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Notes and News.

We welcome to the School Mr. J. D. Rainbow, B.A. (Oxon.), who has joined the Modern Languages side of the Staff.

Manchester University Examinations:—

Second M.B., Ch.B. Examination, E. Saunbury.

First M.B., Ch.B. Examination, Part I, W. Dickson, E. S. Frazer and T. F. Redman have passed in Chemistry and Physics at the higher standard.

First M.B. Examination, Part II b, Zoology, A. D. Leigh.

First L.D.S. Examination, D. A. E. Chambers.

At Dublin University F. M. D. Fletcher has passed the examination of the Senior Freshmen year with first place in Mathematics.

Institute of Chartered Accountants, Final Examination: T. W. M. Bland and D. K. D. Shaw.

A. K. F. Nicol has been appointed by the Forestry Commissioners an Assistant Conservator of Forests in Nigeria, and sails for that part of the world on the 8th of May.

C. T. Howard has received an engineering appointment, and is now at Winterthur, in Switzerland.

Rugby Honours Caps have been awarded to R. Mark, S. Plant, E. B. Jackson, J. H. Porter, J. K. Nicholson; and Colours to D. A. E. Chambers, O. R. Dennis, F. Dixon, A. A. McKerrigan, W. A. Parkinson, R. C. Spooncer, R. H. Stanley, W. D. Ward, E. B. Williams, T. A. Yates.

In Lacrosse, the following awards have been made—Honours Caps: S. Plant, W. A. Parkinson, M. W. Flinn; Colours: E. B. Jackson, A. Praeger, F. Dixon, T. A. Yates, R. M. Jones, R. C. Spooncer, A. A. McKerrigan, R. H. Stanley; Second Team Colours: P. Saunbury, O. R. Dennis, J. D. W. Roberts, A. B. Whitehouse.

Fraser House have won the inter-House "knock-out" competition in Lacrosse; last term they beat Heywood in the final of the Rugby competition. The inter-House Lacrosse league shield was won by Byrom.

The work of levelling the new piece of ground is progressing rapidly, and there are hopes that, with a little luck, it may be finished by September.

A scheme for raising £3,000 during the next ten years has been set afoot by the Old Hulmeians Association. Particulars are being sent to all members, and it is hoped there will be a good response.

J. Mark (Trinity) captained the Cambridge University Lacrosse team that beat Oxford this year. He also played for the South of England against the North.

Other Old Hulmeians in the Cambridge team were G. A. Cooke (Downing), an old Half-Blue, and P. Rogers (Emmanuel), who was awarded his Half-Blue this year.

N. R. Coe and R. E. Howard of the Old Hulmeians Lacrosse Club, played in the North of England team that beat the

South this year: both players also received County honours. N. A. Barber, another member of the Club, also played for the County.

The annual golf competition for the Bradbury, Vlies and Merchant cups will take place on the Didsbury links on Thursday, May 30th. It is hoped that all golfers in the Association will feel it their duty to take part.

We express our best thanks to Mr. Thomson for his gift to the Library of "British Sailor Heroes" (Knox—Laughton), "British Soldier Heroes" (Wilkinson); to A. Praeger for "Europe in Renaissance and Reformation" (Hollings); to D. Erskine for the following six volumes: Goldsmith's Works, Boswell's "Life of Johnson," "The Tatler" and "The Guardian," English Essayists, Shakespeare's Works, "Treasury of Modern Biography."

Calendar for Midsummer Term:—

Midsummer Term will begin on Tuesday, April 30th, at 9 o'clock.

The Whitsuntide Holidays will extend from Wednesday, June 5th, at noon, to Thursday, June 20th, at 9 o'clock.

The School Certificate Examinations will begin on June 28th.

Midsummer Term will end on Wednesday, July 24th, at noon.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following school magazines:—*The Grammarian* (Tientsin Grammar School, N. China), *The Merchant Taylors' Review*, *Ulula*, *The Savilian*, *The Lidunian*, *Esmeduna*, *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*, *The Aldwinian*, *The Sandbachian*, *The Wittonian*, *The Leigh Grammar School Magazine*, *The Stopfordian*, *The Waconian*, *The Buxtonian*, *The Altrinchamian*, *The Willastonian*, *The Frome County School Magazine*, *The Centralian*, *The Northamptonian*.

BIRTH.

WILLIAMS.—On December 16th, at 31, Demesne Road, Whalley Range, Manchester, to Lucy, wife of D. M. Williams, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

CAMPBELL—MARSLAND.—On the 8th March, Archibald Gordon Campbell, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Campbell, of Gatley, to May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Marsland, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

ALLMAN—BRIMELOW.—On the 4th April, at the Wilbraham Road Congregational Church, Whalley Range, Alex, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Allman, to Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Brimelow, all of Whalley Range.

DICKSON—HALES.—On April 6th, 1935, at St. Margaret's Church, Whalley Range, David R., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. David Dickson, of Whalley Range, to Edna, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hales, of Sunnyside, Wilbraham Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

DEATHS.

DONNER.—On December 29th, at Oak Mount, Fallowfield, Manchester, Sir Edward Donner, Bt., LL.D., in his 95th year.

WOOD.—On 26th October, 1934, Ena Dilys, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wood, of Withington.

Sir Edward Donner.

It is with great regret that we record here the death of Sir Edward Donner, which took place at his home, Oak Mount, Fallowfield, on December 29th. Though head of a great firm in Manchester, Sir Edward did not go into business immediately on leaving school. He won an open scholarship at Corpus Christi College,

Oxford, where he took a first in Classics, and, later, he passed seventh in a list of eighty successful candidates for the Indian Civil Service. Sir Edward, in his long and active career, was connected with many public bodies, but perhaps his chief interest was in education, a branch of social work for which he was peculiarly well fitted, and, when the School was built, he early became a Governor, in which capacity he acted for over 25 years. During many of these years he was Vice-Chairman of the Governors, and the School has good reason to be grateful to him not only for his guidance and wise counsel during its early years, but for other and more practical forms of help. He was a great friend of the first head master, the late Dr. Hall, and often, when cycling to business, he called in to have a talk or to discuss some matter in connection with School affairs.

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

It is very pleasing to record that this year's total of £272 9s. 10d. exceeded last year's by £12 2s. 6d., and once more the highest totals are equally distributed among younger and older forms. 3a head the list, and are very closely followed by the Lower Science VIth, who, however, have the highest average per head.

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that the number of names on the collecting cards is even more creditable than a few names with larger amounts, welcome though these are. In this connection it was cheering to be presented with a collecting card as far away as the Old Boys' Dinner in London! It is hoped that boys will continue to show a personal interest in the Club after they have left School.

A letter from Sir Christopher Needham, the President of the Club, to the Head Master, appears below:—

"It has been a great pleasure to me to learn that the boys of the Hulme Grammar School have collected the magnificent sum of £272 9s. 10d. for the benefit of the lads whose interests are being looked after by the Hulme Lads' Club. I wish to express sincere gratitude on behalf of the Committee and of myself to all concerned for this increased help which is so welcome to us. May I again say that the Club is very largely dependent upon the boys of your School, and that we all hope that this intimate connection will continue to be of the closest possible nature."

Form.	Amount.			Average per head.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Prep.	10	0	0			
L 1	22	9	10½	0	19	7
1 a	14	0	11	0	10	0
1 b	14	3	0½	0	10	1
1 c	12	7	6	0	9	2
2 a	11	5	2	0	8	0
2 b	14	0	7	0	9	4
2 c	8	8	3½	0	6	6
3 a	28	2	1	0	19	5
3 b	12	13	2	0	9	0
3 c	8	5	1½	0	6	7
4 a	13	7	9	0	8	11
4 b	8	15	5	0	6	3
4 c	6	1	7	0	4	1
5 a	19	1	2	0	11	11
5 b	9	1	6	0	7	3
5 c	11	14	1½	0	11	8
6 S.L.	28	2	0	1	9	7
6 S.U.	7	18	5	0	6	4
6 C.M.L.	3	12	4	0	12	0
6 C.M.U.	3	4	9	0	6	5

The Library.

With the advance of the School year and the rapid approach of the examination season, more and more use is being made of the library by the senior boys, and, though there are still some readers who do not always observe the few simple rules we have for enabling us to keep trace of books, there is a definite improvement in this respect. Occasionally it happens that certain books of special value for seniors who are revising their work do not circulate as rapidly as they should: borrowers should remember that if they have found any book particularly helpful in their work, it is more than probable that there are others waiting anxiously for its return to

the library so that they may have the use of it for a time. The question of space is becoming more acute, and though from time to time during the past eighteen months some old volumes have been withdrawn from the shelves, something more will have to be done soon to make room for the increase in our stock. Since September, some fifty new volumes have been added, but there is still much to be done towards making the library really adequate to our needs. Every effort is being made to procure those standard reference books that should be in every school library and at the same time to keep up with the most recent publications on the different subjects. At the moment the library contains some 1,637 volumes made up as follows: History 347, English Literature 305, Science 245, Ancient and Mediæval History 140, Geography 114, Classics 114, German Literature 110, French Literature 108, General Subjects 62, Religion 51, Art 41. Over and above these there are Encyclopædias, Dictionaries and Pamphlets which should bring the total number of books in the library up to, at least, 1,700.

A Lonely Spot.

In the course of our walks, one late afternoon, we crossed a barren headland covered only with bracken and gorse, whose yellow bloom had already begun to wither. No form of life was to be seen, but some old stone cottages now told of attempts at life there that had failed. Slowly we stumbled on over the uneven ground, and, coming to the edge of the headland, looked down into a wide grey stretch of sea. To the north the hills stretched away into a semi-circle, and enclosed between them and the sea was a half-moon shaped plain. It was a peculiar plain; perfectly flat and scarcely higher than the level of the sea that bounded it. From its circular edge

the hills rose abruptly, like ancient cliffs that had withstood the attack of earlier seas. Hidden from the world, untrodden, untilled, the land grew rank, and knew no life on its surface other than the plants that grew there wild. Between land and sea, stretching away in a narrow curving bend, the coast-line finally ended at the bottom of the cliff, directly opposite where we stood. High above this point, lying in the hollow of a hill, could be seen some cottages, silhouetted against the sinking sun, and made diminutive by distance. For these we determined to make, and so clambered down the side of the headland to the beach. At this end the beach was broken and covered with stones piled to a steep angle. The sea seemed forever rough, and its deep rhythmic roar was intensified by the rattle of the stones as they ground together with each successive wave. Further along, the beach became smoother, with fewer stones and higher cliffs, if cliffs they could be called, for they were the edge of the plain, and hence of clay and earthy material, and were quickly being worn away into fantastic figures and clefts by the repeated onslaught of the water.

Slowly we trudged along, and, as we walked, the shadow of the hill ahead came stalking to meet us, and to envelope us in its gloom. Dimly ahead we made out a rough rounded shape, and, as we approached nearer, it assumed the appearance of the boiler of some lost ship, entirely covered with slimy growth. Dismayed by this evidence of tragedy, we gazed at it, and, even as we gazed, it sank slowly down through the ever-shifting sand, till it finally disappeared. With melancholy thoughts we watched it disappear, and then continued our journey along the narrowing strips of beach, imperceptibly lessening the distance between us and the hill whose shadow now covered us. The dusk grew deeper, and, as it changed, we saw the

slowly revolving beam of a lighthouse far out at sea on a lonely point of rock, and the moon rose slowly over the headland from which we had looked down over the bay. Comforted by these, we came at last to the base of the hill at the end of the beach, and started the climb to the lonely cluster of cottages in the hollow at its top. From half-way up we looked backwards at the bay, lit by the low light of the moon, and seeming peaceful from a distance.

Melancholy and barren at close sight, its sombre beauty could now be seen, but still it was solitary and its beauty was cold. Thankfully we completed the last stage of our dismal walk, and meeting one of the cottagers as we approached the little village, we enquired the name of the bay along which we had travelled. "Hell's Mouth," he replied, and passed on.

D. C. S.

The Entertainments.

The season's entertainments came to an end on Tuesday, April 2nd, when the Head Master gave a talk on Cricket. The encouraging start made last October seemed to suggest that this series of shows would be, at least, up to the standard of past years, and this promise has been completely fulfilled. The programme has been varied and attractive, the plays well produced, the lectures interesting, and the music attractive. An outstanding event this term was the visit of Mr. Clive Carey, whose singing of folk-songs gave great pleasure. Important performances since Christmas have been "Emil and the Detectives," and the Sacred Concert.

During last term great work was being done installing the new stage lighting, a job which Mr. Thomson and his two henchmen, R. E. Gates and R. C. Sowood, along with other willing helpers, have now completed. A full description of the work

done will be found elsewhere. It has been a great undertaking, and we extend to those who carried it out our best thanks. The switchboard is a fearsome looking contrivance, but it should serve a great purpose in the years to come. Whatever lighting effect is now desired on the stage, one but touches a switch, and, lo! it is done. If your play demands "a dim religious light,"—nothing easier! "Doth the moon shine that night?" Well, you can have it. Would you have the glowing, red, evening sky so beloved of the shepherd? Again we can satisfy you. Perhaps the atmosphere of your play demands a rainbow-like mingling of delicate hues—just say the word! It may be the turn of events in your drama calls for an instant change from the high light of day to Stygian darkness—that is mere child's play! Roseate dawns are a speciality, and can be supplied at a moment's notice.

Programme:—

PLAY.—December 4th. Form IIIB gave a clever show in presenting "Kings in Nomania" (Percival Wilde), a one-act play in five scenes. The production proved very entertaining, not the least amusing part being the slick "scene-changing." Cast: Yancu (E. Hubbert), Herald (I. Gray), Marfa (N. A. Demet), King (P. P. Williams), Snigran (W. H. Jakeman), Gendarme (A. R. Cole), Tiana (W. J. Mair), Osmi (R. Joyce), Tomi (C. F. Neale), Urridu (T. A. B. Till), Vavna (T. Ingham), Barlo (G. Lewin), Marquis of Ettari (K. White), Count Luz (G. M. Baron), Courtiers (J. E. Cannell, R. Darlington, D. B. Flunder, A. N. Pye), King's Bodyguards (G. H. Hill, G. W. Garner). Stage hands (V. A. Inman, G. Barrow). Producer, Mr. Parren.

PLAY.—December 11th. "The Three Roses," a Christmas play by Margaret Cropper, was the last of the Tuesday afternoon entertainments for the Michaelmas term, and was presented by the Preparatory School. The play had many interest-

ing features, among them being the processions through the hall, and the well-staged tableau that brought the performance to an end. When juniors take the stage, it frequently happens that there is difficulty in hearing what is said, but, for the most part, the players spoke up clearly, and their voices carried well through the hall. The whole cast seemed to know what was expected of them, and their movements on the stage showed that they had been carefully trained and disciplined. The principal members of the cast were: The Seraph (M. T. Fitzgerald), First Shepherd (P. H. Richards), Second Shepherd (R. B. Mair), Third Shepherd (A. W. Peers), King of Wisdom (D. E. Bower), King of Love (G. N. Pointer), King of Power (P. H. Manley), Child (P. W. Watkins), Beggar Woman (E. G. Williams), Lame Man (J. C. Crompton), Ragged Boy (J. G. Roberts), The Virgin (R. L. Archer), Joseph (D. H. Jones).

Producers: Miss Berry, Miss Caiger, Miss Davies.

PLAY.—December 15th, 17th, 18th. On these dates performances were given of "Toad of Toad Hall" (A. A. Milne). A report appears on another page.

Producer, the Head Master.

LANTERN LECTURE.—January 15th. Mr. Gatley showed us some 50 well-chosen slides, and, during his talk on "The Chinese," he told us many interesting facts about those people, their houses, their means of livelihood, and the vast country in which they live.

PLAYS.—January 22nd. Form VI s.u., with J. H. Porter as producer, gave us a double turn on this date. The first play, "Posterity," by Commander Stephen King-Hall, lacking movement, depends largely for its effect on the dialogue. It was, therefore, unfortunate that, at some important points, the words of the speakers were inaudible, and we were left at times to hazard a guess at what was taking place.

Still, the players seemed to enjoy their parts. Cast: First Soldier (W. D. Ward), Second Soldier (O. R. Dennis), Sailor (A. McKerrigan), Cabinet Minister (D. A. E. Chambers), Colonel (A. Praeger), Bishop of Sevenoaks (A. White), Bishop of Grinzeheim (D. C. Snow), Neutral (T. J. Primrose), St. Peter (H. W. Amos), An American (N. Cooper). The scene of action was an ante-room of heaven.

The second play had a more terrestrial setting, the events taking place on a stormy night in a "pub" on the main Perth—Edinburgh road. As the title, "The Pardoner's Tale" (J. Bridie), suggests, the play is an adaptation from Chaucer, and it proved to be an interesting contrast to the first play. The players showed they were alive to their parts. Cast: Innkeeper (W. D. Ward), Duncan Elliott (A. A. McKerrigan), Handasyde Grant (H. W. Amos), Philip McGillivray (O. R. Dennis).

PLAY.—January 29th. In the difficulties arising through the absence of some of their cast, VI C.M.L. called upon the services of R. Mark and S. Plant of VI C.M.U. when they played "The Will," by Sir James Barrie. The three scenes in the play marking different periods in the lives of the principal characters were cleverly presented by the following cast: Mr. Devizes, senior (J. Mason), Robert Devizes (R. Hawley), Philip Ross (R. Mark), Emily Ross (D. Erskine), Surtees (A. F. Brazier), Sennet (A. Gordon), Creed (S. Plant). Producer, Mr. Parren.

PLAY.—February 5th. The excellence of the setting and the convincing make-up of some of the characters gave the players a good start when Form IVB presented "The Romany Road" (Harold Brighouse). The play has many difficulties, but all taking part gave a good account of themselves. The scene is laid in the grounds of Sir Rufus Appleford's estate. Cast: Lord Ranacre (R. Brown), Sir Rufus Appleford (A. S. Marshall), Jaikes (D. H. Elbourne),

Jericho Borzlam (H. Houghton), Robin (J. F. Weatherby), Jessamine (E. S. Thelwall), Dame Margit (R. Kirby), Rhona Borzlam (S. Reid), Milkmaids (R. Craddock, H. R. Crichton, J. E. Lister).

Producer, Mr. Thompson.

SONG RECITAL.—February 12th. Mr. Clive Carey, who was performing at the Old Hulmeians concert in the evening, attended this afternoon, when there was a very full house to hear him. His pleasant singing, his easy manner, and his short talk about the songs provided an interesting entertainment. Mr. Rayfield played the accompaniments. Included in his programme of songs were: "The Monkey's Carol" (C. V. Stanford), "The Water Mill" (Vaughan Williams), "Winter Willows" (Vaughan Williams), "The Oak Tree Bough" (Bairstow), "Blue Bells from the Clearings" (Walker), a version of "One More River," "The Lover's Task," "All Round my Hat" (arr. Kenneth Mackinlay), "The Poor Couple" (arr. Cecil Sharpe).

LANTERN LECTURE. — February 19th. There was a good audience to listen to an interesting lecture by Mr. Ward on "Wild Birds." After speaking of some of the birds to be seen from time to time on or about the School field, he dealt with the wild birds to be found throughout England, mentioning some of the more common and some of the rarer specimens.

PLAY.—February 23rd, 25th, 26th. The School gave evening performances on these dates of "Emil and the Detectives" (Erich Kaestner). A report of the play appears on another page. Producer, Mr. Brierley.

PLAY.—March 5th. That stirring one-act drama "The Drums of Oude" (Austin Strong), was presented by the Cadet Corps when the following cast gave a good interpretation of the play: Captain Hector McGregor (R. Mark), Lieutenant Alan Hartley (A. Praeger), Sergeant McDougal

(S. Plant), Stewart, the sentry (J. K. Nicholson), Two Hindustani Servants (F. Dixon, W. A. Parkinson), Mrs. Jack Clayton (W. J. Mair). Producer, Mr. Anderson.

PLAY.—“The Dear Departing” (Leonid Andreyev) is well described as a frivolous performance. It is based on an advertising “stunt” run by a café proprietor, and the behaviour of the crowd waiting for the man to drop causes much amusement. By an arrangement of tables the stage was terraced on this occasion. The play was presented by VI S.L. and VA. and had the biggest number of players we have seen on the stage for a Tuesday afternoon play. Cast: Policemen (D. N. Buttrey, F. E. Pickup), The Boy (F. H. Holmes), The Lady (D. A. Marsh), Nelly (P. N. Knight), English Tourists (C. R. Peers, A. Thorp), The Stranger (A. B. Whitehouse), Tourists (J. Pritchard, E. B. Jackson, R. I. Parkinson, P. S. Ellis, Mr. Powell, P. Whitaker, R. D. Watts), Bloodthirsty Lady (J. S. Battersby), Pedlar (D. Barnes), Student (W. T. Curtis), Masha (A. L. Dennis), Katie (K. A. Hilton), Sasha (G. W. E. Stark), Photographers (E. B. Williams, G. Saxon, D. W. Preston), Italian Musicians (S. B. Hirst, J. Noble, B. Daley, N. Cooper, D. C. A. Bevis), Sightseers (R. C. Spooncer, A. Richardson), Waiter (G. D. Clark), Drunkards (A. Hesford, D. E. Hutchinson), Special Correspondent (Mr. Parren), Clergyman (D. M. Herbert), Salvationists (J. B. Platford, R. M. Jones), Landlord (R. H. Stanley), Advertisement Carrier (T. A. Yates). Producer, the Head Master.

PLAYS.—March 19th. Those who attended on this date got good value for their money. Two plays were presented, the first, written and performed by Lower I, being called “Radio Robbery” or “The Crooner’s Crime.” The very title gives a thrill, but only a mild one compared with the excitement engendered by the deeds of

the hero and his men against the murderous villain of the piece, and his tough gang. The performance ran smoothly, and the players, all of whom seemed well acquainted with their parts, spoke up well. Cast: Jack Windsor, a country gentleman (J. F. Mair); Bob Swann and George Holmes, his friend (J. O. Spalding and W. L. Tonge); Barlow, his butler (G. S. Laing); Colonel Fortescue, a neighbour (T. C. Owens); John Sparkes and Bill Coil, post-office engineers (G. J. H. Sparkes and W. T. Oliver); Henry Hall, a murderous ruffian (J. G. Dalrymple); other murderous ruffians were: Roy Fox (P. Cloughley), Jack Hylton (E. Barr), Charles Kunz (G. Kettlewell), Geraldo (A. F. Lane), Duke Ellington (A. L. Smith), Jack Payne (H. B. Clarke), Lou Praeger (B. A. Ratliff), Carol Gibbons (P. W. Gamble), Paul Whiteman (R. A. Bruce), Nat Gonella (J. K. Barrett), Cab Calloway (D. A. Hardcastle), Debroy Somers (J. Silcock), Lew Stone (G. E. Whitehead), Rudge Vallée (J. E. Adams), Bertini (W. P. Metcalfe), Billy Cotton (W. J. Hart), Ambrose (A. E. Papazian). Producer, Mr. Williams.

The second play, “Villa for Sale” (Sacha Guitry) is rather short, but it is a good piece of work of its kind, and was cleverly presented by a strong cast, all of whom were drawn from the staff, with the exception of Mrs. Lowther. Cast: Servant (Mr. Dennis), Emil (Mr. Powell), Jeanne (Mrs. Lowther), Gaston (Mr. Lowther), Mr. Al Smith (Mr. Parren).

Producer, the Head Master.

LECTURE RECITAL.—March 26th. “Folk Songs” was the subject of an interesting lecture by the Head Master, when he told us something of their history and pointed out the simple beauty of their tunes. In the course of the lecture he sang through a programme of twelve songs; in some of the choruses he received hearty support from the audience. Programme: 1,

"Turmut-hoeing"; 2, "The Two Magicians"; 3, "Hares on the Mountain"; 4, "No! John"; 5, "My Boy Billie"; 6, "The Cheerful Arn"; 7, "Bingo"; 8, "Twankytillo"; 9, "Robin-a-thrush"; 10, "Bridgewater Fair"; 11, "Dashing away with the Smoothing-iron"; 12, "The Derby Ram."

LECTURE.—April 2nd. The last event of this year's entertainments was a talk by the Head Master on "How to play Cricket." There was a good "house," and the speaker told us all about the straight bat, spin bowling, length, etc. With the aid of a bat he showed us how to play certain strokes, and also demonstrated how easy it is to get out.

"Toad of Toad Hall."

Without pretending to be anything of the kind, "Toad of Toad Hall" (A. A. Milne), played by the School on December 15th, 17th, and 18th, has something of the pantomime about it, and was, in many ways, a fitting entertainment for a Christmas show. Based on "The Wind in the Willows," that whimsical story by Kenneth Grahame, which has the subtle quality of making pleasant reading for both old and young, the play cleverly catches the spirit of the book and brings to life all the odd, friendly creatures that dwell in its pages—badger, toad, rat, mole, rabbits, weasels, ferrets, field mice—the whole lovable menagerie of them. But the deeds, or rather the misdeeds of Mr. Toad, have caused serious division among these law-abiding inhabitants of hedgerow and river bank, the older and more sedate, led by Mr. Badger, seeking earnestly to reclaim the youthful offender from his recklessness, the younger and more irresponsible chanting their hymn of hate, "Toad, Toad, down with Toad!" and rejoicing vociferously in his downfall. A tolerably good

fellow at times, this Mr. Toad is in some things without morals and without shame. Having haughtily discarded Alfred and the caravan as a means of locomotion, he takes to motoring, and, stealing a car, he sets off on a joy-ride, "hogging" along the road in the true fashion of those to whom Belisha beacons and robot-signs are no more than ornaments by the wayside, and policemen but as bluebottles. Soon, of course, comes the crash, and, in spite of all his well-wishers can do, the vainglorious Toad finds himself in prison from which, however, he finally escapes. So the play runs on in its pleasant way, and we follow Mr. Toad through many vicissitudes of fortune. The long part of Mr. Toad shows him in many moods, from the wildest joy to the deepest gloom, to all of which D. Erskine cleverly attuned himself: he was, perhaps, not quite so successful in the court scene, an episode which, though amusing, and carried on in the usual boisterous, inconsequential manner of comedy trials, did not quite reach the standard of other parts of the play. The policeman was a bright spot in this scene, and, with his glowing red nose, his ponderous bearing, and his stentorian speech, D. N. Buttrey was the true music-hall "bobby." C. R. Peers, making his first appearance in a School play, did well, but seemed a little uncertain of himself at times. In his "make up" and with the aid of a pillow tucked away under his garments, R. Mark made a real podgy old Badger, and, as chief worker for the salvation of the boastful Toad, he dominated the scenes in which he took part. Ardent helpers in Badger's "salvation army" were Mole and Rat: in his quietly obsequious manner, A. B. Whitehouse made a good Mole, and E. Nield was only a little less successful as the Rat; his movements and gestures occasionally lacked ease and spontaneity. W. J. Mair made a charming Phoebe, and was assisted in his

work of rescuing the miserable Toad from the dungeon by a not-so-charming-looking but business-like Aunt (J. S. Battersby). It would be a matter for the R.S.P.C.A. were no mention made here of Alfred. Writing of the horse, Vergil says somewhere, "His neck is high and erect, his head replete with intelligence, his back full and his proud chest swells with hard muscle." While admitting that Alfred had not quite all the grace of this Vergilian steed, yet he had his "points," and, both fore and aft he gave a good performance, W. A. Parkinson and A. F. Brazier filling the parts cleverly. The final scene in the banqueting-hall was a rousing affair, and that no one toppled over into the orchestra during the "grand slam" was a tribute to the agility of those taking part. In its rendering of the music, incidental to the play, the orchestra contributed considerably to the success of the performance. The choreographic items, ably arranged by Mrs. Lloyd, were pleasant and occasionally amusing parts of the production. The scenery throughout was some of the best we have seen in these plays, and particularly would we mention the Badger's house and the Dungeon.

The play was produced by the Head Master.

"Emil and the Detectives."

If popular estimate of boys' tastes in things literary and dramatic be well founded, then a play like "Emil and the Detectives" (Erich Kaestner) should interest the dullest clod among them, for here we have all that goes to make up the schoolboy thriller — crooks, police, a "gang," and the stirring excitement of an arrest at the end of it all. Adapted from the German by Cyrus Brooks, the play is a comedy, and, if not of the rollicking type, it is, at least, always lively. Taken at a good speed by the cast, events moved

quickly, scene following scene—and there were eleven of them—almost with the rapidity of a "movie," and we were whisked about London at furious speed: one moment we were standing about in Charing Cross station, the next gazing intently into a tearoom; then, again, holding council with the "gang" in New Square; now we were having tea in a backstreet house somewhere; now loafing about outside a hotel; and so on we scampered, now outside a bank, next minute inside it, all the time, like Stanley Poole, the office boy in "Angel Pavement," doing our bit of "shadowing," or, as he called it, "shaddering," till we finished up breathless in Bell Street Police Station. Whatever else may be said about it, "Emil and the Detectives" is, in one sense at least, a "moving" play. The cast divided itself into two, the "gang," who really carried the play along, and the adults, who moved about, as it were, in the background, and formed part of the setting. It has been said that even crime has its heroes, but there was nothing splendid about this affair, the offence, for which the crook was so relentlessly tracked by the "detectives," being nothing more than the shabby theft of money from a sleeping schoolboy. As Grundy, the man in the bowler hat, Mr. Brierley gave clever expression to the complex, sinister character of such a mean thief—the plausible, confiding manner, the shifty, nervous behaviour, the treacherous tricking of his confederates, and the swaggering bluff—all these were well portrayed. Amongst other "adults" who caught the eye were Mrs. Homer (J. S. Battersby), an amiable and grandmotherly old thing who was never out of temper; Mrs. Titchburn (A. B. Whitehouse), Mrs. Jacobs (W. D. Ward), a Thin Woman (M. W. Flinn), the last two appearing in the train scene as passengers—the type who do not shorten the miles; D. H. Ratcliffe, the typical asthmatical old gentleman;

Snick (W. A. Parkinson), who looked what he was, a crook; Police Sergeant Street (R. Mark), the complete "copper." The "gang," apparently finding this a play after their own hearts, went into it with tremendous zeal—in some instances, it seemed, with an excess of zeal that led to over-acting on the part of one or two. Still, they all enjoyed themselves, and, under the dominating, if fussy, direction of the Professor (A. Robinson (2)), who gave a good performance, they did their C.I.D. stuff in good style, even when, at times, there was not much to "detect." As Emil Titchburn, the schoolboy who loses his money, A. R. Cole had a difficult job in this long, testing part, but he came through with credit, and seldom seemed at a loss. Gus, with the hooter (P. P. Williams), Little Buster (H. S. Priest), Crookie (R. Currie), Little Tuesday (E. Hubbert), were prominent in the affairs of the "detectives," and R. M. Collins, as Polly Hoppet, comported himself well. Though he never at any time seemed greatly concerned about selling his newspapers, J. T. Emery, as the newsboy, was very much at his ease in whatever situation he found himself.

The "noises off" and the settings in some of the scenes were very convincing and added greatly to the "atmosphere." Producer, Mr. Brierley.

The Switchboard.

It is by now common knowledge that something of an upheaval has lately occurred on the stage, and the history of the changes may be of some interest.

It had for some time been felt that the electrical installation of 1927 was inadequate, and the discovery that the main electric supply cable was running dangerously hot under the strain of carrying twice its rated current of 24 amperes, rendered immediate alterations necessary.

After serious consideration it was decided to instal not one, but two new cables, to carry a total current of 100 amperes, together with a completely new switchboard and "dimmer bank."

This was all much easier said than done, and few can realise the very many hours spent drawing wiring-diagrams before a suitable plan was found. A final scheme was, however, eventually approved, and work commenced.

Towards half-term, large consignments of switches, plugs, fuses, wire, and screws began to arrive, and there was considerable excitement among the workers on the arrival of the crate containing the eleven new dimmers which were to augment our modest three.

The half-term holiday was spent almost entirely at School. Passers-by as far away as Alexandra Road might have heard a steady thudding proceeding from the School. Little could they have guessed that it was caused by the combined efforts of boys, Old Boys, porters, and even masters, to drill the extremely hard brick of the walls to provide support for the quarter-ton weight of the switchboard and "dimmer bank." Meanwhile, other "slaves" drilled in the hard oak switchboard, holes totaling 25 feet in length and screwed in position the switches and plugs. These are all enamelled red, white, blue and brown in order to denote the colour of the lights they control, and not, as has been suggested, in expression of patriotic fervour.

The actual wiring of the switchboard now proceeded, and several expeditions were made into the dusty space beneath the stage in order to lay wires to miscellaneous plugs.

While this work was taking place, the old switchboard had been completely dismantled, and, to our horror, our "switchboard" for one play consisted of a very shaky four-way fuse board, the somewhat

risky "modus operandi" consisting of pulling out fuses as quickly as possible!

By now, the School had become used to the sight of a new length of enamelled steel conduit-tubing passing along the ceiling of the manual room and room one. This contains the new cables, and has proved very popular for the display of gymnastic prowess. We do not recommend this practice, however!

Time was now running short, and it was not until December 8th (one week before the Christmas play), at 10 p.m., that the switchboard was fixed into position by dint of much heaving on tackle strongly reminiscent of Heath Robinson! But our troubles were by no means over, for the next week was surely the most arduous ever experienced by any School stage staff, most of the senior members working till 10 p.m. each day during this period.

On Monday afternoon, at 3-30 p.m., "juice" flowed through the switches for the first time, and on Tuesday, after the Preparatory School play, we mounted in their appointed places the new "dimmers."

The new switchboard provided for a completely new "batten" for lighting the backcloth, and this, with its three sections and 61 separate compartments each with lampholder and colour "filter," had to be completed before "Toad of Toad Hall."

Heroic work was put in on this, and it was finished at 7-30 p.m. on Friday, just 24 hours before the curtain went up on the first scene of "Toad." On the day previous the Corporation inspectors had passed the installation as satisfactory, to our great relief.

Owing to the work on the switchboard, the other departments of the stage had been almost entirely neglected, and it was not until two hours before the red light signalled the curtain for "Toad," that we felt anything like ready.

This term many alterations have had to be made to adapt existing apparatus to the new circuit plans. These provide for three complete circuits of white, blue and red in each of four "battens," a new backcloth "batten" with complete green, blue, and red circuits from which white light can be obtained by "colour-mixing," together with many miscellaneous alterations like the installation of 14 plugs for such mobile apparatus as the two new flood lamps which have been bought.

The board is designed for 17 "dimmers," and the total power consumption is 23,000 watts. There have been used 59 switches, six heavy duty "iron-clad" switches, 64 plugs and sockets, six fuseboards containing 42 "double-pole" fuses, and 10 dozen lampholders. About 1,200 connections have been made, each involving five distinct operations.

Even in the last desperate rush, time was found to instal new "rigging" for the backcloth, and a small subsidiary "signal switchboard," and to add 31 valuable square feet of space to one corner of the stage.

All this work was so planned that the entertainments have been carried on without a single interruption, though often under great difficulties both for cast and stagehands.

R. E. G.

R. C. S.

A Valley in North Wales.

Impelled by unseen hand yet undisturbed
By human might, long rugged miles along
Surges, between its towering banks, the
Dee,

Filling the vale entire with thundering song.
There, high above, the mighty Berwyns rear
Their huge, imperious forms in proud disdain;

Black 'gainst the sky stands Dinas Bran,
Its roofless halls defying wind and rain.

There, rustic laws direct the ways of man,
Content are they, in lone tranquillity,
To win their simple living from the land,
And live in peaceable humility.

Not always thus did harmony prevail;
For see yon ruined earthwork on the
mound,

Where fierce Glyndwr once urged his wild-
eyed chiefs

To drive the Saxons off the Cymric ground.

The warlike Powis princes once abode
In yon dark crumbling ruin on the height,
Which only now completes the peaceful
scene

And watches o'er the valley day and night.

R. H. S.

The Old Hulmeians Association.

The season continues to be a busy one, and the General Committee has been actively engaged in various schemes intended to enliven and strengthen the Association.

The Advisory Committee, consisting of group leaders, has held four joint meetings with the General Committee, as a result of which several suggestions for improving the Association and its organisation have been considered. Any Old Boys wishing to join, or form a group, are asked to communicate with Mr. B. D. Norris, 31, Wellington Road, Whalley Range.

A scheme for the endowment of the Association has been launched.

The Association Dance at Longford Hall on Friday, January 11th, was again very successful, and various sectional dances and other social events have been held. An attempt has been made this year to co-ordinate these social events so as to avoid clashing.

Next season it is hoped to include all social events on the Fixture Cards, and secretaries of sections are asked to send in their arrangements for 1935-6 to the

Hon. General Secretary not later than August 31st, so that the cards can be issued without delay after the Annual General Meeting.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Midland Hotel, on Saturday, March 2nd, and there were 94 present. It was a great pleasure to welcome, as our guests, the new Chairman of the Governors, the Dean of Manchester, the Clerk to the Governors, Mr. F. H. Mainprice, Mr. J. I. Franklin, and Mr. T. Leslie Brown (the Hon. Secretary of the London Association). Apologies for absence were received from the Lord Bishop of Middleton (Vice-Chairman of the Governors), the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Alderman S. Woollam), Mr. E. K. Brice, Mr. E. G. W. Hewlett, Mr. C. E. Kelsey, Mr. J. W. Morley, and Mr. R. H. Pearson.

Space forbids an adequate account of the speeches delivered during the evening, but the outstanding features were the Head Master's usual racy account of developments and life at the School; Mr. H. E. Walker's appeal for helpers at the Hulme Lads' Club; the President's tribute to the work of the Association in Manchester and London; Mr. John Lord's tribute to the School and its Head Master; and, last but not least, the Dean of Manchester's happy request to be considered "an Old Hulmeian."

Altogether it was a most enjoyable evening, and Old Boys who missed the Dinner this year should make a point of attending next year.

A list of those present is appended:—

F. Adams, G. R. Adams, W. H. G. Adams, A. H. Allman, H. R. W. Anderson, W. G. Aspinall, J. A. Barber, N. A. Barber, E. Barnes, G. R. Barnes, T. W. M. Bland, F. Bond, W. R. F. Branagh, G. S. Brown, H. Buckley, D. P. Burke, I. D. Burke, C. A. Burnside, A. G. Campbell, A. Carmichael, M. S. H. Caw, W. N. Caw, R. G. Clarke, M. H. Cobbold, W.

L. Coulter, G. Cocker, R. Cocker, F. H. Collins, P. M. Dale, E. E. D. Davies, E. Davy, F. E. Dehn, Trevor Dennis, C. G. Dennis, G. Edwards, M. C. Forrest, G. N. E. Gilliat, D. Ll. Griffiths, N. Harrold, N. E. Hawley, D. Hodgkinson, G. O. Holt, J. B. Holt, N. H. Jackson, J. C. Jarvis, A. Jones, C. H. Jones, P. Jones, H. S. Kiernan, J. Lord, R. W. Lymer, J. Mark (I), F. G. Marrian, B. Marsh, A. R. Merchant, W. F. Merchant, G. W. Morris, A. L. Mosley, B. D. Norris, G. A. Norris, G. V. Oddy, S. R. Oddy, G. L. Parkinson, L. S. Pidd, A. L. Powell, R. Prideaux, K. Rains, T. F. Redman, A. I. Robinson, J. I. Robinson, S. C. M. Salter, J. C. Scammell, D. Sherratt, J. Short, J. H. P. Slade, N. W. Sunderland, Walter Thorpe, A. Tooth, E. H. Vlies, G. R. Vlies, H. H. Vlies, H. E. Walker, L. A. Walker, S. Whittingham, H. S. Wihl, J. Wright, J. N. Wright.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

There has been a general levelling up of form in our teams in all divisions of the N. E. L. A. League Competitions this year, so that it reflects great credit on our section's progress since my last notes were printed.

The first team are second in the First Division, and retain a chance of winning the championship in the event of Mellor losing to Stockport on 30th March; the "A" team are seventh in the Second Division, and reached the semi-final of the Junior Flags competition at their first attempt in that tournament; the third team are still top of the Fourth Division, and the "B" have climbed to second position in the Sixth Division.

The first team naturally disappointed us all by their defeat at the hands of the 1935

"shock" team, Oldham and Werneth, but one cannot help admiring the latter's wonderful efforts in this, their first year of senior lacrosse, for, after defeating us, they vanquished Stockport to reach the semi-final of the Senior Flags at their first attempt.

F. G. Bray sustained an injury which will keep him out of the game until next season, but the "A" team, as usual, provided a capable reserve. The latter team, in addition to holding their own in their own division, have always supplied excellent players for the first team when called upon, and at least one of them looks like turning out regularly next year on the first team.

The third team have done well, and may win the Fourth Division championship. The presence of J. P. V. Woollam as player-coach has improved the team wonderfully; prominent amongst these players are J. H. P. Slade and L. L. Cooper, whilst J. Mark (I) has always done well when called up on to the "A" team, his play having improved a great deal in the past year.

G. Holt is to be sympathised with on receiving an awkward injury during the game with Cheadle on 22nd December, but we look forward to seeing him turn out again next year.

The "B" team have, as usual, put up with all kinds of inconveniences, and stuck to their task of gaining promotion to the Fifth Division, of which they are now assured by virtue of their unassailable second position in the league. B. D. Norris and J. F. Caldwell have played well, whilst Hodgkinson improves every week. D. S. B. Vincent is a sound goalkeeper, and has been the mainstay of the defence along with T. L. Gillison and J. G. Rickards.

The Monday night meetings at the Pavilion, Woodlands Road, have been a

great success, and provide a pleasant means of discussing the club prospects and tactics both generally and as regards field play. We hope that more and more members will make use of the excellent facilities so kindly placed at our disposal by the Whalley Range Club. Boys who are leaving School this summer will be very welcome, and are assured of playing with old friends on the four teams which turn out each week. The club has plenty of vacancies for new members who should apply to the Hon. Secretary, K. Rains, 140, Wellington Road, Withington, Manchester, for membership, and full details of the club rules, etc.

Monthly special lacrosse meetings are held on the last Monday in each month, when special talks and discussions on various lacrosse topics are held, and the committee are always glad to receive suggestions on the general management of the club.

There is every possibility of entertaining the American and Canadian Lacrosse teams early in the 1936-7 season, and full details of their proposed tour will be available during the season 1935-6.

K. R.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

Dec.	1.—v. Oldham and Werneth (1st Round Senior Flags)	N	8-9
"	8.—v. Boardman and Eccles	H	7-4
"	15.—v. Ashton	H	10-3
"	22.—v. Chorlton	A	17-6
"	29.—v. Heaton Mersey	H	13-6
Jan.	5.—v. Mellor	H	7-11
"	19.—v. Stockport	A	9-8
"	26.—v. South and Wythe.	A	6-5
Feb.	9.—v. Old Mancunians (postponed)		
"	16.—v. Heaton M. Guild	H	12-3
"	23.—v. Old Waconians	H	4-8
Mar.	9.—v. Boardman and Eccles	A	8-8
"	16.—v. Oldham and Werneth	H	1-0

" A " TEAM.

Dec.	1.—v. Old Stopfordians (1st Round Junior Flags)	H	8-2
"	8.—v. Old Stopfordians	A	9-6
"	15.—v. University	A	5-7
"	22.—v. Cheadle	H	1-6
"	29.—v. Stockport Sunday S.	A	7-10
Jan.	5.—v. Cheadle Hulme	A	4-10
"	12.—v. Cheetham (2nd Round Junior Flags)	H	10-6
"	19.—v. Albert Park	H	7-7
"	26.—v. Offerton	H	9-6
Feb.	2.—v. Leicester (F.)	H	16-3
"	9.—v. Urmston	A	14-3
"	16.—v. Offerton (Semi-final Junior Flags)		5-12
"	23.—v. Cheetham	H	5-3
Mar.	2.—v. Rochdale	H	7-5
"	9.—v. Disley	H	4-16
"	16.—v. Old Stopfordians	H	9-8

THIRD TEAM.

Dec.	1.—v. University "A"	A	15-2
"	8.—v. Barton Hall	H	1-0
"	15.—v. Old Waconians "A"	H	16-6
"	22.—v. Cheadle "A"	A	9-3
"	29.—v. Cheadle Hulme "A"	A	12-3
Jan.	5.—v. Albert Park "A" (2nd Round Junior Cup)	H	1-0
"	12.—v. Cheetham	H	1-0
"	19.—v. Chorlton "A"	A	15-5
"	26.—v. Cheadle "A"	H	9-4
Feb.	2.—v. Boardman and Eccles "A" (3rd Round Junior Cup) ...	H	2-5
"	9.—v. Barton Hall	A	17-1
"	16.—v. Heaton M. Guild "A"	A	4-5
"	23.—v. Heaton Mersey "A"	A	8-10
Mar.	2.—v. Old Waconians "A"	A	13-6
"	9.—v. Oldham and Werneth "A" ...	A	13-8

" B " TEAM.

Dec.	1.—v. Old Mancunians "B"	H	5-9
"	8.—v. Meilor "B"	A	13-2
"	15.—v. South and Wythe. "B"	A	1-0
"	29.—v. Offerton "B"	H	12-2
Jan.	5.—v. Old Waconians "B"	A	1-0
"	12.—v. Heaton M. Guild "B"	A	12-5
"	19.—v. Heaton M. Guild "B"	H	1-0
"	26.—v. Cheadle "B"	A	1-0
Feb.	2.—v. University "B"	A	18-0
"	9.—v. Stockport Secs. "A"	A	12-3
"	16.—v. Ashton "B"	H	15-5
"	23.—v. Old Waconians "B"	H	1-0
Mar.	2.—v. Cheadle "B"	H	1-0
"	9.—v. Romiley "A"	H	9-8
"	16.—v. South and Wythe. "B"	A	12-4

Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

The second part of this season has been very busy. After a lapse of three years we found it possible to give a concert and were fortunate in being able to have Mr. Clive Carey with us. A report of this concert appears on this page. There was a good audience, but we feel that even more support is possible.

The second play, "Twelve Thousand," by Bruno Frank, was enjoyed by those who saw it, but, unfortunately, the audiences were much smaller than the average. Various experiments in methods of selling tickets have been made, but the Society is badly handicapped by inadequate support from Old Boys.

The work of the stage staff has been considerably lightened this season by the help of several valuable new members. We feel that still better scenery could be made if only our financial position were stronger.

Rambles have been continued and have been attended by an increasing number of members. We invite all Old Boys to join us, and promise that no strenuous work will be attempted in hot weather.

The Society possesses a "Scrap Book," which is intended to be a record of its work. Unfortunately this is not complete, and press cuttings and photographs of previous productions will be welcomed by the Assistant Secretary. Any not required will be returned.

The season ended with a very enjoyable Dance held at the Embassy, on April 3rd.

The Annual General Meeting will be held as soon as possible. Members will receive notice in due course and are urged to make every effort to be present.

G. A. N.

The Old Hulmeians Concert.

After a break of three years the Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society resumed their concerts, and gave a performance in the School hall on Tuesday, February 12th, when the attendance, though good, was not quite up to what had been hoped for. Those immediately concerned with these concerts, both organisers and performers, labour hard, and, let it be said, successfully, to give good entertainment, and deserve the support of all interested in the School and the Association. It would be a fitting reward for their enthusiasm and the time they put in at rehearsals, if enough support were forthcoming to enable them to give two performances; "'tis a consummation devoutly to be wished," and one or two more successful performances such as this should surely swell the numbers. The Society presented an attractive and well-balanced programme of just the right length to maintain a real interest to the end. After the singing of the School song (Clive Carey), conducted by the composer, the Orchestra opened with the overture from "Don Giovanni" (Mozart). This is, in some ways, a typical Mozart overture, and, playing with commendable attack, the Orchestra made a valiant effort to bring out the full beauty and richness of the music, the violins, after a shaky start, playing admirably and responding well to the demands made upon them. In the overture from "L'Italiana in Algieri" (Rossini), a cheerful piece of music, the Orchestra gave one of its best performances. The liveliness of the whole orchestra led to a sort of inspired presentation, and Rossini's vigorous music lost nothing of its charm on this occasion; the *pianissimo* of the trombones was quite a triumph. The waltz "Du und Du" from "Die Fledermaus", is a well-known piece of music after the usual gay manner of Strauss, and calls for the closest

understanding between orchestra and conductor, as its time varies, and its movement is difficult. In this number the violins were a little more restrained throughout, and the wood-wind stole, perhaps, a little too much prominence. The trumpets did excellent work here. Those who heard Clive Carey when he was here last, must have looked forward to this concert. His singing throughout gave great pleasure, but more especially in his second effort, a group of folk songs, his pleasant voice and easy manner adding greatly to the charm of these old tunes, and three times he had to respond to encores. Mr. Rayfield, who travelled up from London for the occasion, played the accompaniments for the first group of songs, and his work at the piano thoroughly merited the praise it received. In Bach's Concerto No. 2 in E Major for solo violin, strings, and pianoforte, P. M. Dale, the soloist, had a difficult task, but he knew his work, and fully achieved the mechanical precision which Bach's music demands. He was well supported by the Orchestra which worked admirably together forming an excellent background. The success of the Choir in their two performances was mainly due to team work. Lacking in individual brilliance, full use was made of combined effect, and harmonious singing, pleasant to the ear, was the result. The "Song of the Pedlar" (Lee Williams) and "Meg Merrilies" (Rutland Boughton) were bright efforts, but they excelled in the Negro Spirituals, "Swing low, sweet chariot" and "De Battle ob Jericho." The last item in the programme brought the Choir into action again, and the choice of music was a happy one, the two numbers being the choruses (a) "O Father Whose Almighty Power" from "Judas Maccabæus" (Handel), (b) "Turn Back, O Man" (Genevan Psalter, arr. Holst). Nobly backed up by the Orchestra, the work of the Choir was impressive, particularly in the rich melody of the second piece when

the sopranos seemed to carry off chief honours. If it could be arranged without unduly disturbing the balance of the programme, the Choir might be given more to do next time. In O. J. Charnock the Society has a pianist one of whose greatest assets is an unfailing sense of time. This precision and his clean execution of Schubert's impromptu, lent much to the charm of the piece, and his interpretation of it kept the audience interested throughout. Altogether we are indebted to the Society and to the conductor, D. M. Williams, for a pleasant evening.

The Cambridge Old Hulmeians Association.

Lent Term.

President: G. A. Cooke (Downing).

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. Mark (Trinity).

This last term has passed ominously for the Association in spite of the enjoyment which the individual members seemed to extract from it, for we have to admit that the majority of its members, who are in their third year, will go down at the end of next term and the membership will thus be seriously depleted. Nor can we, who must soon doff our flannel trousers, put on dark suits and proceed to earn a precarious living, comfort ourselves with the reflection that others will take our places, since, so we gather from our spies, there is a lamentable lack of enterprise and the "Go east, young man, go east!" spirit in the School at the moment, and very few boys have thought of coming up to Cambridge. We might observe that, in some measure, at least, the prestige of the School is at stake, for a school of the size and importance of ours should have very many more representatives up at Oxford and Cambridge than it seems likely to have in the next few years. There has been in the past a small and varying number. Is it too

much to hope for the establishment of a continuous tradition? A few years ago there seemed a hope of this; now there would appear to be a danger of our representation dwindling almost to nothing. It would be a pity if this should happen, and it can only be averted by boys in the Lower Sixth forms deciding that they intend to come up, and starting to work for scholarships two years before they sit the actual examination. The present Lower Sixth must realise that it is up to them.

During the Lent term the Association itself has not been very active, but its members have been extremely busy in their various ways. We were all very pleased to see Rogers gain his half-Blue for lacrosse in his third year. He had earned it, and went on to show that he thoroughly deserved it by some extremely sound, and, occasionally, extremely tough defence-play in the 'Varsity match. The president and secretary also helped to defeat Oxford for the second successive year. Lamb has devoted himself mainly to athletics, a pastime in which we ourselves can see no particular point, but at which he seems to do rather well. The president also included this branch of manly sports among the vast number he indulged in at one time or another. Rose has taken no part in that sort of thing, beyond occasional staunch work for Emmanuel Second XI. soccer. He has devoted himself more to the social arts.

The Lent term tends to be the least exciting of the three, since life has neither the novelty of the October term nor the feverish activity of the Easter term, when one remembers that one has a "Trip" in about a month, and work develops from an occasional occupation into a constant and omnipresent scourge. But perhaps for these reasons it is the most pleasant. So there isn't really much news, except that the Cambridge O.H.'s did their bit to keep the life of the University going. And that is about all we can say, except to bestow

a valediction upon Evans, who is now being bitten by tsetse fly somewhere north of Timbuctoo.

J. M.

Old Hulmeians Motor Club.

Several events have been held this year, and it is very noticeable that the enthusiasts are present at every event, while the others only appear at non-motoring events, such as the annual dance, the hot-pot, etc., held by the club.

There are several members of the club who have never been out even on a social run, in spite of the efforts of the committee to provide variety, such as trials, midnight scrounges, bathing runs, firework displays, and quiet social runs.

Amongst recent events the sporting tests were the best attended and the most enjoyable. Incidentally, the competition for the Pidd Trophy for 1934-35 is so fierce, that the three members who had full marks, previous to this, lost only four marks between them. After a really enjoyable afternoon, thirty-one members and friends arrived at Lawton Hall for tea.

The annual dance was held at the Grand Hotel early in March, and was a great success, sixty-six being present. During the evening, L. S. Pidd presented the Pidd Trophy for 1933-34 to G. V. Oddy, who was successful for the second year, but by one mark only.

There are still members who do not carry the club badge on their cars, and they are urged to obtain one from the Hon. Secretary, R. B. Goodwin, at a charge of 5/- each.

R. B. G.

Service.

It is significant that two speakers at the Old Boys' dinner should have referred to the desirability for yet more Old Boys interesting themselves in service for others.

The Hulme Lads' Club is outstanding as an example of what can be done, and even here there is room for more helpers.

The suggestion has been made, however, that, whilst Lads' club work in particular may be unattractive, yet some other form of service may be in no way uncongenial. It may even be that some of us are playing no part to help a cause with which we are sympathetic because we do not know how to set about it. If such persons do exist, they may be interested to consider such schemes as: (a) The erection of wireless sets—mainly for the blind and the bed-ridden poor; (b) The equipment and maintenance of libraries in hospitals, lads' clubs, institutions, etc.; (c) Housing survey.

With reference to (b), an appeal is at present being made to obtain books for the different types of libraries mentioned. Any Old Boy who has accumulated a quantity of unwanted fiction—the demand covers everything from classics to wild west yarns, thrillers, etc.—would be doing a really good turn by handing these books over to the appeal organisation. Should there be anyone desirous of aiding either the appeal for books, or undertaking any kind of social service, he is invited to get in touch with J. H. P. Slade, 2, Hoscarr Drive, Burnage, Levenshulme, Manchester, who will be glad to furnish further information.

J. H. P. S.

Corps Notes.

The Warwickshire Cadet Brigade's proposed tour has now received official approval, and it is intended to leave London on Wednesday, July 31st, for Brussels. The battalion will return to London on Wednesday, August 7th.

Previous tours arranged by the Warwickshire Cadet Brigade have been carried through with marked success, and, from particulars received, the tour ought to pro-

vide not only a most interesting and enjoyable trip at a remarkably low cost of £4 (plus travelling expenses to and from London) but also a holiday of exceptional educational value.

Visits will be made to the Great International Exhibition, and there will be excursions to Mons where the British Expeditionary Force first came into action in August, 1914; to the ancient citadel of Namur, famous both in the history of the Middle Ages and for its heroic defence of the Belgian army at the commencement of the Great War in 1914; also to Marchelles-Dames, where the late King Albert lost his life.

All Cadets over 13 are eligible, and no senior Cadet ought to leave School without having the experience of one Cadet tour organised by the Warwickshire Cadet Brigade.

Two shooting matches have been lost against Macclesfield Grammar School this term. The first between Senior VIII's by 645 to 667, and the second between Cadets "Under 15" by 496 to 597. The scores for the seniors were: Cadet A. White, 87; Corporal W. D. Ward, 86; Sergeant R. Mark, 83; Sergeant J. H. Porter, 81; Cadet K. G. Hinnell, 80; Lance-Corporal A. Praeger, 77; Lance-Corporal P. G. Griffiths, 77; C.S.M. S. Plant, 74.

The "Under 15" scores were: Cadets E. Nield, 78; W. Smith, 77; J. F. Weatherby, 71; W. J. Mair, 62; K. White, 62; K. F. Blackshaw, 60; J. P. Colbeck, 49; J. T. Emery, 37.

Camp arrangements are well in hand, and it is hoped to leave Manchester by the 4-10 train on Wednesday, June 5th, for Grange-over-Sands, and return on Tuesday, June 18th.

Boys over thirteen can still join and go to camp this year.

The following promotions have been made to date from February 1st:—

Lance-Corporals J. H. Porter and N. B. Smethurst to be Corporals.

Corporals J. H. Porter and N. B. Smethurst to be Sergeants.

Lance-Corporal W. D. Ward to be Corporal.

Cadets P. G. Griffiths, D. A. E. Chambers, F. Dixon, A. Praeger, and J. K. Nicholson to be Lance-Corporals.

The Cadet Association have awarded long service medals to:—

Cadet Major J. A. Barber, Cadet Captain H. R. W. Anderson, Cadet Captain A. O. Gatley.

J. A. BARBER, *Cadet Major,
Officer Commanding.*

The Flood.

In my camping experiences water has always had unpleasant associations with me, but only once have I been forced to flee before the wrath of this element. The Lake District is notoriously wet in August, and we innocently chose the wettest spot, Grange-in-Borrowdale, as our site. In the midst of beautiful scenery, we pitched our tents on a little hillock eight yards to the south of the River Derwent. For several days all went well, and life was but a beautiful dream, until a haunting suspicion seized us. We were warned frequently about the tricks of the river, and were told that, if we did not move, we should one day find ourselves not in a tent but in an aquarium, but we obstinately dismissed the idea of moving. When it had rained hard, the river had often fallen instead of rising, so we felt fairly safe.

One day, however, an unpleasant, blousy woman calmly interrupted our breakfast, and telling us how she had once camped upon the spot we now occupied, she described in detail how the river split her tent in two, washed off all her belongings, and left her marooned on a fence, from which

she was rescued by some misguided yokels. We were not impressed.

Her story did not put us off our breakfast; in fact, it was not until a few days later that we remembered her. It had rained steadily for about a week, and everything was in a state of indescribable wetness, but we were exceptionally cheerful and not at all bored. One night it simply poured, and, as we talked far into the night, we all had a sneaking feeling that our relations with the river might soon become more intimate. However, we fell asleep, and our last recollection of that night was the howl of the wind and the pattering of the rain on the roof of our tent.

When we awoke it was still raining. Nobody wanted to rise and get wet, so we stayed in bed listening to the Borrowdale bull singing compositions of its own. At last, about mid-day, someone more awake than the rest, unfastened the saturated tent flap and stepped outside. His excited remarks quickly emptied the tent and, with sleep completely banished, we saw the realisation of our fears—the river was in flood! It had risen seven feet, and was already over the opposite bank for several hundred yards. The water was about six inches off the top of the bank on our side. We had two tents, one large skip full of food (to be saved at all cost!) and one spade, all within eight yards of impending doom. The situation called for either instant action or careful thought. We gave it both. While breakfast was being prepared, we thought. The idea of using the skip as a boat and the tent as a sail seemed impracticable; anyway, in that skip was the only means of sustenance we possessed. Nor did the idea of leaving breakfast, tents and baggage seem attractive. What would Napoleon have done? Personally, I think our position would have puzzled even Napoleon; anyway, it certainly baffled us. We were about to begin a hurried breakfast when

a pair of immense boots and a sou'-wester told us to move quickly. That was the gist of his message, which was both full and forcible. We abandoned the idea of eating, and decided to move to a high bank near the road. As soon as we began to move it rained again, and, picking up the tent, we walked across the field underneath it, wading through drains and tripping over bracken. By the time we reached the wall we were soaking, but had to bring our blankets and pots, pans, etc., from the stores tent. We put everything possible into the skip, or into ground sheets, and raced with them from the river to the new pitch. Between the two sites the ground formed a deep valley, which was already soggy with water. Over this valley we brought the second tent, our buckets, spade, and potatoes, and, as our removal progressed, it became more and more difficult to cross this marsh. Finally we crossed it for the last time, with the last relics of the old camp, and, as we reached our tent, the river came flooding over the bank. It filled the valley several feet deep with water, and swirled on towards the lake. Towards Manesty and Maiden Moor the meadows were under water, and the fields around us completely inundated, the trees standing out of the water like islands. The river slowly rose to within a few feet of the tent!

The flood did us one good turn; what we had failed to do with tent-mallet and candle, the water had done for us. Thousands of insects were being swept along in the flood, drowning helplessly. At the edge of the river there seemed to be an endless stream of drowning beetles, a relentless foe thus meeting a well-deserved death. Breakfast was resumed about four-thirty, after which we set out and squelched along the road to Grange, and on towards Keswick. Never have I seen a more impressive sight than this flooded valley, with an immense volume of water

rushing along the normal bed of the river. Walls had vanished, meadows had disappeared, bridges just managed to surmount the strong current, and everything seemed to centre upon the Lake. The Lodore Falls were a mass of foaming spray and battered rocks, and the streams from Maiden Moor glistened whitely through the grey and sodden atmosphere. But so much beauty must be paid for. We did not go to bed at all that night; not again were we going to face the storm unclad and unprepared. Round the candle-lit tent we lay on blankets and whiled away the time until the cockcrow hailed another grey dawn. The morning air was cold and heavy, but we went out to see the day break, and in an uncanny atmosphere of impressive silence, we surveyed the scene alone.

The water had vanished completely; the valley was, if not dry, at least visible, the meadows around us had emerged from the waters, and the river had gone back to its bed. A strong feeling of relief arose within us, followed by a tremor of wonder. The dawn, the silence, and the damp greyness gave the whole affair the aspect of a nightmare, which had vanished at last. We could now afford to laugh over our folly, for the only dry ground in the area which we had deserted had been our old camp site. Still, it would have been unpleasant to have been marooned in such circumstances. It would have been difficult to swim for milk and, ironically enough, water! That day our time was up, and we left the Lakes well pleased with our holiday in spite of nature's little jest at our expense.

R. M.

"The Raider."

Two seagulls winged their lonely way
About the sky.
A curlew watched the coming day
With gladdening eye.

A red glow tipped the purple crest
Of Wylfa Head.
Nocturnal things went back to rest,
The stars had sped.
The hills stood gaunt against the sky;
A hawk swooped down;
I heard a last despairing cry,
The gulls had gone.

R. P. S.

Rugby, 1934-35.

It is very gratifying to be able to record that the improvement, noted in the Christmas number of the Magazine, continued right up to the end of the season, with the result that out of the last nine matches played, seven were won.

The forwards were consistent in their good work, and, though the three-quarters had lapses at times, the passing, handling and running were considerably better than they were last term, and reached a very creditable standard.

The halves were always good, and E. B. Jackson in particular was, at times, brilliant.

Yates, at full-back, is the most improved player on the side, and can now catch and kick well. His tackling has always been excellent.

It would be impossible to finish these notes without paying a tribute to the captain, R. Mark, whose leadership has had much to do with the success of the team this term.

Our best thanks are due to Mr. E. S. Young, of the Sale Club, who has refereed most of our home matches.

FIRST XV.

RESULTS.

v. KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, LYTHAM.
—December 12th. Home. Won 21—4.
Play was fairly even in the first half, and, although we pushed their scrum

steadily, we could not obtain the ball more than half the time. Intelligent work by McKerrigan enabled Parkinson and Dennis to score. In the second half we got the ball regularly, and Mark (2) and Dixon scored further tries. Porter converted two and kicked a penalty goal. Yates was brilliant at full back; his catching and kicking saved us much work.

v. OLD HULMEIANS.—December 19th.
Home. Won 31—14.

The ground was very heavy, and our fitness more than counteracted their weight. The forwards packed well and secured the ball almost at will. E. B. Jackson was outstanding, and was responsible for most of our tries. His quickness enabled the backs to elude their men and score freely. School scored two goals and nine tries to a goal and three tries by Old Boys, for whom G. H. Nicholls played well.

Old Hulmeians team: J. R. Howard, G. R. Lamb, G. A. Cooke, W. Dickson, T. F. Redman, F. L. Davies, T. G. Moore, G. H. Nicholls, M. Alexander, R. Jones, H. G. Holland, E. S. Frazer, K. R. Gray, C. G. Dennis and E. Saunsbury.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—January 23rd. Away. Lost 3—27.

Weakened by the absence of Parkinson, we visited Cheadle Hulme and lost badly. We lost the toss and played against slope and wind. Our scrum packed so well that we secured the ball the whole time, but the backs could do nothing. After half-time we lost Spooncer, and could not get the ball so well. Apart from Yates the whole back line was well below its usual form, both tackling and handling being deplorable.

v. MACCLESFIELD G. S.—February 4th.
Home. Won 21—0.

Although still without Parkinson and Porter, we had no difficulty in defeating Macclesfield by seven tries to nothing. The pack, which included W. D. Ward and P. Saunsbury, was excellent against much

heavier opponents, and rarely lost the ball. Jackson was in brilliant form, and from an opening made by him we scored our first try. Dixon had to retire after half an hour, but we scored again immediately. In the second half, with the wind behind us, we scored five tries, and should have scored more. Jackson (3), Mark (2), Dennis and McKerrigan scored for the School. Ward was excellent in the line-outs, and the backs tackled well.

v. HULME HALL.—February 13th. Home. Won 23—5.

We were without Porter and Chambers for this match, but Ward and Hutchinson deputised very creditably. The ground was heavy, but in good condition, and enabled the pack to get low. Their hooker did well, even while being pushed off the ball, but, on the whole, we had a distinct advantage in the scrums. Jackson opened the scoring with a typical cut-through, and Dennis ran well to score between the posts. Taylor, the Hall fly-half, scored an excellent try, and for a time the result was in balance. Tries by McKerrigan (2), Dennis, Dixon and Mark then put the issue beyond doubt. Quickness on the ball and improved following-up helped us considerably, and we scored two tries from kicks awarded to our opponents.

v. SALE SCHOOLS XV.—February 16th. Home. Lost 3—24.

Mud, rain, and wind spoilt this game against a very strong Sale side. We were beaten in the scrums by their heavy and workmanlike pack, but showed much encouraging energy in the loose. Considering the weather conditions, their handling was remarkable. Parkinson scored our try from a kick ahead by Jackson. The backs never got the ball, and, apart from some momentary lapses in marking, their men played well. Yates, as usual, played a courageous and determined game.

v. SANDBACH G. S.—February 20th. Away. Won 42—3.

Smethurst, Porter, and Chambers were all indisposed, and Flinn came into the scrum. Sandbach were much weaker than in the previous game, and we had no difficulty in piling up a large score. The scrum did not play at its best, but its packing was good, and we lost the ball only once in each half. Dixon was shaky in the first half, but gained confidence later and kicked well. McKerrigan used his speed to great effect, and combined well with Parkinson. Twelve tries were scored, but nine easy kicks were missed. Jackson ran almost at will through the opposing defence.

v. MANCHESTER G. S.—February 23rd. Home. Won 14—6.

The ground was heavy but was not excessively wet for the last game of the season. As usual, we were up against a much heavier pack, but vigorous play by the whole team enabled us to have the better of the game in the first half. Parkinson broke through and sent in McKerrigan; he also kicked the goal. A try by one of their forwards gave us a lead of 5—3 at half-time. A feature of the game in the first half was the way in which Plant and Smethurst completely smothered their halves. Unfortunately, Plant had to retire almost immediately after half-time after Jackson had scored near the flag. The whole team played its hardest, and, although they scored again, our scrum got the ball regularly, and Chambers scored. Parkinson then intercepted on our own line and scored on time. The team as a whole have never played better, with Yates as our most outstanding player.

SECOND XV.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—January 23rd. Home. Won 40—0.

Despite the fact that the team was somewhat depleted by calls from the first fifteen,

we were able to field a good side. The forwards, though still not as fast as they might have been, showed a little more energy, whilst clever cutting through by Wadsworth at fly-half enabled us to score easily.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—
February 2nd. Away. Won 51—0.

Our opponents were unfortunate in having their team weakened by calls from the first, so that we had the advantage of weight in the scrum and speed in the three-quarters. The fact that most of our tries were scored by the three-quarters speaks well for their performance. They were well supported by the forwards, who seldom failed to get the ball back from the set scrum.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—
February 23rd. Away. Lost 5—9.

With a slippery ball and a wet ground, it was a day for the forwards. Our opponents took full advantage of this fact; our own pack offered them little resistance, and it was left to Elbourne at scrum-half, and Porter playing centre-three-quarter, to clear the ball. Hesford scored our only try.

Team: M. W. Flinn, M. Ballinger, P. Saunbury, B. A. L. Ling, A. Hesford, A. F. Brazier, R. Hawley, A. Lister, D. H. Elbourne, A. Neale, W. D. Ward, N. W. Wood, D. E. Hutchinson, J. Mason, D. C. A. Bevis.

Also played: J. H. Porter, T. J. Primrose, W. V. Wadsworth, R. D. Rider, P. S. Preston, D. C. Snow.

COLTS XV.

Feb. 2.—v. Macclesfield G.S.	Lost 6-9
„ 13.—v. Audenshaw G.S.	Lost 10-13
„ 23.—v. Manchester G.S.	Won 8-5

Though we lost our first two matches, we did better against Manchester Grammar School, and just managed to win a keen game.

R. D. Rider and W. V. Wadsworth have been very enthusiastic and have occasionally succeeded in getting the others to play hard.

The team has been selected from: R. J. Young, S. R. Blakeley, W. V. Wadsworth, W. A. N. Ellis, E. S. Thelwall, W. Graham, A. L. Dennis, R. D. Rider, D. M. Herbert, F. Clarke, H. E. Dalton, H. Cartwright, J. F. Weatherby, P. S. Preston, R. Kenworthy, P. B. Eastwood.

Lacrosse, 1934-5.

We have reached the final of the Juniors' Challenge Shield for the seventh time since the competition was instituted, and for the fourth time in succession, and our opponents in the final this year are again the Cheadle Hulme School.

Quite a noticeable advance in the play of the team has taken place this last few weeks, and the speed and finish of the attacks in the semi-final against Stockport Seconians "A" were almost as good as were shown by last year's successful team.

Eleven matches have been played since our notes in the last Magazine were printed; seven have been won, and four lost. Our two games against Cheadle Hulme School were lost, the first by 14 goals to 18, and the second by 10 goals to 12. Both matches produced excellent attack play, and, had we had the help of Praeger, we might have won both games. We have also been beaten by the Manchester Grammar School and the Old Hulmeians third. Against the Manchester Grammar School we were without our captain and Plant, and the defence played their very worst game of the season. The Manchester Grammar School attack play was the best we have seen for some years. The Old Boys' third, with the help of K. Rains, were much too good for us.

Our best win this year was undoubtedly that against the Old Mancunians "B" in the third round of the Juniors' Challenge Shield Competition. The Old Mancunians had not lost a match, and had a young and virile team. They led us to half-time, but a little re-arrangement of the team brought about an improvement in our finishing, and we won an excellent game by 9 goals to 6. All our other games have been won easily.

N. B. Smethurst has captained the team extremely well, and his own play has reached a very high standard. His 'crosse handling is good.

N. B. Smethurst, R. Mark, R. A. Parkinson, M. W. Flinn, A. A. McKerrigan and E. B. Jackson played for the Lancashire Schoolboys against the Cheshire Schoolboys on March 9th.

FIRST XII.

RESULTS.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—December 5th. Away. Lost 14—18.

We started well, and were soon three goals up, but they reduced the lead, and, at half-time, they were leading by two goals. In the second half, they were the better team and increased their lead to 18—14. Mark was our highest scorer with four goals.

v. OLD STOPFORDIANS "A."—December 8th. Home. Won 13—5.

Our opponents turned out a strong side, and kept our attack under control till the last half-hour. It was a very enjoyable game, and closer than the score suggests. Our scorers were Parkinson (5), Mark (4), Stanley (3), and Porter (1).

v. STOCKPORT S. S. "A."—December 15th. Away. Won 19—2.

The ground was sodden and the play not very enjoyable, as it began to rain. Our attack found scoring easy on the soft ground. Mark and Jackson with six goals each were our highest scorers.

v. ROMILEY.—December 22nd. Away. Won 19—7.

We lent Romiley two men as they were short, and we had an enjoyable game. Parkinson and Mark were the best of the attack, scoring thirteen between them.

v. BIRCH "A."—January 5th. Home. Won 19—2.

Though we were feeling the effects of the Christmas holidays, our opponents were weak, and the game was poor. Towards the end our attack found their old form and finally we won by 19 goals to 2.

v. OLD MANCUNIANS "B."—January 12th. Away. Won 9—6. 3rd Round of Juniors' Challenge Shield.

Faced by a strong and heavy defence, our attack had difficulty in scoring. By individual efforts our opponents scored five goals and were leading 5—4 at half-time. In the second half they scored immediately, but good shooting gave us four more goals. Porter played well at centre.

v. OLD HULMEIANS III.—January 19th. Home. Lost 5—15.

The attack was easily held by the strongest defence we have met this season. Although we scored first, we were down 2—9 at half-time. The attack made no attempt at combination, and the Old Boys had no difficulty in beating us by ten goals. Our scorers were Mark (3), Smethurst and Jackson.

v. BLACKLEY PARK "A."—January 16th. Away. Won 15—12.

This game was played nine aside, and in the first half our opponents had the free man. A bitter wind made handling difficult, but the play of the team was well below its usual standard. In an exciting finish we scored seven goals in ten minutes and just managed to win.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—February 6th. Home. Lost 10—12.

We started prepared to avenge our previous defeat, and the game was close all

through, but their attack was a little too fast for our defence and they finished two goals up. The defence never settled down properly, and our opponents were allowed to get some easy goals. Mark (3), Parkinson (3), Dixon (3), and Stanley were our scorers.

v. M.G.S.—February 27th. Home. Lost 10—15.

Our opponents' defence played a close game, and, as Parkinson was not up to his usual form, our attack had great difficulty in scoring. The weakened defence could not hold their attack which was given too much room. Yates played well throughout the game, and Praeger played his first game on the attack. We were without Smethurst and Plant.

v. STOCKPORT SECONIANS "A."—March 16th. Home. Won 28—3. Semi-Final of the Juniors' Challenge Shield.

We were determined to win this match and started the game at a very fast pace. We led easily all through the game, but played hard till the end. Mark and Jackson were the best of the attack, whilst Praeger showed signs of his old form. Spooncer at centre was tireless. The scorers were Mark (10), Jackson (7), Parkinson (4), Praeger (3), Plant (2), and Spooncer (2).

SECOND XII.

Since the last issue of the Magazine, we have played thirteen matches, won nine, and lost four. Our defeats have been at the hands of Old Mancunians "B", Stockport Grammar School 1st, twice, and Old Seconians "A." We met the Seconians in the third round of the Juniors' Challenge Shield, and found their weight and speed too much for us. It was some consolation that they were duly eliminated in the semi-final by our School 1st.

There have been a number of changes in the team, partly due to promotions to

the first, but our new men have fitted in quite well. The defence has remained commendably steady, and has owed a great deal to Saunbury, both for his own play and his generalship. Hesford and Riley have been sound wing defences, who know when to force. Unfortunately they are apt to hold the ball too long, and their final passes are sometimes wild.

The attack has improved recently, but is still rather slow. Dennis is the only man of real pace, but Whitehouse has always been dangerous.

The following have played: P. Saunbury (captain), O. R. Dennis, J. D. W. Roberts, A. F. Brazier, A. Hesford, E. B. Williams, J. H. Riley, J. A. Ingham, D. E. Hutchinson, A. B. Whitehouse, R. Hawley, E. H. Gabbott, D. A. Hartman, D. Barnes, P. Whitaker, W. V. Wadsworth, P. B. Rowson, B. A. L. Ling.

RESULTS.

1934.				
Dec.	5.—v. Stockport G.S. 1st	H	Lost	5-8
"	8.—v. Oldham & Werneth "B" A		Won	5-3
1935.				
Jan.	5.—v. Heaton M. Guild "B" ...	A	Won	5-4
"	18.—v. Ashton "B"	A	Won	1-0
"	26.—v. Stockport Seconians "A"			
	(3rd Rd. Jun. Shield)	H	Lost	2-14
Feb.	6.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ..	H	Won	7-1
"	9.—v. Old Mancunians "B" ...	A	Lost	1-16
"	13.—v. Stockport G.S. 1st	H	Won	10-9
"	16.—v. Mellor "B"	A	Won	6-2
"	27.—v. Stockport G.S. 1st	A	Lost	4-7
Mar.	2.—v. South Manchester and Wythenshawe "B" ...	A	Won	17-7
"	7.—v. Manchester G.S.	A	Won	11-9
"	28.—v. Manchester G.S.	H	Won	10-4

UNDER 15.

Both teams commenced the season in promising fashion, but some rather disappointing displays have been given during the latter half of the season. Players should remember that speed plays an important part in the game, especially in attack. Passes must be short and sharp, and attacks must keep constantly on the

move. Failure to appreciate this has been the chief cause of the indifferent play in some games.

The first XII has played Manchester Grammar School Under 15 team four times. Two games were won (19—8 and 15—8) and two lost (11—15 and 2—15). Against Cheadle Hulme School Under 15 one game was drawn (2—2) and the other won (7—4).

The second XII has met Manchester Grammar School Under 15 2nd three times. One game was won (8—3), and the others lost (3—6 and 9—11).

The teams have been chosen from the following:—

First: G. E. Barritt, S. R. Blakeley, H. Cartwright, H. E. Dalton, A. L. Dennis, R. Kenworthy, P. S. Preston, B. Race, R. D. Rider, P. B. Rowson, W. V. Wadsworth (captain), J. F. Weatherby, R. J. Young.

Second: R. Billington, J. Buckland, F. Clarke, W. T. Curtis, J. T. Emery, P. T. Flinn, S. Gill, G. Goddard, I. Gray, D. H. Griffiths, V. A. Inman, P. N. Knight, W. J. Mair, E. S. Thelwall, K. White.

House Games, 1934-1935.

The only events of the Rugby Football season not mentioned in the last report were the semi-finals and final of the knock-out competition. Heywood defeated Whitworth by 26 pts. to 8 pts., while Fraser avenged their last season's defeat by beating Byrom by two tries to a goal.

The final was closely fought between Fraser and Heywood on a very heavy ground. Heywood packed badly, and could not get the ball away, whereas Fraser got more of the ball than they deserved. Fraser's defensive play, however, was better than that of Heywood, whose backs tackled very badly. Parkinson scored three tries for Fraser, and Hawley scored for Heywood.

We have been unfortunate in the weather during the 'crosse season, but once more the championship has been contested with great keenness and enthusiasm. Fraser and Byrom have rivalled each other throughout the season, and Byrom are to be congratulated on winning the flags.

The strength of five of the Houses is fairly equal, Gaskell being rather weaker than the others, as the knock-outs showed. J. K. Nicholson has led his side well, and Gaskell has secured a really creditable number of points. Of the stronger Houses, Heywood has been depleted by continual calls from the School senior teams, and has had a poor season. Its junior teams, unfortunately, do not seem to promise great strength in the future, but possess some fairly promising players.

Byrom has been fortunate in having the services of J. H. Porter for a time, while S. R. Blakeley and E. H. Gabbott have played consistently well.

Fraser has done well again, finishing only seven points behind the leaders, and J. S. Shayler, P. S. Preston, and D. C. A. Bevis have been invaluable to the team.

Dalton, as usual, has gained a high position through keenness, and the whole team has been reliable and consistent.

Whitworth did better at 'crosse than at football, and R. D. Rider, W. V. Wadsworth, and R. Kenworthy are obviously players of ability. P. T. Flinn and G. W. Battersby have the makings of first team players.

The 'crosse knock-outs have been very closely fought. In the first round, Heywood easily defeated Gaskell 18—5, but Fraser had a fine game with Whitworth, and just won 11—10. Both the semi-finals were very exciting games. Dalton, with the help of four goals from F. Dixon, just beat Heywood 8—7, for whom E. B. Jackson scored five goals. Fraser with the best House attack, met Byrom, with the best defence, and won by 12 goals to 8. The

lack of thrust of the Byrom attack led to too much forcing by the defence, and the Fraser attacks were unlucky in not scoring more goals. N. B. Smethurst and D. E. Hutchinson gave excellent examples of sound defensive play.

Fraser met Dalton in the final under excellent weather conditions. The game was always a close fight between the Fraser attack and the Dalton defence, and although for the first half-hour Dalton played steadily, Fraser slowly went ahead. In the second half Fraser looked much the more dangerous side, and, while Parkinson and Mark kept the opposing defence occupied, O. R. Dennis went back and defended excellently. S. Plant played well on the Dalton defence, and R. C. Spooner worked hard. Dalton's attack was innocuous, and, although opposed by a slow defence, it showed no initiative. Fraser won 10—6, and thus became holders of all the knock-out competitions.

The final positions in the House Championship are as follows:—

Byrom 67, Fraser 60, Dalton 55, Gaskell 46, Whitworth 45, Heywood 27.

As is now customary, each House runs three teams, and the first three positions in the Extras' League are:—

Whitworth 17, Byrom 13, Gaskell 12.

House colours for lacrosse have been awarded to the following:—

Byrom: K. G. Hinnell, P. N. Knight, S. R. Blakeley.

Dalton: R. M. Jones, H. E. Dalton, H. Craddock, T. Taylor, J. S. Battersby, B. A. L. Ling, F. Clarke.

Fraser: P. S. Preston, D. A. Hartman, J. B. Platford, B. Daley, K. Nicholson, E. Goddard.

Gaskell: B. Race, A. Neale, R. J. Young, F. Waddington, R. Kirby.

Heywood: D. A. E. Chambers, D. N. Buttrey, G. E. Barritt, R. S. Munro, D. M. Arrandale.

Whitworth: H. Cartwright, R. D. Rider, W. V. Wadsworth, R. Kenworthy.

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The Hulme Grammar School Games Account.

Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1934.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grant from Governors—						
Lent Term ...	89	15	0			
Midsummer Term...	105	12	0			
Michaelmas Term...	108	12	0			
				303	19	0
„ Balance due to Bank, 31st Dec., 1934	38	18	10			

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	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Bank, 31st Dec., 1933	94	3	0
„ Materials for Games ...	39	4	0
„ Travelling Expenses of Teams ...	44	18	10
„ Groundsman's Wages ...	78	0	0
„ Repairs to Mowing Machines ...	38	19	0
„ Petrol, Oil, Lime and Paint ...	21	2	3
„ Printing Fixture Cards ...	3	0	0
„ Teas to Visiting Teams ...	11	11	3
„ Honours Colours ...	5	13	9
„ Stamps, Postages and Telephone Calls	2	13	11
„ Engraving Cups and Medals ...	0	8	0
„ Scythes and Spades ...	2	4	8
„ Bank Commission, Interest, Cheque Book, less Interest ...	0	19	2

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Audited and found correct, 9th March, 1935.

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