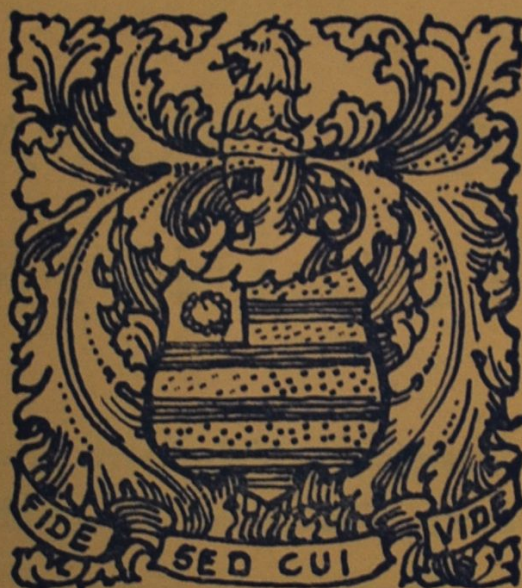


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## School Notes and News

At the end of this term Mr. J. A. Barber's fifty-one years' tenure of the Secretaryship of this school comes to its close. No one has held any office for so long in the history of the school. It is fairly safe to assume no one is likely to hold office for so long in the future; nor is anyone likely to have the opportunity of performing such signal and invaluable service as he has done. He is as unique in his personality as he has been in his whole-hearted devotion to the School and its interests. He will be succeeded by Mr. W. Taylor, the present Assistant Secretary. An appreciation follows these notes.

We also say farewell to Mr. J. B. Simpson, who has been appointed Senior History Master at Sutton Valence School, Kent. Mr. Simpson, who

came to the School in September, 1949, quickly made his mark by the originality and vigour of his teaching methods, which even parents found stimulating and constructive. A keen cricketer, Mr. Simpson has been responsible for the coaching of the 2nd XI. He will also be remembered as the producer of the highly successful one-act play, "Gianni Schicchi," which he himself adapted from an operetta of Puccini's. Rarely can the School stage have witnessed a more animated or more effective production. We offer him our best wishes for success and happiness in his new post.

Upon Mr. Gatley's retirement from the Second Mastership of this School, Mr. D. M. Williams was appointed to replace him. Mr. Williams resigned the position of Housemaster of Dalton House, which has been taken over by Mr. Bonnick. Mr. Watkins has taken over Mr. Gatley's house, Whitworth, and Mr. Lowe has succeeded Mr. Martin as Housemaster of Gaskell.



We have much pleasure in welcoming to the School Mr. F. E. Eastwood, B.Sc. (Manchester University), Mr. D. B. Scully, M.A. (Scholar of Jesus College, Oxford), Mr. P. Evans, M.A. (Scholar of Queen's College, Cambridge), Mr. R. A. Haynes, M.A. (Downing College, Cambridge), Mr. J. Peat (Honours Diploma, Loughborough Training College), Mr. P. D. G. Purdy, B.A. (Exhibitioner, Downing College, Cambridge).

Dr. W. H. Wolstenholme, O.B.E., T.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed the School doctor.

The annual Founders' Day Service will be held on Tuesday, January 26th, in Manchester Cathedral, when the preacher will be the Archdeacon of Manchester, the Ven. A. Selwyn Bean, M.A., B.D.

Dr. Jecny is again taking a party of boys from the School to Grindelwald in the Bernese Oberland for the winter sports. They will stay at the Pension Eigerblick, where they will be joined by a contingent from Giggleswick School, organised by Mr. D. E. W. Morgan. The School party will leave Manchester on December 27th. We wish them a very happy and enjoyable trip.

The prefects this term are A. O. Dyson (Head Prefect), R. K. Davies, G. T. Denton, B. R. Heap; M. C. Blackburn, M. Credland, K. Harding, G. N. Leah, P. Marlton, W. Newey, D. S. Norbury, D. L. Sparrow, P. K. Wheeler, D. Wilde. They enjoy the privilege of being the first to use the new prefects' room, built during the summer holidays, and strategically placed over the boiler house and adjacent to the entrance to the new Hall.

Upon the results of the examinations conducted by the Northern Universities Joint Board the following awards have been made:—

State Scholarships: G. T. Denton, A. O. Dyson, R. Elliott, J. Hazlehurst, G. N. Leah.

Manchester Education Committee Scholarships: G. T. Denton, R. Elliott.

Manchester Education Committee Bursaries: S. L. Beckett, J. D. Phillipson, J. M. Selman.

Stockport Exhibition: J. Clough.

Cheshire Major Scholarships: A. O. Dyson, G. N. Leah.

Lancashire Major Scholarship: J. Hood.

School Leaving Exhibitions: R. M. Chorley, J. Disley, J. R. Lilley, D. G. Robertson, A. Sutcliffe, K. Wallace.

As a result of the Entrance Examinations in the Lent Term the following were awarded Free Place Scholarships:—

Michael P. L. Halls, William Hulme's Grammar School; \*John Ethell, William Hulme's Grammar School; Michael Kerr, William Hulme's Grammar School; Michael D. Friedlaender, Ladybarn Primary School; Godfrey Maddock, William Hulme's Grammar School; Geoffrey B. Miller, William Hulme's Grammar School; Allan H. Nugent, Heald Place Primary; Victor Jackson, Stanley Grove Primary; Ian C. Stewart, Northenden Municipal School; Peter L. Harrison, Northenden Municipal School; Peter J. R. Laybourn, Clarendon Road Primary; Howard A. Thomas, Grosvenor Road Primary; Peter Radcliffe, Stanley Road County Primary; Anthony J. Slater, Alkington Primary; John C. Schofield, Alkington Primary; Arthur Duckworth, Flixton Secondary Modern School; Geoffrey N. Bromiley, Worthington Road Primary; Richard A. Sumner, William Hulme's Grammar School; Jeremy N. White, St. Mary's Primary School; Martin Billcliff, Ludworth County Primary; Rodney F. Stockdale, St. Mary's Primary School; John G. Mitchell, Bredbury County Primary School; Roger B. Taylor, Stanley Road Primary School; Christopher Hammond, Werneth County Primary School; \*Harold Fowler, William Hulme's Grammar School; Stephen M. Cox, Greenfield County Primary.

\* Pupils in Main School.

The Lent Term will begin on Tuesday, January 12th, at nine o'clock.

Mid-Term Holiday will be on February 19th, 20th and 22nd.

The Lent Term will end on Friday, April 9th, at four o'clock.

The Easter Holiday will extend from Friday, April 9th, at four, to Tuesday, May 4th, at nine o'clock.

The Entrance Examination for Michaelmas Term, 1954, and for Scholarships and Free Places, etc., for Primary School Boys, will be held on February 10th and March 10th, beginning at nine a.m. each day.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the *Aldwinian*, the *Birikonian*, the *Denstonian*, the *Salian*, the *Savilian*, the *Standian*, the *Wallaseyan*, *Ulula* and the *King's School, Macclesfield Magazine*. We were particularly pleased to welcome the first and very successful number of the *Gryphon*, the magazine of Chetham's Hospital School, upon which we congratulate its editor, Mr. I. R. Duncan (O.H.).



### Mr. J. A. Barber

The news that Mr. Barber has resigned the Secretaryship of the School, which he has held for more than half a century, will come as a shock to many. That he would retire one day was inevitable: that he will no longer be Secretary of the School seems, however, unthinkable and unimaginable. He has so long been part of the School that it is difficult to conceive what the School will be like without his unique personality.

His long career began in the early days of the School when it was presided over by its first Headmaster, Dr. Joseph Hall. Mr. Barber has served the School continuously since then, throughout the Headmasterships of the Rev. W. A. Parker-Mason and Mr. Trevor Dennis. He has remained to see the present Headmaster, Mr. J. G. Bird, very firmly established. Those bare statements testify only to the length of Mr. Barber's service. The real standard by which his work should be considered is not its length, but its value to the School. He has been so much more than an extremely competent Secretary. He has interested himself in every aspect of School life.

Mr. Barber has been in charge of the School Lacrosse from its very beginning. To him, more than anyone else, the School owes its success and standing in the lacrosse world. His coaching has been as unwearied in its performance as remarkable in its results. He was himself an extremely skilful and determined player of the game. He often turned out in bygone years to help the School team in club matches and was long a member of the Old Hulmeians' first team. His interest in the Old Hulmeians' Lacrosse has been as intense and influential as it has been in that of the School. Indeed, he has been an outstanding personality in the lacrosse world generally, in the counsels of which he is a highly respected member.

For many years he was jointly responsible for the School 2nd XI at cricket. Again, he himself was no mean performer. He was a formidable figure, both before and behind the stumps in the staff match. In fact, Mr. Barber has been expert and keen at all games. In the soccer days he regularly appeared for the Staff side and since we changed to rugby there has been no more enthusiastic spectator than he. A keen golfer, too, he has for long years been secretary of the Old Hulmeians' Golf Section.

When the School Corps was first established in the 1914-18 war he was its commanding officer and was in charge of its activities till it was transformed into an O.T.C. in 1936. One of its chief

activities in those days was the annual Whitsun camp at Grange-over-Sands.

Camps of another character have also been under his direction. One refers, of course, to the Harvest camps in both world wars; at Wooller, in Northumberland in 1917 and 1918, and at Grange-over-Sands annually from 1940 to 1945. Needless to say these camps were run with his usual tireless efficiency.

This was not his only war work. He was a special constable in the first world war and continued to perform that highly useful function till well on in the second world war when he resigned with the rank of Inspector. He retired, however, to become an air-raid warden. As such he was in charge of the protection of the School and its buildings. But for his prompt attention, when incendiary bombs fell on the School during the Manchester blitz, the Science block, at any rate, might well have been burned to the ground. When, at the beginning of the war, the School was evacuated to Penwortham, near Preston, the main burden of organisation was borne by him.

Long before the title became officially established Mr. Barber acted as "Careers' Master." Many hundreds of Old Boys must have been indebted to his introductions for their first posts.

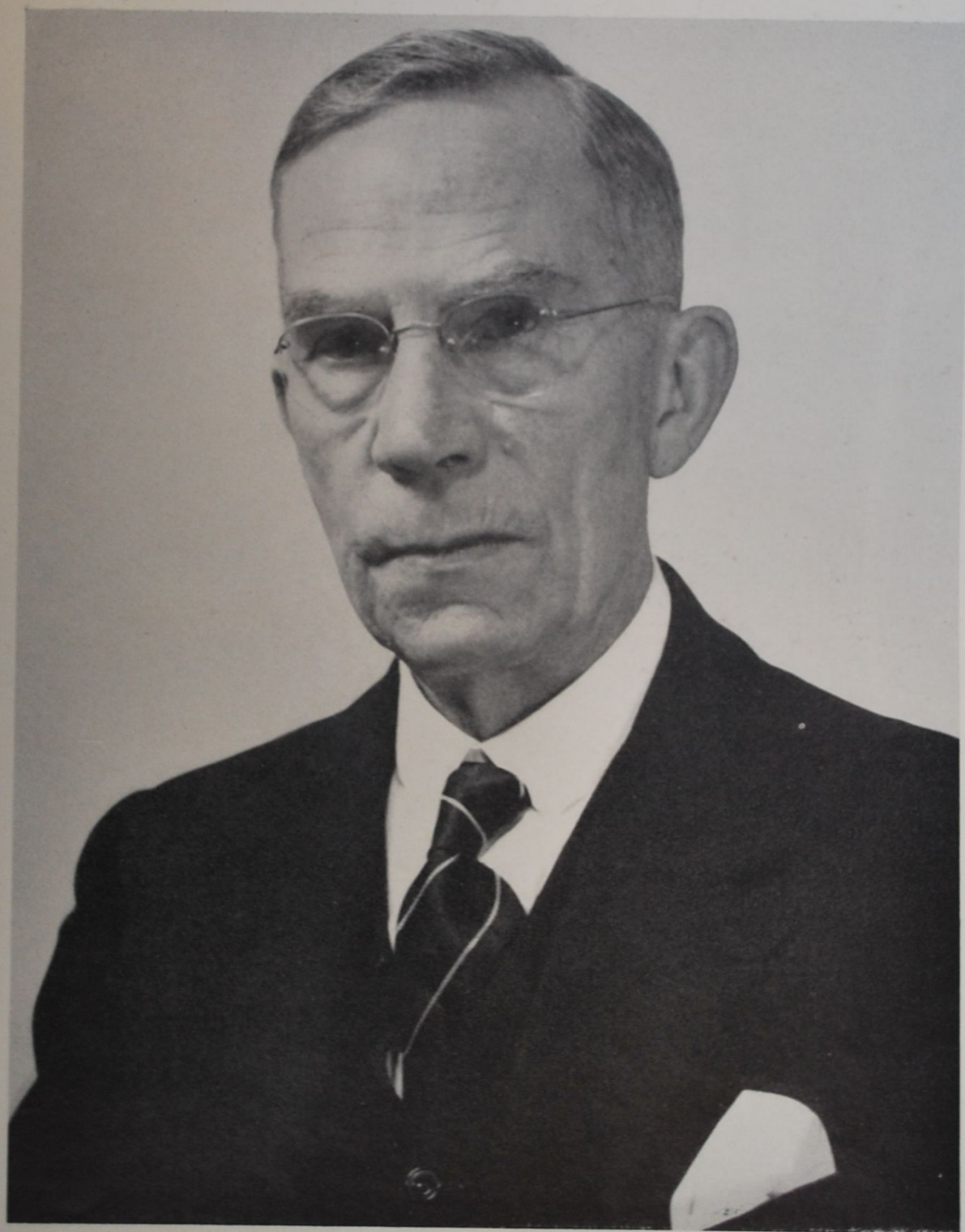
When any boy has been injured, the answer has always been "send him to the office." Many of those who happen to read these lines will be grateful to Mr. Barber for the skilful treatment they received there. If the case was so severe that it necessitated professional attention Mr. Barber has escorted the patient to the hospital and has then gone on to the boy's home, often at his very great inconvenience.

This list of offices is formidable and would require a man of exceptionally stout physique and remarkable devotion to duty to fulfil them; but Mr. Barber is such a man. This list, moreover, cannot take account of the many relatively minor, yet still important, services, often of a personal character, that he has undertaken, nor fully reveal the trouble to which he has gone to see that those services were well performed.

To say that Mr. Barber is retiring is a form of words, for he will for ever be with the School in spirit and what he has done for the School will have a lasting effect upon its history.

One must not conclude without a word of thanks to Mrs. Barber, who has so fully shared his interest in the School and its activities and, incidentally, has shown the same competence in the camp kitchens as he has in such a wide range of activities.







## Speech Day, 1953

The School Speech Day was held in the New Hall on Friday, July 17th, the last afternoon in the Midsummer Term. Canon Woolnough, the Chairman of the School's Governing body, was again able to preside, having recovered from the severe injuries which prevented him from attending the previous year.

The Headmaster welcomed the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Alderman A. Moss, and took the opportunity of thanking him for his services to the School as a Governor, representing the Manchester Education Committee. Mr. Bird said that that afternoon they were bringing to a close an eventful year, for in the Michaelmas Term the School had undergone a full inspection by the Ministry of Education. The report that the inspectors had presented had been highly gratifying and had shown general satisfaction with the progress and development of the School. In that report the Preparatory Department, in the charge of Miss Berry, had been most favourably mentioned. The development of the Main School was testified by the fact that there were now over 150 boys in the Sixth Form. He urged that those boys should express their gratitude to their parents for allowing them to stay on at school and take advantage of the opportunities the Sixth Form offered. At that stage the position should be that there were masters willing to teach boys willing to learn. He warned of the danger of intellect without character and reminded his hearers that to be educated was one thing, but to remain educated was another. Sustained effort was necessary if education was to develop to the full.

Referring to the School's academic record he said three University Scholarships had been won, and five State Scholarships. He also mentioned that J. N. Clarke had been admitted to Sandhurst. R. G. Bowden was leaving school, at length, after having attended it for fifteen years.

Turning to the Old Hulmeians he mentioned that E. P. Cosslett had continued to represent Lancashire regularly at rugby, and C. S. Smith had played cricket for the Army, the Combined Forces and Lancashire.

He concluded by paying a tribute to the long years of loyal service given by the Second Master, Mr. A. O. Gatley, now officially retiring, by the School Medical Officer, Sir William Coates, and by Mr. D. R. G. Martin, who had been appointed Headmaster of Ranelagh School, Bracknell, near Reading.

After presenting the prizes, Alderman Moss addressed the School. He paid tribute to the work of his fellow members of the School Governing body and said they were performing a service not only to the School, but to the educational life of the city. He drew a picture in outline of how the city had progressed in the past and expressed the hope that that advance would continue with increasing momentum in the future. He urged those whom he was addressing to play their part to help towards the creation of a brighter, better Manchester. Even the smallest of his listeners, he said, could play his part in making the anti-litter campaign then being waged a reality and a success.

### PRIZE LIST.

SPECIAL PRIZES—Watkins: D. R. Hankey; Stone English Essay: G. N. Leah; Powell Scripture Reading: D. R. Hankey; Aspinall Religious Knowledge: A. O. Dyson; Forrest Writing: J. Davis.

THIRD YEAR SIXTH—Knoop English: D. W. Latham; Dehn History, G. T. Denton; Vlies Modern Language: J. Clough; Dorrington Latin: D. R. Hankey; Lymer Mathematical: B. R. Heap; Williamson Science: R. Elliott; Sir Samuel Turner Imperial History: G. T. Denton; The Greek Prize: D. R. Hankey.

SECOND YEAR SIXTH—English: J. D. S. Harrop; Modern Languages: A. O. Dyson; Science: D. J. Pilkington.

LOWER SIXTH—English: E. G. L. Collins; History: W. G. Williams; Geography: S. C. Williams; Latin: E. G. L. Collins; French: J. S. Baker; German: J. S. Baker; Science: A. M. Sinclair; Maths.: B. M. Segal.

FIFTH FORMS—English: M. Insole; History: I. M. Stewart; Geography: C. B. Lowe; French: G. W. Barrow; German: R. B. Woolham; Latin: G. W. Barrow; Greek: J. Hewitt; Maths.: G. F. Turnbull; Science: P. F. Wilde; Art: D. Woodcock; Handicraft: P. G. Thompson.

FOURTH FORMS—English: D. R. Crome; History, G. S. Phillips; Geography: E. R. Birch; French: K. J. Hinson; German: J. E. O. Screen; Latin: D. H. C. Hilton; Maths.: C. Burrows; Science: G. W. C. Hayes; Art: G. W. C. Hayes; Handicraft: G. H. Stockdale.

THIRD FORMS—English: D. L. Watkin; History: A. E. Pope; Geography, A. F. Bennett; French, R. S. Lurie; Latin: P. Taylor; Maths.: A. L. Nägler; Science: A. F. Bennett; Art: P. J. Allport; Handicraft: W. A. Bradley.



SECOND FORMS—English: D. M. Brierley; History: H. Bibby; Geography: P. Golborne; French: D. M. Brierley; Latin: D. M. Brierley; Maths.: G. B. Brundrit; Science: D. M. Brierley; Art: D. E. King; Handicraft: D. M. Brierley.

FIRST FORMS—English: C. R. L. Mark; History: C. R. L. Mark; Geography: P. Bardsley; French: C. R. L. Mark; Maths.: C. R. L. Mark; Science: D. B. Heap; Art: J. M. A. Thompson; Handicraft: G. L. Cooke.

PREPARATORY—First: G. Maddock; Second: M. A. Kerr; Progress: A. G. Chesworth.

### C.C.F. Report

Before embarking on an account of this term's activities in the Corps, some report should be made of our Annual Camp which this year was held at Kimmel Park, Rhyl. The infantry training was of a very high standard, thanks to the fact that a great number of demonstrations, both interesting and instructive, were available. The Signals Section carried out one of their traditionally mystical training programmes. We were, however, pleased to see them at meal times. Some of the R.E.M.E. platoon also got "on net" with the Signals, while others joined the infantry, for the duration of the Camp period, to attend a course on methods of instruction. Mr. Kyte again gave us his untiring assistance in Camp. We are pleased to welcome him back to the unit as a permanent member of our staff.

The beginning of the term brought the following promotions:—

With effect from September 1st: Sgt. P. K. Wheeler to be Cadet Under-Officer; w.e.f. September 8th: Sgts. R. H. Dale and A. O. Dyson to be Cadet Under-Officers.

Also w.e.f. September 8th: Cpls. K. Harding, P. Marlton, W. Newey and J. K. Robertson to be Sgts. and L/Cpls. R. A. Cheek, J. P. Clarke, M. Credland, B. H. Blakeley, G. T. Denton, R. K. Gibson, D. L. S. Paine, P. G. Thompson, G. T. Skelding and P. F. Wilde to be Cpls.

Further promotions were made when w.e.f. October 1st: L/Cpls. A. E. Grogan and K. Hunt became Cpls. and Cadets D. R. Axon, M. D. Browne, C. E. Bryans, D. K. P. Greenwood, K. L. Kilbey, P. D. Kyffin, M. K. MacCreath, P. T. Mitchell, I. H. Munro, P. T. Myers, H. V. Penketh, P. J. Richards, H. G. Rhodes, D. J. Roberts,

A. J. Royle, J. D. Sanders, B. M. Segal, J. V. Sheppard, D. L. Sparrow, W. G. Scarlett, A. Sutton, J. E. Thackery and D. H. Tredwell became L/Cpls.

There has been one Field Day this term at Lyme Park on Wednesday, October 21st. The main feature was a demonstration of platoon in attack, which was successfully carried out under the seasoned supervision of Cadet Under-Officer Dale. Once again the Signallers went off on their own, this time to take part in "Exercise Instructor," an exacting exercise devised by their Commander, Cadet Under-Officer Dyson, whose glowing reports lead us to believe that everything went according to plan.

Within the School there have been three main fields of development. In the actual training Lieut. West has given our more senior cadets a series of Sand Table lectures, which have been much appreciated by his audiences. Mr. Kyte has resumed control of the Cadre and is already showing us a worthy Demonstration Platoon. Off the parade ground, inter-house shooting has been carried on throughout the term with the result that many of our members are now classified marksmen. Our hopes for the future are high, and indeed it would be no mis-statement to say that in general the Corps looks forward to shooting ahead.

### The Entertainments

At the moment of writing, the Tuesday 4 o'clock entertainment season has but begun, although with a flying start. Nine one-act plays are to be performed in the course of the season. One hopes that the same full houses will encourage those who have taken the trouble to rehearse the plays, at the end of the season as at the beginning. We are looking forward to Mr. Thornton's production of R. C. Sherriff's "Home at Seven," which will be presented nightly from Wednesday, December 9th till the Saturday of that week.

Two plays have been presented so far this term.

On November 10th the stage staff began the season with "The Monkey's Paw."

The macabre theme demanded taut, nervous acting, to involve the audience in its mounting climax of horror. This was only partially achieved. The lighting was unimaginative—a red glow from the fire combined with a red back-cloth curtain gave an unhappy furnace-like effect to Scene 1. In



scenes where the lighting is deliberately subdued, the faces at least of the actors should be made visible. Thunder effects were too liberally used, and they often drowned the actors' voices. This could easily have been checked. After all, such hackneyed stage devices are a poor substitute for the opportunities of the actor and the creation of atmosphere.

The play opened tamely. There was, indeed, throughout the play, much listless and airless movement. A. J. Royle as Mrs. White had a convincing appearance and manner, but M. R. Bentley did not give a definite personality to Mr. White. As the son, M. Lord had some good moments, but he spoke too rapidly and must learn to stand naturally without fidgeting. D. R. Crome as Sergeant-Major Morris often held the stage. He had obviously made a real effort to interpret his part, with a well-sustained voice and intelligent use of pause. The cast was completed by C. Turner as Mr. Sampson, the bearer of the news of the son's horrible death. He had a difficult, clumsily-written part, and was not altogether to blame for giving an impression of bashfulness rather than sorrow.

The horror of the play was dissipated by fussy stage movement and wooden gestures, especially in the last scene. The actors seemed insufficiently conscious that they were playing to an audience, and not speaking amongst themselves. The climax of the play failed to make its proper impact upon the audience for these reasons.

The play was produced by A. J. Royle.

"Mr. Fox," a cowboy-thriller, was presented by Ic on November 17th. It was admirably staged. The set was well-designed and adequately lighted. Sound effects (horses' hooves and pistol shots) were most realistic. Especially worthy of praise were the colourful yet appropriate costumes which had been provided for a wide variety of characters.

The dialogue was brisk, and was clearly and enthusiastically spoken. There was at times an impression that the voices were being forced, and the important illusion of natural speech was often lost. Pauses, emphasis, changes in tone, would have helped here. It was noticeable that many of the characters tended to speak together at a uniform speed.

The Western atmosphere was well created by A. F. Thomas as Glory Be, a barman, and especially by J. H. Boardman as Sadie, a coal-black mammy. He was excellently made up, and made a promising first appearance, delighting the audience with his lively delivery of lines like "Mars Jimmy, I spit in dat man's eye."

Miss Marquita (G. Henshall) was a self-possessed, almost truculent young bride. The villain was D. E. C. Robinson. I. C. Tortoiseshell as Jimmy, the hero, gained confidence during the performance to become quite a dashing hero. J. Cochrane spoke well as the bride's father, and D. C. Williams was well cast as a motherly minister's wife.

Also in the cast were A. G. Chesworth, C. S. Cooper and G. Pomfret as three cowboys; M. J. M. Brown as Hop Lee, a Chinese cook; and M. K. Walton, D. J. Dewhurst and C. Swann as the Sheriff and his posse, whose timely arrival brought the traditional ending to a very enjoyable entertainment.

The play was produced by Mr. Evans.

### The Donner Library

The new Donner Library has been in constant use by all the Sixth Forms, sometimes to the extent of overflowing. In order to match the contents of the Library to its pleasant appearance, 131 books were re-bound during the summer holiday and were back on their shelves at the beginning of term. This and the acquisition of 95 new books, covering a wide range of subjects, was made possible by the increased library allowance. In addition, generous gifts of books were received from W. A. Baker (6su), J. R. Bradshaw (O.H.), M. Broady (O.H.), T. Oliver (O.H.), N. Shields (O.H.), the Rev. A. H. Ginever, The English Electric Co., The Hamlyn Trust, the School Dance Fund. These gifts amounted to 42 further volumes. Gifts of magazines were received from M. Venner, Esq. (Parent) and H. H. Vlies, Esq. (O.H.). To all these donors our sincere thanks are due. At the time of writing a total of 336 books have been borrowed since the beginning of term. With the coming year's new allocation of funds, we hope to make still further additions to the Library shelves.

We regret to have to add that at the end of the Summer Term a very large number of books were missing from the shelves. We would urge those who have left School of recent years very earnestly to search their own shelves and their consciences and to return any books, belonging to the School library, they discover they have accidentally overlooked. They should realise that every book they have unjustifiably retained is a dead loss to the library. It would be a graceful token of appreciation, if every boy on leaving School were to donate a book to the library. It would be an appalling disaster, from every point of view, if the reverse were to be the case.



## The Science Society

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This term we have had a full programme of lectures and visits, and the meetings have been well attended.

Mention must first be made of the meetings which took place last term after *The Hulmeian* had gone to Press.

On Saturday, June 27th, a visit was made to Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope Experimental Station at Holmes Chapel. We were shown round by Mr. Das Gupta and we were all very impressed by the new developments there.

Three days later on Tuesday, June 30th, at 4-15 p.m., T. Oliver, a member of the third year Sixth Form at the School, gave a talk on "Avagadro's Hypothesis." He traced the history of the Hypothesis and explained the great fight for its recognition.

This term's activities started with a general meeting on Monday, September 14th, at 4-10 p.m. at which both the Meteorological Section and the Photographic Section of the Society were re-formed, E. G. Schumacher being elected to be leader of the Meteorological Section, and W. A. Baker to be leader of the Photographic Section. P. Bee was elected to represent the Lower Sixth Form on the Committee. It was also decided at this meeting that the half-yearly subscription should be lowered from 1s. 6d. to 1s.

On Thursday, September 17th, we had a return visit from Mr. G. E. Brookes of the Carborundum Company. Mr. Brookes, who brought along many samples, illustrated his talk on "Electric Furnace Products and Their Use as Refractories" with lantern slides. The meeting, which proved very enjoyable, ended with a colour film.

Mr. H. A. F. Nida of Shell-Mex and B.P. presented a lecture about "The Oil Industry" on Tuesday, September 29th, at 7 p.m. Mr. Nida brought along numerous leaflets and pamphlets to illustrate his lecture, and also two films.

On Tuesday, October 6th, a very interesting afternoon visit was made to Metropolitan-Vickers' works at Old Trafford. The visit was arranged by Mr. Venner, who had previously, in October, 1952, given a lecture to the Society on "Electron Microscopes." We saw much more than we had expected, visiting the Electron Microscopes, the High Voltage Laboratory and an Experimental Physics Laboratory, before being conducted through the main workshop.

A visit of a different kind was made to the Herbarium, at Manchester Museum on Thursday, October 15th at 7 p.m. Dr. E. M. Rosser, after giving us a lecture on "Botanical Work in a Museum," showed us many specimens and demonstrated some of the special techniques used in her work. We are indebted to Dr. Rosser for giving up her evening to make the visit a success.

Members entering Room 18 on the evening of October 27th were greeted with a blaze of colour from the many brightly-printed fabrics which Mr. J. Armour of C.P.A. used as a background to his entertaining talk entitled "A Piece of Print." Mr. Armour also showed some lantern slides, and demonstrated a few experiments.

On Tuesday, November 10th, at 7-0 p.m., Mr. N. Twigg of The Dunlop Rubber Co., delivered a lecture on "Rubber as an Engineering Component in Industry." He illustrated his talk with a multitude of lantern slides. The meeting was most interesting, in spite of the fact that we showed the lantern slides in the reverse order!

Mrs. Faulkner has again most kindly prepared the refreshments after the meetings this term and we would like to thank her sincerely for her help and interest.

Both the Meteorological Section and the Photographic Section have been recently revived and show encouraging signs of activity. Meteorological readings are taken regularly again, and the dark room is once more in use for developing and printing.

With regard to the future, we are looking forward to further meetings next term on a variety of subjects.

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## The Music Society

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The Annual General Meeting, held on Saturday, September 19th, was well attended. B. H. Blakeley reported that the Society had had a good year and that their financial position was sound. New officers were elected. P. K. Wheeler was appointed chairman, P. J. Richards secretary, and K. J. Hinson, T. D. Culbert, H. M. Greenhalgh, D. K. P. Greenwood and D. R. Axson were elected to the committee.

The alteration to the subscription has resulted in increased membership. All meetings have been well attended. On Thursday, September 24th,



D. R. Axson presented "Hors d'oeuvres," which, as the name suggests, embraced records of all kinds. It included such artists as Frankie Laine, Beniamino Gigli, Joan Hammond and Doris Day, and such music as the overture to "The Barber of Seville," and "Hot Toddy." The programme, which was intended to show new members what to expect in the coming year, was well received.

On Saturday, September 26th, P. J. Richards presented "Among My Souvenirs," a programme of modern music, consisting of twenty popular records. The programme was much appreciated, and such singers as Guy Mitchell, Nat "King" Cole and Mary Ford, and the band of Billy May were very popular.

P. K. Wheeler presented the "Yeoman of the Guard," by Gilbert and Sullivan, on October 3rd. The meeting was well attended and, although longer than expected, was enjoyed by all.

The next recital was given by H. M. Greenhalgh on Saturday, October 10th, entitled "Melody Mixture in the Modern Idiom." It consisted mainly of light orchestral music by Stan Kenton and Ted Heath. The meeting was well attended and included such numbers as "Fascinatin' Rhythm," "Rhapsody for Drums," and "Artistry in Boogie."

Mr. Thornton and Mr. Foyster presented the next programme, a tribute programme to Kathleen Ferrier. Mr. Foyster was remembered for his jazz programmes last term, but his programme with Mr. Thornton was in rather different vein. The recital consisted of a group of folk songs, two German songs by Schubert, as examples of lieder, "Art Thou Troubled?" by Handel and "What is Life?" from Gluck's opera "Orfeo," the last in which she appeared. The programme was very interesting and we hope to have the pleasure of further recitals from Mr. Thornton and Mr. Foyster and other members of the Staff.

The latest programme was given by D. R. Axson named "Strictly off the Record." Again in the modern idiom, the programme was a success, and we gathered that Axson is very fond of Frankie Laine. We had the pleasure of entertaining a visiting team from Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, for the occasion.

It should be possible to hold several more meetings before the end of term, which has in all respects proved a successful one. We are all looking forward to a recital by G. T. Denton and his string quartet, which should be very enjoyable.

## The Literary and Debating Society

With the departure from our midst of many of the old faithfuls, to take up their abodes in other seats of learning, a new hierarchy has acceded to their places. May these fresh props sustain the honour of the Society, as surely as their predecessors.

The good numbers at the Annual General Meeting heralded encouraging attendances throughout the term. This was eminently shown at our first gathering—a Balloon Debate, where an audience of forty enjoyed the mortal fray. In spite of Sir John Barbirolli's rhetoric, Sir John Gielgud's Shakespearian lore, Jimmy Edwards' trombone, and Gilbert Harding's intense disgust, Charlie Chaplin succeeded in infusing a little sanity into the evening's proceedings. The House decided to allow Sir John Gielgud to remain in the balloon—a judgment which justly honours J. A. G. Rimmer's masterly speech.

On October 12th, we were graciously invited to a Joint Debate at the Whalley Range High School. A necessarily select party gave their lively attention to the motion "that Wordsworth has done more good than Woolworth's." The motion was carried under the guidance of Miss Ann Totten, despite the gallant opposition speech from A. O. Dyson. The seconds were Miss Joan Heaton and J. D. S. Harrop.

"That Parliamentary Reform is necessary and urgent" was the motion at a vigorous debate held on October 26th. The scientists—B. R. Heap and P. Marlton—were for the proposition, and fortified their bulwarks with some statistics and an incomprehensible explanation of proportional representation. However, the opposition leaders from the Arts side, G. T. Denton and J. A. G. Rimmer—carried the day by one (rather dubious) vote.

On November 12th we read Galsworthy's "Windows" with the girls of Whalley Range High School. Besides the entertainment derived from the play itself, we can claim to have achieved no slight degree of fraternisation—or sororisation, as our honourable Chairman would prefer.

## The Athletic Society

The Athletic Society commenced this term with perhaps even greater enthusiasm than in past years, its members showing interest in both the theoretical and practical aspects of athletics.



A well-attended General Meeting was held early in the term on September 21st, at which the following Committee was elected:—

Vice-Chairman, W. Newey; Hon. Sec., R. K. Davies; Hon. Treas., D. Wilde; also R. K. Gibson, P. Marlton, D. S. Norbury, J. K. Robertson, C. F. Bryans, J. Davis, G. T. Ske'ding, F. P. Haslam, J. B. Wigglesworth.

Several new proposals for the Society's meetings and the programme for the coming term were made at this Meeting. The Committee was asked to discuss them more fully at its first meeting.

The Meeting then departed from its formal business and a most interesting and comprehensive talk was given by Mr. Peat, his subject being the "Olympic Games Since 1896." Some of the highlights in past Games and the origin of the Games were the two main features of this vast but well-covered subject.

At the first Meeting of the Committee, it was decided to adopt the proposal that a "Training Session" be held on each Thursday evening, when the general theme would be Technique Improvement, rather than individual training. Mr. Peat kindly agreed to undertake these training sessions and the first one was held on October 8th. After members who had attended this session had recovered from their exertions, the opinion of all was that it was very worth while and beneficial.

On October 5th, Mr. Peat commenced a series of detailed talks on "The Theory of Athletics." His first topic was "A General Introduction to Training," in which he mentioned the methods used in measuring distances in Athletic events and he ended his talk by outlining the main qualities of a good runner.

Mr. Peat continued his series on October 19th when he gave a talk on the actual build of an athlete and the methods he should use in his various events. Mr. Peat covered the subject very ably and with obvious knowledge of Athletics generally.

A further Meeting was held on November 9th, when once again Mr. Peat pursued his theme of talks. This one was concerned with problems on breathing and diet in Athletics, a subject which led to numerous questions at the end, all of which were very clearly answered.

On Monday, November 23rd, a talk on Cross Country Running will be given by Mr. Pentelow.

The Society looks forward to the coming season with confidence.

## The Badminton Club

A General Meeting was held on Thursday, September 10th, at which the following Committee was elected:—

Deputy Chairman, B. H. Blakeley; Hon. Secretary, E. A. Royle; Hon. Treasurer, I. H. Munro; K. L. Kilbey.

A decision was made to limit the Club membership to those from the Sixth and Fifth Forms. It was also decided to divide the Club into two groups, "A" and "B," the former being for members with experience of the game and the latter for beginners.

There has been a good attendance throughout the term and the standard of play has much improved.

On Monday, October 12th, the following team represented the School in an away match against Manchester Grammar School: E. A. Royle (capt.), B. Cartwright, J. D. Saunders, N. R. Watson, B. H. Blakeley, P. J. Richards. The result was a seven rubbers to two win for Manchester Grammar School.

On Monday, December 14th, an away match has been arranged with Stockport Grammar School.

We shall look forward to the two return matches next term.

## The Leonardo da Vinci Society

This term has seen the formation of a new Society. Its aim is to bring together boys having expert knowledge of any subject not included in the normal School syllabus. It has been appreciated for some time that a fair number of boys in the Upper School have exceptional information on a wide range of topics.

Membership of the Society was, in the first place, by invitation. In future, members will be either invited or elected after they have read a special paper on their subject to the Society.

Since its formation two meetings have been held. On October 7th P. K. Wheeler read a paper on



"The Production of Radio Drama," which was very well received and provoked a lively and most stimulating discussion. As the inaugural meeting it set an excellent standard for the future.

On November 3rd G. G. Ellis was invited to introduce himself as a new member by giving a talk on "Fresh Water Life in England." His paper was most carefully prepared and fascinatingly illustrated by live exhibits and large-scale drawings.

All members of the Society wish to thank Mrs. Bird and Mrs. Jecny for providing refreshments, which enhanced the social character of the occasion.

### The Christian Fellowship

Five meetings of the Fellowship have been held this term, and they were as follows:—

On September 16th a meeting was held for Bible Study, the portion considered being "The Walk to Emmaus" (St. Luke, ch. 24, v. 3-36). B. H. Blakeley was in the chair.

On October 12th two Old Hulmeians, D. R. Hankey and B. L. Tebbutt, gave a report on the "Assembly for Moral Rearmament," which was held at Caux, Switzerland, and which they visited during their summer vacation.

Another meeting for Bible Study was held on October 20th. W. A. Morrell was in the chair, and the subject was "The Parable of the Sower" (St. Mark, ch. 4, v. 1-20).

On October 22nd another Old Hulmeian, Ralph Chambers, a representative of the Lord's Day Observance Society, gave a talk illustrated with a flannelgraph, on "The Meaning of the Lord's Day." Afterwards, those present were able to inspect some publications of the Society.

A Bible Study meeting was again held on November 10th when the Chairman was W. A. Morrell, and the subject for study was the story of Gideon (Judges, chs. 6 and 7).

Meetings will be held at regular intervals throughout the rest of the School year, and we should welcome any boys in the School who may care to join us.

### Cricket

#### FIRST XI.

The final record for the season was Played 15, Won 6, Lost 6, Drawn 3, and for a largely inexperienced side, this was rather better than we expected. Several of our defeats have been heavy, as our later batsmen have not been able to recover from a bad start, and our bowlers have failed to keep a length against hard hitting. On the other hand, we have won several good games, and have sometimes played well in losing ones.

#### AVERAGES.

##### BATTING—

	Inns.	Not Out	H'g'st Score	Total Runs	Avge.
B. M. Oakes .....	14	2	58*	232	19.33
C. Gee .....	15	0	61	240	16
B. MacNab .....	15	0	46	234	15.6
C. E. Bryans .....	14	2	30	157	13.08
B. A. Craven .....	7	0	22	71	10.14
J. Delany .....	7	5	9*	20	10
R. N. Colling .....	12	5	24	65	9.29
J. N. Clarke .....	4	1	24	25	8.33
D. G. Robertson ..	13	4	28	74	8.22
C. A. Beswick ...	10	2	18*	54	6.75
E. A. Royle .....	7	0	10	31	4.43
D. W. Archer ...	6	2	5	10	2.5

\* Not out.

Also Batted.—J. N. Hopwood 7 and 2, N. R. Watson 38.

##### BOWLING—

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avge.
C. E. Bryans ...	85.2	17	231	18	12.83
J. Delany .....	58	19	176	13	13.54
B. MacNab .....	144.3	29	416	27	15.41
C. Gee .....	51.1	13	140	9	15.55
R. N. Colling ...	141	40	345	16	21.5
C. A. Beswick ..	63.1	7	249	8	31.13

Also Bowled.—B. A. Craven, 1-0-9-0.

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

June 20th, v MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Away. Lost by 5 wickets.

The start was delayed by heavy rain, and they put us in on a wet, soft wicket. We started quite well against their faster bowlers, but put up a very poor show against a slow off-spinner who, because no one used his feet, was able to bowl with a silly mid-on. We gave him three catches,



and were all out for a laboured 89. We got one wicket quickly, but their batting was much more aggressive than ours, and they got the runs easily.

Bryans was absent, and Watson, who took his place, was our top scorer.

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee c. MacDougall b. Dean ... ..	12
N. R. Watson lbw. b. Norman ... ..	38
B. MacNab c. Treeby b. Norman ... ..	8
B. M. Oakes run out ... ..	1
D. G. Robertson lbw. b. Norman ... ..	1
C. A. Beswick c. MacDougall b. Norman ...	8
B. A. Craven c. Melrose b. Dean ... ..	16
E. A. Royle lbw. b. Norman ... ..	2
R. N. Colling c. MacDougall b. Norman ...	1
J. Delany b. Norman ... ..	1
D. W. Archer not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	1
Total ... ..	89

Bowling: Dean 2 for 24, Norman 7 for 26.

## MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL.

J. Hollowood c. Archer b. Colling ... ..	30
H. T. H. Dean c. Archer b. Colling ... ..	4
J. McClay c. Royle b. Colling ... ..	11
A. M. Melrose not out ... ..	65
C. J. MacArthur lbw. b. MacNab ... ..	7
C. J. MacDougall b. MacNab ... ..	0
A. McKowan c. Archer b. Gee ... ..	7
Extras ... ..	4
Total (for 6 wickets) 128	

D. Alty, D. H. G. Thomas, D. W. Norman and L. N. Treeby did not bat.

Bowling: Colling 3 for 27, MacNab 2 for 36, C. Gee 1 for 44.

June 24th, v. OLD HULMEIANS. Home. Lost by 9 wickets.

The Old Boys brought a very strong side, and put us in on a drying wicket. Gee and Bryans started well, but after Gee had been brilliantly run out and Bryans had knocked off a bail in hitting to leg, only Oakes played with any confidence against very good and varied bowling. He batted well, and was out to a very fine catch at deep square leg.

For the Old Boys, Godson and Lawson attacked from the start, and D. J. Price scored even faster. None of our bowlers could do anything to stop them.

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee run out ... ..	12
C. E. Bryans hit wicket b. Stansby ... ..	3
B. MacNab c. Land b. Stansby ... ..	5
B. M. Oakes c. Price (E. B.) b. Widdows ...	44
D. G. Robertson b. Widdows ... ..	0
C. A. Beswick c. Land b. Widdows ... ..	0
B. A. Craven b. Blight ... ..	0
E. A. Royle st. Edwards b. Blight ... ..	9
R. N. Colling b. Widdows ... ..	3
J. Delany not out ... ..	4
D. W. Archer b. Tebbutt ... ..	5
Extras ... ..	8
Total ... ..	93

Bowling: Stansby 2 for 21, Widdows 4 for 12, Blight 2 for 24, Tebbutt 1 for 9.

## OLD HULMEIANS.

A. Godson not out ... ..	54
G. B. Lawson b. MacNab ... ..	22
D. J. Price not out ... ..	58
Extras ... ..	4
Total (for 1 wicket) 138	

J. C. Edwards, B. L. Tebbutt, A. M. Blight, E. B. Price, E. G. Widdows, W. B. Stansby, W. W. Land and E. Barnes did not bat.

Bowling: MacNab 1 for 42.

June 27th v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Won by 2 wickets.

They batted first on an easy wicket, but lost their first wicket for one run. Their next pair took the score to 40, but then wickets fell steadily, and eight were down for 79. Their last two wickets added 34, because their No. 10 hit out at slow bowling, and we missed several chances in the field. Archer had to retire after being hit on the head, and when he returned did not keep wicket. Instead he took an excellent catch on the boundary.

We made a good start, and passed the 100 with only four wickets down. MacNab batted well, but when we lost him at 107, three more wickets fell at the same total, and we won by only two wickets.



## WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

J. C. Tomkins c. Archer b. Delany ... ..	0
W. H. Horspool b. MacNab ... ..	12
R. I. Kerr lbw. b. MacNab ... ..	25
B. C. Lloyd b. Gee ... ..	4
J. Westlake b. Gee ... ..	3
N. H. Woods c. Oakes b. MacNab ... ..	0
G. W. L. Barton lbw. b. MacNab ... ..	3
C. J. Amer c. Archer b. Gee ... ..	19
J. Waller c. Gee b. MacNab ... ..	5
D. Perry not out ... ..	29
J. B. MacGlashan b. Bryans ... ..	1
Extras ... ..	22
Total ...	113

Bowling: Delany 1 for 3, MacNab 5 for 29, Bryans 1 for 7, Gee 3 for 38.

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee lbw. b. Amer ... ..	7
C. E. Bryans b. Lloyd ... ..	20
B. MacNab b. MacGlashan ... ..	46
B. M. Oakes c. Waller b. Woods ... ..	16
D. G. Robertson b. MacGlashan ... ..	5
C. A. Beswick c. Woods b. MacGlashan ... ..	8
B. A. Craven c. Amer b. MacGlashan ... ..	0
E. A. Royle hit wicket b. Woods ... ..	0
R. N. Colling not out ... ..	7
J. Delany not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	5

Total (for 8 wickets) 114

D. W. Archer did not bat.

Bowling: Amer 1 for 14, Lloyd 1 for 13, MacGlashan 4 for 15, Woods 2 for 35.

July 3, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Lost by 86 runs.

We won the toss, for only the second time this season, and put them in on a good wicket. They soon showed us our mistake, as they scored quickly from the start. This was not due to our bad bowling, but to their excellent batting. Colling and MacNab bowled well, but our opponents were quick to stop the good balls and to punish the loose ones. They declared at 165 for 2, made in a little over two hours, leaving us about the same time

to get the runs. We never looked like getting them, and after the fall of the fifth wicket, never looked like saving the game.

## MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

I. Gibson b. MacNab ... ..	27
G. D. Edge c. Gee b. MacNab ... ..	62
T. M. Richardson not out ... ..	54
G. M. Richardson not out ... ..	15
Extras ... ..	7

Total (for 2 wickets declared) 165

J. A. Ford, P. N. Hudson, B. D. Jones, E. M. Jackson, M. J. Ray, C. F. Druce and A. M. Hinsley did not bat.

Bowling: MacNab 2 for 69.

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee lbw. b. Gibson ... ..	14
C. E. Bryans c. Jackson b. Ray ... ..	6
B. MacNab b. Druce ... ..	18
B. M. Oakes b. Hinsley ... ..	10
D. G. Robertson c. Edge b. Hinsley ... ..	4
C. A. Beswick c. Richardson (G. M.) b. Gibson ... ..	2
B. A. Craven c. and b. Hinsley ... ..	15
E. A. Royle c. and b. Ray ... ..	5
R. N. Colling c. Edge b. Ray ... ..	1
J. Delany b. Hinsley ... ..	0
D. W. Archer not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	4

Total ... 79

Bowling: Ray 3 for 8, Hinsley 4 for 27, Druce 1 for 12, Gibson 2 for 17.

July 6th, v. THE STAFF. Home. Won by 80 runs.

The Staff won the toss and put us in, and had their bowling been supported by safer fielding, this policy might have been justified, as the wicket was taking spin and the ball was swinging in a strong breeze. Profiting from their early escapes, Gee and MacNab made 86 for the first wicket, and we were able to declare at 132 for 4, made in only 93 minutes.

The Staff started well, but after the fall of the first wicket at 21, wickets fell quickly, and only Mr. Slater held out for long. He carried his bat through the innings for 25 not out.



## SCHOOL.

C. Gee c. Mr. Bird b. Mr. Watkins ... ..	61
B. MacNab lbw. b. Mr. Bird ... ..	35
C. E. Bryans b. Mr. Bird ... ..	3
B. M. Oakes c. Mr. Slater b. Mr. Watkins ...	14
R. N. Colling not out ... ..	1
D. G. Robertson not out ... ..	4
Extras ... ..	14

Total (for 4 wickets declared) 132

C. A. Beswick, B. A. Craven, E. A. Royle, J. Delany and D. W. Archer did not bat.

Bowling: Mr. Bird 2 for 28, Mr. Watkins 2 for 3.

## THE STAFF.

J. B. Simpson lbw. b. Colling ... ..	12
J. A. Slater not out ... ..	25
R. Pentelow c. MacNab b. Colling ... ..	0
J. G. Bird run out ... ..	1
C. Morley c. MacNab b. Gee ... ..	3
Miss G. Jones c. Beswick b. MacNab ... ..	1
L. H. Watkins b. MacNab ... ..	3
G. M. Thornton b. MacNab ... ..	0
W. Robinson c. Colling b. MacNab ... ..	2
W. H. Jones b. Bryans ... ..	0
A. Woolfenden b. Bryans ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	5

Total ... 52

Bowling: Colling 2 for 12, Gee 1 for 9, MacNab 4 for 15, Bryans 2 for 3.

July 8th, v KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL. Away. Lost by 7 runs.

They won the toss and batted first on a good wicket. Our bowlers were troubled by a high wind, and at first were very inaccurate. Bryans and Beswick managed to keep some control of the ball, and we got them out for 113. Heavy rain just before the end of their innings, and twice during ours, made the pitch difficult, and though we made a good effort, we just failed to reach their total.

## KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL.

D. J. Peak b. Beswick ... ..	19
C. G. Wiggins b. Beswick ... ..	14
P. B. Young c. MacNab b. Beswick ... ..	10
A. T. Ogden lbw. b. Bryans ... ..	36
I. W. MacNae c. Royle b. Bryans ... ..	0
P. J. Ponds lbw. b. Bryans ... ..	4
M. H. Cavendish b. Bryans ... ..	17
J. S. Gibson b. Beswick ... ..	3

A. G. Massey b. Beswick ... ..	4
E. D. Kirkham c. Beswick b. Bryans ... ..	4
I. R. Collins not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	2

Total ... 113

Bowling: Beswick 5 for 48, Bryans 5 for 26.

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee c. Ogden b. Cavendish ... ..	12
C. E. Bryans lbw. b. Peak ... ..	8
B. MacNab c. Kirkham b. Wiggins ... ..	28
B. M. Oakes lbw. b. Peak ... ..	1
R. N. Colling run out ... ..	1
D. G. Robertson b. Cavendish ... ..	10
C. A. Beswick c. Ogden b. Cavendish ... ..	0
B. A. Craven b. Young ... ..	22
E. A. Royle lbw. b. Wiggins ... ..	5
J. Delany not out ... ..	9
D. W. Archer b. Cavendish ... ..	4
Extras ... ..	6

Total ... 106

Bowling: Cavendish 4 for 49, D. J. Peak 2 for 26, Wiggins 2 for 13, Young 1 for 1.

July 9th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL, WAKEFIELD. Away. Match drawn.

The real winner of this game was the weather, in spite of all our efforts to get on with the game. A start was made to the accompaniment of thunder and lightning, on a very wet wicket and soaked outfield. Our bowlers were quite ineffective, especially after a heavy storm held up play for one and three-quarter hours. That left little chance of a finish, and after losing two wickets quickly, we could only play out time in more rain.

## QUEEN ELIZABETH'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

E. M. Dyson not out ... ..	65
D. M. Perkins c. Delany b. Beswick ... ..	31
J. P. Riley not out ... ..	20
Extras ... ..	3

Total (for 1 wicket declared) 119

C. T. Littlewood, T. Cass, I. Plimmer, D. A. Harrison, R. Allott, C. C. Nichols, J. M. Garthwaite and N. Sowerby did not bat.

Bowling: Beswick 1 for 37.



## SCHOOL.

C. Gee c. Dyson b. Allott ... ..	28
C. E. Bryans c. Sowerby b. Nichols ... ..	4
B. MacNab c. Garthwaite b. Sowerby ... ..	6
B. M. Oakes c. Harrison b. Allott ... ..	12
R. N. Colling not out ... ..	3
D. G. Robertson not out ... ..	1
Extras ... ..	5
Total (for 4 wickets) ... ..	59

C. A. Beswick, J. Delany, B. A. Craven, E. A. Royle and D. W. Archer did not bat.

Bowling: Nichols 1 for 13, Sowerby 1 for 12, Allott 2 for 21.

July 15th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Home. Match drawn.

They won the toss and batted on a slow wicket. They scored slowly, though we could get no life from the wicket, and helped by a few mistakes in the field, reached 189 for 6 wickets in rather more than three and a half hours. Their declaration left us the impossible task of getting the runs in one and three-quarter hours, and after losing two wickets quickly, we easily played out time.

## BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL.

I. J. Black b. Delany ... ..	8
B. N. Williams c. Gee b. MacNab ... ..	24
L. I. Rimmer not out ... ..	100
P. E. F. Youd b. Bryans ... ..	0
M. R. Brearly b. Bryans ... ..	4
J. B. Aitken c. Royle b. MacNab ... ..	30
M. W. Thomas run out ... ..	2
M. J. Stubbs not out ... ..	12
Extras ... ..	9

Total (for 6 wickets declared) 189

G. R. Brown, J. F. Boggie and M. J. Thinn did not bat.

Bowling: Delany 1 for 10, MacNab 2 for 65, Bryans 2 for 32.

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee st. Brown b. Thinn ... ..	0
B. MacNab b. Thinn ... ..	5
R. N. Colling b. Boggie ... ..	24
B. M. Oakes not out ... ..	22
C. E. Bryans not out ... ..	0
Extras ... ..	6

Total (for 3 wickets) 57

D. G. Robertson, C. A. Beswick, J. Delany, B. A. Craven, E. A. Royle and D. W. Archer did not bat.

Bowling: Thinn 2 for 16, Boggie 1 for 9.

July 17th, v. MR. E. BARNES'S XI. Home. Won by 4 wickets.

Speech Day lived up to its reputation and was very wet. We waited three hours to make a start, and then could not use the prepared wicket. We again lost the toss—we won it only twice all the season—and the visitors batted first, with only two and three-quarter hours available for play. They tried to score quickly, but our bowling was good, and our fielding even better, and they were all out for 54. We also went for the runs, and though we lost wickets, passed their total in the last over. As Mr. Barnes had an extra man, we included Hopwood and played twelve-a-side.

## MR. BARNES'S XI.

W. A. Driver b. Delany ... ..	7
R. J. Winfield b. Delany ... ..	3
M. Land c. Robertson b. Delany ... ..	12
I. A. Kennedy c. Oakes b. Colling ... ..	9
R. N. Whittaker c. MacNab b. Delany ... ..	3
D. M. Archer c. Archer b. Colling ... ..	7
D. A. Hilton c. Archer b. MacNab ... ..	3
W. A. Davies c. Bryans b. MacNab ... ..	0
H. Shaw b. Colling ... ..	0
J. G. Bird b. MacNab ... ..	2
J. K. Glover not out ... ..	6
E. Barnes c. Robertson b. MacNab ... ..	1
Extras ... ..	1

Total ... 54

Bowling: Colling 3 for 24, Delany 4 for 21, MacNab 4 for 8.

## SCHOOL.

C. Gee b. Glover ... ..	0
C. E. Bryans c. Driver b. Kennedy ... ..	3
B. MacNab b. Glover ... ..	4
J. N. Hopwood run out ... ..	2
B. M. Oakes c. Winfield b. Bird ... ..	8
R. N. Colling not out ... ..	16
C. A. Beswick c. and b. Whittaker ... ..	6
B. A. Craven run out ... ..	5
F. G. Robertson not out ... ..	2
Extras ... ..	10

Total (for 7 wickets) 56

E. A. Royle, J. Delany and D. W. Archer did not bat.



Bowling: Glover, 2 for 7, Kennedy 1 for 8, Bird 1 for 6, Whittaker 1 for 12.

## SECOND XI.

There remain only two matches to report: a victory over King Edward VII's School, Lytham, and a defeat by Birkenhead. The latter was a comic opera affair, in which our batsmen competed with each other to throw away their wickets. Gibson enlivened it with 40, including four 6's (two gigantic ones of which Hercules himself would have been proud).

Late in the season M. J. Roberts and A. C. Morris were brought into the team. It is unfortunate that they were not discovered sooner, for they might have managed to turn the balance in some of the narrow defeats which the team suffered.

## RESULTS.

July 8th v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Home. Lytham 76, School 79 for 3. School won by 7 wickets.

July 15th, v. BIRKENHEAD SCHOOL. Home. Birkenhead 90 (Selman 4 for 35); School 87 (Gibson 40, Robertson 22). School lost by 3 runs.

Summary of Results.—Played 8, Won 3, Lost 4, Drawn 1.

## BATTING AVERAGES include—

	Inns.	Not Out	Runs	Highest Score	Avg.
B. A. Craven .....	4	1	96	64	32
J. K. Robertson ...	8	2	124	43	20.6
R. K. Gibson .....	8	2	116	40	19.3
J. N. Hopwood .....	8	0	135	44	15.6
N. R. Watson .....	7	0	80	37	11.4
J. M. Selman .....	5	3	24	10	12
G. E. Ramsdale .....	7	0	72	19	10.2

## BOWLING—

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Avg.
J. M. Selman .....	87	26	203	21	9.6
D. K. P. Greenwood .....	21	0	75	7	10.7
J. K. Robertson .....	54	10	152	13	11.1
G. Rushworth .....	73	18	146	8	18.2

Team Colours: J. N. Hopwood (capt.), J. K. Robertson (vice-capt.), B. A. Craven, R. K. Gibson, D. R. Watson, J. M. Selman, G. Rushworth, G. E. Ramsdale, G. Shaw, D. K. P. Greenwood, K. L. Kilbey.

Also played: M. J. Roberts, A. C. Morris, H. M. Greenhalgh, S. C. Williams, M. Insole.

## UNDER 15 XI.

Only two games remained to be played when last term's report was written. In the whole season four games were won, three drawn and two lost. In addition to those noted last term, Caps were awarded to G. S. Phillips, G. W. Francis, J. D. Hague, and J. S. Hilland. An Under 14 XI won two matches against Chetham's Hospital School.

## RESULTS.

Saturday, June 27th, v. WALLASEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, at home. Won by 57 runs. School 116 (N. V. Barber 33, T. W. Warnes 25), Wallasey 59 (K. S. Williams 5 for 12).

Wednesday, July 8th, v. KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM, away. Match drawn. Lytham 110 (G. W. Francis 3 for 26, T. W. Warnes 3 for 35); School 57 for 8 wickets (K. S. Williams 19, G. W. Francis 11 not out).

## UNDER 14 XI.

Wednesday, June 24th, v. CHETHAM'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL, away. Won by 82 runs. School 104 for 2 declared (N. V. Barber 69 not out, G. S. Phillips 26 not out); Chetham's Hospital 22 (G. W. Francis 4 for 3, H. Bibby 2 for 1, G. S. Phillips 2 for 1).

Wednesday, July 1st, v. CHETHAM'S HOSPITAL SCHOOL, at home. Won by 84 runs. School 98 for 7 declared (G. S. Phillips 39 not out, G. W. Francis 18); Chetham's Hospital School 14 (H. Bibby 5 for 11, G. W. Francis 3 for 1, G. S. Phillips 2 for 2).

## Rugby Football

### 1ST XV.

This season has revealed already a standard of rugby football superior to that of last season, owing to some extent to the experience gained by the youthful members of that team. The pack has worked hard both in the scrums and line-outs, while on the other hand its play in the open has lacked the "bite" which always commands the respect of the opposition. The wing forwards, though not, at the moment, the force they should be, are gradually improving. Mention should be made of Robertson and Skelding, assets in the line-out and the loose respectively. The backs started the season well, Norbury in particular being a force to be reckoned with. Of late, however, their play has become ragged and indecisive, owing



to slowness off the mark and faulty covering. Injuries to Norbury and Davies have handicapped the team considerably.

The team has usually been: A. O. Dyson (capt.), P. Marlton, R. K. Davies (vice-capt.), D. S. Norbury, R. K. Gibson, F. Martin, E. A. Royle, C. E. Bryans, M. S. Blackburn, G. T. Skelding, J. K. Robertson, M. Credland, W. Newey, J. A. Austin, D. Wilde.

The following have also played: G. Rushworth, D. Pilkington, T. D. Culbert.

Colours have been awarded to: A. O. Dyson and R. K. Davies.

September 31st, v. L. H. WATKINS' XV, at home. Won. This was a closely-fought game in bad conditions. Both sides lacked cohesion and as a result there was little open play. Tries were scored by Dyson after a dribble, and by Norbury, after an interception in his own twenty-five.

October 10th, v. SALE R.U.F.C. SCHOOLS XV. at home. Won 21—5. The School played well to beat a more experienced side. The backs ran well and were given a good service by Bryans, for whom the match was a personal success. Norbury and Marlton played well.

October 14th, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD, at home. Lost 3—6. This also was an evenly-fought game between two closely matched sides. A draw might have been a fairer result had not the School conceded numerous penalties for technical offences.

October 24th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL, away. Won 8—6. The School won in the closing minutes of play, thanks to a fine kick by Rushworth. There was lack of co-ordination between backs and forwards which prevented decisive play.

November 4th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, away. Lost 3—20. The score was 3—5 at half-time, as a result of the pack's hard work, in the tight particularly, and to the backs' use of the kick-ahead, ideal in the wet conditions. In the second half the School played with less intelligence and less verve to allow the home team to profit from our mistakes. Bryans kicked a penalty goal.

November 11th, v. QUEEN ELIZABETH GRAMMAR SCHOOL, at home. Lost 0—14. Against a strong Wakefield side the School did well to keep down the margin. The points scored were the price paid for bad marking by the three-quarters and full-back, and for the poor covering by the forwards. The backs tackled badly, the opposing out-half scoring a try just before no-side where he beat five men.

The side has been well led by A. O. Dyson and shows promise of good football.

## SECOND XV.

At the time of writing, six matches have been played, leaving two more before the close of the season. We started the season with a fairly experienced team, but so far the results have been disappointing, although many matches have been much closer than the scores suggest. The team has been somewhat disturbed by changes due to players moving up to the 1st XV and because of injuries. The forwards have played enthusiastically, but have not played together well enough in the loose scrums and have been weak in the line-outs. Although the backs have usually tackled and defended well, they have tended to take their passes at half speed, and hence have missed many chances of scoring. The results to date are one win, four losses, and one draw.

## RESULTS.

Oct. 10.—v. Y.M.C.A. Colts .....	H L	0—20
Oct. 14.—v. King's School,		
	Macclesfield	A L 6—20
Oct. 24.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	H W	48—3
Nov. 4.—v. King Edward VII		
	School, Lytham	A D 6—6
Nov. 7.—v. Merchant Taylors'		
	School, Crosby	H L 3—11
Nov. 11.—v. Queen Elizabeth's G.S.,		
	Wakefield	H L 0—27

The team has been chosen from I. J. Graham-Bryce (capt.), K. Harding, F. Martin, H. M. Greenhalgh, A. D. Thompson, P. J. Richards, K. L. Kilbey, M. D. Browne, C. Gee, G. Ramsdale, I. H. Munro, T. D. Culbert, P. F. Wilde, C. B. Hamnett, D. J. Pilkington, D. A. Seaton, and P. G. Thompson.

The following have also played: D. Wilde, G. Rushworth, R. B. Woolham.

## UNDER 15.

This year's side seems to be stronger than usual and has so far won all the matches played. The forwards, especially the front row, are rather light, and have not always been able to get much of the ball from the set scrums, but they have played extremely well in the loose. N. V. Barber has led the pack and has been invaluable both in attack and in defence; the other forwards are quick in



their movements, very determined, and ready either to follow up and complete an attack or to reinforce the defence. J. Davis and J. W. Fearon have perhaps been outstanding, but the other forwards have all played well. The backs have never let their opponents move with any freedom, and although some have a tendency to tackle high, they have rarely missed their men. Only once in six games has our line been crossed because of faulty tackling. M. Lord, the captain, has led the side well, has been a centre dangerous in attack and cool in defence, and has been well supported by the others. The passing has sometimes been careless, but the opportunism of J. D. Hague, G. S. Phillips, A. F. Pitty, C. G. McDiarmid and the forwards has brought many tries when movements seemed to have broken down.

Colours have been awarded to M. Lord (capt.), N. V. Barber and J. D. Hague (Old Colours) and to J. Davis, J. W. Fearon, C. G. McDiarmid, G. S. Phillips, A. F. Pitty, D. S. Armstrong, G. H. Lynn, K. H. Mitchell, T. W. Woodward, D. G. Wright, T. H. Toon and A. M. Veal. A. N. S. Guthrie and D. W. L. Burnham have also played, without noticeably weakening the side.

#### RESULTS.

Saturday, October 10th, *v.* STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Won 37—3.

Wednesday, October 14th, *v.* KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Home. Won 15—5.

Saturday, October 24th, *v.* CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Won 51—5.

Wednesday, October 28th, *v.* DENSTONE COLLEGE. Away. Won 6—5.

Wednesday, November 4th, *v.* KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Home. Won 22—0.

Saturday, November 7th, *v.* MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Away. Won 29—0.

#### UNDER 13.

The team has played two matches, both against Chetham's Hospital School. They lost at home 0—3 and won away 6—3.

It has taken the three-quarters a long time to realise that games are won by co-operation, and it has taken the forwards even longer to realise that the ball can only be got out of the scrum to the brilliant three-quarter line by the scrum binding tight, packing low and shoving hard. The three-quarters, Robinson, Geary, Bardsley and Wienholt have mainly been fed by the opposing fly-half. Thorp, the captain, has set an excellent example in resolute tackling.

The following have played:—G. Thorp (capt.), P. Bardsley (vice-capt.), W. D. Yale, M. P. Robinson, G. M. Geary, B. Wienholt, F. P. Davies, D. L. Mather, I. H. Cottrell, C. W. Stubbs, J. Lomas, R. B. Rudkin, K. J. Taylor, H. R. MacCallum, P. A. Gee, C. V. Hickling, B. W. Maurice.

#### House Games

The weather has been particularly kind to us this term, and so far House Games have been cancelled only once. As a result of this the positions in the House League are well separated. Gaskell is clearly at the top and Whitworth sadly at the bottom. Gaskell Seniors are yet unbeaten. Heywood, Fraser, Dalton (which has suffered from the number of seniors on the School teams) and Byrom occupy the middle positions in that order, and are all evenly spaced.

In the first round of the "Knock-Outs" Dalton seniors beat Whitworth just before the final whistle, and Fraser defeated Heywood. In the junior section, Gaskell beat Fraser, and, after a replay, Whitworth won against Dalton. The second round of the "Knock-Outs" will be played on Wednesday, December 9th, when Dalton and Byrom, Fraser and Gaskell will face each other in the senior section, with Byrom juniors opposing Whitworth and Heywood against Gaskell.

The First and Second Forms have been playing in practice matches until recently; but now a Junior House League has been formed. No doubt there will be considerable rivalry for first position, as throughout this term the junior forms have shown commendable, and exemplary, keenness.

#### The Hulme Lads' Club

The annual collection is now taking place, and we are determined that the Club shall be enabled to maintain its valuable work. Any Old Boys who would like to continue to help the Club are invited to send their contributions to the Secretary at the Club, or to Mr. Williams at School. The collection is not completed till the beginning of next term, so there is time to send contributions after the appearance of this number of *The Hulmeian*.

Our annual visit to the Club has been arranged for Wednesday, November 18th, and we hope there will be a good number of parents and boys present.



## Cheshire

Cheshire! land of streams and rivers  
Where the misty meres lie still,  
Merged in depths of sombre forests,  
Herons' cries the silence fill.

Birds sing sweetly in the hedgerows,  
Whitethroats chatter, buntings call,  
Swallows wheel o'er farmhouse thatching,  
Raucous rooks haunt elm trees tall.

Stately homes of ancient families:  
Sweeping lawns by rivers wide,  
Hills and moors and limestone valleys  
Gird fair Cheshire's countryside.

In the damp and leaf-filled ditches  
Rabbits rustle, weasels dart,  
Poised upon the bending corn-stem  
Beady-eyed the field mice start.

Here and there a factory chimney  
Belches forth its acrid smoke,  
Darkly screening heaven's azure,  
Mantling earth in stygian cloak.

Yet this plain of peace and plenty,  
With its cots and twisty lanes,  
Holds for me a dear remembrance  
And a lasting joy remains.

D. H. TREADWELL, 6mu.

## Algerian Holiday

About twelve months ago, I was offered the chance of going to Algeria with a team of boys from Crusader classes all over England. I accepted, and that, briefly, is how I came to visit North Africa.

We left England on August 5th, and by midnight the next day we had crossed the Channel and half of France. We arrived at Dijon station at midnight: not a very significant thing on a journey across France one would think. Perhaps not. We expected a twenty minute wait there, and all went back to sleep. We awoke next morning expecting to see Marseilles, but we were still at Dijon. There we stayed for twenty-four hours, while the French railway workers settled their differences over how much pay increase they were going to demand. We

had rather an enjoyable day in Dijon, however. We cooked all our meals on the platform, to the amusement of our French mess-mates.

We eventually arrived at Marseilles, and boarded our boat, the "Ville de Tunis." We crossed the Mediterranean 4th class, and believe me, you cannot go lower than that. We found we were three decks down, and had to share a space about a hundred yards square with two or three hundred "Worthy Oriental Gentlemen." We slept on deck, under the velvet sky, with a big Mediterranean moon looking on. We mounted a round-the-clock guard on our kit, lest we disembarked with less than we boarded.

We docked at Algiers on Sunday, August 9th, and spent the day looking around. Our base, Azazga, was four hours bus ride away. We arrived there at 9 p.m., just in time to meet our host for the next week, have some supper, and turn in. It was good to get undressed for the first time since we left England four days back. We slept on a ridged metal floor, but nobody complained of lack of sleep.

On the Tuesday we got up at 3 a.m. to get the bus to go to Hydja market. All the buses are single deck, but on top is a luggage rack. The bus moved about 4 a.m. and we arrived at the market, which was held on a barren, rocky plateau half-way up a hill, at about 5-30 a.m. In the half light, a little to the right of the main market, were three or four wooden goalposts in line. When the market opened at 8 a.m. a herd of scraggy cows was assembled near these posts, and one by one the poor beasts were led up to them, had their legs tied together, were turned over on their backs, and had their throats cut, for the Mohammedans are forbidden to eat the flesh of animals killed otherwise. The butchers then proceeded to hack them up, and the lumps of dripping meat were hung from the cross-bars. We had our first meat for a week that day—we didn't feel very hungry.

On the way home there were about forty natives inside the bus, and about twenty on top, not to mention sundry goats, etc.

The next week we were "On trek." This was the highlight of our expedition. We were going to climb the foothills of the Algerian Maritime Atlas, known as the Djurdjura range and cross part of the Atlas to reach a government holiday camp on the other side.

Before I left England I thought Algeria was mostly flat desert—I could not have been more mistaken. The rock varies between granite or sandstone, and limestone, and with a brilliant African sun on it for sixteen hours a day, it



becomes quite dazzling. The only real wind is the Sirocco. This blows twice a year, and other than this there is nothing to move the air. The country is craggy, and very rocky, some of the peaks rising to 8,000 feet. The views we got far excelled anything I have ever seen, being magnificent in their grandeur. We would come over the brow of a hill, and there before us would spread many miles of plain, about 5,000 or 6,000 feet below—the sort of view you get from an aeroplane.

Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. it is impossible to move, and the only thing to do is to find some shady spot, and “kip” down. Of course, we slept under the stars, without tents, and did all our cooking over log fires. I do not remember seeing one native the whole week.

We were very worried about scorpions, which we heard were very dangerous. They are, and we saw quite a few, but they did not harm us.

We arrived in Algiers on Monday, August 24th, in an old Citroën lorry. The lorry stopped outside a bank in Algiers, and one or two of the party went to change travellers' cheques, whilst the rest of us went and looked around. On our return there was no lorry in sight, and five of us stood on the side of the street fifteen hundred miles from home, not familiar with the language and with about thirty shillings between us. We were eventually rescued, and were taken to the Mission Espagnol in one of the lower parts of Algiers—our base until Thursday.

On Wednesday we went for a trip round the Casbah—the dirtiest place I have ever been in—where a French soldier had been stabbed the previous Monday night.

In the afternoon, at the invitation of three friends, one having an officer father in the French Army, we went swimming in the Mediterranean.

In the evening we were invited back to the Officers' Club, at which we had been swimming, to sing some “Traditional English songs.” We finished up by singing the National Anthem, by popular request. I can see it now, the moon rising over Algiers Bay, the dimly-lit open-air dance floor, surrounded by tables crowded with French army officers and their families, all standing for our National Anthem—it was a most moving sight.

That is the last clear memory I have of Algiers. The next day we left, and by devious routes returned to England, where we went our ways enlightened by our Algerian holiday.

P. F. WILDE, 6ls.

## At the Fall

It was warm work climbing, and by the time I had gained the gulley near the top of the wood I considered that I had earned a rest, and I took the opportunity of looking around me.

Above, along the gulley, opened out the fells, a vast expanse covered with a carpet of purple heather and golden brown bracken, broken by areas of grey rock that had burst through their thin covering of earth. Behind, the valley was surrounded by mountains, all heather and bracken covered, but the distance rendered all details indistinct. The trees shut out all view of the valley from which I had climbed, and the beck that ran through the gulley, and had, I suppose, created it, disappeared under the gloom of the overhanging branches. The wood itself contained few big trees, and was mainly composed of straggling hazel of but a few years' growth, all ivy-covered, and there was no grass underfoot, but damp earth and moss-covered stones. However, in the more open spaces grew several mighty beeches, like the one under which I rested, and at this season they were, indeed, a sight, as they appeared enclosed in shining bronze armour, which blended harmoniously with the russet chestnut trees and multicoloured sycamores that were scattered amongst the smaller trees.

The beck at my feet gurgled soothingly over the stones, and provided fitting accompaniment to the robin, which sang its wistful autumn song, as if bewailing the passage of the season of plenty. Above me, in the canopy of the beech, a blue-tit churred irregularly during its foraging, not the carefree spring-song, but probably a call to some neighbour out of range of human ears.

Then from the fell came a mewing cry. Surely that was the piping of a curlew. But no, the curlews had long since returned to the soft mud of the estuary. It was more like the cry of some farmyard cat that had taken to the wild. But then the cause of the cry came into view. A fairly large bird swept round from behind a towering pike, and stood out black against the grey autumn sky. It then descended in a wide spiral to within twenty feet of the ground, and then flew steadily along the valley. Its brown, rounded wings with rook-like “fingers” could be seen easily against the opposite fell-side. The buzzard—for it could be nothing else—then flew very close to the ground, as if searching for something, before soaring upwards with scarcely a wing-flap. By soaring and gliding, it rose to a tremendous height, hundreds