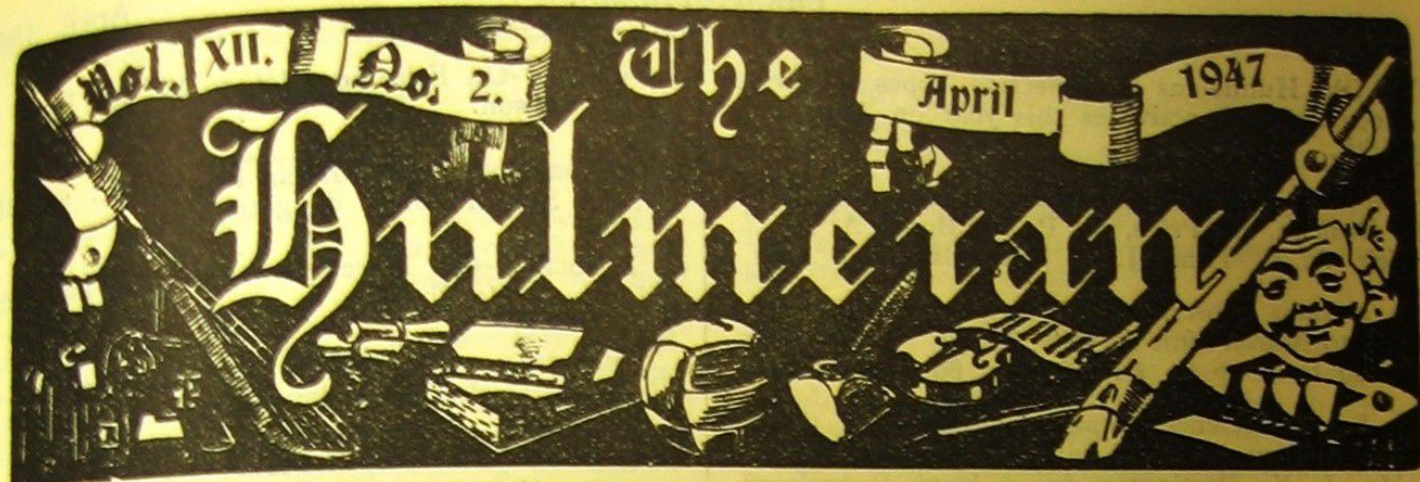




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Notes and News.

We are glad to say that Mr. Dennis has recovered sufficiently from his illness to be able to resume direction of the School. We regret that ill-health continues to prevent Mr. Anderson's return to School, but hope that when milder weather comes he will recover.

Mr. P. M. Burrows, M.A., of Christ's College, Cambridge, has been taking Mr. Forrest's place temporarily this term.

Founder's Day was celebrated at Manchester Cathedral on Monday, January 27th. The address was given by Canon H. F. Woolnough, the Chairman of the Governors, and Mr. Gatley read the lesson.

Capt. C. M. Ford (O.H.) has succeeded Sir James Bisset as Commander of the "Queen Elizabeth." Captain Ford has been with the Cunard White Star Company since 1912. He was called up for Naval service in October, 1939, and until June, 1942, served as a Commodore of Convoys.

N. R. Coe, J. Buckland, F. D. Bell, of the Old Hulmeians, were chosen to play for the North; A. L. Dennis and A. B. Maddocks for the South, in the North v. South Lacrosse match on the Oval ground in London on March 8th.

At the recent Manchester University Examinations A. B. Haward and N. W. Preston passed the Final M.B. and Ch.B. Examination, W. L. Tonge the Third M.B. and Ch.B. A. B. Dunworth was successful at the Fourth Examination in Dentistry.

The Old Hulmeians Golf Section hopes to revive its Ascension Day activities this year on Thursday, May 15th.

First team lacrosse colours have been awarded to I. R. Duncan, G. Price, R. P. M. Bond, A. A. C. Darroch, A. V. Tune, J. C. Edwards.

The amount subscribed to National Savings this term up to March 10th is £40 7s. 0d. This brings the grand total up to £14,209 0s. 6d.

The School Science Department have to thank Mr. G. W. Kovach for the gift of a Resistance Box, and Mr. J. K. Partington for a large Ruhmkorff coil.

Calendar for Midsummer Term:—

The Term will begin on Tuesday, April 15th, at nine o'clock.

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Thursday, May 22nd, at noon, to Tuesday, June 3rd, at nine o'clock.

Midsummer Term will end on Friday, July 25th, at four o'clock.

BIRTHS.

DICKSON.—On December 12th, 1946, to Jean, wife of Dr. Walter Dickson, a daughter.

FAZAKERLEY.—On December 16th, to Margaret and Donald Fazakerley, a son.

WOOD.—On December 21st, to Mary, wife of Dr. Derek Wood, a son.

DAFFORNE.—On December 28th, to John and Edith Dafforne, a son.

HADFIELD.—On January 20th, 1947, to Helen, wife of A. Maurice Hadfield, a daughter.

BURNSIDE.—On February 2nd, to Kathleen, wife of Colin A. Burnside, a son.

NESBITT.—On February 3rd, to Molly and Arthur S. Nesbitt, a daughter.

SWINN.—On February 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swinn, a son.

WHITTINGHAM.—On February 19th, to Marjorie and Sidney Whittingham (Hon. Treasurer, Old Hulmeians Association), a son.

TAYLOR.—On February 21st, to Joan and Philip Howard Taylor, a son.

YATES.—On February 21st, to Vi. and James W. Yates, a son.

SUNDERLAND.—On March 1st, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sunderland, a daughter.

LINDLEY.—On March 3rd, to Lois and Edgar Lindley, a daughter.

DOCKERAY.—On March 4th, to Constance and Cyril P. Dockeray, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

MAYERS—HEPPLESTONE.—On August 10th, 1946, AUGUSTUS BARRON, son of Mrs. A. E. Mayers and the late Mr. A. Mayers, to MARGARET, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hepplestone.

APPLEBY—WARD.—On December 21st, ROBERT MILSON APPLEBY to LILIAN JEAN WARD.

NIELD—AIREY.—On December 28th, Major ERNEST NIELD, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Nield, to DOROTHY JOAN AIREY, elder daughter of Mrs. D. Airey and the late Mr. S. Airey.

EDWARDS—HOLLOWAY.—On March 15th, 1947, ROBERT DONALD, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards, of Bramhall, to JOAN, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Holloway, of Withington.

PEERS—TALBOT.—On March 15th, CHARLES ROBERT PEERS, L.D.S., of Didsbury, to DOROTHY PATRICIA TALBOT, of Grantham.

DEATHS.

FOWLER.—On December 17th, 1946, at Bombay, GEOFFREY, second son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Fowler.

IRWIN.—On January 20th, 1947, at St. Ives, Cornwall, HARRY GREVILLE WOOD, aged 53 years, only son of Henry Irwin.

OLDCORN.—On February 3rd, in hospital, KENNETH IRVINE, devoted husband of Olwyn Mary, and only son of Margaret and William Irvine Oldcorn, of 37, Westbank Road, Morecambe.

FRANKLIN.—On February 18th, at Hoylake, JOHN INGHAM, aged 82, dearly beloved husband of the late Helen Joan Franklin.

Mr. J. I. Franklin.

We record with deep regret, which will be shared by many generations of Old Hulmeians, the death on February 18th of Mr. J. I. Franklin at the age of 82. For some years he had been liable to falls due to heart weakness, and in October last he had the misfortune to fracture two ribs, from the consequences of which he never recovered. Among those present at his funeral at Landican Crematorium were Mr. G. N. E. Gilliat, representing the School and the Old Hulmeians Association, and Mr. E. G. W. Hewlett, a former colleague and old friend. Mr. Franklin retired in December, 1924, after 35 years of service to the School, and during that long period had never been absent through illness for a single day.

He was educated at Blackheath Proprietary School (a long walk from his home at Shooters Hill), and was in residence at Trinity College, Cambridge, for one year, but through adverse circumstances was unable to complete his course at that University. He gave up the idea of making medicine his profession, although he had passed the preliminary examination, and took various teaching posts, at Burgess Hill and elsewhere, while studying for his degree of B.A. in the University of London. He was thus not without experience in school work when he was appointed by Dr. Joseph Hall in January, 1890, to a mastership in English subjects in this School, with Modern Third as his form. "English" included history (even shorthand for a time) and other forms came to Mr. Franklin for part of their work, but Modern III. was his own form, and he brought a steady and sympathetic guidance to that stage of boyhood—as important as any other. "Many of us," writes one Old Boy, "have reason in later life to appreciate his sound learning and fair administration, and personally I have the most happy recollections of being in Modern III. with him." In his classroom, it may be added, order was the natural course of things, and no boy dreamt of disturbing it.

When Mr. Franklin came to the School, it was three years old, with the games in a flourishing condition—association football, lacrosse and cricket. He at once took a share in their management, and during his first year was Secretary for both football and cricket. He had some skill as a batsman, and bowled slow left-handers, which were very useful at net practice and, incidentally, in the Masters Match. He also became Secretary of the Games Club Committee, a democratic body in control of the School games, to which came form representatives, captains and vice-captains, as well as the Masters concerned, and for many years the minutes of its meetings were in his handwriting.

On the departure in December, 1890, of the lacrosse secretary, Mr. W. A. Badham, to whose able coaching in the early years the game owed a great debt, Mr. Franklin took over the Secretaryship of lacrosse, which he was to hold for 18 years. Under his fostering care the game grew in popularity and its exponents in skill.

The First Team had always competed for the Owens College School Shield, and once reached the Final, but never won. Then in 1892 the North of England Lacrosse Association offered Challenge Flags to be played for by school teams under 15, and Mr. Franklin was appointed Secretary of the committee which conducted the competition. Great keenness was aroused among the junior ranks in the lacrosse playing schools. Our teams had no walk-over, but they won in five of the six years, the last three in succession. So the Flags came to the School. That was the last of the competitions, and in future only "friendly" matches were played. Meanwhile, the natural result of this activity was the formation of the Old Hulmeians Lacrosse Club in 1895, which could rely on an annual supply of practised players from the School teams. The rise and later successes of that Club will be familiar to our readers, and we need only say here that when Mr. Franklin resigned his Secretaryship of the School lacrosse, he could hand it over to Mr. J. A. Barber, a member of the Old Boys' team which had won the Championship of England in 1907.

Mr. Franklin was a supporter of the Old Hulmeians Games Club from its early days, and a member of the committee which arranged the formation of the Old Hulmeians Association in which the different activities of the Clubs were merged. It was natural that as a golfer he should be elected Secretary of the Golf Section and arrange their happy Annual Reunions as guests of different clubs and the competition for the Bradbury Cup, which in one year he won himself. His election in 1935 as President of the Association was a well-deserved honour which he valued highly.

Sociable and quick to make "contacts," Mr. Franklin had a host of friends in all walks of life. In 1924, a few months before his retirement, he married Miss Helen Smith, of Whalley Range, and for the last 18 years had lived at Hoylake. There, besides playing round a famous course he was active on the Branch Committee of the League of Nations Union and in the management of the club for unemployed working men.

Mrs. Franklin, who had been in frail health for some years, died four months before her husband.

E. G. W. H.

It is over twenty years since I first entered the room at the corner of the gallery over which J. I. Franklin was the presiding genius. My knowledge of him was then based on his outward manner and his reputation for strictness. It was with some apprehension that I prepared for a closer acquaintance. He taught us History and English, and though not a great scholar, he was thorough and painstaking. Our work was that part of the Golden Treasury which contains Milton's poems, Gray's Elegy, and the writers of the 17th and 18th centuries. Mr. Franklin made them a permanent part of the mental background of the boys whom he taught. The history and the prose work covered the same period, and he had a habit of setting prose passages to be learnt. We thought this very unreasonable, since, without rhymes, the homework took longer to memorise, but I can still repeat Macaulay's account of the siege of Arcot and the character of Sir Roger de Coverley.

If one were playing the parlour game of placing characters in their appropriate century J. I. Franklin could well be placed in the early 18th century, for it is easy to think of him as a country gentleman with a Sir Roger de Coverley manner, interested in people, fond of the open air and well-versed in field sports.

I soon discovered that rumour had not lied about his strictness. Indeed, it was said that the weapon with which he used to impress on evil-doers a feeling of their misdeeds was a golf-club. In the early days I used to wonder which end he applied to the victim. Nevertheless, Mr. Franklin had a deep sympathy with, and interest in, those whom he taught. To the present generation the masters, who founded the School in that golden age before the wars, are only shadowy memories, but they should be more than that, for they made possible the School as it is to-day, and are among the benefactors by whose efforts we are here maintained for the further attainment of godliness and learning.

Mr. Franklin was foremost among these men, and though he ceased to be a master over twenty years ago, he never ceased to feel himself a part of the School. A familiar figure at Old Boys' Dinners with an incredible memory for names and faces, he was always surrounded by an affectionate crowd of boys whom he had taught.

Now this link is snapped, but those who knew him best will always remember him with gratitude and, when the dusk is falling and boys are coming in from their games, will faintly see a tall figure driving a ghostly ball round the playing field of the School where his life was spent.

J. L.

The School and the War.

As our activities during the current term have been severely curtailed by the exceptional severity of the weather, there is less pressure than usual on our space, restricted as it has been of recent years by the shortage of paper. It is, therefore, perhaps, advisable to seize the opportunity of giving some account of the School's experiences in the war before memories grow too dim. Though the facts we here record are probably well known to all who have passed through the School during the war years, we have not hitherto been able to record them owing to censorship restrictions. The reader of the future may find them of some interest.

When the war broke out in September, 1939, we were ordered to remove to Preston. This was part of the Government's scheme to avoid the concentration of its youth in the large towns, for fear that there might be heavy casualties should the enemy immediately begin heavy bombing raids. For the Michaelmas term we shared the premises of Hutton Grammar School, occupying the school buildings in the mornings one week, in the afternoons the next. We were billeted in houses in the neighbourhood, principally at Penwortham. As air raids had not then begun—in fact, the early months of the war were quite uneventful—the boys gradually drifted homewards. Classes for these boys were reopened in Manchester in December. In the following January the whole School reopened in Manchester but with sadly depleted numbers, as many boys had been removed by their parents to schools situated in less vulnerable areas.

Air-raids on Manchester did not begin till June, 1940. Not till October 1st were bombs dropped anywhere near the School, but for the rest of that winter the School was frequently "under fire." Manchester received its heaviest raid on the night of Sunday, December 22nd, and the following night. Incendiary bombs were dropped on the gymnasium, on the office roof and the Science block, but fortunately they did not do extensive damage, thanks to the prompt and energetic measures taken by Mr. Barber. A pinnacle of the School Hall was dislodged from the roof by blast from the many bombs dropped on Whalley Range during those two nights of terror. Countless windows were smashed in all the School buildings. The many hundreds of fatal casualties in Manchester fortunately included only one boy in the Prep, although hundreds of houses in the neighbourhood were wrecked. The Headmaster's house suffered particularly extensive damage.

A "fire-watching" system, to counteract the danger of the School being burnt down, was

inaugurated. Teams of masters and boys spent every night on the premises in rotation until the danger was past. Ladders were affixed to all the buildings so that all roofs were easy of access. The fire-watching teams were thoroughly trained in fire-fighting. We began the scheme before fire-watching became compulsory. As a result of the "blitz" our numbers, which had crept up during the year, again slumped.

On March 11th, 1941, there was again a fairly serious raid on Manchester. A bomb was dropped on the School field near Princess Road, but luckily the ground was very soft and so little damage was done, apart from the fact that the crater put that part of the field out of action till the following autumn. Although raids over Manchester continued with diminishing severity for another year, the School premises and grounds escaped further injury. As confidence in our safety grew so did our numbers. Shortly before the end of the war a few "flying bombs" were launched at Manchester by German aircraft, flying over the North Sea, but none fell near the School, or very near Manchester for that matter. Thus the School passed through the war unshaken, but not without its honourable scars.

Roll of Honour.

The undermentioned additions to the Roll of Honour published in last term's Magazine have been reported:—

D. M. HERBERT, Driver, R.A.S.C. Missing, presumed killed, 1940.

A. WELBY, Royal Navy.

It should be explained that E. Barber mentioned in the last Magazine refers to Eric S. Barber. We are glad to say Ernest Barber is quite safe.

Any further information about other names omitted will be gratefully received.

Old Hulmeians serving with H.M. Forces.

Many Old Boys have now been released from the Forces, but we are always glad to hear news of those who are still serving, as also of those who have recently joined up.

Mead, B. (1945), L/Cpl., Intelligence Corps, Field Security Section, British Forces in Greece.

Ratliff, B. A. (1942), Sergt.-Instructor, Royal Army Education Corps.

PROMOTIONS.

Brocklehurst, H. G. (1944), to 2nd Lieut., R.E.

Goodier, V. (1935), to Sub-Lieut., R.N.V.R., H.M.S. Implacable.

Hargreaves, W. A. B. (1944), to L/Cpl., South Lancashires.

Partington, D. K. (1944), to Lieut., R.A.

Rourke, B. (1942), to Capt., Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders, East Africa.

Winson, J. R. (1944), to Cpl., East Lancs.

The Hulme Lads' Club.

This year's total of £654 far out-distances even last year's record of £509, and is a source of great gratification to both the School and the Club. The high prices prevailing to-day, and the heavy cost of repairing war-time damage, had made the Club Committee somewhat anxious, but the response of the School has allayed all fears.

Outstanding features of the collection are many. The Preparatory Department raised £59 3s. 5d., which again breaks their record, and in this was an enterprising effort by Hodgess-Roper, aged 9, who brought more than £5, the proceeds of the sale of cakes made by himself.

The best Form collection, as usual, was the Lower First, with a total of £52 13s. 7d., and an average per head of £1 15s. 1d., but this year their supremacy was seriously challenged. Form 6 C.L. had a total of £23 17s. 0d., with an average of £1 14s. 1d., and 5 C. brought £50 10s. 0d., average £1 5s. 3d. This included £32 from Cottrell, which is the second highest individual total in the records of the collection. Eight Forms had an average per head of over £1, and several others nearly reached this figure.

The Headmaster has received the following letter from the President of the Club, Col. Sir Joseph Nall, D.S.O.:—

"Dear Mr. Trevor Dennis,

I again have the very great pleasure of sending to you the official receipt for your School's splendid

contribution to the Hulme Lads' Club. It is not only another record figure, but one which is, I understand, considerably ahead of the target figure you had set for yourselves.

The Committee and all concerned at Silver Street are most grateful for this further effort, and not least for the interest and goodwill of which it is so indicative.

With very kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
JOSEPH NALL."

Form.	Total.			Average per head.		
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6 C.L.	23	17	0		1	14 1
6 M.L.	3	7	6		4	2
6 S.L.	11	4	6		16	0
5 A	30	1	11		18	3
5 B	27	7	6		15	3
5 C	50	10	0		1	5 3
4 A	22	15	0		13	9
4 B	20	0	5½		11	9
4 C	26	3	4		15	5
3 A	32	4	0		18	11
3 B	22	4	5½		13	6
C 2	30	6	6		18	11
M 2	32	3	0		1	0 1
S 2	44	2	9		1	7 7
1 A	43	12	4		1	7 3
1 B	32	1	0		1	0 0
1 C	40	4	6		1	5 2
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The Library.

Additions to the Library this term have been few. One important acquisition, however, is a complete set of "Hansard" for 1946, in weekly editions, and it is to be hoped that we may now, by buying yearly, keep up to date. We have also obtained a copy of "Shakespearian Tragedy," by A. C. Bradley, a vitally important book for those taking Higher School Certificate English. A new set of Harrop's French and English Dictionary has also been introduced, and Library users are asked to be very careful with them in order to ensure that their condition may not deteriorate.

K. J. T.

J.T.C. Notes.

Most of the J.T.C. work has been done in preparation for the "Certificate A" examinations, which it is hoped to hold at the end of April or beginning of May. The training in drill has been handicapped by the bad weather conditions; but on the one occasion when company drill was practiced a creditable standard was shown. The recruits drilled well and showed that they had made good progress.

The following Cadets have attended courses during the Christmas holidays:—

Signals Course at Chester: L/Cpl. B. T. Gibson, L/Cpl. J. F. Patrick, L/Cpl. G. H. Whitham, Cadet A. J. Benson, Cadet J. R. Robson. Gibson, Whitham and Benson received certificates as Cadet Assistant Instructors.

School of Military Engineering, Chatham: L/Cpl. K. Carter, who qualified in the Electrical Engineering Course.

Captain L. H. Watkins has been taken on to the strength of the contingent, vice Lieut. B. M. Forrest.

"The Ghost Train."

We naturally associate ghost stories with Christmas, so "The Ghost Train," which was performed at the end of last term on Saturday, December 14th, and the following Monday and Tuesday, seemed very appropriate and seasonable. We do not expect a ghost story to be altogether credible: all we ask is to be entertained. Assuredly the performance we were offered fulfilled that requirement. The waiting-room at "Fal Vale" on the South Cornwall Joint Railway, in which all the action took place, was certainly most realistic, so was the acting of H. Baker as the stationmaster, booking clerk and porter—all rolled into one. It seemed a little strange, however, that Charles and Peggy Murdock, whose marriage had just begun (M. E. Coops and J. A. Douglas) and Richard and Elsie Winthrop, whose wedded life seemed to be coming to an abrupt end (D. Ogden and J. M. Beazley), should find themselves, together with an elderly spinster, Miss Bourne, complete with parrot (admirably played by E. Bowcott), precipitated at such an unlikely spot at 10 p.m. on a wild and wintry evening. However, after a short acquaintance with that prize idiot, Teddy Deakin (represented with great spirit by J. V. Gosling), we were not surprised that he had landed them all in this predicament by pulling the communication cord merely because he had lost his hat.

As it never rains but it pours—literally, too, on this occasion—worse misfortunes were to follow: there was no other train till the morning, no alternative means of conveyance to the nearest town, nor even to the nearest farm some five miles away. There was nothing to do but remain at the station. All that the mysterious stationmaster could offer by way of entertainment to his unwilling guests was a horrifying story of a ghost train, which at any rate banished the victims' desire for sleep and drove the teetotal Miss Bourne to a disastrous experiment with Deakin's whisky flask.

Further mystery followed when, almost at midnight, Julia Price (D. H. Briggs), her brother, Herbert (R. P. M. Bond) and Dr. John Sterling (A. M. Bell) arrived somewhat inexplicably. Apparently Julia had an obsession about this ghost train. When the stationmaster suddenly died and his corpse vanished from the booking-office, to which it had been removed, the story held us like that of the Ancient Mariner. We heard the authentic sounds of the train arriving, and were completely convinced when the waiting-room was suddenly clouded with very realistic railway engine smoke pouring through a window that Julia had impetuously broken.

The tension mounted when suddenly Teddy Deakin sobered down to a not-so-convincing detective, and unfolded the incredible conspiracy, which a foreign power had concocted, for running arms, wherewith to foment a revolution, at this quiet spot. The midnight arrivals and their stooge, the stationmaster, were revealed as the secret agents of the foreign power, and were duly arrested by the police (G. V. Chivers, G. R. Milon and H. Monks). Miss Bourne recovered from her aberration with the whisky bottle to crush us with the assurance that she was glad she had missed nothing exciting.

The triumphant success of the performance was due to the excellent acting of the principals, the convincing character of the staging, for which we have to thank Mr. Barnett, the precision and reliability of those back-room boys, the stage hands and electricians (under the direction of Mr. Bonnick and Mr. Noble) for whom this play was an immortal occasion, and not least to the extremely skilful and efficient production of Mr. Williams.

"Men in Shadow."

The French Underground movement obviously provided an enticing theme for the dramatist, but one can hardly feel that the authoress of "Men in Shadow," Mary Hayley Bell, made the most of the

opportunities the subject afforded. It was a bold venture to stage a play in which the meagre and loosely co-ordinated action of the plot makes such demands on effective diction and skilful acting on the part of the players. It is much to the credit of the actors that they achieved a great measure of success. Their efforts were clearly appreciated by the full audiences on Saturday, February 15th, and the following Monday and Tuesday. The acting was most convincing, the movements free and natural; but the players were inclined to overlook the fact that though emotional tension may admittedly tend to make one lower one's voice, a play must be heard or it is nothing.

The theme was of the slightest. Two French peasants, Chérie and her son Moy, convincingly played by P. Salt and J. G. Wood, harbour some English airmen in the loft of an old disused mill, adjoining their farmhouse. This setting, by the way, was extremely effectively reproduced. One of the airmen, Lew, realising that his flying days were over, had decided not to attempt to escape to England to a cushy job, but to remain in France as a mainspring of the underground movement. In this aim he had the collaboration of Kenny and Polly (G. Carter and G. N. Pearson). G. H. Clarke showed himself fully equal to the exacting role of Lew, the tireless, resourceful, kindly "brain" of the whole business. A wounded commando soldier (K. Hoskinson) was rescued, only to be sent out to his death in an effort to give signals to raiding British aircraft. Lew then brings in Mordan, another British airman (K. Carter), who had had both legs broken when his aircraft crashed. The passage in which Chérie massaged his damaged limbs was one of the most effective and skilfully acted in the play.

Another airman, Enshaw (F. P. Carson), also appears, but he is dramatically proved to be a German decoy, probing their secret. He is eliminated by the resourceful Lew, who has an old grudge to pay off; but his body reveals the airmen's hiding place. The airmen realise that they cannot remain much longer in the loft. Two blundering, drunken German soldiers (Mr. Lowe and Mr. Deavin) select the mill loft as a suitable place in which to sleep off their intoxication. After a restless night in their company Lew decides that the crippled Mordan must be removed. He stirs Mordan by suggestion to heroic efforts to climb the ladder out of the loft. His friends return in the nick of time to leave Lew alone to deal with an intruder. Lew feigns insanity in a most lively and convincing fashion and so covers the retreat of his friends, when they are almost cornered by a German officer in search of billets, played to the life by Mr. Spencer, who also most capably produced.

The Entertainments.

On Tuesday, December 3rd—too late for inclusion in last term's Magazine—3A performed "Scuttleboom's Treasure," by Ronald Gow. That such a villainous band of pirates, of whom W. R. Lee, G. Beaumont, K. Hoskinson, D. Heffer, R. E. Jones, P. M. Charnley and E. Willecock had most to say for themselves, could be detained indefinitely on a desert island could only be explained by the commanding personality of Captain Scuttleboom (D. Cooper). But even his domination was upset by the arrival of a party of juvenile explorers from Mr. Fish's Prep. School (the rest of 3A), including that engaging imp, Jones (J. B. Roberts). When Mr. Fish revealed the fallacies of Scuttleboom's mathematics, the pirates decided they had a lot to learn, and accompanied him willingly to school. The boys, however, not so surprisingly, followed the example of Jones and transferred their allegiance to the romantic pirate chief. Mr. Forrest, who deputised for K. Harrop as Mr. Fish, produced.

On Tuesday, January 14th, Form C2 opened the second half of the session with "The Royal Party," an entertainment which took place at the palace of King Pronto X. (K. C. Murray) and was graced by the presence of his queen (B. C. Pearson) and her charming daughter (A. L. Powell). J. M. Smethurst, A. D. G. Gunn, G. Heap, R. B. Pilling, D. H. Drysdale and A. Shields saw that there was fun and games for all, until the arrival of a troupe of performing fleas, whose misdirected energies not only convulsed the whole cast, but sent us all home feeling somewhat uncomfortable. B. R. Heap and R. G. Bowden acted as attendants. The play was written and produced by Mr. Barnett.

On Tuesday, January 21st, we were entertained by the School Orchestra, conducted by Mr. Williams. A mixed programme of chamber and orchestral music was given, the high spot of which was undoubtedly the rendering of the first movement of Beethoven's piano concerto in C major, in which the solo piano part was taken by P. Salt, who played with assurance.

The Orchestra was happier in the other work to which it contributed. This was the Handel Concerto Grosso No. 10, in which E. Bowcott took the oboe solo and showed himself to be a performer well suited to this type of music, which he obviously enjoys to the full.

The slow movement of the Beethoven Wind Quintet in E flat aroused interest. Mr. Deavin took the bassoon part on the 'cello; E. Bowcott, oboe; J. W. Handford, clarinet; J. G. Wood, horn; and P. Salt, piano. We felt, even if they were undertaking a work which taxed their powers there were, nevertheless, several pleasant moments.

Other works in a well-arranged programme were the popular waltz in A flat by Brahms, played by P. Salt; Boccherini's Minuet played as a violin solo by D. Macpherson, the leader of the Orchestra, and movements from Handel's Water Music Suite in which the members of the quintet fell victims to the opportunity to race in the Bourrée.

On Tuesday, January 28th, Form I.C provided a novel variety entertainment. They are to be congratulated on the range of their accomplishments. There were French songs with appropriate actions from K. Cook, M. F. Durham, R. K. Davies, W. R. Esson, D. A. Hilton, R. A. Keneally, R. Metcalfe, I. H. Scrutton, J. M. Selman, and W. G. Williams. Then E. G. Schumacher performed several mystifying conjuring tricks with considerable skill; but the trick of the "strong man" act of J. Woodhouse was a little more obvious. K. Cook showed that his voice was equally adaptable to a treble solo and the reproduction of very realistic farmyard noises. D. E. Birch's piano solos were excellently rendered. A delightful "show" was neatly rounded off by an amusing little sketch "The Fish Shop," in which G. T. Denton, W. R. Esson, D. C. Chapman, R. Metcalfe, and R. A. Keneally took part. I. H. Scrutton compèred, and Mr. Lowe produced.

On Tuesday, February 4th, "Shivering Shocks," a thriller by Clemence Dane, was presented by 4B. With his man-servant, Kysh (R. J. Tredwell), out for the evening, and the inventor, Granville Hughes (D. Clegg), seriously wounded, the crippled hero, Captain Dallas, appeared to be the helpless victim of "The Shepherd" (D. W. Hannaford) and the pseudo-policeman (C. J. Hind). Dallas's resource, and the cunning of Inspector Pollock, disguised as Rowley, the drunken cabby (played with commendable restraint by J. A. Elwin), proved more than a match for the villains' crude methods, so the latter were duly handed over to the real policemen (P. B. Hughes and W. D. Clayton). Producer: Mr. Thompson.

On Tuesday, February 11th, "The Ghost of Jerry Bundler," by W. W. Jacobs and Charles Rock, was performed by the Lower Classical Sixth. An elderly commercial traveller (H. Monks) tells very effectively the tragic story of how the highwayman, Jerry Bundler, had hanged himself in the very inn where the action of the play was taking place, and had thereafter haunted it. When he at length retires to bed, a lively fellow-guest (D. Read) volunteers, for a wager, to frighten him by dressing up as the ghost of Jerry Bundler. He is apparently half-dressed in his own toils, however, as he reappears half-dressed to his other companions (D. Hood, A. B. Wilkinson, R. Heywood and D. Hibbert) and announces that he has himself seen the ghost. His story is confirmed by the waiter, whose provincial accent G. R. Milton

very effectively reproduced. Later, the ghost appears on the very stage, only to be revealed as the practical joker himself, who thereby wins his bet. Mr. Williams produced.

"The First Spring Day."

The wind no more is frosty-keen, and all the air is warmed,
As breaking clouds chase sunshine through the sky;
A winter shadow quits the world, while doubting
spring, half-formed,
Makes everything as music to the eye.
No grass is there so green as after rain;
And after winter, spring comes round again
Doubly welcome, to soothe and satisfy.

Glorying now in this new-born spring, give no heed
to the past;
Let but the present occupy our thought.
Why should we think of other days, when this may
be our last?
Say we, let fools be troubled with that sport.
For us, the present pleasure—present pain
Themselves suffice; the rest we may disdain
As insubstantial dreams, until they're sought.

M. E. C.

"Autumn Night in the Country."

The fields at midnight bathed in blue
Reflect the silence of the air;
A sudden stealth stalks everywhere
In shadows creeping to the view.

This field in front a waste of frost,
Whence damp and icy vapours rise
Relentless, like the broken sighs
Of souls that are in torment tossed.

That farther field, a loathsome place
Of Death, wherein the stooks like ghosts
Habit the ground in ghoulish hosts,
Like spirits of some departed race.

Thus might appear the barren crust
Of some planet devoid of life,
Crude and horrid: all natural strife
At an end, death triumphant in dust.

M. E. C.

Lacrosse, 1946-47.

FIRST TEAM.

Four matches have been played since the last issue of the Magazine, and all have been won. The team is the best the School has had since 1939, and if it had been possible to get our usual match practice this term the team might have been the best ever. Not a single game has been played since January 25th.

The team is in the final for the Lancashire Junior Cup, and we hope to play the Old Waconians "A" team as soon as the grounds are fit—the match has been postponed three times.

With a sound defence, all able to handle and pass accurately, the attack has shown some brilliant play, and the only weakness is a little wildness in the shooting. They are fast, follow up well and harass opposing defences.

RESULTS.

30th November, v. OLD WACONIANS "A." Home. Won 10-8. First round of the Lancashire Junior Cup.

The two teams for this game were very evenly matched, and a good game resulted. The School were leading 5-0 at the interval, but the visitors pulled up, only to be two goals behind at the final whistle.

18th December, v. MANCHESTER G.S. Home. Won 16-4.

The School team was in splendid form, and though M.G.S. struggled hard, their defence could not cope with our fast-moving attack.

18th January, v. CHEADLE HULME "A." Away. Won 18-1.

The game was keenly played on a heavy ground. The score, though, should not be regarded as a true indication of the respective merits of the two teams, as Cheadle Hulme played a man short for the whole game.

25th January, v. ASHTON "A." Home. Won 16-2.

This was the semi-final of the Lancashire Junior Cup. The ground was firm, and a good game resulted. We were the faster-moving team, and this was the main reason for our success.

The team has been I. R. Duncan, P. W. Howard, F. M. McClinton, R. M. Threlfall, G. Price, R. P. M. Bond, A. A. C. Darroch, A. Wilkinson (captain), A. V. Tune, E. W. B. Ward, J. C. Edwards and A. F. Crowther.

SECOND TEAM.

Only two matches had been played before the weather became impossible, and though we hope to play some of the postponed fixtures before the end of term, there is little to report.

We defeated Oldham and Werneth "A" without much difficulty, but had a hard struggle against Cheadle Hulme School. The worst feature was the bad shooting of the attack, who had countless openings, but were able to miss the goal even from the edge of the crease. Only Morley was dangerous, and he got most of our goals. The defence, too, perhaps spoiled by easy games, played badly, rushing their men, missing interceptions, and seldom covering each other. Maguire was the exception. He held his own man, and often rescued the others.

RESULTS.

January 18th v. OLDHAM AND WERNETH "A." Home. Won 16-4.

January 25th, v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 6-5.

The following have played: M. C. Cousins (Captain), B. A. Maguire, M. J. Delany, B. P. G. Adams, D. W. Booth, A. G. Shuttleworth, D. Macpherson, A. Morley, R. Heywood, A. Godson, D. A. Kinghan, J. S. Jackson, C. A. Smith.

UNDER 15.

We have played only one game, against Cheadle Hulme School, and won 6-3. The defence did well, but the attack, perhaps put off by a difficult ground and a very cold wind, was not as dangerous as usual.

RESULT.

Jan. 25.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...A W 6-3

The team was G. B. Appleby (captain), J. H. McClinton, G. B. Lawson, A. W. Crowe, J. Fleming, J. A. Shepherd, C. S. Smith, A. E. Marsland, I. R. Houghton, B. Hawthorne, A. A. Rainford, E. Hill.

On January 15th an Under 14 team played Stockport Grammar School, who have recently restarted the game. We had no idea beforehand of the strength of the opposition, and our side was much too strong. We seem to have some promising material for the future.

The team: D. M. Archer (captain), J. Harrison, E. Hill, K. Hoskinson, J. M. Beazley, D. Cooper, C. S. Smith, R. J. Winfield, J. K. Glover, A. A. Rainford, J. C. Wilkinson, W. A. Jackson.

House Games.

Like everyone else we have been exceptionally unfortunate with regard to the weather this term, so we have not completed even one round of House games. It is not surprising in the circumstances that with so little opportunity for practice the standard of play has not reached its usual height. It has not been possible to award colours or estimate standards of either team or individual performance on the meagre evidence we have at present. It is also improbable that we shall be able to play the knock-outs.

In so far as one can form any impression it may be said that the junior teams have generally been good. The senior teams, as usual, have been considerably depleted by the demands of School teams.

A pleasing feature of the few afternoons we have been able to play has been that there has been a larger number of boys than ever taking part. Every corner of the field has been occupied.

Our thanks are due to all the masters and boys who have refereed.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The Association's most important concern is still the War Memorial Appeal, and although, as stated in the last issue of *The Hulmeian*, it was desirable that donations should be made before the 31st January, 1947, it should be noted that the fund is not yet closed. Anyone who overlooked the date or mislaid the notice may still send a donation to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. S. WHITTINGHAM, 68, Cecil Avenue, Sale, Cheshire.

April, 1947.

The Annual Dance held at the Manchester Limited on January 3rd, 1947, was well attended, and some two hundred and thirty Old Boys and their friends thoroughly enjoyed this function after an interval of eight years. Arrangements to hold next year's dance at Longford Hall are in hand.

Owing to the sequence of disastrous circumstances since the advent of 1947, with which we in Manchester are only too familiar, it was impossible to arrange the reunion intended for March 14th, but it is hoped to hold one in the autumn.

The Lacrosse and Rugby Sections are to be congratulated on their most successful seasons, and it is hoped that the Dramatic Section will make a start this year.

A cricket match at School between the Old Boys and the School has been arranged for Wednesday, June 25th, 1947. E. B.

Oxford Old Hulmeians.

Our first, and most welcome, task is to congratulate the Headmaster on his return to health and resumption of his duties. We trust that his youthful vigour and enthusiasm have not been impaired, and that the School may long continue to enjoy the benefit of his experience and wisdom.

The recent inclement weather and the activities of the Minister of Fuel have not passed unnoticed in Oxford, where life has consisted largely of progressing via ice-bound and precarious ways from one frigid chamber to the next, muttering curses, oaths and imprecations into mufflers. Books remain scarce, if not completely unobtainable, and long queues form up outside the Libraries at a very early hour and later occupy and overcrowd them all day; but the hum of genuine industry is to be heard on all sides. The University still resembles a transit camp in mufti, although this term has seen the advent of increasing numbers of undergraduates straight from School, with a consequent lessening in the disparity between the numbers of those who do not shave and those who do.

Last term we said goodbye to the doyen of our younger generation—D. R. Wood (B.N.C.), who was beginning to rival the proctors as an archaic survival of the more spacious days before the war. He has gone to Sheffield University as Lecturer in Pharmacology, and carries with him our best wishes for

success in his new venture and our heartiest congratulations on the birth of a son. We trust he will visit us frequently in his new role of paterfamilias.

With the departure of Wood the mantle of Father Confessor has fallen on the shoulders of S. S. Wilson (B.N.C.), who has been appointed "gauleiter" of Frewin Hall, a B.N.C. annex, and there presides with benign solemnity over the comings and goings of his flock. We were present at a successful "house warming" which he held in his rooms in the sixth week of term. It was here that we were able to confirm that M. F. Wood (Exeter) is still up at Oxford, as he has been seen but little this term and has returned a stony silence to all overtures. Rumour has it that he is "working" hard for S hools in November, but rumours are not always reliable.

J. Wilks (B.N.C.) is also never to be seen these days. We think he is still researching into "Low Temperatures" at the moment, but gather that he refuses to accept any culpability for the recent cold spell.

Our trio of "untouchables" is completed by J. H. P. Slade (Keble). The only contact which has been afforded us so far is a cryptic note in the Radcliffe Camera which shows that he has been scattering his garments about the length and breadth of Oxford with gay abandon.

The clique at B.N.C. is completed by L. Robertson and F. G. Higgins. The former is working hard for Second B.M. at the end of this term, but has somehow found time to develop a latent but enthusiastic longing for the Opera, and is a regular attendant at the Opera Club's functions. He repudiates with some vehemence, however, the suggestion that there is any ulterior motive behind this new-found love.

Higgins has forsaken the River for the Drama and to apply the necessary concentration to the problem of how to pass Anglo-Saxon Sections at the end of the term. He has had a hand in the O.U.D.S. production of Ibsen's "The Pretenders," and has also appeared, complete with authentic American accent, in his College Dramatic Society's performance of "The Time Of Your Life," by William Saroyan. His rooms in B.N.C. have been a frequent gathering place, and here the lavish nature of his hospitality has been equalled only by the pungency of his wit.

W. J. Duerden (New College) is finding work somewhat tedious. He has appeared with regularity in his College Rugger Fifteen on the one occasion this term on which that body has taken the field.

He has been converted, against his better judgment, into a scrum-half, but his chagrin here has been tempered by an unsteady elation at the success of his College eight in becoming head of the river in Torpids.

An Old Boys' Dinner has been arranged in the seventh week of term; Professor Seddon has been invited to preside. A somewhat obscure body, known as the Oxford University Lacrosse Club, may go to Cambridge at the end of the term to play against the corresponding organization there. It includes several Old Boys amongst its members, and hopes to contact other Old Hulmeians on the field of battle. We should like to congratulate the Cambridge University Lacrosse Club on reaching the Final of the South of England Flags. We had the pleasure of a visit from A. L. Dennis, one of its members, when he came with his hockey team to play against the "House." As well as a stream of critical invective directed against things Oxonian, he had many interesting facts to tell us.

Our best wishes go out to F. A. Stone, latest recipient of the Close Scholarship, who, we believe, is in Austria. We had gone down when A. Wilkinson came to B.N.C. at Christmas to sit for this year's Scholarship; but we hope to see B. A. Maguire when he comes up to compete shortly. We should also be glad to see past or present members of the School who may be in Oxford for one reason or the other, and can assure them of a warm welcome.

F. G. H.
W. J. D.

Cambridge Old Hulmeians.

This term has been chiefly notable for an absence of sport, except skating, and a great increase in the popularity of the libraries, where it has been difficult to find a seat. However, in view of the letters being written there, and the newspapers being read, perhaps the explanation of this is not so much the search for knowledge as the search for warmth.

There are seven Old Hulmeians at present up at Cambridge, an increase of two on last term.

A. R. Rodgers (Trinity) has returned from the Army to read Economics, and decries the idea that this is a subject for the less-industrious undergraduate. Four hours supervision at a time seems to bear this out.

C. C. W. Airne (Selwyn) rows for his 2nd College boat, and also reads History between bumps.

H. Embleton (Christ's) has had a busy time organising, and then postponing, the Old Boys' Dinner. He has also organised a Ball, unfortunately at a loss. He is reading Theology.

G. E. Barritt (Wesley House) also reads Theology, and has had an equally busy time postponing plans for the intended visit of the School 'crosse team. It is hoped that by the time these notes appear their match with the University will have been played.

About D. W. Fox (Selwyn) once again very little is known. One may hope that this absence of news means a large consumption of midnight oil.

A. L. Dennis (Peterhouse) continues his legal studies, and is involved in a College Shakespeare production—as a minor member of the cast.

A. Ogilvy (Peterhouse) is believed to be dissatisfied with the lack of bumps his College first boat made in the heats. He admits that they were bumped only once, but hardly thinks that this makes up for all the energy lost in rowing over the full course three times. Natural Sciences occupy what little of his time the Boat Club allows him.

Barritt, Rodgers and Dennis are all on the University 'crosse team which reached the final of the South of England Flags Competition. The result of the final is not discussed in Cambridge. The last-named has also been chosen to play for the South against the North. Amongst Old Hulmeians met in 'crosse matches were N. Pearson, the Hampstead Captain, who, apparently, grows younger every year, and A. B. Maddocks, who has also been chosen for the South team.

We are sorry that those who came up from School last term to sit for Scholarships were unsuccessful. The competition seems now as severe as ever before, but let us hope that this will not deter further entrants.

It is rumoured that G. C. Evans is still in residence at John's, but up to the present he has not been discovered by another Old Boy. This would bring our numbers up to eight.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

So far this season the first team has an excellent record. They have lost only one match and drawn two.

It was very disappointing to lose against Ashton, although they played an excellent game and deserved to win.

There have been few changes in the team, though we were unfortunate to lose A. B. Whitehouse at the beginning of this year. He has been transferred to Singapore. J. Buckland and N. A. Barber have been outstanding on the attack, and N. R. Coe, F. D. Bell and R. J. Young have helped to make up a sound defence.

N. R. Coe (Captain), F. D. Bell, and J. Buckland were selected to represent the North of England v. the South.

The "A" Team has also had quite a successful season. Since our last report they have lost only one match.

On the defence A. Jones, J. Mark and J. Rickards have played some excellent games, and J. T. Emery is proving himself a very useful goalkeeper. J. Wright, G. C. Martin and D. B. Flunder have worked hard on the attack. L. A. Angell has been an excellent Captain.

Since the 1st of February we have experienced some of the worst playing conditions. It has been decided to extend the season into April with the possibility of completing the N.E.L.A. programme.

At the time of writing the first team is level with the Old Waconians in the League Championship, and the "A" team is at the top of the third division.

We are looking forward to a visit from Purley Lacrosse Club, on April 5th. A friendly match has been arranged at Whalley Range ground, and it is hoped that everyone will give it their full support.

Next season we hope to run a third team. This will, of course, depend on the strength of our membership. We hope there will be a large contingent of boys from School. Anyone wishing to join should get in touch with the Secretary, P. B. McLeod, 2, Trinity Road, Sale, Cheshire.

P. B. M.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

Nov. 30.—v. S. Manchester and Wythen-shawe	A	W 11-2
Dec. 7.—v. Manchester University	H	W 11-6
" 14.—v. Cheadle Hulme	A	W 11-1
" 21.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild (Lancashire Senior Cup- tie, 2nd round)	A	W 10-4
" 28.—v. Stockport Sunday School...	H	D 5-5
Jan. 4.—v. Stockport Sunday School...	A	W 13-4
" 11.—v. Manchester University (Flags, 3rd round)	A	W 12-2
" 18.—v. Ashton	H	L 12-3
" 25.—v. Old Mancunians (Lanca- shire Senior Cup, semi- final)	H	W 7-6
Feb. 1.—v. Stockport Sunday School (semi-final N.E. Flags) ...		Postponed.
" 8.—v. Stockport Sunday School (semi-final N.E. Flags) ...		Postponed.

"A" TEAM.

Nov. 30.—v. Disley "A"	A	W 9-3
Dec. 7.—v. Cheadle Hulme "A"	A	W 9-3
" 14.—v. Cheadle "A"	H	W 1-0
" 21.—v. Heaton Mersey "A"	H	W 8-3
Jan. 4.—v. Old Waconians "A"	H	L 7-9
" 11.—v. Mellor "A"		Cancelled.
" 18.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...	A	W 17-6
Feb. 1.—v. Old Mancunians "A"	H	W 1-0
" 8.—v. Cheadle Hulme "A"		Postponed.

Old Hulmeians Football.

In common with many other sports, the Rugby Section has suffered recently because of the appalling weather, and at the time of writing the last seven games have been cancelled. This has been a bitter disappointment to everyone, particularly as it is our first full post-war season, but despite the lack of games much has been done. We are indebted to the Lacrosse Section and Whalley Range Cricket Club for their generous offer to allow us to use accommodation at Woodlands Road for changing, and also to allow the Committee to hold meetings there each week.

A general meeting was held at School on January 16th, 1947, when twenty-two members were present, and we were very grateful for the presence of S. Whittingham (who presided) and K. Rains, of the Association General Committee, who guided us through. The principal result of the meeting was to put the Section on a sound footing by creating a proper constitution, and as a result of this officers

were elected for the present season. Mention must be made of the retiring Secretary, G. A. Anderson, for his hard work and efforts since the Section restarted after the war.

Since the last report it has been possible to run two teams, and the First XV. have won all their matches, and the "A" XV. unfortunately lost all their games. However, the "A" XV. are to be congratulated on showing a fine spirit, despite their losses, and it is most pleasing to find keenness irrespective of results. The only way the Section will obtain any standing in the Rugby world is by this spirit and continued support of the Club. It is apparent that the potential power of the Section is far-reaching, a fact which was obvious before the war put a stop to our activities. The Rugby Section Committee and the Association General Committee are fully aware of the future possibilities of the Section, and though severely handicapped by post-war restrictions, are determined that everything possible shall be done to improve conditions.

During the season we have lost H. E. Dalton, who has decided to try his luck in South Africa, and we send him our very best wishes. G. W. Battersby has been available for several games whilst in Manchester, and we have enjoyed both his presence and his play. P. Cloughley has also joined us and has improved the attack of the First XV.

The Annual General Meeting of the Section will be held following a Hot-Pot at 7-30 p.m. on April 15th, 1947, at the Wellington Hotel, Didsbury. It is hoped all members will be present, and we should be very glad to see any potential members and past members. One word to past members. The Section is very hard up for jerseys, and it is felt that there must be many pre-war jerseys hiding in a forgotten cupboard. We make an urgent plea to all old members to drop a post-card to the Secretary, asking him to collect the jerseys, because they really are needed NOW. Communications should be sent to W. G. Aspinall, 110, Broadoak Road, Ashton-under-Lyne (or after April 10th, 1947, at 55, Richmond Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. Tel.: ASH 3181).

W. G. A.

RESULTS.

1st XV.

Nov. 30.—v. Manchester "Ex. A"	A	W 27-6
Dec. 7.—v. Oldham "A"	A	W 24-13
" 14.—v. School	A	W 13-3
" 21.—v. Winnington Park	H	Cancelled.
" 28.—v. Central O.B.	H	W 19-3
Jan. 4.—v. C.W.S. Harlequins	H	W 35-3
" 11.—v. Old Aldwinians	H	W 10-9
" 18.—v. Broughton Park "Ex. A"	A	W 41-0

"A" XV.

Dec. 7.—v. Oldham "Ex. A"	H	L 0-20
" 14.—v. School 2nd	A	L 0-20
" 21.—v. Winnington Park "A"	A	Cancelled.
Jan. 4.—v. C.W.S. Harlequins "A"	A	Cancelled.
" 11.—v. Old Aldwinians "A"	A	L 3-20
" 18.—v. Old Salians	H	L 5-20

William Hulme's Grammar School Parents' Association.

Agendas will be circulated in due course, giving the date of the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Association. I would like to extend a cordial invitation to every parent to attend and participate in the work of the Association.

Nominations for membership of the Committee should be sent to the Secretary not later than the 31st March. Parents will remember that at the last Annual Meeting the holding of lectures and other matters were discussed. The Committee will report in detail to this meeting on these topics.

Meanwhile, I would like to state that though the first two lectures were very well attended, there was not the same response at the last lecture, perhaps due to the inclement weather.

The Committee has made tentative arrangements for further lectures on specific careers, but whether or not these are held will depend on the attendance at the two further lectures on "Careers in Law" and "Careers in the Medical Profession" arranged for the 28th February and 28th March respectively, in the School Hall.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at the Fallowfield Hotel on the 10th January. Nearly one hundred parents enjoyed the dancing, and though this number was below expectations the function was a huge social success. If it is thought desirable to hold a similar function later in the year, the Committee will be pleased to make the necessary arrangements, so please come along to the Annual Meeting and express your views on this, and/or any other matter relating to the Association.

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Statement of Accounts for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

J. A. BARBER,
Hon. Treasurer.