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School Notes and News.

Mr. P. J. Eyre, B.A. (Hons.), Worcester College, Oxford, has been appointed to the Staff. Mr. Eyre has held posts at Bedford School and at Liverpool Collegiate School.

J. G. Sherratt has passed the final examination for the Fellowship of the Institute of Chemistry, and has been appointed Joint Analyst of the County Borough of Warrington.

Manchester University Degrees and Examinations:—

M.Sc.: G. R. Barnes.

Second L.D.S. Examination: R. Cocker has passed in Dental Mechanics and J. E. Ellis in Botany.

First L.D.S. Examination: D. R. Dickson has passed in Chemistry.

Two new prizes fall to be added to the list of special awards that are competed for annually. The first is a prize for Religious Knowledge, given by the Chairman of the Governors, Archdeacon Aspinall, and the second is a Mathematics prize presented by Mr. Lymer. To both donors we give our best thanks.

The following successes, with distinction in the subjects named, were gained at the Northern Universities Joint Matriculation Board Examinations held last July:—

Higher Certificates in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and English Literature:— E. R. Andrew, J. G. Dent, J. M. Gibbons, C. A. Hemmerdinger, R. Judson, A. R. Kennedy, H. Lowther, J. C. Scammell; in History, English Literature, French and Latin:— E. W. Forrest, C. G. E. Holehouse, W. W. Simpson (History and French), A. V. Williams (History); in French, German, English Literature and History:— R. W. Lymer.

Matriculation Certificates:—E. S. Benson, J. Byrne, S. D. Cleworth, E. Davy, G. C. Evans (Mathematics and Chemistry), R. C. Gaul, S. T. Harrison (Physics and Chemistry), D. K. D. Shaw, A. Wilkinson, H. Barratt, H. K. Fishwick (History and Geography), A. J. Kendall (English Literature and Geography), E. V. McGlue (English Literature and Geography), H. Mitton (Geography), L. Price, A. H. Schofield (Geography).

School Certificates:— R. J. Crompton, H. C. Dumler, S. L. Eccles, J. Fallows, J. C. Fielding, G. Holt, C. H. Jones, L. W. Kershaw, E. Kirkland, J. L. Willson, P. G. D. Jones, H. J. Symons, F. E. Goodwin, H. Hammond, J. A. Jordan, D. O. Muth, E. L. Pixton, H. Stephens, K. B. Williams.

The following awards have been made by the Governors to boys in the School: Foundation Scholarships of the annual value of £21, tenable for three years, to G. E. Bishop and K. S. Craddock; tenable for two years, to A. Wilkinson, D. O. Muth, H. C. Dumler and L. W. Kershaw; tenable for one year, to J. F. Caldwell and R. Astin.

A Leaving Exhibition of the annual value of £40, tenable for three years, was awarded to A. V. Williams, who is proceeding to Jesus College, Oxford, and Exhibitions of the annual value of £20, tenable for three years, to H.

Lowther, J. G. Dent, A. R. Kennedy and R. Judson, who have entered Manchester University.

An Honours Lacrosse Cap has been awarded to A. R. Merchant.

On Armistice Day Mr. B. Muth attended at the School, and, on behalf of the Old Hulmeians Association, placed a wreath by the Old Boys' War Memorial tablet. Mr. H. R. Classen, Mr. H. H. Vlies and Mr. J. W. Morley were also present.

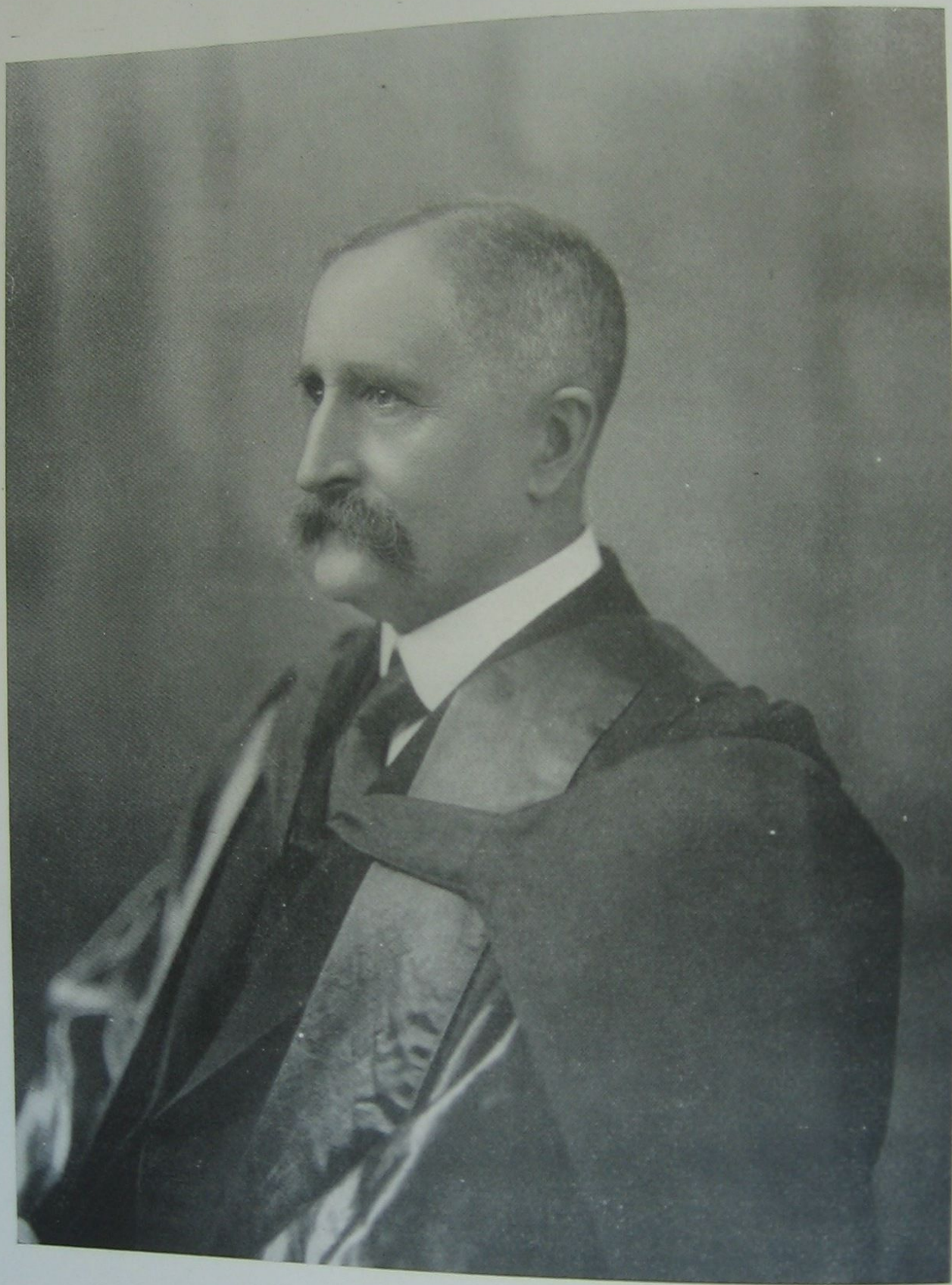
By defeating the holder, J. C. P. Besford won the 150 yards back-stroke swimming championship of England (open). This is the first time any Manchester swimmer has held this title, and, in performing the feat, Besford recorded the excellent time of 1 min. 51½ secs.

Owing to lack of entries the Swimming Sports were not held this year, but, as there was some enthusiasm in the lower School, two races for the Juniors were held, a Beginners' Length won by T. H. Graham, and a Beginners' Breadth won by D. R. Kendall. During the year a squadron team was organised and races were swum against Manchester Grammar School, the Central High School and the Y.M.C.A.

Eighty-six per cent. of the work of leveling the field has now been completed. This leaves a good deal still to be done, and, if the work is to be finished by Easter, as is hoped, a very big push will have to be made next term. Senior boys should make a great effort to turn out on every possible occasion, as only in this way can the task set be accomplished.

At half-term and on the special holiday on November 21st, walks through parts of Derbyshire were organised.

News of Old Boys is always welcome. All such communications should be addressed to Mr. Barber or to the Editor at the School.



JOSEPH HALL, M.A., D.LITT.

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For Old Hulmeians the subscription to *The Hulmeian* is 1/6 per annum, which should be sent to Mr. Barber at the School.

The Lent Term begins on Tuesday, January 17th, at 9 a.m.

MARRIAGES.

JAMES - REILLY.—On July 27th, at St. Chrysostom's Church, Victoria Park, Charles, only son of Mrs. James and the late Mr. C. James, of St. Ives, to Winifred, eldest daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Reilly, of Edinburgh.

EVANS - WILSON. — On July 28th, at Wicker Congregational Church, Sheffield, by the Rev. Dr. Selbie, the Rev. Herbert Oliver Evans, only son of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Evans, of 1 Arnold Road, Manchester, to Molly, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver C. Wilson, Jordanthorpe, Norton, Sheffield.

ALLEN-DEACON.—On October 6th, at the Wilbraham Road Congregational Church, by the Rev. W. Thomas, assisted by the Rev. C. A. Neeve, M.A., Alfred Eric, only son of the late Sydney Allen and Mrs. Allen, to Beatrice Lilian, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Deacon, all of Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

DEATHS.

WEYMAN.—At Hexham, on the 29th April, Geoffrey Weyman, in his 38th year.

STEVENSON.—On the 8th September, at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, William Norman, the beloved and only son of William Rudolph and Eliza Hannah Stevenson, of 29 Catterick Road, Didsbury.

TURNER.—On the 27th September, at Wyngarth, Wyngate Road, Hale, Stanley

Bancroft, the dearly - beloved husband of Muriel Ada Turner and elder son of Alderman and Mrs. Robert Turner, of Manchester, Solicitor, aged 40.

HALL.—On November 8th, at The Corner, Woodstock, Joseph Hall, D.Litt.

Dr. Joseph Hall.

We deeply regret to record the death, on November 7th, of Dr. Joseph Hall, the first Headmaster of the School, at the age of 73. He underwent an operation several months ago, and had since been in a precarious state of health. The funeral took place at Woodstock, where he lived, and the School was represented by Mr. Trevor Dennis, Mr. Barber and Mr. N. E. Vlies. Deep sympathy will be felt for Miss Hall, who had kept house for her brother in Manchester and Woodstock.

Dr. Hall's death comes as a shock to all friends of the School, and a personal loss, especially, to those Old Boys who passed through the School during the first 26 years of its existence and look back to him as the guiding influence of their boyhood. He led the School through its infancy, laid down the lines on which its development was to run, and fostered the growth of that high tradition in which the true life of a School is to be sought.

Joseph Hall was the eldest surviving son of William Hall, of Portadown, Ireland, where he was born on St. George's Day, April 23rd, 1854. He retained always the pleasant accent of his native soil, to which we may also refer the gift of expression, shown on any public occasion, which found full scope in the recruiting addresses he gave in Oxfordshire during the War. He was educated at the Coleraine Institution and Queen's College, Belfast, graduating in classical honours at Queen's University in 1875.

He gained the Peel prize for English Essay in 1878, and took his M.A. degree in 1882.

He came to Manchester in 1877 as Assistant Master at the Grammar School to a position on the staff which brought him into close personal relations with the High Master, the late Sir Samuel Dill, a fellow countryman of his. A noteworthy feature of Dr. Hall's work there was the interest he aroused in English studies among some of his boys, who came to school on Saturday mornings (a holiday) for an extra class in Anglo-Saxon which he started.

When by Act of Parliament funds of the Hulme Trust were applied to Educational purposes and a new school in the Manchester area founded under a scheme of the Charity Commissioners, it was the confidence in him felt by his chief that led to his appointment by the Board of Governors to the headmastership of the new Hulme Grammar School in 1886. The site chosen was in that sector of the district from which the Manchester Grammar School drew least boys, so as to avoid any overlapping. Like the breweries, the Hulme School stood outside the city boundary, and it was a great advantage in some ways that its buildings rose in open country with large level playing-fields at hand. But this position on the fringe of population set a limit for many years to the numbers of the School. Communications were bad, and though the railway to the Park station was opened soon after the start, electric tramways were still to come, and their extension past the school was only made in the last years of Dr. Hall's régime.

The School opened in January, 1887, with 64 boys and four assistant masters—the late Mr. R. Holmes in mathematics, Mr. E. K. Brice in drawing, Mr. A. D. Hall in science (now Sir Daniel Hall, K.C.B., Director-General of Intelligence in the Ministry of Agriculture, whose talks to farmers may be heard on the wireless), and Mr. W. A. Badham in modern languages, the choice of an Englishman for this subject showing that Mr. Hall was abreast

of the times. The Headmaster took the Latin and English work himself at first, but a few months after the opening, Mr. W. E. Urwick (now Secondary Schools' Inspector of the Board of Education), was appointed to share this work. Mr. Hall's ideal was the all-round development of a school life in which work in the classroom and games in the field had each its due place, and both were pursued for the honour of the School. This ideal, based on the distinctively English tradition of the old public schools, was not so familiar at that time in a day-school as it has since become, and its working at the Hulme School was singled out for notice in the published report of a French observer who visited the School in the early days. In carrying it out Mr. Hall was, of course, much helped by the keenness of his young staff and the opportunity offered by the splendid playing-field. And he set an example himself. When I first saw him he was in white flannels playing in a practice game of football. All the games now played were started then, the new game of Lacrosse being introduced by Mr. Badham. In work Mr. Hall set his face against external examinations of the "Local" type, which lent themselves to cramming and advertisement of "successes," both of which he abhorred. His firm but not unkindly discipline pervaded the School, and the fact that at the time of his retirement seven of his staff had been working with him for 22 years speaks for the relations between him and his colleagues. The annual reports of examiners appointed by the Governors showed that sound progress was being made. The general efficiency of the School was really made public for the first time when the Lancashire Education Committee came into being and offered scholarships and exhibitions to boys in Secondary Schools. In one year the Hulme School took 26 exhibitions and 3 scholarships. On this Committee, Mr. Hall himself served for three years (1904-6), as the representative of Secondary Schoolmasters.

The School grew rapidly in numbers during the first three years, after which there was no

substantial increase until the improvement of communications and the growth of population began to take effect. But that came after Dr. Hall's retirement, when the numbers stood at 234 in the main school and 31 in the preparatory department. From the first he aimed at raising the status of the School. The leaving age, fixed by the scheme at 16, was raised by successive amendments to 17 in 1890, and in 1909, to the present limit, the end of the school year after the age of 18, but with the special permission of the Governors, which is usually granted, this limit can be extended. The road was thus opened to the University, and has been followed yearly by a succession of boys. At the lower end of the scale a preparatory department for boys from 7 to 9 was started in the main building, the growth of which under Miss M. E. Smith led to its removal to Peveril Mount.

The extension of the buildings had long been a project of the Head Master, and the opening of four bays of the new hall in 1911, added greatly to the accommodation, and provided two new class-rooms and a large basement for manual instruction, which now took a place on the regular time-table. By an unhappy fate, he did not live to see its completion, the account of which appears in this number.

The upkeep and improvement of the field were his constant and personal care, and its extension in 1899 to Princess Road was rendered possible by a bequest of £2,000 by Mr. William Roberts ("our benefactor"), which on Mr. Hall's advice was applied to this purpose, increasing the area from 7 to 11 acres.

Within four years of the School's opening there were enough Old Boys to form the beginnings of a Games Club for Old Hulmeians. At Mr. Hall's initiative the Club was started and continued to grow largely through his support. Both Football and Lacrosse sections have since continued to run programmes for several teams weekly, and the Lacrosse has a distinguished record in the Flags and Championships. His resignation in 1913

was accepted with great reluctance by the Governors. It was due to a strong feeling on his part that the changes consequent upon the acceptance of Board of Education Grants were such as might well be left to a younger successor to deal with. While regretting it, one could not but respect a decision to which he came on principle and regardless of personal advantage.

Headmastering, however, formed only one part of Dr. Hall's work. The other, for him of equal importance, was that of the scholar. This work began each day on his return from school to his library, lined as it was with thousands of books. In his special subject, the language and literature of medieval England, he amassed a wealth of learning, which, with accuracy of method, sound judgment and clearness of exposition place his published work in the highest rank of scholarship. His output was considerable, especially since his retirement. Laurence Minot's Poems, published in 1887, reached a third edition in 1914. He also edited "King Horn," text and notes (1901), and besides contributions to "Englische Studien" he collaborated with the late Professor Kölbing in Middle English work. For University students he edited "Selections from Early Middle English," 1920, and "Selections from Layamon," 1924. All were published by the Oxford University Press.

It is a satisfaction to reflect that his vast labours in scholarship, for which he sought no reward, should have met during his lifetime with an appreciation he valued. It was in recognition of them that the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters was conferred upon him in 1904 by the University of Durham. This distinction gave him great pleasure, as it lent a touch of colour to our Prize Day ceremony, at which his appearance on the platform in Doctor's robes was truly magnificent.

For many years to come his name will be well known to the select circle of students in English philology. *Littera scripta manet.*

And that other half of his work, which to us of the School seems so much more familiar and important, has passed into the lives of Old Hulmeians and pulses still in the great tradition of the School, of which we have cause to be so proud to-day.

E. G. W. H.

Speech Day.

The assembly of visitors was greater than ever this year on the occasion of the annual prize-giving on Tuesday, 26th July, when the ceremony was performed by the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Alderman Swales), who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress. As this was the last occasion on which parents and friends would be asked to endure the discomfort of being packed into the limited space of the unfinished hall, everyone bore the inconvenience with good grace. Even as we sat listening to the speakers, a great hole at the top of the crude brick wall that had for so long formed a background to the platform showed that the hand of the worker was already busy with the extensions.

When he had thanked the Lord Mayor for attending that day, the Chairman, the Archdeacon of Manchester (the Ven. N. L. Aspinall), asked the Headmaster to read his report.

After speaking of successes of Old Boys in various walks of life, the Headmaster said that the School opened with 527 boys, and there had been a drop of only seven during the year, so that in numbers we remained fairly constant. There were 56 boys in the Preparatory School. The speaker uttered a warning against leaving the entry of boys to the School too late, pointing out that it was difficult to admit a boy after he had attained the age of at twelve, and after thirteen almost impossible. It was hoped that the new

buildings would be completed by the end of the summer holidays, and this addition to the School accommodation would entail an increase of staff.

During the next year the rest of the levelling of the school field would be finished. The entertainments had been very successful, and the money from the Christmas play had gone to the purchase of instruments for the newly-formed brass band. The Headmaster added that we had at last got a school song, and concluded by thanking everybody for what they had done for the School during the year.

The Archdeacon in his remarks said he would like to congratulate the Headmaster and staff on the results of the past year. He had been associated with the School for 25 years, and the much longed for extensions had at last come. Parents, he added, had not been asked to contribute to the cost of the buildings. He begged boys to stay at school as long as possible and make the best use of their opportunities.

In addressing the School the Lord Mayor gave a word of cheer to those who had not got prizes by saying it was not always the prize-winners at school who got on best in the world. He told the boys to do their duty and play the game. They were to learn as if they were going to live for ever, and live as if they were going to die next day.

In the course of the afternoon the Band played (1) "See the conquering hero comes" (*Handel*), (2) "Tannhäuser March" (*Wagner*), (3) "Faust March" (*Gounod*); and the Orchestra gave a rendering of "The Overture to Figaro" (*Mozart*).

PRIZE LIST.

The special and the form prizes for the Sixth and Fifth Forms were awarded on the results of the Certificate Examinations held in July, and were presented this term.

SPECIAL PRIZES.

VLIES MODERN LANGUAGES PRIZE for

Sixth Forms: 1, Lymer, R. W.; 2, Haslam, T. G.

WILLIAMSON SCIENCE PRIZE for Sixth Forms: Lowther, H.

DEHN CLASSICAL PRIZE for Sixth Forms: Simpson, W. W.

OLDFIELD ENGLISH PRIZE for VI.C. and M.: Simpson, W. W.; VI.s, Lowther, H.

DEHN HISTORY PRIZE for Sixth Forms: Williams, A. V.; for Fifth Forms, Fishwick, H. K.

DORRINGTON LATIN PRIZE for Fifth Forms: Byrne, J.

BAZLEY MODERN LANGUAGES PRIZE for Fifth Forms: Peak, W.

ODDY PRIZE: 1, Thorpe, R. M.; 2, Wilkes, C.

ART: Fifth Forms, Williams, K. B.; Fourth Forms, Holt, J. B.; Third Forms, Dyson, R. C.; Second Forms, Gartside, H.; First Forms, Edwards, W.

FORM PRIZES.

VI. C.: Second Year, Simpson, W. W.; First Year, Midgley, J.

VI. S.: Second Year, Lowther, H.: First Year, Woodhouse, G.

VI. M.: Second Year, Lymer, R. W.; First Year, Caldwell, J. F.

V. A.: 1, Evans, G. C.; 2, Harrison, S. T.

V. B.: 1, Schofield, A. H.; 2, Fishwick, H. K.

V. C.: 1, Hammond, H.; 2, Williams, K. B.

IV. A.: 1, Bishop, G. E.; 2, Grimshaw, W. S.

IV. B.: 1, Burnside, C. A.; 2, Hogdkinson, P.

IV. C.: 1, Holt, J. B.; 2, Jones, T. M.

III. A.: 1, Robinson, T. G.; 2, Knibbs, A.

III. B.: 1, Mark, J.; 2, Rose, E. W.

III. C.: 1, Wild, G. E.; 2, Mayo, F. B.

II. A.: 1, Lindley, E.; 2, Roe, G. A.

II. B.: 1, Bowden, W.; 2, Harris, W. C.

II. C.: 1, Walker, G. S.; 2, Davies, E. T.

I. A.: 1, Swindells, T. F.; 2, Johnson, H. B.

I. B.: 1, Edwards, W.; 2, Luckman, F.

I. C.: 1, Lamb, G. R.; 2, Fletcher, F. M. D.

L. I.: Redman, T. F.; 2 (equal), Culpan, G. W., Hammond, J.

The Heraldic Shields.

The heraldic shields covering the base of the corbels upon which the heavy roof principals rest are arranged in pairs on either side of the hall. Unfortunately those above the four new corbels built during the extension of the hall bear no heraldic device, but are of plain carved shield-shaped stone.

Looking from the platform the first pair of heraldic shields are, on the right, that of William Hulme, our founder, and, on the left, that of Brasenose College, Oxford. The latter is in three vertical divisions, the centre being the coat of the See of Lincoln, showing a mitre and the Madonna and Child. William Smith, the joint founder of Brasenose, was Bishop of Lincoln, and his private shield forms the left hand division, while that on the right is Sir Richard Sutton's, Knight of Cheshire, the co-founder of the College. Next come the arms of the University of Oxford (left) with its open book on a blue field, and those of the Manchester University (right) showing a serpent coiled with head erect to the sun.

The next pair are the arms of the two boroughs of Bury and Oldham. Bury (right) represents its industries by a fleece of wool, a bale of cotton, an anvil and shuttles, whilst Oldham (left) has the coat of the family of

that name, with the three owls from Bishop Hugh Oldham's shield. Then follows the shield bearing the arms of the County of Lancaster (right) with the three Royal leopards of the House of Lancaster.

Opposite we have the arms of the City of Manchester, showing a ship sailing. In the right hand corner by the entrance are Sir Edward Donner's Tudor Roses, "spiked and seeded," with the baronet's badge at the top, the red hand of the O'Neills, the ancient kings of Ulster, recalling the first creation of baronets. This shield is at present without its fellow, the other corner being unappropriated.

A. C.

Opening of New Buildings.

Tuesday, November 15th, will remain a memorable day in the school history, for the formal opening of the new buildings on that date marked a great advance in the growth and progress of the School. The ceremony was performed by Lord Derby, K.G., P.C., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., who put himself to no little inconvenience to come to Manchester for the purpose. As some of the proceedings had to take place outside, and as the crowd was the largest that had ever attended a school function, it was fortunate that the weather permitted of this part of the ceremony being carried out without discomfort. Lord Derby arrived just before 3 o'clock, and was received at the entrance to the new hall by a guard of honour consisting of 50 boys of the Cadet Corps under the command of Cadet Major J. A. Barber. After inspecting the guard his Lordship commended the boys on their smart appearance. Entering the new doorway Lord Derby, accompanied by the Chairman of the Governors (Archdeacon Aspinall) and the Headmaster, proceeded down stairs past the manual room and across the quadrangle, where the boys had been drawn up to give him a welcome, to the

gymnasium and then to the main science block whence he returned to the new hall. Here parents and friends had assembled and, when the boys had been formed up, the proceedings were opened with the singing of the school song. Thereafter, the Chairman in introducing Lord Derby and thanking him for coming, proceeded to give a short history of the school from its opening in 1887 with 64 boys and a staff of six masters. In 1911 two thirds of the New Hall were built, but the work had been cut off owing to lack of funds. In 1918 the size of the School proved insufficient and a preparatory department was formed. In 1926 came the necessity of extending the School to make it more efficient. Though it was only just over twelve months since the first sod had been cut, the buildings were now complete, and he expressed his gratitude to all who had helped to hasten forward the work. The buildings had cost £22,000 and they had not had to beg a halfpenny.

Lord Derby on rising expressed the pleasure he had had in accepting the invitation, and said that on his way to the School he had wondered what he would find at the end of it. He had hoped he would find people who dealt not only with the present but with the future. The buildings he had just opened reflected credit on those who had conceived them, on the School and on those who had carried out the work. He would not presume to lecture on methods of education, but to the boys he would say two things; first, they should be thorough both in work and in play; second, they should be loyal and give whole hearted service to those above them and to the School to which they belonged. He reminded the boys that theirs was a new school, and that they were privileged to be helping in the great work of making its traditions. The noble traditions of the old schools in England had to be made at one time. In this respect he would remind the boys that their regard for school traditions did not end when they left; each must help the traditions of the School in his life after school. In conclusion he would again impress upon the boys the two things, thoroughness

and loyalty, and he said that when in the future he read of the success of the School he would feel that the buildings which he had just opened had not been built in vain. Mr. H. A. Heywood proposed a vote of thanks to Lord Derby: this was seconded by Mr. W. Flinn.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Chairman the Headmaster spoke of the advantages of a school having a board of governors, as this allowed of personal freedom, induced responsibility, led to efficiency and economy, and encouraged comradeship between masters, parents, governors and boys. The happy state of affairs that existed amongst us was due to the fatherly interest which the Archdeacon showed in the School. Mr. H. Cardwell seconded the vote of thanks. After the opening ceremony visitors made a tour of the new buildings. This was made all the more interesting as Mr. Adams had arranged that some of the senior boys should be working on interesting experiments in the new science laboratories.

Entertainments.

The first thing to be noted in connection with this part of the school life is the new stage, which has come with the extension of the assembly hall. In dimensions it is an advance on the old stage, and with its convenient access to the new dressing rooms underneath it will do away with many of the great difficulties that have hitherto beset producers and players alike. As left by the builders, much remained to be done before a play could be produced, but Mr. Brierley and Mr. Bentley, assisted by an enthusiastic band of workers from among the senior boys, have, during the term, transformed a bare platform into a business-like stage. In connection with this work mention must be made of the invaluable services of Mrs. Bentley in making the curtains, and we now offer her our best

thanks. The lighting arrangements, supervised by Mr. Davies, are much the same as in former years, but with coloured bulbs instead of mica it is hoped to obtain better effects. As the condition of the stage rendered plays impossible, the programme for the greater part of the term on Tuesday evenings was limited chiefly to lectures and concerts, with the usual debate on the opening evening.

The number of season tickets sold up to date is 440.

A statement of the entertainments accounts will be found on another page.

Programme:—

DEBATE.—Oct. 11th. The Headmaster was in the chair when T. W. M. Bland put forward the proposition "That the World owes more to Art than to Science" and was seconded by G. C. Willis. J. C. P. Besford led for Science, with G. C. Evans as seconder. Other speakers for the motion were A. Cartwright, J. Midgley and J. F. Caldwell, whilst R. S. C. Hadfield, N. Copeland and H. Hammond spoke in opposition. On a vote being taken the motion was heavily defeated by 247 votes to 82. The Debate was arranged by Mr. James.

CONCERT.—October 18th. Programme: 1. Community Singing, (a) "Here's a health unto His Majesty," (b) "John Peel," (c) "John Brown's Body"; 2. Symphony No. 4 in D, "The Clock" (*Haydn*): First movement, Adagio, Presto, The Orchestra; 3. Songs of the Fleet No. 2, "The Song of the Sou'-Wester," Mr. Williams and the Choir; 4. Songs of the Sea: No. 3 "Devon," No. 5 "The Old Superb," Mr. Dennis and the Choir; 5. Pianoforte Solo, Sonata op. 31, No. 2, First movement Allegro (*Beethoven*), Mr. Rayfield; 6. School Song.

LANTERN LECTURE.—October 25th. Mr. Lord was the lecturer, and he spoke to an interested audience on Oliver Cromwell,

LANTERN LECTURE.—November 1st. In a lecture illustrated with a series of excellent slides Mr. Gatley took us an interesting "Tour Round the World."

CONCERT.—November 8th. Programme: 1. Andante from Symphony 101, "The Clock" (*Haydn*), The Orchestra; 2. "Ye Spotted Snakes" (*Stevens*), The Choir; 3. Community Singing, "Hearts of Oak" (*Boyce*); 4. Trio No. 6 in D major (*Haydn*), Pianoforte, D. O. Muth, Violin, G. C. Willis, 'Cello S. T. Harrison; 5. Community Singing, "The Noble Duke of York."

No performance took place on November 15th and 22nd.

PLAY.—November 29th. The One Act play, "Admiral Peters," by W. W. Jacobs, was cleverly played and caused much amusement. Cast: George Burton (Mr. Davies), Joe Stiles (Mr. Brierley), Mrs. Dutton (Mr. Rayfield). Producer, Mr. Brierley.

PLAY.—December 6th, "Le Médecin Malgré lui" (*Molière*), an amusing little French play presented by V.I.C. and M. Cast: Géronte (T. W. M. Bland), Lucinde, Fille de Géronte (A. K. F. Nicol), Leandre, Amant de Lucinde (F. P. Harris), Sganarelle (J. Midgley), Martine, femme de Sganarelle (A. Cartwright), M. Robert (G. C. Willis), Valère, domestique de Géronte (R. C. Gaul), Lucas, domestique de Géronte (R. Millner), Jacqueline, Femme de Lucas (J. N. Wright). Producer, Mr. Perraton.

An Experience in the Lake District.

It was a late November afternoon in one of Lakeland's wildest dales. A strong wind blew sternly from the summit of the pass. As I climbed, its fierce energy added threefold to my difficulties, and I did not relish this additional adversary; the track itself was difficult enough; rough, half obliterated, and

strewn with boulders in as many shapes and sizes as Stonehenge.

As I penetrated into higher altitudes, all the surrounding objects began to assume the most exaggerated forms. The boulders were more numerous and fantastical in shape; the pines and Scotch firs which clothed the lower slopes, here disappeared as if by magic; the brook, though shrunk in volume, roared among the screes of the hillside. The landscape lost its more gentle features, and took on a grim and inhospitable character.

The silent and swift approach of nightfall warned me of the need for haste, and heightened the impression produced by the objects around, in broad daylight familiar and pleasing, now disturbing and grotesque.

Throwing back my shoulders, adjusting my tweed hat to an acute angle—its usual expeditionary inclination—and striding on with lengthened step and redoubled energy, I essayed by a show of liveliness to dispel all gloomy thoughts. I strode on for some short distance in revived spirits, drawing nearer to a great amphitheatre of rocks, whose gaunt outlines and serrated edges were silhouetted against the horizon—a veritable stronghold built expressly, so it seemed, for robbers and outlaws waiting to fall upon the unsuspecting traveller.

I had scarce framed these uneasy thoughts when a vivid flash of lightning lit up the whole hillside, followed by a report as of ten thousand giants cheering lustily—the fore-runners of a storm. My thoughts ran riot; I felt like Rip van Winkle of old, when he came unwittingly upon Henry Hudson and his crew playing at ninepins in the mountain tops.

With an effort I recalled my thoughts to practical matters, and suddenly realised I had lost my way.

A loud peal of thunder overhead dispelled the last enchantment, and left me face to face with grim reality. I looked all round me, but in the whole circle of the compass there was

nothing to see but rocks and mist, and a few bedraggled sheep.

What could I do? The rapidly diminishing light would in a few moments give place to pitchy darkness. A night on the mountains in such weather as this! I shuddered, and suddenly giving myself up to despair, tore across fiercely to some neighbouring rocks, whose outlines I could dimly discern. For what seemed hours, yet could not have been more than ten minutes, I clambered madly from rock to rock, caring nothing but to escape from this prison of everlasting stone.

All at once I pulled up, and my fit of madness left me. Nothing was left but shame for my cowardice, and a numb feeling that nothing short of a miracle could help me now. However, I felt able now to take calmly whatever happened.

As if in answer to my resigned attitude, an exceedingly vivid flash of lightning lit up the whole landscape, and there to the nor'east I saw plainly the valley and the track I had been seeking. Heedless of risk to life and limb, I raced down frantically, and presently was out of danger and on the track once more. The blood coursed afresh through my veins; I thanked Providence, and finished my journey without further mishap.

As I write now before a crackling fire, I think, not of the thousand and one chances of my journey, but of this, its worst hour; and my present comfort is enhanced by the memory.

M. C. F.

The Library.

Librarian - Mr. PERRATON.

Increased accessibility to shelves, together with the new card index catalogue, has already influenced the number of books taken out. The figure for this term for September,

October and November is over 200, whilst for the same period last year it was under 150.

Additions this term include:—

Piers Plowman ... Social and Economic Histories.

Gardiner ... Outlines of French History.

Moulton ... Literary Study of the Bible.

Once again it is our pleasure to record the generosity of an Old Boy. We gratefully acknowledge the gift of one guinea from B. A. Billings.

The Scientific Society.

President: The Head Master; *Vice-President*: Mr. F. Adams; *Secretary*: C. Wilkes; *Treasurer*: J. C. Jarvis; *Committee*: G. Woodhouse, R. S. C. Hadfield, S. T. Harrison.

Meetings have been held after school every Thursday evening since half-term in the Physics Lecture Theatre of the new Science buildings.

Mr. Harris opened the session on November 3rd with a lantern lecture on "The Geology of Mountain Limestone." The speaker showed some very interesting views of limestone regions in Derbyshire and explained the curious effect which weathering has had on some of them.

On November 10th the President spoke for a few minutes on the cause of a "Transit of Mercury," and the exceptional interest with which astronomers regard it. This was followed by a series of papers of scientific interest which had been collected by the Secretary, and were read by various members of the Society.

The lecturer on November 17th was Mr. Stockdale, who spoke to the Society on

"Marine Engines." He explained the working of a triple expansion engine and showed how the science of cavitation applied to the speed of revolution of the engines.

"Earthquakes and Volcanoes" was the title of an interesting lecture by W. Elson on November 24th. The speaker explained the cause of eruptions, and showed some very fine coloured slides of the damage wrought by them.

We have to acknowledge the receipt from R. H. Palmer of "The Romance of Modern Electricity," by Charles R. Gibson, for the Science Library.

The number of members this year is well over 50, and the Society is in a very flourishing state.

The following lectures complete the programme for this term:—

December 1st. "The Science and Art of Printing," by D. T. Eastwood, O.H.

December 8th. "Cocoa and Chocolate," by J. C. P. Besford.

December 15th. "The Liquefaction of Gases," by G. Woodhouse and C. Wilkes.

C. WILKES,

Hon. Sec.

On the Edge of the Sahara.

We publish the following communication received from J. C. Beggs who went to Nigeria about two years ago to take up a post as Superintendent of the Crafts School at Maiduguri, Northern Nigeria:—

A persistent strumming on the iron frame of my mosquito bed recalls me to the light of another day, and, to an accompaniment of grandiloquent salutations (in Hausa), my "steward-boy" presents me with a cup of tea. It is 5-50 in Maiduguri, and the sun has just appeared above the distant cantonment, and

for a short hour it is deliciously cool (70°F). I look out of my window to the south and see the faint outline of the Mandara hills eighty miles away. A thin covering of dead grass camouflages the sinister yellow gleam of the surrounding sand, relieved only by the fifteen or so houses which constitute the station, and away further north beyond them is the smoke of the native town of Yerwa.

Rising and dressing in khaki drill shirt and shorts, and getting underneath my huge Cawnpore sun helmet, I mount the everfaithful bicycle and, riding through the Station and across one corner of Yerwa, reach the Crafts School after three miles, just before 7 o'clock. The chief instructor awaits me under the main gate, and after acknowledging more profuse salutations, I outline the particular jobs which will require his special attention that morning, and, walking across to the dormitories, I am met by the head prefect who accompanies me on a tour of inspection. While the roll-call is taken, the seventy boys disperse to their individual "shops," and tools are brought out and forged ignited ready for the work of the day.

Returning to my offices I correct the school clock and then, joined by the chief instructor, spend an hour in inspecting all the work which is being done, conversing with the boys and their instructors in Hausa eked out with a few words of Kanuri or English.

Here in the cloister-shaped "blacksmith's shop," Adamu is making a spindle which I require to mend a small lathe; Lambar is putting the finishing touches to a ten-pronged rake which he has made; Brahmi, the brick-laying instructor, is concreting the foundation of a drilling machine and wishes to know how he is to construct the petrol store. Further on, round the corner, the Morris class is in difficulty with a bent front axle, and arrangements have to be made to straighten it; the weaving class looking rather depleted, enquiry reveals a bout of fever and one or two cases of guinea worm sent to the hospital.

On the opposite side of the square school

building, facing the blacksmiths' quarter, is the long carpentry cloister. Nearest to me are four looms approaching completion for the new weaving class in Dikwa, capital of the Mandated Cameroon Territory; a little further on the "Ruler Class" for beginners is making a lot of noise, and beyond them Kogi is making the framework of a working model of the Morris gear-box which I have designed; Abba Kiji is fitting new doors to the school-built body of the Morris and re-covering the top with three ply of green canvas to make it sun-proof; Umar, chief carpenter, is busy with a mitre-box, and at the far end two dozen large windows are being made for the new office and weaving shop.

Leaving the school proper, we cross over to the engine house, and I ascertain that the circular saw is sharp and set, and that the 12 h.p. Crossley paraffin engine is clean and well supplied with oil. The senior superintendent arrives, and together we inspect the building operations and discuss school business until 9 o'clock, when the gong goes and I ride back to my house for breakfast, returning to school about 10-30.

It is getting hotter and hotter and the temperature of the engine-house, whither I go after another brief inspection of the work, is far from comfortable. Assisted by four big sawyers in pulling the flywheels over, I start the engine and, after five minutes, change over to paraffin and then stand by in case of accidents until 1 o'clock, while Kachella Dai puts log after log of hard wood through the saw and re-sharpens it every forty minutes.

Afterwards, with the chief instructor, I ride down through the town to see the bathing parade in the seasonal river Alo, and about 2-30 return to my house for lunch and a change into a cooler white shirt. From 4 o'clock to 5 o'clock I talk Hausa with my Hausa malam who comes every day, and knows no English.

A brief rest and then comes an hour or so of letter writing for the home mail which goes in a day or two, and, if the mosquitos are not too bad, I have a short walk before bath and

dinner (in pyjamas), and an hour or so of reading before turning in. It is cool outside now, but the house is still furnace-hot, and at 6 o'clock the shade temperature was well over 100°F. The air is full of flying creatures from bats to mosquitos, and the floor is alive with frogs and earwigs and ants and I am not at all sorry to seek peace inside the sanctuary of the mosquito-net.

Football, 1927.

This year's team is well balanced, and should be a good side by the end of the season if the shooting of the forwards improves sufficiently. They combine well in mid-field, but do not always place themselves to advantage in front of goal. Also, they should learn to pass the ball to the player in the best position for shooting, and not merely to the next man in the line.

Jackson in goal must learn to gather the ball when the surface is slippery, and in clearing to get it away to the wing.

The backs are good and kick well, though they sometimes lie too far apart.

The halves are the strongest part of the team, and Stansby at centre-half controls the ball well and uses discrimination.

Jarvis has strengthened the forwards, but is apt to dribble too much. Burnside must learn to keep away from our own full-backs.

At the time of writing there has been no match played for a fortnight—poor preparation for two stiff games at the end of the term.

Team: Jackson, W. G.; Ratcliffe, J. C.; Marshall, F. H.; Wilkinson, A.; Stansby, W. B.; Willis, G. C.; Hodgkinson, P.; Burnside, C. A.; Woodhouse, G.; Jarvis, J. C.; Richards, E. B.

REPORTS OF MATCHES.

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL.—Wednesday, September 28th. Home. Won 5-2. During the first half our backs kicked strongly against the wind, and, although we were down 0-2 at half time, the position was never really dangerous, and with the wind in our favour we had most of the game. The half-backs were the most prominent part of the school team.

v. BOWDON COLLEGE.—Wednesday, October 5th. Away. Won 13-0. A very one-sided game. We were a much heavier side, and had practically all the game.

v. BOWDON COLLEGE. Wednesday, October 19th. Home. Won 10-0. This was almost a repetition of the previous game.

v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY 2ND XI.—Wednesday, October 26th. Home. Lost 1-3. They started short, but managed to get the lead before they were at full strength. We rallied, and at one time looked like winning, but we failed to take our opportunities in front of goal.

v. HULME HALL.—Wednesday, November 2nd. Home. Won 3-1. This was a very pleasant game and fairly fast. The half-backs played a very useful game, Stansby in particular tackling well and distributing the ball to the best advantage. The forwards showed a weakness in not placing themselves to better advantage. Even when there was a forward in a good position for shooting the ball was not always passed to him.

v. LIVERPOOL INSTITUTE.—Saturday, November 5th. Away. Lost 1-6. In spite of the score we were in our opponent's half most of the game. They paid ten visits to our goal, and scored six times. The defence did not distinguish itself, but the forwards lost the game by their wretched finishing. They shot seldom and then feebly. The mid-field play was good, but never led to anything, so that it was wasted. With the same chances our opponents would have scored a dozen.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Home. Lost 0-3.

SECOND XI.

When we remember that at the commencement of the season we had not a single member of last year's second eleven to form the nucleus of this year's team, the performances this term give satisfaction. The half-back line has been consistent if not brilliant, but the forwards cause misgivings, the three inside players becoming at times strangely inactive. They must keep on their toes always, and be ready for any opportunities that may arise near goal. Dick in goal shows commendable judgment in running out to save at critical moments. The victory over Manchester Grammar School on their ground was a notable accomplishment.

Team: Astin, R. (Captain); Hadfield, R. S. C.; Ward, A.; Merer, D. D. Y. K.; Kershaw, L. W.; Farrell, R. R.; Moran, J. P.; Stoddard, N.; Dick, H.; Greatorex, C. E.; Tillotson, T. M.

The following have also played: Wilkinson, N. B.; Griffiths, F.

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL.—Wednesday, September 28th. Away. Won 3-1.

v. ALTRINCHAM COUNTY SCHOOL (2nd).—Wednesday, October 5th. Home. Won 7-1.

v. WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOL (1st).—Wednesday, October 19th. Away. Won 6-3.

v. STRET福德 SECONDARY SCHOOL. (2nd).—Wednesday, October 27th. Away. Won 4-1.

v. OLD HULMEIANS (3rd).—Saturday, November 5th. Home. Lost 0-2.

v. HEATON MOOR COLLEGE (1st).—Saturday, November 12th. Away. Drew 1-1.

v. ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE.—Wednesday, November 16th. Home. Match cancelled.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, December 3rd. Away. Won 4-3.

In an "A" team match against Altrincham County School 1st XI. at home on Wednesday, November 30th, the School lost 1-2.

THIRD XI.

Team: Cleworth, S. D.; Barratt, H.; Peak, W.; Davies, W. S.; Wilkinson, N. B.; Holden, F. W. R.; Drummond, F. W.; Griffiths, F.; Jordan, J. L. W.; Sleat, J. F.; Hayles, L.

The following have also played: Tillotson, T. M.; Taylor, P. H.; Davy, E.; Brittlebank, C. J.; Deakin, C. W. F.; Blackburn, M. G.

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| Oct. | 5 v. Bowdon College (2nd).....H | Won 13-2 |
| " | 19 v. Bowdon College (2nd).....A | Won 13-1 |
| " | 26 v. Stretford Sec. School.....H | Lost 0-7 |
| Nov. | 3 v. M.G.S., Fallowfield XI. ...H | Won 6-2 |
| " | 5 v. Heaton Moor College (2nd)..A | Won 2-1 |
| " | 16 v. St. Bede's CollegeH | Cancelled |
| Dec. | 3 v. Manchester Gram. Sch.....A | Won 4-1 |

UNDER 14.

Team: Davies, E. T.; Derbyshire, F. W. (Captain); Adams, G. R.; Walker, G. S.; Hilton, K. B.; Mark, J.; Flower, E. J.; Meachin, D.; Meehan, T. S.; Peacock, R. F.; Sweeney, J. F.

The following have also played: Johnson, H. B.; Edwards, W.; Dickson, W.; Crompton, J. L. F.; Dixon, E.

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| Sept. | 28 v. Bolton School.....H | Lost 3-6 |
| Oct. | 1 v. StretfordH | Lost 0-2 |
| " | 15 v. H.G.S., OldhamH | Won 2-1 |
| Nov. | 12 v. South Manchester.....H | Won 6-0 |
| Dec. | 3 v. Manchester Gram. Sch.....H | Won 5-3 |

Lacrosse, 1927.

NOTES.

This year's team is a good average side with no particular outstanding player. Jarvis, Stansby and Merchant were all we had left over from last year's most successful team, together with Harris, Benson and Henshaw from the second. These six—with six others who had played on either an "Under 15" or a third team—have, by dint of successful blending and practice, managed to beat the Manchester Grammar School twice this term. In our first match the team played magnificently, but have not quite kept up the form they showed in this game. The return match away was won only in the last minute after having had a lead of nine goals to four in the early part of the second half.

Disley "B," Albert Park "B," Heaton Mersey Guild "B" and Boardman "B" have been beaten, and we have lost to Chorlton "B" (who had, however, several senior players on their side), College of Technology and Old Mancunians "B."

The defence, with one exception, is very sound. After our first match the experiment was tried of playing Dick, from the second team, in goal and Jarvis at point, and so successful has this arrangement been that no change has been made. Jarvis and Stansby have made the defence very difficult to pass, but Woodhouse and Hodgkinson are rapidly making themselves into sound and forceful wings. Harris, at centre, is worthily upholding the School's tradition of turning out capable centres, but he ought to get as much crosse handling practice as possible. Also, now that he is holding his own, a little help to either the attack or defence might be advantageous to the team.

The attacks are good, but might be a lot better. With the exception of Merchant, who is now an "Honours" attack and playing like one, there is too much one-handed

crosse handling. It is absolutely impossible for an attack player to be successful playing one handed. There is plenty of determination and skill both in taking and giving passes, but a pass should be given from the shoulder and not from the hips. Benson is a big sinner in this latter respect. Speaking generally, passing should be effected by using the angle hand as a pivot and flicking the ball away by means of the butt-hand, especially when it is sought to make a short pass with accuracy. When a longer pass or a shot is necessary, both arms must be brought more actively into play, and the pass or shot made from over the shoulder in order to keep its direction more under control. Attacks ought to practice changing hands, so that, when they are forced over to their "wrong" side, they can give a pass or shoot without having to get rid of the ball to no advantage. Goals have been thrown away by attacks this term because of this failure to change hands.

Mason, Jordan and Henshaw have all given Merchant help this term, and with more practice will be quite good attacks before the season ends.

LACROSSE REPORT.

v. CHORLTON "B."—September 17th. Home. Lost 6-7. Our first match proved a very enjoyable one, and, though our opponents' team was especially strong, the game was very even. Team: J. C. Jarvis, G. Woodhouse, L. L. Cooper, W. B. Stansby, R. Astin, P. Hodgkinson, F. P. Harris, J. L. W. Jordan, E. S. Benson, E. L. Sheppey, C. W. Mason, A. R. Merchant.

v. DISLEY "B."—October 1st. Away. Won 9-3. Several changes were made in the team, and everybody worked very hard. We scored three early goals, and always appeared to have the game in hand though our shooting was a little erratic. Team:—H. Dick, J. C. Jarvis, L. L. Cooper, W. B.

Stansby, G. Woodhouse, P. Hodgkinson, F. P. Harris, J. L. W. Jordan, E. S. Benson, J. B. Henshaw, C. W. Mason, A. R. Merchant.

v. BOARDMAN "B."—October 8th. Home. Won 10-5. The team remained unchanged, and at half-time we were leading 4-2. In the second half we played a better game and scored six goals to our opponents' three.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—October 12th. Home. Won 14-6. This was a very fast game in which we were superior in all parts. The whole team worked very well together, and some very fine play was seen. The visitors opened the scoring, but after equalising we gained the lead and kept it.

v. ALBERT PARK "B."—October 15th. Away. Won 8-6. The small ground made it difficult for our team to settle down, but after a few minutes we scored, and by half-time we had established a lead of six goals. In the second half our opponents relied more on their weight than on their handling, but we managed to maintain the lead all through the game.

v. HEATON MERSEY GUILD "B."—October 22nd. Home. Won 18-1. Our opponents turned out only eight men, so we lent them two of our players. Our defence was never troubled, and the attacks made full use of their opportunities. Astin played in place of Cooper, who was injured in the last match.

v. COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY.—November 9th. Home. Lost 4-9. Against a heavier and more experienced side we found much difficulty in making headway. Our passing was very poor, as also was some of our shooting. Cooper resumed his position in place of Astin.

v. BOARDMAN "B."—Away. Won 13-8. Our opponents commenced with only ten men, but we did not take advantage of this

fact. Not until near the end, when we were one goal down, did we realise our position, and then in quick succession we scored six goals.

v. SOUTH MANCHESTER "B."—November 19th. Away. Drew 4-4. Our opponents had quite a strong side against us, and an easy goal in the first few minutes encouraged them. The play was rather scrappy, but, had our attacks taken all the opportunities presented to them, the result would have been much different. Peak played in place of Mason, who was absent through illness.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—November 23rd. Away. Won 11-10. Our rivals fully expected to take revenge for their last defeat, and in the first few minutes scored two goals. At half-time we were leading by two goals, but late in the second half they were leading by 10-9. However, we scored the last two goals, and ran out winners of an exciting game.

v. OLD MANCUNIAN "B."—November 26th. Away. Lost 5-15. The weather was fine, and except for the goalmouths the ground was in good condition. We were without J. C. Jarvis, whose place was taken by R. Astin. Our attacks played well in the first half, and we crossed over leading 4-3, but the whole team fell away in the second half and we were completely outplayed. We missed Jarvis on the defence, and the attack was not as quick as usual.

v. WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOL.—November 30th. Home. Won 12-9. It turned out to be a nice afternoon, but the light got very bad towards the end of the game. J. C. Jarvis was still away, and H. S. Clune played in his place. The defence was much stronger than in the last match, and the attack played a great deal better on our ground. We gained the lead in the first half and held it throughout the game, leading at half-time by 7-4. The second half was more even, but we kept our advantage and eventually won 12-9.

SECOND TEAM.

Played 7, won 7. Goals for, 84; against, 22.

The demands of the first have made it impossible to play an unchanged second team. In spite of this, good progress has been made. The fact that all matches have been won is not a proof of good play, since some of the opposition has been extremely weak. So far the newly-formed extra leagues for "B" teams have not provided us with many good games.

The team is strong in defence. Clune and Walker at point and cover are playing well, and both are young enough to be valuable first teamers later. The defence as a whole should clear more quickly, and prefer a short pass to a wing to a wild throw towards the other goal.

The progress of the attack has been hampered by weak opposition. It has generally been so easy for individuals to run through and score that combined play has suffered. Long lobes across goal are still common, and games that consist mainly of shooting in lead to crowding goal. The attacks should always follow their men down the field, even when they know that the defence can manage without them.

RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Ground. | Result. |
|----------|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Oct. 1— | Old Mancunians "B" | H | Won 7-5 |
| " 12— | Manchester G. S. | A | Won 7-6 |
| " 15— | Old Mancunians "C" | H | Won 16-1 |
| " 22— | Oldham and Werneth "B" .. | H | Won 9-4 |
| Nov. 12— | Urmston "B" | A | Won 8-3 |
| " 22— | Manchester G.S. | H | Won 15-3 |
| " 26— | Eccles "B" | H | Won 22-0 |

The team has been chosen from:—

R. Astin, L. L. Cooper, H. Barratt, J. G. Rickards, W. Peak, H. S. Clune, H. G. Walker, F. Delsaux, C. A. Burnside, T. M. Tillotson, E. L. Sheppey, N. B. Wilkinson, J. I. Williams, C. A. Coard.

The following have also played:—

H. Sambrook, W. G. Jackson, K. W. Watts.

THIRD TEAM.

This is a young side, nearly identical with the "Under 15." Four matches have been played, and though three were lost, some good 'crosse has been played, and the boys have gained useful experience.

Sambrook has been a good captain, and has kept the defence well together. Walsh is a most promising goal-keeper, and Watts has played well at cover. Butler has worked hard at centre, but must improve his handling.

The attack—all under 15—handle well, but cannot at present keep goal open, and are therefore at the mercy of a heavy defence.

RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Ground. | Result. |
|----------|------------------------|---------|----------|
| Oct. 12— | Manchester G.S. |H | Won 7-2 |
| Nov. 19— | Oldham and Werneth "C" |H | Lost 1-6 |
| " 22— | Manchester G.S. |A | Lost 5-8 |
| " 26— | Cheadle Hulme "C" |H | Lost 4-6 |

The team has been:—

H. Sambrook (Captain), L. S. Walsh, K. W. Watts, F. Langford, E. C. P. Butler, G. E. Compson, L. O. Mosley, E. B. Mason, D. R. Kendall, G. A. Cooke, W. G. Jackson, C. A. Coard.

The following have also played:—

B. C. Scammell, T. A. Dugdale, H. M. Sunderland, J. I. Williams, G. Ellis.

UNDER 15.

Only two matches have been played, both against M.G.S., and honours are easy. There is good material in the team, which should be valuable later. Ballinger is a plucky and promising goal-keeper, and the defence will improve with experience. Mention has already been made of the attack. There is plenty of talent available, but all boys should practice handling at every opportunity.

RESULTS.

| Date. | Opponents. | Ground. | Result. |
|----------|-----------------|---------|-----------|
| Oct. 19— | Manchester G.S. |A | Lost 5-13 |
| Nov. 9— | Manchester G.S. |H | Won 6-4 |

The team has been chosen from:—

W. G. Jackson, E. C. P. Butler, F. Langford, B. C. Scammell, D. R. Kendall, G. Cocker, J. H. P. Slade, G. E. Compson, L. O. Mosley, E. B. Mason, G. A. Cooke, H. M. Sunderland, B. C. K. Ballinger.

House Games.

The football season opened well, there being a record attendance on October 5th of 227 boys. There has been a greater keenness shown by the boys this year than for several seasons. A reserves match to provide a game for junior boys who cannot get on their House teams has been arranged, but has not been as successful as had been hoped.

Owing to lack of boys who were under 13, some Houses could not provide a full junior team, and at a meeting of the Games Committee it was decided to increase the age limit for junior teams to 14. The following are the points and positions up to November 23rd:—

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| 1—Gaskell | | 88 points |
| 2—Whitworth | | 54 points |
| 3—Fraser | | 53 points |
| 4—Byrom | | 47 points |
| 5—Heywood | | 35 points |
| 6—Dalton | | 23 points |

The rounds of the Lacrosse Flags have been held on Thursday evenings after school, and they have been more successful than last year. The leaders at present are Byrom, who are followed closely by Dalton and Heywood.

A lacrosse game supervised by Mr. Gatley has been provided on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, with an average of 25 boys taking part.

The Cricket Shield was won last year by Whitworth, the runners up being Gaskell. The following were the final points and positions:—

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|-------------------|-----------|
| 1—Whitworth | 99 points |
| 2—Gaskell | 88 points |
| 3—Heywood | 83 points |
| 4—Dalton | 68 points |
| 5—Byrom | 64 points |
| 6—Fraser..... | 48 points |

Cricket, 1927.

FIRST ELEVEN.

BATTING AVERAGES.

| | No. of | Times | Highest | Total | |
|----------------------|--------|---------|---------|-------|--------|
| | Ins. | not out | Score | Runs | Av'ge. |
| J. C. Jarvis | 20 | 2 | 109* | 513 | 28.50 |
| H. Lowther..... | 19 | 1 | 93* | 401 | 22.28 |
| W. B. Stansby ... | 14 | 2 | 86* | 228 | 19.00 |
| T. L. Brierley | 20 | 2 | 58 | 299 | 16.61 |
| P. Hodgkinson ... | 13 | 7 | 23* | 82 | 13.66 |
| S. N. Winson | 9 | 3 | 25 | 79 | 13.16 |
| G. T. Mountain ... | 18 | 2 | 50* | 195 | 12.19 |
| G. Woodhouse ... | 12 | 3 | 25 | 100 | 11.11 |
| R. W. Lymer | 13 | 3 | 23* | 91 | 9.10 |
| R. Shevloff | 13 | 0 | 28 | 90 | 6.92 |
| E. G. Widdows ... | 18 | 2 | 37 | 102 | 6.38 |

* Not Out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

| | O. | M. | R. | W. | Av'ge. |
|--------------------|-------|----|-----|----|--------|
| H. Lowther | 239.5 | 98 | 558 | 54 | 10.33 |
| R. Shevloff | 144.3 | 46 | 347 | 32 | 10.84 |
| W. B. Stansby..... | 35 | 5 | 133 | 12 | 11.83 |
| E. G. Widdows ... | 293 | 98 | 693 | 38 | 18.24 |
| J. C. Jarvis | 45.4 | 5 | 196 | 10 | 19.60 |

The following awards were made at the end of the season:—

Mr. Classen's Fielding Prize: E. G. Widdows.

Bowling Prize: H. Lowther.

Batting Prize: J. C. Jarvis.

v. KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, LYTHAM.

July 20. Away. Lost. Score:—

King Edward VII. School.

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| L. Swann b Lowther | 6 |
| J. Parker st Lymer b Shevloff | 61 |
| H. Preston c Mountain b Lowther | 9 |
| G. D. Butler c Lymer b Lowther | 3 |
| W. K. Whittaker c Woodhouse b Shevloff.. | 12 |
| J. Monk c Lymer b Widdows | 0 |
| K. Estcourt st Lymer b Widdows | 13 |
| S. Hutt b Shevloff | 0 |
| B. Best b Widdows | 1 |
| J. McLellan not out | 5 |
| J. Brayshaw c Stansby b Shevloff | 6 |
| Extras | 31 |

Total 147

The School.

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|---------------------------------------|----|
| J. C. Jarvis c and b Preston | 7 |
| H. Lowther c Brayshaw b Preston | 1 |
| T. L. Brierley c Hutt b Preston | 6 |
| W. B. Stansby b Preston | 4 |
| E. G. Widdows c and b Parker | 11 |
| G. T. Mountain c and b Preston | 4 |
| R. Shevloff run out..... | 28 |
| S. N. Winson run out | 25 |
| R. W. Lymer b Preston..... | 2 |
| G. Woodhouse b Best | 0 |
| P. Hodgkinson, not out | 0 |
| Extras | 8 |

Total 96

v. THE PARENTS.

July 23rd. Drawn. Score:—

The School.

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| H. Lowther c Blythe b Walsh | 28 |
| J. C. Jarvis not out | 85 |
| T. L. Brierley b Dennis..... | 58 |
| Extras | 5 |

Total for 2 wickets (declared) ... 176

The Parents.

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| T. Dennis c Brierley b Stansby | 37 |
| G. F. Anderson c Winson b Stansby | 6 |
| E. S. Chambers c Lymer b Widdows..... | 11 |
| A. O. Holt not out | 5 |
| J. H. Craike, c Lowther b Widdows | 20 |
| E. Widdows c Jarvis b Lowther | 3 |
| J. S. Walsh st Lymer b Lowther..... | 2 |
| J. D. Blyth not out | 0 |
| Extras..... | 8 |

Total for 6 wickets 92

v. THE STAFF.

July 25th. Won. Score:—

The Staff.

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| T. Dennis b Widdows..... | 9 |
| J. A. Barber c Lymer b Shevloff | 31 |
| B. Brockbank c Widdows b Shevloff | 11 |
| J. McConnell, c Brierley b Widdows | 1 |
| D. M. Williams b Shevloff | 5 |
| F. S. Harris b Lowther | 10 |
| E. O. Robinson b Shevloff | 0 |
| E. W. Burn c Lowther b Widdows..... | 2 |
| A. H. Ginever b Widdows..... | 1 |
| K. P. Thompson c Hodgkinson b Shevloff ... | 0 |
| A. L. Powell not out | 0 |
| Extras..... | 12 |

Total 82

The School.

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| J. C. Jarvis c and b Brockbank | 17 |
| T. L. Brierley st Barber b Brockbank | 19 |
| W. B. Stansby run out | 1 |
| L. G. Widdows run out..... | 0 |
| G. T. Mountain lbw. b Harris | 4 |
| R. Shevloff c Burn b Brockbank | 16 |
| S. N. Winson run out..... | 1 |
| H. Lowther lbw. b Brockbank | 0 |
| R. W. Lymer not out..... | 23 |
| G. Woodhouse c Dennis b Harris | 6 |
| P. Hodgkinson not out | 23 |
| Extras..... | 8 |

Total for 9 wickets 118

SECOND ELEVEN.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

July 16th. Home. Draw, match unfinished. R. Astin, 10; E. B. Richards, 13; C. A. Burnside, 7; L. Gunn, 3; J. C. Ratcliffe, 16; W. Allman, 12; F. H. Marshall, 0; J. P. Moran, 0; A. V. Williams, 19; L. L. Cooper, 2; R. R. Farrell, 1. Extras, 1. Total, 95.

Manchester Grammar School 56 for 8 wickets.

v. KING EDWARD VII. GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

July 20th. Won by 16 runs. R. Astin, 31; E. B. Richards, 2; C. A. Burnside, 0; W. Allman, 0; L. Gunn, 11; F. H. Marshall, 3; J. C. Ratcliffe, 16; A. V. Williams, 35; J. P. Moran, 3; L. L. Cooper, 3; R. R. Farrell, 2. Extras, 0. Total, 90.

King Edward VII. Grammar School, 73.

Cadet Notes.

Excellent recruiting has again been carried on this term, and we ought to be up to last year's strength before the end of next term. Recruits are enrolled after they reach their thirteenth birthday, and there is always room for any boy who wishes to join.

Parades have been very well attended this term, and the recruits have turned out regularly. Next term we hope to have the shooting range opened and to put the recruits through a course of instruction.

The Corps supplied a Guard of Honour on the occasion of Lord Derby's visit to the School on November 15th to open the New Buildings, and he particularly asked the O.C. to thank the Cadets for their smart appearance on parade.

Next year's Camp will again be held at Grange-over-Sands, and arrangements are already in hand to hold an even bigger Camp than that held this year, when 92 Cadets were present. Our ambition to have 100 Cadets in Camp ought to be realized next Whitsuntide.

Cadets R. Astin, G. A. Norris and R. F. S. Searle have joined the band this term; the first two have taken over the trumpets and Searle the bass drum.

The following promotions have been made, to date from October 15th:—

Sergeant J. C. Jarvis to be Company Sergeant-Major.

Corporal A. Wilkinson to be Sergeant.

Lance-Corporal R. S. C. Hadfield to be Corporal.

Cadet C. Wilkes to be Band Corporal.

Cadets L. L. Cooper and J. F. Caldwell to be Lance-Corporals.

Last year's Sergeant-Major, R. W. Lymer, has been Gazetted 2nd-Lieutenant in the R.A.S.C. 42nd (East Lancs.) Divisional Train (Territorial Army).

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

Preparatory School Sports.

The Preparatory School Sports were held on Friday, July 15th. The weather was good to start with, and it was unfortunate that a sudden thunderstorm cut the proceedings short and caused a stampede for shelter. The events were finished on Saturday morning, and there was quite a large gathering of parents on both days. Our best thanks are due to Mrs. Ginever, who very kindly presented the prizes, and to Mrs. Dennis and Mr. Reece for their generous gifts. We should like also to thank Mr. Barber, who was a great help to us, and also the Cadet Corps Band for their contribution to the afternoon's enjoyment.

EVENTS.

FLAT RACE.—Under 8: 1st, Brown, C. P.; 2nd, Thorp, A. Under 9: 1st, Platford, J. B.; 2nd, Dennis, O. R. Under 11: 1st, Vincent, D. S.; 2nd, Shayler, J. S.

SACK RACE.—Under 8: 1st, Entwistle, N. A.; 2nd, Davies, J. H. Under 9: 1st, Dennis, O. R.; 2nd, Hawley, R. Under 11: 1st, Knight, E. G.; 2nd, Cooper, N.

HIGH JUMP.—Under 8: 1st, Lysons, K. S. Under 9: 1st, Dennis, O. R. Under 10: 1st, Jackson, E. B.; 2nd, Reece, J. G. Under 11: 1st, Hamer, J.

THREE-LEGGED RACE.—Under 8: 1st, Ingham, T., and Brooks, J. Under 9: Blair, D. G., and Larner, E. N. Under 11: Vincent, D. S., and Stevens, E. C.

OBSTACLE RACE.—Under 7: 1st, Entwistle, N. A. Under 8: 1st, Brown, C. P. Under 9: 1st, Redman, A. H.; 2nd, Hawley, R.

TEAM RACE.—Won by Vincent's Team. Cup won by Dennis, O. R.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Wednesday, September 14th, 1927, the President, Mr. H. R. Classen, in the chair. There were 105 present.

After the Chairman's financial statement and the Secretary's report had been presented, the following changes of Rule were made:—

1. Subscriptions of playing members raised from 15/- to £1, but the increase of 5/- to be deducted if the subscription be paid before 1st December. Subscriptions to remain the same for two years after leaving School.
2. The words "and such notice to be included in the Agenda" to be inserted in the rule *re* Notice of Motion at a General Meeting.

The following Officers were elected:—

President: Sydney Payne, Esq.; *Vice-Presidents:* As before, with the addition of Mr. Jackson; *Hon. Gen. Sec.:* A. L. Powell (Hulme Hall, Victoria Park, Manchester); *Hon. Treas.:* G. Greenup (9 Knutsford Avenue, Upper Chorlton Road, Brooks's Bar, Manchester); *Committee:* Messrs. S. R. Banks, Trevor Dennis and H. H. Vlies (together with Messrs. Ashworth, Barber and Jones from the previous Committee).

It was decided to elect a Ground Subcommittee at the first meeting of the General Committee.

The Annual Hot-Pot was held at Parker's Restaurant on Saturday, February 19th. There were 97 present.

The Headmaster introduced the School Song and then sang it, the chorus being taken up with increasing vigour.

The entertainment was provided by Messrs. Davies, Dennis, Rayfield, Reid and

Williams, to all of whom the Committee offer their best thanks.

The Annual Dinner will be held at the same restaurant on Saturday, February 18th, 1928. Tickets may be obtained from the Hon. Gen. Sec., or from the Captains of any of the Football or Lacrosse teams.

The Association was represented by Mr. Dennis, Mr. Barber and Mr. N. E. Vlies at the funeral of Dr. Joseph Hall, whose death caused such sorrow among Old Hulmeians everywhere. An appreciation of Dr. Hall appears elsewhere.

Old Hulmeians War Education Fund.

(Registered under the War Charities Act).

President: Mr. S. R. Oddy, 9, Gowan Road, Alexandra Park.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: Mr. A. L. Powell, Hulme Hall, Victoria Park.

The children for whose education the Committee has made itself responsible have made gratifying progress during the past year, and the eldest has now left school after a most successful career.

The demands on the Committee are now lightened, but several subscriptions having lapsed, the Fund started the year 1927-8 with a balance insufficient to meet the first bills, so that money is still needed.

The Committee offer their best thanks to Mr. F. M. Gilliat for auditing the accounts, and to Mr. Barber for duplicating copies of the Report and the Balance Sheet.

Copies of the Report and Balance Sheet have been sent to all subscribers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR YEAR 1926-27.

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
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| Barrett, F. | 1 | 0 | 0 | Hewlett, | | | |
| Barrett, G. | 1 | 0 | 0 | E. G. W. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Barrett, W. C. . | 1 | 1 | 0 | Jones, | | | |
| Bazley, Ernest . | 1 | 1 | 0 | Dr. J. Arnold | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Berisford, S. R. | 2 | 2 | 0 | Lorimer, R. M. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Best, S. R. | 1 | 1 | 0 | Muth, B. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Birtwistle, J. M. | 1 | 1 | 0 | Oddy, S. R. ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Bradshaw, R. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | " One of the | | | |
| Buck, E. S. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | Patriarchs ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Buck, F. M. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Payne, Arthur.. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Buck, J. N. | 1 | 1 | 0 | Rowbotham, | | | |
| Buck, R. | 1 | 1 | 0 | A. E. | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Buck, R. R. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Saxelby, C. H. ... | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Buck, W. M. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Saxelby, S. W. . | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Cadman, A. E. . | 1 | 1 | 0 | Searle, A. E. A. | 0 | 10 | 6 |
| Cardwell, D. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Smith, S. A. ... | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Cardwell, H. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Swindells, A. L. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Clarke, R. G. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Thorpe, Walter | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Classen, G. | 2 | 2 | 0 | Vlies, H. H. ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Classen, H. R. . | 1 | 0 | 0 | Vlies, L. E. | | | |
| Dehn, F. | 1 | 1 | 0 | (the late) | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Fisher, T. | 3 | 3 | 0 | Walker, J. M. ... | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Flinn, W. L. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 | Wihl, H. S. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Gilliat, F. M. ... | 1 | 0 | 0 | Wihl, J. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Gilliat, G. N. E. | 1 | 1 | 0 | Wright, J. H. ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Greenup, J. W. | | | | Youatt, E. | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| and H. | 1 | 1 | 0 | Youatt, G. | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hague, O. | 1 | 1 | 0 | | | | |
| Total | ... | ... | ... | | £62 | 13 | 0 |

Old Hulmeians' Musical and Dramatic Society

(AFFILIATED TO THE BRITISH DRAMA
LEAGUE).

We are now half-way through our third season, and many of our initial difficulties have been overcome. We have, therefore, been able to extend our activities. Two productions a season do not provide continuous occupation for all our members, so a play-reading sub-committee has been formed, and meetings are held once a month. The last play read was "R.U.R." by Karel Capek; some 18 members spent a very interesting evening.

Our social activities have taken the form of Rambles and informal Dances. The former,

held on a Sunday about once a month, have been very enjoyable and quite well attended. The distance covered is usually about 15 miles as little more is possible at this time of the year when it is dusk at 4 o'clock.

The informal dances have also been popular, both the expeditions to the "Embassy," and the dances at Parker's Rooms and the University Union being successful. We shall be glad to see our friends at our next dance at Parker's Rooms on February 17th, 1928.

The production of "Androcles and the Lion," and "The Rising of the Moon" are reported elsewhere; we are pleased to announce that the financial result is satisfactory.

The next production will take place at the West Didsbury Public Hall on March 30th and 31st, 1928. The Hall is by no means so inaccessible as some imagine, and we hope to have good audiences.

Membership is on the increase, the total roll being now about 40, and there is no diminution of enthusiasm. Volunteers for the many varieties of work necessary to a production are plentiful, and experience has led to considerable efficiency.

"Androcles and the Lion."

In taking up the play "Androcles and the Lion" (*G. B. Shaw*), the Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society set themselves a problem, as this is a Shavian production round which much controversy has centred. There are eminent men who say it is profoundly religious, while some prominent preachers have denounced it as irreverent. Without settling the controversy or, indeed, without seeming to trouble about it, the Old Boys contrived to get much enjoyment out of the play when they produced it at the West Didsbury Public Hall, on Thursday and Friday, November 3rd and 4th, together with Lady Gregory's one act play, "The Rising of

the Moon," as a curtain raiser. With its incongruous mixture of religion and comedy, its Christian martyrs and its ridiculous pantomimelion, the play presents unusual difficulties, but those taking part set to work right well and gave a fine presentation of the piece. The performance opened in an interesting way. The entry of a lion at the outset of a play is always effective, but this, it seemed, was no ordinary lion, for though at times it became divorced from its voice, it roared to good purpose, and one thought with Bottom "there is not a more fearful wild fowl than your lion living." W. Sproule, the lion, played a difficult part well. Though filling the title role Mr. Brierley's part was a quiet one, but he was very effective and gave a good performance. His wife, Megaera (Miss Graves), had only a small part but she added considerably to the amusement created by the prologue. It was refreshing to see E. Barnes act, as he played the Centurion with rare zest and seemed to enjoy himself thoroughly, especially when he shook the wretched Spintho (W. H. G. Adams) till he almost denuded him of his few rags. The latter's playing of the nerve-shattered reformed roué was excellent. C. D. Campbell as Ferrovius came largely into the picture, and in a part that demanded much both from body and mind, he acquitted himself really well. Though not appearing till late in the play Mr. Rayfield as Caesar added much to the evening's enjoyment by his performance and he is to be commended on the manipulation of his flowing garments when pursued by a lion that found climbing stairs a somewhat difficult task. The love element in this play seems rather forced and this made the parts of Miss Elderton (Lavinia) and W. Williamson (the handsome captain) difficult, but both gave the impression that if there had been much in their parts they could have acted them. The most of small parts was made by A. K. Westbrook (Lentulus), N. E. Hawley (Metellus), K. Massey (Ox driver), J. M. Gibbons (Call boy), H. Lowther (The Editor), B. A. Billings (The Keeper), G. F. Drummond (Secutor), L. P. Ryder (the Retiarius). Others

taking part were Miss Holt, Miss Kershaw, Miss Mattinson, Miss Collinson, C. J. Tuffen, C. A. Hemmerdinger, G. V. Brown, K. G. Brown, A. R. Kennedy, L. T. Malia, A. F. Shepherd, B. H. B. Bygrave. The play was produced by Mr. Brierley.

"The Rising of the Moon," produced by Mr. Powell, is an interesting little Irish play with a quay-side as its setting. The Ragged Man, the central character, was well played by Mr. Powell who seemed to catch the Irish "brogue" more accurately than the others. L. T. Malia did quite well but never seemed to get really into the skin of the Sergeant, whilst the two policemen (A. F. Shepherd and B. H. B. Bygrave) in their movements and actions upheld the dignity of the law.

Whilst congratulating the Society on its latest venture, a word of praise must be given the hard-working property men and those who prepare the way for the smooth running of these shows.

The orchestra with Mr. Williams as conductor played during the intervals.

Old Hulmeians Football.

The season has again opened in a most disappointing manner, for out of the ten games played, the 1st team has won one, drawn one and lost eight. In each of the first three games we lost players through injuries, and they were off for some weeks, which naturally caused changes to be made, but fortunately we have been able to keep almost the same team together for the last three games, and the effect has already been shown.

The chief fault has been that, with one exception, the defence players are not decisive enough in their tackling, whilst the forwards

hesitate too long before shooting, with the result that our goal average has a decidedly unhealthy appearance. However, improvements have been shewn in both directions, and better things can be looked for in the near future.

The 2nd XI. has also done badly, as, owing to the calls of the 1st, sickness and injuries, the same team has not been played on two consecutive occasions, the changes often having to be made at the last minute owing to players crying off.

The third team has shewn the usual keenness; in fact there have been fewer complaints than usual about short teams, and their results are at least as good as those of the other two elevens.

The results up to November 26th are as follows:—

| | | 1st XI. | 2nd XI. |
|--|-----|------------|------------|
| Sept. 17—Bolton Wyresdale | 1-7 | ... | 1-7 |
| " 24—Old Margaretians | 2-2 | ... | 1-6 |
| Oct. 1—Chorlton-cum-Hardy | 0-7 | ... | 1-3 |
| " 8—Heaton Chapel..... | 0-4 | ... | 1-4 |
| " 15—Lancs. Amateur Cup, Blundellsands..... | 0-3 | ... | — |
| " 22—Blackburn Technical College | 1-5 | ... | 2-2 |
| " 29—Whalley Range | 1-5 | ... | 2-6 |
| Nov. 5— | | | |
| " 12—Bury Amateurs..... | 0-5 | ... | 0-8 |
| " 19—Heaton Moor | 4-3 | ... | 1-3 |
| " 26—Manchester Y.M.C.A. | 2-6 | ... | — |

THIRD ELEVEN.

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|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Sept. 24—Parrs Wood | 1-6 |
| Oct. 1—Royal Deaf School | 0-8 |
| " 8—Manchester University "B" | 8-3 |
| " 15—Crumpsall | 0-1 |
| " 22—Parrs Wood | 3-6 |
| " 29—Bury Amateurs | 0-5 |
| Nov. 5—H.G.S. 2nd | 2-0 |
| " 12—United Yeast | 1-6 |
| " 19—Manchester Y.M.C.A..... | 2-7 |
| " 26—Old Mancunians | 2-3 |

F. A.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The First Team is this year under the leadership of D. Cardwell, and is experiencing its best season since the war. It has been defeated only once and that at the hands of Stockport, and shares with that club the first position in the league table, since they in turn have lost two points to Heaton Mersey.

Up to date the Old Boys have played ten matches and have beaten last year's league champions and the flag holders, whilst they have a total of 102 goals to their credit and have had 56 scored against them.

The season opened with a well contested match against Heaton Mersey in which there was little to choose between the two teams, the Old Boys winning by the narrow margin of one goal. The Mersey side were without their goalkeeper, Tweedale, whilst the winners were without Woollam, who has been unable to turn out for more than half the fixtures up to the present, but he now hopes to be able to play regularly.

The Albert Park match proved to be an easy win as the Didsbury team is a much weakened side this season, and the Old Mancunians the following week were not as formidable as had been expected, although they were unlucky in losing one of their chief goal scorers early in the afternoon.

Disley provided many anxious moments and the Old Boys were fortunate to leave the field with two points, as their attack was completely disorganised by the harassing tactics of the Disley defence.

Great was the disappointment at the result of the Stockport match at Cale Green, and on this day the team showed only glimpses of the form which has carried them successfully

through their other games. It is hoped, however, that the return fixture at Whalley Range will provide a much closer score if not a victory.

In the flag competition the first round has been safely passed by the defeat of Boardman at Heaton Park after the postponement of the game from its original date owing to weather conditions.

The personnel of the team is the same as it was at the end of last season with the exception of the inclusion of E. Barnes at centre where he is proving to be a very useful man. He is a hard worker and has the knack of getting the ball at the face.

The attacks are working much better than last year's although still rather too individual in its methods; there is, however, little to choose between them and they are all dangerous men.

The "A" team is also doing well, having lost only two games out of eight played; it has every prospect of finishing in the first three of the "A" league, although it, too, has succumbed to Stockport.

The "B" has won six games out of ten and has passed the first round of the Junior Challenge Shield by defeating Oldham and Werneth "B." L.P.

FIRST TEAM RESULTS.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---|------|
| Sept. 17—Heaton Mersey | A | 10-9 |
| „ 24—Albert Park..... | H | 12-4 |
| Oct. 1—Old Mancunians | H | 7-4 |
| „ 8—South Manchester..... | A | 11-5 |
| „ 15—Eccles | H | 14-8 |
| „ 22—Disley | A | 5-4 |
| „ 29—Cheadle Hulme..... | H | 16-2 |
| Nov. 5— | | |
| „ 12—Stockport | A | 5-13 |
| „ 19—1st Round Flags—Boardman— | | |
| Heaton Park | | 9-2 |
| „ 26—Chorlton | A | 13-5 |

"A" TEAM RESULTS.

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|-------|
| Sept. 17—Heaton Mersey | H | 13- 5 |
| " 24—Albert Park..... | A | 7- 5 |
| Oct. 1—Old Mancunians | A | 4-11 |
| " 8—South Manchester..... | H | 10- 3 |
| " 22—Disley | H | 21- 4 |
| Nov. 12—Stockport | H | 3- 8 |
| " 26—Chorlton | H | 18- 2 |

"B" TEAM RESULTS.

| | | |
|--|---|-------|
| Sept. 17—Manchester Grammar School..... | A | 6-17 |
| " 24—Albert Park..... | H | 6- 0 |
| Oct. 1—Old Mancunians..... | A | 1- 9 |
| " 8—South Manchester..... | H | 8- 5 |
| " 15—Warehousemen and Clerks..... | A | 9-15 |
| " 22—Disley | H | 10- 3 |
| Nov. 5—Heaton Mersey Guild | H | 8- 3 |
| " 12—Senior Challenge Shield—Oldham and Werneth | A | 14- 1 |
| " 19—Boardman..... | A | 2-14 |
| " 26—Chorlton | H | 14- 1 |

Entertainments for Next Term.

- Jan. 17—Play: "In the Zone" (O'Neill),
Prefects.
- " 24—Lantern Lecture, Mr. Harris.

- Jan. 31—Lantern Lecture: "Pond Life,"
Mr. McConnell.
- Feb. 7—Play: Scenes from "A Midsum-
mer Night's Dream," VI. S.
- " 14—Plays: "Campbell of Kilmhor"
(Ferguson), IV. A.
"X = O" (Drinkwater), VI. C
and M.
- " 16, 17, 18, at 7-30 p.m.—"The Brass
Bottle" (Anstey).
- " 21—Play: "The Price of Coal"
(Brighouse), III. C.
- " 28—Plays: L. I.
"The House with the Twisty
Windows," V. A.
- Mar. 6—Play: "The Invisible Duke"
(Sladen-Smith), IV. B.
- " 13—Play: IV. C.
- " 20—Lecture Recital: "The Develop-
ment of the Orchestra," Mr.
Dennis.
- " 27—"Alcestis" (Euripides), II. A and
III. A.
- April 3—Sacred Concert.

The Hulme Grammar School Cadet Corps Camp Account.

WHITSUNTIDE, 1927.

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|--|------|----|----|
| To balance in hand... .. | 27 | 18 | 1 |
| „ Camp Fees £241 | 10 | 0 | |
| „ Donation from Mr. H. Wolfendale (O.H.) ... | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Donation for Extra Prize | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Profit on Dance... .. | 8 | 3 | 2 |
| „ Sale of Food | 2 | 12 | 6 |
| | 257 | 15 | 8 |
| „ Bank Interest less Commission and Cheque Book | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| | £285 | 14 | 2 |

| | £ | s. | d. |
|--|------|----|----|
| By L. M. & S. Railway Co. for Fares ... | 32 | 0 | 11 |
| „ Do. for Carriage on Equipment ... | 14 | 12 | 4 |
| „ Do. for Windermere Trip | 6 | 10 | 6 |
| „ W. Sedgwick for Camp Site £11 | 10 | 0 | |
| „ Do. for Milk and Eggs... .. | 5 | 6 | 0 |
| | 16 | 16 | 0 |
| „ T. D. Smiths Ltd. for Bread | 20 | 13 | 0 |
| „ J. Askew for Meat | 13 | 0 | 0 |
| „ B. W. Harvey for Groceries | 46 | 7 | 7 |
| „ W. & T. Tyson for Greengrocery ... | 4 | 11 | 0 |
| „ Sundry Purchases including Food for Fatigue Party, Medicine, Equipment, Gratuities, etc | 9 | 10 | 5 |
| „ Q.M.'s Purchases | 1 | 19 | 7 |
| „ R. Wilson for Carting £6 | 5 | 0 | |
| „ Do. for Coal | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| „ J. Langdon & Sons for Hire of Equipment | 25 | 19 | 6 |
| „ I. B. Wilson for Duck Boards | 4 | 14 | 0 |
| „ Do. for Flag Pole and Repairs to Kitchen Hut | 4 | 18 | 9 |
| „ Schofield Ltd., Insurance of Camp Equipment... .. | 1 | 15 | 9 |
| „ Baxendale & Co. for Enamelware ... | 7 | 6 | 3 |
| „ Competition Prizes | 3 | 18 | 0 |
| „ Grange Hotel for Billet | 2 | 8 | 0 |
| „ Grange District Council for Water ... | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| „ Band Instructor's Fees | 15 | 4 | 0 |
| „ Doctor | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| „ Evans Sons, Lescher & Webb | 1 | 12 | 9 |
| „ Donation to United Yeast Football Club (for services rendered) ... | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| „ Balance in Bank | 40 | 17 | 7 |
| | £285 | 14 | 2 |

Audited and found correct, 30th November, 1927.

A. L. POWELL.

J. A. BARBER, O.C.

Entertainments Account, 1927.

| RECEIPTS. | £ | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| July 31st, 1926, Balance | 51 | 16 | 5 |
| To Evening Performances... .. | 153 | 5 | 0 |
| „ School Performances | 37 | 1 | 9 |
| „ Sale of Programmes | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| „ Fraser House Contribution | 1 | 7 | 3 |
| „ Bank Interest, less Commission ... | 0 | 5 | 2 |
| | £253 | 15 | 7 |

| EXPENSES. | £ | s. | d. |
|---------------------------------------|------|----|----|
| By Expenses of Lectures | 3 | 13 | 10 |
| „ Expenses of Concerts | 14 | 3 | 7 |
| „ Expenses of Plays | 91 | 16 | 10 |
| „ Cheque Books | 0 | 10 | 0 |
| „ Purchase Bishop Fraser Portrait ... | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| „ Purchase Band Instruments | 136 | 17 | 1 |
| July 31st, 1927, Balance | 5 | 13 | 3 |
| | £253 | 15 | 7 |