Delany b. Ridyard	2
N. R. Watson b. Bickerton	20
T. W. Warnes b. Ridyard	1
C. E. Bryans c. and b. Bickerton	17
E. A. Royle lbw. b. Bickerton	4
M. Lord not out	23
J. K. Robertson c. and b. Smirles	0
K. L. Kilbey st. Holland b. Smirles	0
K. S. Williams b. Bickerton	2
D. W. Archer c. Barker b. Ridyard	1
Extras	4
Total	84

Bowling: Ridyard 4 for 13, Barker 0 for 7, Warrington 0 for 13, Bickerton 4 for 29, Smirles 2 for 18.

## KING'S SCHOOL.

G. Bickerton c. Archer b. Bryans	11
J. Lee run out	5
D. R. Ridyard b. Warnes	0
M. C. Bradshaw b. Warnes	1
C. D. Barker b. Warnes	1
M. Davies b. Warnes	0
P. K. Smirles b. Gee	2
G. Chester not out	14
M. P. Holland not out	1
Extras	6
Total (for 7 wickets)	41

J. Cornford and C. T. Warrington did not bat.

Bowling: Williams 0 for 4, Bryans 1 for 15, Warnes 4 for 8, Gee 1 for 10.

July 6th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD. Home. Match won.

Wakefield batted first on a slow wicket, and were soon in trouble to the slow bowling of Warnes who took 8 wickets for 17 runs. For the first time this season Warnes consistently bowled his right pace and pitched the ball up to the batsmen. He was backed up by some very commendable fielding. Seven catches were taken, some of them very good catches indeed. Gee, Watson and Warnes all batted steadily in making the runs.

## WAKEFIELD.

E. M. Dyson ct. and b. Bryans	19
T. Cass b. Warnes	8
C. J. Littlewood ct. Warnes b. Bryans	8
D. A. Harrison ct. Kilbey b. Warnes	3
I. Plimmer ct. Williams b. Warnes	2
R. Aclott ct. Lord b. Warnes	5
C. C. Nichols ct. Williams b. Warnes	0
E. M. Holstead not out	0
C. Pitchforth b. Warnes	2
B. T. Lomas b. Warnes	0
T. Crofts ct. Kilbey b. Warnes	0
Extras	2
Total	49

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee not out	14
N. R. Watson b. Nichols	12
T. W. Warnes not out	21
Extras	3
Total (for 1 wicket)	50

July 10th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Home. Match drawn.

We were fortunate to escape defeat in this game, as our opponents batted, bowled, and fielded better than we did. They batted first on a very soft wicket, and the slow outfield did much more to restrict their rate of scoring than our fielding. Several chances were missed, some of them easy ones.

The start of our innings was delayed by rain, and we lost our first five wickets for 30 runs. Bryans and Lord doubled the score, showing much more determination than the earlier batsmen, but our last pair had to hold out for an agonising ten minutes.

## MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

H. T. H. Dean b. Bryans	30
I. P. Tattersall c. Bryans b. Warnes	15
J. Sharrock b. Warnes	9
D. M. Alty b. Williams	33
J. Hollowood c. Royle b. Williams	24
M. A. J. Holland not out	10
P. R. Manson not out	0
Extras	18
Total (for 5 wickets, declared)	139

Bowling: Williams 2 for 25, Delany 0 for 10, Bryans 1 for 18, Warnes 2 for 37, Gee 0 for 21.



SCHOOL.	
C. Gee lbw. b. Dean	5
N. R. Watson b. Dean	2
T. W. Warnes b. Treeby	2
J. H. Delany lbw. b. Treeby	2
C. E. Bryans b. Treeby	31
E. A. Royle b. Treeby	3
M. Lord b. Treeby	10
J. K. Robertson b. Dean	1
K. L. Kilbey c. Alty b. Treeby	5
K. S. Williams not out	1
D. W. Archer not out	0
Extras	11

Total (for 9 wickets) ... 73

Bowling: Dean 4 for 27, Treeby 5 for 15, Alty 0 for 7, Norman 0 for 13.

July 12th, SCHOOL v. PARENTS. Home. Match won.

Warnes again bowled very well, and was largely responsible for the dismissal of the Parents for 118 runs. The fielding after the lapse against Merchant Taylors was again good, and but for the Parents' first two batsmen their score would have been small. Faced with the steady bowling of Kennedy and Widows the School scored somewhat slowly to start with, but later forced the pace and just won in the last over. Warnes showed his promise as a batsman, and Lord and Robertson both hit confidently in the closing overs to win the match.

PARENTS.	
K. B. Hilton b. Bryans	24
I. A. Kennedy ct. Gee b. Warnes	53
E. Barnes ct. Bryans b. Warnes	1
P. A. Gee ct. and b. Warnes	7
B. C. K. Ballinger st. Davis b. Warnes	8
J. Williamson b. Gee	1
E. G. Widows b. Gee	11
E. Morris b. Warnes	0
T. Mitchell run out	5
L. L. Birch b. Warnes	0
R. B. Robinson not out	0
Extras	8

Total ... 118

SCHOOL.	
C. Gee st. Hilton b. Kennedy	24
N. R. Watson lbw. b. Birch	20
T. W. Warnes not out	36
C. E. Bryans b. Kennedy	1
M. Lord b. Ballinger	15
J. K. Robertson not out	11
Extras	12

Total (for 4 wickets) ... 119

Kilbey, Royle, Delany, Williams and Davis did not bat.

July 14th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Away. Match lost.

Good bowling and safe fielding saw the strong Birkenhead batting side dismissed for 105 runs, on a small ground where runs should have been very easy to make quickly. The School triumph, however, was short lived and the side was out to an ignominious 59 runs, of which Gee and Warnes made 40. The less said about the other batsmen the better.

#### BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

J. F. Davis b. Bryans	6
T. J. McRae lbw. b. Bryans	5
M. J. Stubbs b. Warnes	13
L. I. Rimmer b. Roberts	15
A. M. Roberts ct. Ramsdale b. Warnes	6
C. R. D. Armistead ct. Royle b. Warnes	15
K. W. Armstrong ct. Watson b. Warnes	24
M. J. Twinn ct. Rayman b. Gee	9
G. D. Brown not out	3
C. R. Brown b. Williams	0
A. E. Watson ct. Watson b. Williams	0
Extras	9

Total ... 105

#### SCHOOL.

C. Gee ct. Davis b. Rimmer	18
N. Watson ct. Armstrong b. Rimmer	1
E. A. Royle ct. McRae b. Rimmer	2
C. E. Bryans ct. Stubbs b. Rimmer	1
J. H. Delany run out	6
T. W. Warnes b. Rimmer	22
J. D. E. Rayman lbw. b. Twinn	2
J. Davis ct. Stubbs b. Brown	2
G. E. Ramsdale st. Brown b. Twinn	1
K. S. Williams not out	2
M. J. Roberts ct. Davies b. Twinn	0
Extras	2

Total ... 59

July 15th, v. ERIC BARNES'S XI. Home. Match lost.

Mr. Barnes brought a strong batting and bowling XI and won the game quite comfortably. Williams and Bryans both bowled well, and on an easy pitch the School did well to get seven wickets. The School batsmen, however, failed for the most part against some good bowling. Only Gee, Lord and Robertson made more than a few runs. Robertson's score of 27 included five fours and his brave effort made the School total almost respectable.



## ERIC BARNES'S XI.

M. D. R. Land ct. Kilbey b. Williams	...	3
G. B. Lawson ct. Archer b. Bryans	...	14
B. M. Oakes b. Williams	...	3
W. A. Davies b. Gee	...	37
A. Godson lbw. b. Bryans	...	11
I. A. Kennedy b. Bryans	...	16
E. G. Widdows not out	...	32
D. M. Archer lbw. b. Warnes	...	7
H. Shaw not out	...	7
Extras	...	13

Total (for 7 wickets) ... 142

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee ct. Archer b. Land	...	19
N. Watson b. Godson	...	2
T. W. Warnes b. Godson	...	0
C. E. Bryans ct. Widdows b. Shaw	...	1
E. A. Royle lbw. b. Shaw	...	3
M. Lord ct. Archer b. Lawson	...	18
J. H. Delany ct. Oakes b. Land	...	3
J. K. Robertson st. Archer b. Lawson	...	27
K. L. Kilbey lbw. b. Kennedy	...	1
K. S. Williams not out	...	1
D. W. Archer b. Lawson	...	0
Extras	...	6

Total ... 81

July 16th, v. STAFF. Home. Match won.

The Staff started disastrously on the fastest wicket of the season, and lost three wickets for no runs. Mr. Morley's innings included a four and a six, and Mr. Peat wielded his bat with considerable effect. Mr. Haynes played a steady not out innings, and the Staff total of 45 was more than at one time seemed likely. The discomfiture of the Staff XI was completed by the careful batting of Bryans and Warnes, who hit the runs off without difficulty.

## STAFF.

I. Watts ct. Archer b. Williams	...	0
P. Evans ct. Archer b. Bryans	...	0
R. Pentelow b. Bryans	...	0
C. Morley b. Warnes	...	13
J. G. Bird b. Bryans	...	4
G. M. Thornton b. Bryans	...	1
Miss Jones b. Gee	...	2
J. Peat c. Warnes b. Bryans	...	18
W. H. Jones b. Warnes	...	0
R. H. Haynes not out	...	4
D. J. Clews b. Williams	...	0
Extras	...	3

Total ... 45

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee c. and b. Morley	...	3
C. E. Bryans not out	...	22
T. W. Warnes not out	...	18
Extras	...	4

Total (for 1 wicket) ... 47

Watson, Royle, Lord, Delaney, Robertson, Kilbey, Williams and Archer did not bat.

July 19th, v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Match lost.

This was a discouraging match to end the season with. Though Wallasey made 145 runs, this was not a big total to face on a small, fast scoring ground.

Bryans bowled with great energy and took five wickets for 33 runs, but the fielding was not as good as should have been. Archer, who has shown himself a very promising wicket-keeper during the season, took two good catches. The School batting, however, failed entirely, apart from Gee and Rayman, against the very good off-spin bowling of McGlashan and the leg spinners of Woods.

## WALLASEY.

J. C. Tomkins b. Roberts	...	5
R. D. Watkins b. Williams	...	22
N. H. Woods b. Royle	...	68
B. C. Lloyd ct. Archer b. Bryans	...	0
J. B. McGlashan b. Bryans	...	2
G. W. Barton ct. Archer b. Bryans	...	0
G. C. Stanley b. Roberts	...	16
P. M. Townsend run out	...	0
R. W. Kent b. Bryans	...	4
J. H. Wood lbw. b. Bryans	...	9
J. M. Atkinson not out	...	1
Extras	...	18

Total ... 145

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee b. Woods	...	19
C. E. Bryans b. McGlashan	...	2
M. Lord b. McGlashan	...	0
J. H. Delany ct. McGlashan b. Woods	...	6
J. D. E. Rayman st. Wood b. Woods	...	13
E. N. Royle ct. McGlashan b. Woods	...	0
J. K. Robertson lbw. b. McGlashan	...	1
K. L. Kilbey ct. Townsend b. McGlashan	...	0
M. J. Roberts not out	...	1
K. S. Williams ct. Woods b. McGlashan	...	0
D. W. Archer b. McGlashan	...	1
Extras	...	4

Total ... 47



## SECOND XI.

The team had a very successful season and soon settled down to form a very useful side. Bowling was its strength and special mention must be made of the fine performances of Rushworth and Roberts, our opening bowlers, who each took 30 wickets during the season. Ribbon, too, shows promise in this department.

Because of the success of these three our weaknesses were not so apparent as they might have been. In the bowling we were without a reliable spin bowler, Greenwood unaccountably failing here. From the batting point of view it was often fortunate that few runs were required, as on several occasions the batting broke down sadly. The root failure here was a seeming inability to use the feet, or, if they were used at all, to go back instead of forward. In consequence, though some useful defensive innings were played, one looked in vain for an attacking batsman, once Watson had been promoted to the 1st XI.

The team was well captained by Gibson, whose fielding, together with that of Greenwood and Morris, deserves praise. The fielding in general was quite keen, a noticeable improvement being evident in the throwing in to the wicket keeper. Running between the wickets often left much to be desired.

RECORD.—Played 10, Won 6, Lost 2, Drawn 1. One match abandoned because of rain.

## RESULTS.

June 19th, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL, home. Match drawn. Manchester G.S. 98 (Roberts 7 for 33); School 68 for 8 (Morris not out 24, Pattinson 18).

June 26th, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD, away. Won by 6 wickets. King's School, Macclesfield 29 (Roberts 6 for 14, Rushworth 3 for 14); School 31 for 4.

July 3rd, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY, away. Lost by 80 runs. Merchant Taylors 155 (Ribbon 6 for 36); School 75 (Davis 26).

July 6th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD, home. Won by 4 wickets. Queen Elizabeth G.S. 42 (Roberts 7 for 23); School 43 for 6 (Gibson not out 25).

July 10th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY, away. Won by 4 wickets. Merchant Taylors 77 (Roberts 7 for 37); School 78 for 6 (Pattinson not out 19, Hague not out 18).

July 14th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL, away. Won by 5 wickets. Birkenhead 33 (Rushworth 7 for 18); School 34 for 5.

## BATTING AVERAGES include—

	Inns.	Out	Score	Runs	Not Highest	Avg.
Watson	2	0	38	38		19.00
Rayman	5	1	34n.o.	57		14.25
Pattinson	8	2	19n.o.	73		12.16
Greenwood	9	1	47	93		11.62

## BOWLING—

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
Rushworth	111.3	43	181	30	6.03
Roberts	88.5	23	207	30	6.90
Ribbon	50.2	15	99	12	8.25

## Colours were re-awarded to:—

R. K. Gibson (Capt.), D. K. P. Greenwood (Vice-Captain), G. F. Rushworth.

## Colours were awarded to:—

M. J. Roberts, A. C. Morris, M. Pattinson, J. Davis, P. H. F. Ribbon, J. D. Hague and R. E. Williams.

## UNDER 15 XI.

The team was well balanced, and once it had settled down it was successful. The batting was uncertain at times, but no less than seven batsmen played innings of great value. The bowling was varied, but lacked penetration on a dead wicket when N. V. Barber was not available. The fielding on the whole was good, after a rather shaky start. G. W. Francis was particularly useful as an all-round player. In one match he scored 56 not out, twice took 6 wickets in an innings, and on one occasion bowled the last four opposing batsmen with four consecutive balls. Other notable features of the season were the frequent recoveries after early batting failures; in these recoveries A. F. Pitty, J. D. Marsden, J. M. Temperley and H. Bibby each played a part on more than one occasion. Altogether six matches were won, two lost, one drawn, while in one match no play was possible on account of rain. Colours were awarded to G. S. Phillips (Captain), G. W. Francis, N. V. Barber, H. Bibby, J. S. Hilland, A. F. Pitty, J. M. Temperley, J. D. Marsden, M. P. Robinson and M. H. F. Cocker. Others who played were D. W. L. Burnham, J. C. Priestley, P. Bardsley, J. L. Williams and F. A. Kynaston.

An Under 14 XI played two games, losing to Merchant Taylors' School by 25 runs, but beating Chetham's Hospital School by 9 wickets.

## RESULTS.

Wednesday, May 19th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Cheadle Hulme 74 (G. W. Francis 4 for 9, G. S. Phillips 4 for 20); School 77 for 8 (G. S. Phillips 23, M. P. Robinson 13, A. F. Pitty 12). School won by 2 wickets.



Wednesday, May 26th, v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Away. Bolton 116 for 9, declared (N. V. Barber 4 for 18), School 57. School lost by 59 runs.

Saturday, May 29th, v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Home. No play possible owing to rain.

Saturday, June 19th, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. M.G.S. 48 (M. H. F. Cocker 4 for 3, G. W. Francis 4 for 6), School 49 for 4 (G. W. Francis 23). School won by 6 wickets.

Saturday, June 26th, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Home. School 90 for 8, declared (G. S. Phillips 30), Macclesfield 61 for 6 (G. S. Phillips 3 for 12). Match drawn.

Monday, June 28th, v. HULME LADS' CLUB (an evening game with a time limit of 55 minutes for each side. School 60 for 8 (M. P. Robinson 12); Hulme Lads' Club 61 for 2. School lost by 8 wickets.

Saturday, July 3rd, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL. Away. School 105 for 9, declared (H. Bibby 31 not out, J. D. Marsden 27), Merchant Taylors' School 56 (N. V. Barber 6 for 13, G. W. Francis 3 for 8). School won by 59 runs.

Saturday, July 10th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL. Home. Merchant Taylors' School 69 (G. W. Francis 6 for 24); School 71 for 9 (J. M. Temperley 36 not out, G. W. Francis 17). School won by 1 wicket.

Wednesday, July 14th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Home. School 106 for 2, declared (G. W. Francis 56 not out, M. P. Robinson 25); Birkenhead 88 (G. W. Francis 6 for 24). School won by 18 runs.

Monday, July 19th, v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. School 66 (M. P. Robinson 22, H. Bibby 18); Wallasey 53 (G. W. Francis 4 for 17, M. H. F. Cocker 3 for 8). School won by 13 runs.

## Rugby Football

### FIRST XV.

The School XV has shown considerable promise but has still a long way to go before it can be regarded as a really good side. The forwards have been ably led by the captain, J. K. Robertson, and on occasions have shown plenty of fight and considerable skill. The tight scrummaging has improved, but the match against Wakefield made it clear that there is much to be learned about getting round the ball quickly in the loose scrums.

Half-backs have been a problem, and an injury to E. A. Royle has proved that we have no one adequate to fill his place. D. Wilde and F. Martin

on the wings have run strongly and looked dangerous when they have the ball. C. E. Bryans and M. Lord in the centre have been solid in defence, but not always convincing in attack.

Oct. 6.—v. Manchester G.S. .... A L 0—11

This was not such a decisive win for our opponents as the score suggests. All the scoring came in the last 25 minutes of the game, and prior to this the School forwards had been near the M.G.S. goal line for ten minutes on end and were unlucky not to score. The School halves did not combine well, and the three-quarters were never really on the move, nor sure in defence. Manchester Grammar School had more thrust in the back line and deserved their win.

Oct. 13.—v. King's School,

Macclesfield A W 25—14

The opposition were startled by a magnificent penalty goal kicked by N. V. Barber from near the half-way line in the first five minutes. The game then developed into a hard fought, open one. M. Lord, taking advantage of a dropped ball, dribbled over to score the first try, and ran with great determination to score another in the second half. F. Martin showed speed and thrust on the wing to score twice, and the other School try came from wing-forward K. J. Hinson. It was pleasing to see the three-quarter line solid in defence, and R. E. Williams making his appearance at scrum-half did quite well. J. K. Robertson led a fiery pack of forwards effectively.

Oct. 16.—v. Sale Schools XV .... H W 12—0

The School handled the ball reasonably well in spite of the heavy rain. The School pack again gave a good account of itself. The three-quarter line defence remained firm, though their task was made easier by the dropped passes of their opponents. R. E. Williams sent D. Wilde away on the blind side, and J. Collinson took an inside pass to score a good try. A good break by C. E. Bryans carried on by M. Lord led to a try by F. Martin in the corner. The other try was scored by C. E. Bryans.

Oct. 23.—v. Cheadle Hulme School H W 14—0

The day was very wet, but from the start the School were attacking. There was no score, however, until towards half-time. D. Wilde on the right wing received the ball from C. E. Bryans and scored a good try. In the second half some quick heeling from loose scrums led to tries. R. E. Williams broke away from the scrum on his own and scored, then E. A. Royle picked up an awkward ball and sent his three-quarters away with the opposition out of place for Rayman to score. Shortly afterwards D. Wilde scored far out on the right after a good, quick heel.



Nov. 3.—v. Lytham ..... A L 6—19

A hard, dry ground suited Lytham with their superior back division. The School defended stubbornly but failure to tackle properly let the opposing wing three-quarters through. After a strong break-through by Bryans, Lord kicked a penalty goal and later Richards scored our only try after a forward rush from a line out. Barber was unlucky to miss the conversion with a fine kick.

Nov. 11.—v. Wakefield ..... A L 3—32

Wakefield gave a brilliant display of football, and though the School never gave up trying, the score fairly marks the superiority of our opponents. They heeled the ball from most of the loose mauls and got an outstanding back division moving very rapidly. C. E. Bryans had an unhappy day at stand-off half, and big gaps were found in our defence. The forwards rallied in the second half and we looked like scoring on occasions, but lacked the final thrust. Wakefield set us a new and altogether higher standard of football to aim at.

Colours have been awarded to:—

FORWARDS: C. H. Jarman, I. H. Munro, J. Collinson, J. K. Robertson (captain), P. J. Richards, K. J. Hinson, N. V. Barber, C. W. MacLean.

HALVES: R. E. Williams, E. A. Royle.

THREE-QUARTERS: D. Wilde, C. E. Bryans (vice-captain), M. Lord, F. Martin.

FULL-BACK: H. S. Bickerton.

### SECOND XV.

While the First XV was still undecided, the Second XV at first suffered from repeated changes. The side has, however, settled down into a useful and successful one.

K. L. Kilbey, who is a steady and versatile player, has captained the side conscientiously and held his team together well. A. M. Fish and A. W. Day on the wings have been effective, and J. D. E. Rayman has penetration in the centre and when his passing and tackling are better will be a good player. D. A. Seaton at fly-half has still a great deal to learn but shows promise, and D. K. P. Greenwood has proved himself a sound, hard-working scrum-half.

It is difficult to pick out the forwards for mention, but D. J. Roberts, who has hooked in the First XV, is very hard working in the loose, and a reasonable hooker, but is of a build that makes him difficult to pack with. D. N. Cox and T. L. Venables have perhaps been outstanding in the loose, but P. F. Wilde, B. D. Scott, R. Dearden,

T. D. Culbert and G. E. Ramsdale have all played hard and been noticeable for outstanding work from time to time.

2nd XV Colours have been awarded to:—

FULL-BACK: A. C. Morris.

THREE-QUARTERS: A. M. Fish, D. A. Seaton, J. D. E. Rayman, A. W. Day.

HALF-BACKS: K. L. Kilbey (captain), D. K. P. Greenwood.

FORWARDS: T. B. Culbert, D. J. Roberts, P. F. Wilde, B. D. Scott, R. Dearden, T. L. Venables, D. N. Cox, G. E. Ramsdale.

### RESULTS.

Oct. 2.—v. Oldham R.U.F.C.

Colts XV H L 6—13

Oct. 13.—v. King's School,

Macclesfield H W 19—13

Oct. 23.—v. Cheadle Hulme Schl. A W 15—6

Nov. 3.—v. King Edward VIII  
School, Lytham H W 11—0

Nov. 11.—v. Queen Elizabeth  
School, Wakefield A L 0—19

### UNDER 16.

This is the first time that the team has had a full fixture list and so far it has acquitted itself extremely well, having played three matches and won them all. The "needle" match of the term was, of course, the Denstone game, which we won for the first time, after a very fine game in which the forwards distinguished themselves.

It is pleasing to note that the forwards have mastered the elements of loose scrummaging and are really getting their heads down, though they still tend to ignore the whereabouts of the ball.

The backs have been considerably upset by numerous changes, but they are at last settling down, and using the good service they get from the base of the scrum.

Perhaps the most important thing about the team, however, is the tremendous keenness, and desire to train, which the players have shown since the beginning of term.

This training has not always been pleasant, owing to the dreadful weather, and this persistent keenness augurs well for the future.

### RESULTS.

Oct. 6.—v. Stockport Grammar  
School H W 15—12

Oct. 13.—v. King's School,  
Macclesfield H W 29—6

Oct. 27.—v. Denstone College H W 12—6

Nov. 10.—v. North Manchester  
High School ..... A Cancelled.



## UNDER 15.

The season so far has been disappointing. A team which is both lighter and slower than last year's team has lost four matches out of five. The forwards were slow to realise the need for binding and pushing, and equally slow to follow up or to fall back in defence. The backs lack speed and penetration, and at critical moments some of the tackling has faltered. There have been a few signs of improvement recently, but the weather has made practice impossible and has caused the cancellation of one match.

Colours have been awarded to: A. F. Pitty (Captain), A. M. Veal, A. N. S. Guthrie, P. H. Eldridge, J. S. Hilland, T. Craven, I. H. Birtwistle, P. Bardsley, H. M. Stockwell, M. A. Catlow, R. G. Monk, H. R. McCallum, F. A. Kynaston and A. J. Woodward.

The following have also played: I. R. McCallum, R. G. Heaton, G. Thorp, I. C. Smith, A. P. H. Perry and R. G. Harrison.

## RESULTS.

Wednesday, Oct. 6.—v. Stockport	
Grammar School	H L 0—32
Wednesday, Oct. 13.—v. King's School,	
Macclesfield	A L 0—43
Saturday, Oct. 23.—v. Cheadle Hulme	
School	H W 6—3
Wednesday, Oct. 27.—v. Denstone	
College	H L 3—29
Wednesday, Nov. 3.—v. King Edward	
VII School, Lytham	A L 3—6
Wednesday, Nov. 10.—v. Chetham's	
Hospital School	A Cancelled.

## UNDER 13.

A programme of five matches has been arranged for the Under 13 XV this season, and at the time of writing two have been played and a third cancelled owing to the weather.

The team has played with great enthusiasm and dash, but most points have come from opponents' defensive errors rather than constructive attacking movements; on very few occasions has the ball travelled smoothly along the three-quarter line. The tackling has been very keen, while the backs have shown commendable readiness to fall on a loose ball.

## RESULTS.

Oct. 27.—v. Chetham's Hospital	H W 20—9
Nov. 3.—v. King Edward VII	
School, Lytham	H W 21—6
Nov. 10.—v. North Manchester High	
School	Cancelled.

## House Games

## CRICKET.

The season ended as it began, with frequent cancellations due to the weather. In the circumstances, the keenness shown in all house games was commendable, while the 1st Forms seemed prepared to play through the heaviest downpours with undamped enthusiasm.

The House Knock-Outs were concluded in spite of the weather, Fraser Juniors beating Dalton by 6 wickets, and Dalton Seniors beating Gaskell by 6 runs in an exciting finish.

A word of thanks is due to the groundsman for his efforts in preparing pitches in such heart-breaking and frustrating conditions.

## RUGGER.

After a good start to the season, the rains came, and at the time of writing no full games afternoon has been possible for over three weeks; even when conditions overhead have been favourable, standing water on many of the pitches has prevented play. The lack of an alternative form of exercise has been keenly felt—is organised running in Alexandra Park a solution to the problem?

In the House League, Heywood is at present leading, thanks to an enthusiastic Senior team, while Dalton, though showing its customary keenness, brings up the rear.

The Knock-Out results were as follows:—

1ST ROUND.—Seniors:	Fraser 12, Byrom 3.
	Whitworth 8, Heywood 6.
Juniors:	Fraser 12, Gaskell 6.
	Heywood 3, Whitworth 0.
2ND ROUND.—Seniors:	Gaskell 13, Dalton 0.
	Fraser 17, Whitworth 3.
Juniors:	Heywood 11, Byrom 0.
	Dalton 10, Fraser 3.

## Query

Under questioning, the British people would almost certainly insist that publicly permitted torture no longer exists in this country. They would declare most emphatically that it was made illegal early in the seventeenth century, and that, while doubtless it is most enjoyable to inspect torture-chambers in old castles, humanity prevailed long ago and, oh dear me no, we, the modern civilisation, are not capable of this type of horror.



The British people would, however, be wrong. There is one instrument of torture which is even more widely used now, than it was in those far off ages, even before the famous "Good Old Days." This instrument is euphemistically known as the "Essay"—five simple, common or garden letters, which can be found in most good dictionaries, but what depth of horror, what agony, what torment of the very soul they indicate to the initiated. In the elementary schools they call these things "Compositions"—it sounds a little more pleasant somehow—but it is the same thing really. How many burning heads and cold feet, how many wet palms and dry throats are caused by the infliction of this simple torture in the course of a twelve month?

It is the common belief of ignorant people today that we no longer carry out experiments on the human being. If it be desired to discover how long one can live after eating Deadly Nightshade, and whether or not one is liable to suffer from St. Vitus' Dance in the interim, the experiment is tried out on a poor innocent little guinea pig. If, of course, it turns bright green into the bargain, the scientists are all the more delighted and propound the remarkable hypothesis that Deadly Nightshade must contain chlorophyll. That digression is intended to support the belief that we do not experiment on human beings. Once again, however, people are deluding themselves, for by its very definition an essay is an experiment—an experiment of the very worst type, causing mental torment and physical deterioration. Can humanity sink any lower into the abysmal quagmire of abomination?

Of course, the people who apply this experimental form of torture would point to men like Lamb, Bacon and Hazlitt and argue that they must have enjoyed writing essays because they wrote so many. This is a complete travesty of the facts. The truth is that they, poor creatures, suffered from a terrible disease in the shape of a compulsion to write essays. They endured the more temporary agony of writing an essay, to gain relief from the gnawing throes of the desire. It is like going to the dentist when you have toothache. You go willingly, but it does not mean that you enjoy having the inside of your mouth tampered with by a strange man. The very height of sadistic cruelty is having to choose your own subject for your essay. It is worse than being made to plant the flowers, dig the grave, and carve the inscription for your own funeral; and yet the people who offer you this choice think they are being wonderfully kind, and congratulate themselves on their own beneficence.

It might be asked why this terrible imposition is tolerated by those who suffer under it. The answer is two-fold: in the first place, they look

forward with gloating anticipation to the time when they will be able to extract their vengeance from a future generation; and in the second place, they have not the strength left in them to offer any resistance—such is the vampirism of the Essay.

If such is the horror of having to write one essay each week, be it on a dull, ill-chosen subject, or a more interesting, well-chosen subject, what must be the horror of having to mark half a hundred essays each week, be they dull and well-written or dull and badly written? It is unthinkable—yet that is part of the additional price one must pay if one is to have the gratification of gaining one's revenge. It is indeed a consoling thought to those who labour under the burden of literary composition, that someone is going to have to read it and waste perfectly good time and red ink.

It may be said with certainty that this is an experiment. It has no title in the usual meaning of the word. What is the subject? Is it an essay on torture, on essays: is it possibly an essay on the delusion of modern civilisation: is it even an essay? I don't really think it can be, because, for some inexplicable reason, I have quite enjoyed writing it. Anyway, the last word will not be mine.

I. W. GREEN, 6m.u.

### The Final Payment

The wind beat down on the little trawlers as they tossed up and down on the huge waves.

The spume-flecked breakers crashed over the decks, and the sailors cursed volubly. Standing on the bow of "My Providence" was a small figure. He had a far-away smile in his face and seemed unconscious of the weather and, indeed, his work.

He was Joe Parkins, the mate in charge of the nets, and the reason for his contentment was that today would be his last trip in "Providence." Not that he hadn't enjoyed his job, but, the preceding week he had bought his own boat and it would be delivered today. He had dreamed of this day for years, and, in dreaming, had saved for it. Tomorrow he would have "Gratitude," as he had named her, and next week he would join the fleet as captain of his own ship.

Suddenly, as the net went streaking into the night, a loose float-cord caught Joe by the ankles, as he stood by the winch, and he was flicked over the side. An arm could be seen, outlined against the foam, and then it was gone, with the waves bowing and roaring and the little lights of the