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School Notes and News.

It was with great pleasure, which we are sure all our readers will share, that we learnt that Mr. J. A. Barber has been elected President of the Lancashire County Lacrosse Association. The English Lacrosse Association have also elected him a member of the English Selection Committee, and Field Captain and Coach for the English Team against the Americans at Wembley on August 5th.

J. V. Gosling has been awarded the Tancred Scholarship in Medicine at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge.

R. M. Threlfall is Captain of the School Cricket Team, and E. W. B. Ward is Vice-Captain.

The First XI. Colours of R. M. Threlfall, E. W. B. Ward, J. C. Edwards, R. P. M. Bond, A. Godson, A. G. Shuttleworth, and D. W. Booth have been renewed. New Colours have been awarded to A. M. Blight, C. S. Smith, G. B. Lawson, and N. C. Cuthbert.

The Second XI. Colours of G. B. Appleby (Captain), G. N. Pearson (Vice-Captain), C. A. Smith, J. A. Shepherd, and J. Fleming have been renewed. Second XI. Colours have also been awarded to R. M. Bale, D. Cooper and P. R. Tailby.

The following awards were made by the Governors of the School at a meeting held in May:—

Foundation Scholarships: Ben. M. Segal, William Hulme's Grammar School; George G. Ellis, William Hulme's Grammar School; Donald W. Archer, William Hulme's Grammar School; Jeffrey A. Swindell, William Hulme's Grammar School; John S. Baker, Sale High School; Paul J. Richards, William Hulme's Grammar School; Alexander J. Royle, William Hulme's Grammar School; Thomas W. Warnes, Eccles High School.

Free Place Scholarships at Entrance: John E. Thackray, William Hulme's Grammar School; David G. Woodcock, Heaton Moor Council; Jack Davies, Heaton Moor Council; David Andrew, North Reddish Council; John G. Kersey, William Hulme's Grammar School; William G. Scarlett, Gatley

Primary; Alan M. Sinclair, Northenden Municipal; William H. Milner, Irlam County Primary; Ian F. Small, Urmston County Primary; Geoffrey Morris, North Reddish Council; George W. Barrow, Heald Place; Anthony C. Morris, Romiley Council; Geoffrey T. Fielding, Manley Park; Edward G. Wilcock, St. Mary's School; James P. Brown, Romiley Council; Christopher Hamnett, Heald Place; Alan Bolton, Northenden Municipal; Ian W. Green, William Hulme's Grammar School; Denys Warring, Heaton Moor Council; Jeffery W. Burgess, St. Mary's School; William A. Ward, Worthington Road Council; Keith Hodgkinson, Romiley Council; James R. Taylor, Werneth County School; David R. Axon, Heaton Moor Council; Peter Griffiths, Urmston Council; John E. Kelly, Baguley Road, Northenden.

Calendar for Michaelmas Term:—

Michaelmas Term will begin on Tuesday, September 14th, at nine o'clock.

Mid-term holiday will be on November 5th, 6th and 8th.

The Christmas Holidays will begin on Tuesday, December 21st, at noon.

The Library.

It has been rather a disappointing term as regards additions to the Library: the most outstanding have been Chaucer and Spenser Handbooks and an Algebra for the use of Higher Forms. Mr. R. Astin, O.H., has, however, very kindly presented some thirty books, the most useful being an International University Course in five volumes. We have to thank Mr. Charles H. Barber for fourteen volumes of the "Art Journal."

It would be much appreciated if those using the Library would return books as quickly as possible, since many books are in great demand, and duplicate copies are practically unobtainable.

This term has also seen the appointment of J. F. Wyatt as Assistant Librarian. G. V. C.

The Debating Society.

There have been only three debates since the end of last term owing to cricket practices and the approaching examinations. We hope, however, to have many interesting meetings next year.

On March 15th we held a political debate on the motion that "A return of the Conservative Government is to be deprecated." A. B. Wilkinson and R.

Calderwood, proposers of the motion, not only showed that the Conservatives have no plan for the future, but also suggested a Labour Government in its stead. The Opposition, led by G. V. Chivers and F. P. Carson, gave the Conservative policy in full and deprecated unwise controls. Some of the House did not approve of either political party, and determined to abstain from voting. The motion was defeated by twelve votes to five, with fourteen abstentions.

At the next meeting, on April 19th, we copied another House and debated the motion that "The House considers Capital Punishment should be abolished." V. Edkins and A. B. Wilkinson not only gave the moral reasons for the abolition, but offered examples of countries which had abolished the supreme penalty and benefited greatly by so doing. P. W. Walker and R. W. Douglas argued that it was a duty to the welfare of the State to retain the death penalty. Much interest was added to the debate by the intervention of Mr. A. Cartwright, O.H., who had served for many years with the Indian Police Force. This motion was carried by fifteen votes to five.

On May 10th a joint debate was held with the Scientific Society to discuss whether "The Philosopher is a greater benefactor of the human race than the Scientist." B. T. Gibson and E. Bowcott, the proposers, stated that the philosopher helped man to achieve a full development of his ideas and to establish a supremacy of the mind rather than of the body. The Opposition, led by V. Edkins and J. J. Nesbitt, argued that the scientist was offering man perfection and truth in both body and mind. The close alliance of Science and Philosophy was realised by both parties. The motion was defeated by eleven votes to nine.

These last two debates were most interesting, and augur well for the future. J. F. W.

The Scientific Society.

The Scientific Society was inaugurated on the 16th of March, 1948, under the presidency of Mr. Wharton, who stated that the first business of the Society was the election of a chairman, a general secretary, and a minutes secretary. Votes were then cast and the following elected: As chairman, B. G. Allen; as general secretary, J. G. King; and as minutes secretary, F. D. Bimister. A post of deputy-chairman was created, and J. W. Steer elected to the post. It was arranged that meetings and lectures would be held on the Tuesday of each week whenever possible, and that (due to the more advanced nature of the topics chosen by lecturers) the audiences would have

to be members of the Upper and Lower Sixth Forms, and occasionally members of the Fifth Forms.

On the 22nd of March Mr. A. H. Barrington, a member of the Stretford and District Gas Board technical staff, gave a lecture on "Coal and its By-products," illustrated with two films, which, unfortunately, were not seen at their best, due to the fact that the School Hall could not be adequately darkened, but our thanks are due to Mr. Barrington for the trouble he took in preparing and presenting the lecture.

On the 13th of April Mr. Wharton gave a lecture on "The Scientist in Industry," and the lecture was given with what was obviously practical experience of the administration of a large works.

D. M. Schlapp gave a lecture on "Valves" on the 20th of April, twenty members attending.

On the 27th of April J. G. King gave an excellent lecture on "The Cathode Ray Tube," with many demonstrations with the School "oscilloscope" and X-ray tube, and many questions of interest were asked after the lecture.

On the following Tuesday a lecture on "Television" was given by the chairman, B. G. Allen; fourteen members attended.

As the Higher School Certificate Examinations drew near the Society meetings came to a close for the Midsummer Term, but visits to works have been arranged to British Electricity House, East Didsbury, on July 14th, to Metropolitan-Vickers Electricity Department on July 16th, and to the Imperial Chemical Industries, Blackley, on July 21st.

F. D. B.

J.T.C. Notes.

During the term the J.T.C. has made good progress. An instructive and enjoyable Field-Day was held at Lyme Park, Disley, on May 5th. The ground was excellent, and the weather kind. We are very grateful to Stockport Corporation for allowing us free use of this area.

A Certificate "A" Examination was held on February 18th, but the results were not available in time for the last issue of the magazine. Twenty-two candidates were examined for Part I. and twenty-six for Part II., and all passed. Cadet A. W. Crowe obtained the highest marks in Part I., and Cadet S. B. Foulds in Part II. The latter accordingly wins the cup for the best Certificate "A" candidate.

The annual Inspection was held on June 9th. The contingent was inspected by Brig. Burden, D.S.O., O.C. 127th Infantry Brigade. His report has not yet been received.

Two platoons are attending a camp near Chester from July 27th to August 4th.

The following Cadets passed the Certificate "A" Examination:—Part I.: W. A. Burton, A. W. Crowe, D. Clegg, J. M. Drinkwater, J. G. Hallows, E. A. G. Hamilton, D. W. Hannaford, B. Hawthorne, E. Hill, I. R. Houghton, C. P. Love, J. H. McClinton, T. McLeod, A. W. Sedgwick, J. A. Shepherd, T. Skett, R. E. Y. Slater, B. J. Stone, D. W. Stone, A. L. Totten, A. N. Tunks, J. Fleming. Part II.: H. Baker, B. J. Balderson, A. M. Blight, W. N. D. Bloor, J. L. Burton, J. H. Cairns, G. E. Cusick, J. R. Chambers, J. Darlington, G. L. Davies, S. B. Foulds, R. Gordon, R. Heywood, G. J. Oldham, D. I. Paterson, P. J. Perrin, R. A. Phillips, G. A. Pilling, R. V. Potter, A. J. Ralston, K. Stewart, P. J. Swales, B. B. Taylor, N. A. Warhurst, D. Woolfenden, J. F. Wyatt.

Cricket, 1948.

FIRST XI.

We started the season with seven of last year's colours, and as there was promising material from the Second and Colts, we had hopes of a successful season. These hopes have not quite been fulfilled, as, though so far we have lost only one match, we have won only three. In each of the drawn games we have been in a strong position, but have been unable to press home our advantage.

The batting is strong. In only one game have we failed to make a reasonable score, and we have been all out only twice. The fault most difficult to eradicate is a tendency to bring up the right foot when playing forward. In addition to the obvious danger of being stumped, this causes the body to turn to the left, and pulls the bat away from the line of the ball. Many of the team have good scoring shots, but we have not always been able to score quickly enough on the slow wickets which have been usual this season.

The bowling is varied and enterprising. Godson and Smith, both of whom are faster than the average school bowler, have taken most of the wickets. Blight, with well-flighted leg-breaks, Cuthbert, whose left-hand spin is improving, and Lawson have been effective changes.

The fielding has generally been sound, and sometimes very good, but there have been occasional lapses, and, as is usually the case, some of these have occurred at critical moments.

Threlfall has captained a keen team well, and has used his bowlers most intelligently.

Against Manchester C.C., at Old Trafford, we made our best score for many years, and our opponents were only saved by a characteristic innings by Makepeace. In an exciting finish we defeated Cheadle Royal for the first time for three years, and have won a convincing victory over a strong Old Hulmeians team. We collapsed badly on a difficult wicket at Manchester Grammar School, adding to our difficulties by some wild hitting and two stupid run-outs. Our total of 27 gave us little chance of victory, but we fought back to such purpose that they lost six wickets in getting the runs, and were themselves all out for 40.

Saturday, May 29th, v. KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Away. Match drawn.

This match, which was limited to 3½ hours' play, was a rather depressing start to the season. Against some unsteady bowling we scored at a fairly rapid rate, and, thanks chiefly to Godson and Ward, we were able to declare with two hours left for play.

After taking 2 wickets for 3 runs we lost our grip on the game, and it drifted on to a rather tame conclusion. Scores:—

SCHOOL.

J. C. Edwards, b Pemberton	7
A. Godson, c Simpson b Cartmell	59
C. S. Smith, c & b Seed	14
E. W. B. Ward, c Eyre b Pemberton	30
R. P. M. Bond, b Laycock	14
G. B. Lawson, not out	2
R. M. Threlfall, not out	8
Extras	7

Total (for 5 wickets, dec.) 141

A. M. Blight, A. G. Shuttleworth, D. W. Booth and M. C. Cuthbert did not bat.

KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL.

E. Hall, c & b Smith	60
J. Pemberton, c Edwards b Smith	0
J. K. Seed, b Godson	0
W. A. Crawshaw, lbw b Godson	5
N. W. Simpson, c & b Lawson	15
J. Rice, b Blight	8
W. P. Eyre, not out	29
G. McTurk, not out	3
Extras	5

Total (for 6 wickets) 125

A. E. Cartmell, A. Laycock and D. Wilson did not bat.

Bowling: Godson 2 for 27, Smith 2 for 38, Lawson 1 for 25, Blight 1 for 15.

Wednesday, June 9th, v. CHEADLE ROYAL. Away. Won by 60 runs.

We batted first on the usual soft wicket, and reached our total by steady batting against a fairly good attack. Bond did much to hold the side together; he never looked troubled, and made some good strokes, especially on the leg side.

Some fine pace bowling by Godson and intelligent leg-spin by Blight dismissed several good batsmen, and although we were rather short of time at the end, our victory was quite convincing. Scores:—

SCHOOL.

J. C. Edwards, b Price	3
A. Godson, b Bardsley	24
C. S. Smith, b Price	1
E. W. B. Ward, b Price	14
R. P. M. Bond, not out	55
G. B. Lawson, c Price b Bardsley	17
R. M. Threlfall, b Price	2
A. M. Blight, run out	7
A. G. Shuttleworth, not out	15
Extras	24

Total (for 7 wickets, dec.) 162

D. W. Booth and N. C. Cuthbert did not bat.

CHEADLE ROYAL.

H. Bardsley, b Godson	0
J. Wooldridge, b Godson	6
Farrell, c Godson b Blight	16
Smethurst, c Booth, b Blight	29
G. Howard, b Godson	3
E. B. Price, b Godson	1
H. Henshall, b Blight	6
H. Jones, c Bond b Godson	8
H. U. Blight, c Lawson b Smith	8
Hughes, not out	9
F. Hasleham, c Bond b Lawson	2
Extras	14

Total 102

Bowling: Godson 5 for 41, Blight 3 for 19, Smith 1 for 22, Lawson 1 for 0.

Friday, June 11th, v. MANCHESTER C.C. At Old Trafford. Match drawn.

Against fairly accurate bowling, but on an excellent wicket, we made our runs by some really good batting. Godson played a very sound innings, and he received able support from Ward and Lawson.

Our bowling was always steady, but never really aggressive, their last two batsmen playing it quite confidently. The fielding and returning of the ball were clean and accurate. Scores:—

SCHOOL.

J. C. Edwards, run out	1
A. Godson, b Greenhough	63
C. S. Smith, run out	11
E. W. B. Ward, b Greenhough	34
R. P. M. Bond, b Shelmerdine	4
G. B. Lawson, c Shelmerdine b Burrows ..	20
R. M. Threlfall, b Greenhough	5
A. M. Blight, lbw b Hilton	7
A. G. Shuttleworth, b Greenhough	2
D. W. Booth, b Hilton	0
N. C. Cuthbert, not out	2
Extras	11

Total 160

Bowling: Greenhough 4 for 41.

MANCHESTER C.C.

N. Shelmerdine, run out	7
K. A. Quas-Cohen, lbw b Smith	13
T. C. Keen, b Smith	41
J. Hilton, b Smith	0
G. Holland, c Threlfall b Cuthbert	28
A. Morton, run out	8
C. U. Blair, b Cuthbert	0
F. Burrows, not out	26
H. Makepeace, not out	15
Extras	7

Total (for 7 wickets) 145

T. Greenhough and T. Ingham did not bat.

Bowling: Smith 3 for 47, Cuthbert 2 for 18.

Saturday, June 12th, v. WHALLEY RANGE C.C.
Home. Won by 6 wickets.

Whalley Range won the toss and batted first on a fairly fast wicket, though the outfield was slow. We bowled well and dismissed them cheaply. Blight did most of the damage, flighting and spinning the ball cleverly.

Accurate bowling, just short of a length, kept our rate of scoring down for some time. Lawson then attacked the bowling and we soon passed their score. Scores:—

WHALLEY RANGE C.C.

R. Taylor, b Godson	13
E. Barnes, b Smith	1
S. Gill, lbw b Blight	17
A. Robinson, c & b Blight	7
D. J. Price, run out	3
W. Maskell, c Shuttleworth b Cuthbert	5
S. Scott, c Booth b Blight	16
W. K. Bevan, b Blight	1
B. D. Norris, c Cuthbert b Smith	4
D. Orchard, b Smith	1
S. Rowlands, not out	0
Extras	8

Total 76

Bowling: Blight 4 for 19, Smith 3 for 22,
Godson 1 for 23, Cuthbert 1 for 4.

SCHOOL.

J. C. Edwards, c Bevan b Scott	5
A. Godson, b Maskell	18
C. S. Smith, not out	19
E. W. B. Ward, b Rowlands	9
R. P. M. Bond, c & b Scott	2
G. B. Lawson, run out	24
Extras	5

Total (for 5 wickets) 82

R. M. Threlfall, A. M. Blight, A. G. Shuttleworth, D. W. Booth, and N. C. Cuthbert did not bat.

Wednesday, June 16th, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, Crosby. Home. Match drawn.

Our inability to part two determined batsmen playing for a draw was again demonstrated in this match. When they were eventually separated we were left so short of time that, despite some excellent bowling by Smith, we could not prevent a draw.

Smith's bowling performance was all the more creditable since it came after what must have been a very tiring innings, lasting nearly 2½ hours. Scores:—

SCHOOL.

J. C. Edwards, c Appleton b Cartwright ..	12
A. Godson, b Cartwright	0
C. S. Smith, c Cartwright b Nicholson	72
E. W. B. Ward, b Lever	28
R. P. M. Bond, b Nicholson	16
G. B. Lawson, c Houghton b Nicholson ..	3
R. M. Threlfall, st. Turnpenny b Nicholson	6
A. M. Blight, not out	25
A. G. Shuttleworth, c Cartwright b Nicholson	5
Extras	6

Total (for 8 wickets, dec.) 173

D. W. Booth and N. C. Cuthbert did not bat.
Bowling: Nicholson 5 for 59.

MERCHANT TAYLORS'.

P. R. Houghton, c Blight b Cuthbert	18
L. Boothby, st. Edwards b Blight	10
A. G. Nicholson, not out	33
L. J. Turnpenny, b Smith	11
J. Howard, c Lawson b Godson	1
A. G. Lever, c Cuthbert b Godson	6
K. N. Wardle, c Lawson b Smith	1
W. D. Holmes, c Blight b Smith	0
G. B. Edwards, b Smith	0
T. L. Cartwright, not out	8
Extras	14

Total (for 8 wickets) 99

B. Appleton did not bat.

Bowling: Godson 2 for 22, Blight 1 for 14, Cuthbert 1 for 20, Smith 4 for 23 (including the hat-trick).

Wednesday, June 23rd, v. MANCHESTER G.S.
Away. Lost by 4 wickets.

A soft and tricky wicket was no excuse for our disgraceful exhibition of batting. Complete lack of concentration was shown by everybody except Smith, who could find nobody to stay with him for very long.

When their turn came, Manchester fared very little better. They appeared rather nervous, and some of our wickets were due to this rather than to good bowling. Scores:—

SCHOOL.

J. C. Edwards, b Mathews	0
A. Godson, c Terry b McKinna	1
C. S. Smith, not out	16
R. P. M. Bond, c McKinna b Mathews ...	0
G. B. Lawson, lbw b Mathews	0
A. M. Blight, run out	3
R. M. Threlfall, c McKinna b Mathews ...	5
J. A. Shepherd, b Taylor	0
A. G. Shuttleworth, lbw b Mathews	0
N. C. Cuthbert, run out	0
D. W. Booth, c McKinna b Mathews	0
Extras	2
Total	27

Bowling: Mathews 6 for 9.

MANCHESTER G.S.

J. M. Clayton, lbw b Smith	8
J. R. Crossley, b Godson	3
R. B. Terry, b Godson	8
J. R. D. Bedford, b Godson	0
J. A. Caro, run out	3
J. Y. Holloway, c & b Godson	0
G. H. McKinna, b Godson	11
R. A. West, b Smith	2
B. Taylor, b Smith	0
D. A. Whitworth, c Cuthbert b Godson ...	3
D. Mathews, not out	0
Extras	2
Total	40

Bowling: Godson 6 for 11, Smith 3 for 27.

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

Our first few batsmen scored much too slowly against bowling which, though steady, was never aggressive. This left us exactly two hours in which to get them out. Two or three lapses in fielding which was generally good, proved fatal, however, and they rather luckily forced a draw. Scores:—

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, b Adie	7
J. C. Edwards, b Adie	4
C. S. Smith, b Wrigley	33
E. W. B. Ward, b Wrigley	26
R. P. M. Bond, c Morrison b Turner	24
G. B. Lawson, not out	29
R. M. Threlfall, not out	11
Extras	6

Total (for 5 wickets, dec.) 140

A. M. Blight, A. G. Shuttleworth, N. C. Cuthbert, and D. W. Booth did not bat.

KING'S SCHOOL.

P. Walker, b Smith	8
G. Turner, c Bond b Cuthbert	14
E. A. Wrigley, c Edwards b Godson	41
R. H. D. Chapman, b Cuthbert	6
D. G. Bennett, c Edwards b Blight	1
J. L. Holt, run out	11
T. R. Mills, c Lawson b Smith	6
J. V. Morrison, b Smith	0
J. Hughes, c Godson b Smith	1
P. Broadbent, not out	6
J. C. F. Adie, not out	2
Extras	5

Total (for 9 wickets) 101

Bowling: Smith 4 for 29, Godson 1 for 29, Cuthbert 2 for 15, Blight 1 for 18.

Wednesday, June 30th, v. OLD HULMEIANS. Home.
Won by 5 wickets.

Putting a strong Old Boys side in to bat we never lost control of the match, although at one time three of our wickets were down for 14 runs. Godson, batting very well indeed, and Bond then came to the rescue and, after a slow start, we scored quickly to win with 15 minutes to spare.

Previously Blight had bowled very intelligently, and was unlucky not to get more wickets. Ward took a very good catch on the long-off boundary. Scores:—

OLD HULMEIANS.

G. O. Hackett, c Edwards b Godson	0
E. Barnes, c Lawson b Godson	16
W. Stansby, b Godson	7
E. A. Cartwright, c Ward b Blight	17
C. H. Nesbitt, b Smith	22
N. R. Coe, c Booth b Blight	27
E. B. Price, c Edwards b Smith	0
O. R. Dennis, c Edwards b Blight	1
A. V. Tune, c Threlfall b Godson	12
J. P. V. Woollam, not out	6
E. Hodgkinson, b Lawson	3
Extras	13

Total 124

Bowling: Godson 4 for 31, Blight 3 for 26,
Smith 2 for 35, Lawson 1 for 8.

SCHOOL.

A. Godson, b Barnes	70
A. M. Blight, b Tune	0
C. S. Smith, c Barnes b Price	2
E. W. B. Ward, c Hodgkinson b Tune	0
R. P. M. Bond, b Tune	23
G. B. Lawson, not out	14
J. C. Edwards, not out	1
Extras	16

Total (for 5 wickets) 126

R. M. Threlfall, A. G. Shuttleworth, D. W.
Booth, and N. C. Cuthbert did not bat.

Bowling: Tune 3 for 25.

2ND XI.

The Second eleven were fortunate in being able to start the season with five old colours. Except for the first game against Sale, when conditions were all against the batsmen, the batting has been sound.

The bowling has been steady, but has at times lacked the incisiveness needed to get quick wickets.

The fielding and running between wickets have improved, and are now reaching a good standard.

Details:—

Matches played 5, won 2, lost 0, drawn 3.

29th May, v. SALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI.
Away. School 27 for 5, rain stopped play.

5th June, v. KING EDWARD'S, LYTHAM. Home.
School 128 for 8 (Cooper 56, Shepherd 36), Lytham 37
(Shepherd 4 for 2, Cooper 3 for 5).

19th June, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' 2ND. Away.
School 135 (Appleby 31, Bale 25, Cooper 20),
Merchant Taylors' 116 for 9 (Fleming 2 for 16).

23rd June, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND.
Home. M.G.S. 86 (Tailby 4 for 41), School 65 for
8 (Bale 21).

26th June, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD, 2ND.
K.S.M. 65 (Appleby 6 for 14), School 87 for 4 (Bale
31, Pearson 19, Tailby 17 not out).

The following have played for the Second XI.:
G. B. Appleby (Captain), G. N. Pearson (Vice-
Captain), C. A. Smith, J. A. Shepherd, J. Fleming,
R. M. Bale, D. Cooper, P. R. Tailby, G. A. Royle,
A. W. Lord, T. D. C. Child, and W. Cartwright.

UNDER 15 XI.

An inexperienced side has had to play on a series of rain-damaged wickets and has not met with any great measure of success. Two matches have been won, three lost and one drawn. The bowling has been steady but not always hostile, the fielding on the whole has been good, but the batting has been hesitant and lacking in power.

Colours have been re-awarded to D. M. Archer (Captain) and A. A. Rainford; new Colours have been awarded to R. J. Winfield, P. R. Donovan, W. A. Jackson, J. Lee, P. B. M. Haslam, E. D. Carson, J. N. Hopwood, and J. M. Atkinson. The eleven has been completed by the inclusion of young boys who will be available next year: J. G. Rutherford, N. A. Moran, R. McCloughlin, and K. Jackson.

RESULTS.

Saturday, 29th May, v. SALE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
Home. Match drawn. School 82 for 9 wickets,
declared (R. J. Winfield 24). Sale did not bat owing
to rain.

Wednesday, 2nd June, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR
SCHOOL. Home. Rain, no play.

Saturday, 5th June, v. KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL,
LYTHAM. Home. Won by 9 wickets. Lytham 28
(A. A. Rainford 2 for 3, P. R. Donovan 3 for 5, J.
Lee 4 for 10), School 62 (W. A. Jackson 22).

Wednesday, 16th June, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS'
SCHOOL. Home. Won by 22 runs. School 100
(W. A. Jackson 38, J. M. Atkinson 22 not out),
Merchant Taylors' School 78 (R. J. Winfield 5 for
10).

Saturday, 19th June, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS'
SCHOOL, at Crosby. Lost by 2 wickets. School
60, Merchant Taylors' School 66 for 8 wickets (P.
R. Donovan 4 for 24 in 15 overs, R. J. Winfield 2
for 9 in 14 overs).

Wednesday, 23rd June, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR
SCHOOL. Away. Lost by 5 wickets. School 42,
M.G.S. 50 (R. J. Winfield 5 for 12 in 16 overs, R. J.
Donovan 4 for 20 in 15 overs).

Saturday, 26th June, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Home. Lost by 10 wickets. School 50, Macclesfield 153 for 9.

First XV. Football Fixtures, 1948.

- Sept. 18.—Old Hulmeians, Home.
 Oct. 2.—Manchester Grammar School, Home.
 " 9.—Cheadle Hulme School, Home.
 " 16.—Merchant Taylors' School, Home.
 " 27.—King Edward VII. School, Lytham, Away.
 Nov. 20.—Cheadle Hulme School, Away.
 " 25.—Queen Elizabeth's G.S., Wakefield, Away.
 Dec. 1.—Birkenhead School, Home.
 " 4.—King's School, Macclesfield, Home.
 " 11.—King's School, Macclesfield, Away.
 " 18.—Sale Grammar School, Home.

House Games.

Due to a rather short Lent term, the School cricket season began in the depths of winter, and seems to have stayed in them except on one or two occasions. Games were impossible for the first fortnight owing to the state of the ground. Since then, however, it has been possible to play on twelve afternoons. Games were started on two others, but abandoned on account of rain.

More boys have been on the School field each afternoon than in either of the winter terms, and junior teams particularly should be commended for the keenness they have shown on all occasions, in spite of their rather cramped playing conditions and certain inadequacies of tackle. It is hoped that this attitude and spirit will be maintained when they pass on to senior teams, which at the present time are not so worthy of praise in this respect.

There has been marked competition in the House League this term, in which Fraser is fortunate to hold the first place. This is not due to any particular brilliance on the part of the players, for neither the Junior nor the Senior teams can be said to be more than moderately good. Gaskell, who won both the Rugby Shield and the Lacrosse Flags during the winter, is a close second with 78 points, being only 8 points behind Fraser, while Dalton is only 3 points behind Gaskell. It is quite likely that before the end of term we may see a change in the relative positions of these three Houses, but it is disappointing that there is so little opposition from the other three Houses, which are almost as close together at the bottom of the League. These

Houses could probably be stronger, but Byrom and Heywood lose quite a number of players to School teams. Byrom is at the bottom with 25 points, with Whitworth next with 44, and Heywood with 52 points is still a long way behind Dalton.

The first round of the Knock-outs has been played. Fraser lost on both Senior and Junior teams, the former to Gaskell and the latter to Dalton. Byrom Senior team beat Whitworth, and Heywood Juniors beat Gaskell. Byes were drawn by Heywood and Dalton Seniors, and Whitworth and Byrom Juniors.

The results of the Knock-outs should prove interesting, for both Gaskell and Dalton have strong Senior teams, and there is a good chance that one of them will win, and by so doing the winner will easily displace Fraser from its position at the top of the League.

E. W. B. W.

An Introduction to Rugby Football.

Next term's influx of boys will, no doubt, include many who will wish to be aware of the basic principles of rugby football so that, in their new school, they will be able to maintain its traditions and bring glory to the Pickups and the Extra A.

The pitch should be fairly flat and contained within two touch lines; these help to keep things tidy and prevent players from straying into the game next door. Nothing is more confusing for a First Fifteen full-back, in a game with King Edward VII., than to find himself confronted with half the pack of the Second Form.

Dress is important. A tweed jacket and flannel slacks, however natty in the classroom, are considered *de trop* at Wednesday games. Newcomers should try and adopt something less conspicuous; a gay pullover, worn with shorts and army boots, has won instant approval, and a School scarf, worn nonchalantly, looks well.

Now for positions. It is essential to maintain some order in a game so full of chaos. So, first of all, there are four three-quarters. These are the elite of the class, and string themselves across the field like a clothes line in an alley. Everybody is expected to pass to them, they are the only men who really handle the ball, and they like to do the scoring. Nearly all the others spend the time chasing it in a futile manner, and are known as the forwards or mugs. They number eight, but more have been seen in some school games, and one dark afternoon two Corporation workmen and a dog were found in the scrum.

The scrum is the forward's delight. Newcomers with ears like Dumbo's should avoid it and make a niche for themselves where their physical attributes

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are less liable to cause anxiety. Nor should those, whose garments are not of the strongest, plunge into this good-natured frolic. In any case, two half-backs hover round the crowd and sneak the ball away just when things are beginning to warm up.

A dry day is ruinous to enjoyment. Opponents are easily recognised and the game is dull. Rain, on the other hand, provides a coating of thick mud for all. Friend and foe alike are tackled with zest, and the real School spirit—every man for himself—comes into its own.

B. N. (3M.).

Rivers.

What pictures the word conjures up, pictures of shining, silver threads, wending their way between green banks, or an angry torrent, rushing down a Scottish mountain-side, like an affrighted horse fleeing from some terrible monster!

To the fisherman what can be more refreshing than the sight of salmon leaping a weir on some quiet country stream, with the bright sunlight glittering on their streaming scales?

A river has moods, just like any other living thing. In winter it swirls and swishes its yellow stream, carrying the wrack of a storm, but in summer it is quiet and placid, at peace with itself and its neighbours, flowing resignedly along its course, until it meets the ocean and is swallowed up.

A river holds many secrets, kept from the gaze of the casual passer-by—secrets revealed only to the observant one, who knows where to look: such things as the spoor of an otter, the holes in its bank where the timid water voles live, and many other things beside, made by the creatures to whom the river is food and shelter.

Many trees make their homes beside a river: the graceful willow, symbol of English sport, which overhangs the bank, dropping its leaves into the river in autumn, like tears shed for the passing year. Among the gnarled roots of the mighty trees lurk fish, who shoot out from their hiding-places, at a moment's notice, like arrows from a bow.

When night comes a damp, white mist rises from the river, wrapping it in a ghostly winding-sheet, until suddenly the moon breaks through the clouds and exposes the river in all its beauty, a silver ribbon with patches of inky shadow here and there. As we leave the quiet countryside for the bustling town a haunting memory lingers, of salmon splashing in the sun, of stately trees, of a moonlit stream, and finally, nothing but a silvery tinkling music of water running over stones. The river is asleep.

S. B. B. (2A.).

"Temples."

When in the soaring coolness of a church,
Warm evening sunlight strikes through storied glass,
And gleams on arches and on pillars there,
Strength from strange hills.

Here is a token; for the mind may rest
As well beneath the shadow of a cliff
As under lofty pillars, and as well
Take strength from that.

And then the craftsmen—they who made this arch:
So, many artists each in their degree
Create their wonders, all for men to seek
Some strength therein.

There is no lack of temples in the land
For who will think upon them, and be sure
Of rendering thus such homage as to find
In these their strength.

M. E. C.

Funeral Meditation.

(1)

Before the budding light of dawn
Had softly blossomed into day,
A mother put on black to mourn
Her son, who early passed away.

In cortege bathed by noonday light
They bore him to his tiny tomb,
And old men watched the funeral rite
Of one who scarce had left the womb.

And when the stars, while tired men sleep,
Perform their ballet in the sky,
There's one who lies down but to weep
For one who had too soon to die.

(2)

I have not lived: it is not time to hear
The "De Profundis" sung on my behalf,
Till many years, and yet another year
Have passed, while I may sing, and love, and laugh.

For I have yet to see the world, and know
The glory and the sadness which it holds;
And watch my children born, and age, and grow,
Embracing life, as life to them unfolds.

Perhaps. But may not life for them be cut
By pestilence, by accident, and war?
And thus without redress the door be shut
Too soon on life for them—or me before?

When I am old, I shall not flinch from death,
But hate it now, for it may choke young breath.

V. E.

Autumn.

Autumn, and the cold winds blow,
Beating the traveller's cloak about his legs,
And lending vigour to the breather's frame.
Autumn, and the cold sky's blue,
Viewed through a lattice of wind-whipped trees.
White cirrus flee and black nimbus looms;
The rain is masculine and strong,
Not weak and womanish like summer shower:
The sun is pale, and yellow, like the grass,
Which stands, dry, ghostly, on the banks,
Killed by the stark, strong season of dereliction.

J. G. H.

Hermit With All Mod. Conv.

(With apologies to W. W.)

The hills and lochs were all around,
The road was steep and narrow:
The snow and ice was on the ground—
It chilled us to the marrow.

From out a hut a ghillie came
To meet us on our way:
His sprightliness put us to shame—
His hair was thin and grey.

A garment long of cloth he wore
In hermit's fashion true,
(Although a lining soft it bore
Of fur both clean and new).

He said he'd left the city strife
With foolish thoughts imbued:
He'd wished to lead a simple life
Of blissful solitude.

He soon had found this course austere
And very much too trying,
He therefore had within a year,
Begun a little buying.

Into his story here he cut,
And said, "Please come inside,
I'll show you round my little hut—
It is my joy and pride."

He showed us first a range and hearth,
(The fire was burning brightly)
"It heats the water for my bath—
I like to bathe twice nightly."

He showed us his illicit still,
A process somewhat risky—
"For though sobriety is my will,
I'll ne'er say no to whisky."

A radio and gramophone
To play the latest airs,
Stood right beside the telephone
Just near two easy chairs.

Inside a room with feather bed
And running H and C,
"Here's where I sleep at night" he said,
"It's comfy as can be."

And last he showed us round the vault
Wherein he kept his wine:
"With life like this I can't find fault,
Just everything is fine."

"'Tis true! I think for wisdom rare
That we must praise this sage.
Indeed I wish that I could share
His modern hermitage."

V. E. AND R. W. D.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News.

It has been suggested that an Old Hulmeians Masonic Lodge be founded. Will all Old Boys who are interested please write to Mr. Gatley at the School? If the response to this suggestion be sufficiently encouraging a meeting will be arranged in October for those who would like to become members.

Alderman Harry Lord has been elected Chairman of the Health Committee of the Lancashire County Council. He was elected to the County Council in 1937. He has served on Davyhulme Park and Abbotsfield Emergency Hospital Committees. As a result of this work he was invited to undertake the task of setting up the administrative machinery for the working of the new Public Health Act. In this work he has had to meet representatives of almost all the local authorities in the county.

A. V. Williams, Town Clerk of Dudley, has been appointed General Manager of the Peterlee Development Corporation, which is to build the new town in the Easington Rural District, Co. Durham.

Professor H. J. Seddon has been appointed Director of Studies of the Institute of Orthopaedics, and Clinical Director of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, London.

We are grateful to the Editor of *The Lancet* for kindly permitting us to reprint the following account of his career:—

Professor Seddon, who is 44 years of age, was educated at Hulme Grammar School, Manchester, and St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He was awarded the gold medal when he took his M.B. in 1925, and

in the same year he took the F.R.C.S. While holding house appointments at Barts. he was also for a time registrar at the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital. In 1930 he was appointed to an instructorship in surgery at Ann Arbor, Michigan, under Professor Hugh Cabot and Dr. Vernon Hart. The following year he returned to Barts. as chief assistant in the orthopaedic department, and a few months later he became resident surgeon at the Stanmore branch of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, where he held demonstrations and supplementary classes in orthopaedics for the students from four London hospitals. In 1940 Mr. Seddon was appointed to the Nuffield Chair of Orthopaedic Surgery in the University of Oxford, and received the degree of D.M. He also became surgeon to the Wingfield Morris Hospital. In 1943 he had won the Robert Jones gold medal of the British Orthopaedic Association for his essay on "Pott's Paraplegia," and in 1935 he had delivered a Hunterian lecture on "Caries of the Thoracic Spine." During the war his published work dealt chiefly with the surgery of nerve injuries. In 1943 and 1945 he visited Malta and Mauritius at the request of the Colonial Secretary to advise on the outbreaks of poliomyelitis, and he is a member of the Colonial Medical Advisory Committee. He was also a member of the Ministry of Pensions Departmental Committee on Artificial Limbs (1944-45).

G. C. Varley, M.A., Ph.D. (Cambridge), has been appointed to the Hope Professorship of Zoology (Entomology) at Oxford.

D. A. Parry, Ph.D., has been elected into a Fellowship at King's College, Cambridge.

P. Saunbury has been appointed Lecturer in Dentistry at Manchester University.

F. J. Whelan, of Brasenose College, Oxford, has been elected to a Blackstone Scholarship at the Middle Temple, tenable for three years.

Manchester University Examination results:—

M.Ed.: H. Lowther.

M.B. and Ch.B.: W. L. Tonge.

B.A. (Geography), Class II., Division I.: R. B. Herbert.

B.A. (Ordinary): W. W. Marshall.

LL.B. Hons., Class II., Division I.: E. G. Thomas.

B.Sc. (Tech.) Chemical Engineering, Class II., Division I.: P. Grantham. Mechanical Engineering, Part II., Division I.: R. W. Crouchley, D. L. King, J. M. Motley.

B.Sc. Engineering, Class II., Division I.: E. G. Smith.

Diploma in Architecture: E. Daley, P. Wolfenden.

BIRTHS.

HODGKINSON.—On March 10th, 1948, to Mr. and Mrs. P. Hodgkinson, a son.

SUNDERLAND.—On March 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Sunderland, a son.

BURKE.—On April 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Burke, a son.

KIERNAN.—On April 24th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Kiernan, a son.

BIRD.—On April 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bird, a daughter.

STEPHENSON.—On April 25th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stephenson, a daughter.

ERSKINE.—On May 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. Erskine, a son.

WATKINS.—On May 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watkins, a son.

MCCORMICK.—On June 11th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McCormick, a daughter.

NOBLE.—On June 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Noble, a son.

PEARCE.—On June 15th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Pearce, a son.

HILTON.—On June 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Hilton, a daughter.

JOSEPH.—On July 3rd, to Mr. and Mrs. K. Joseph, a son.

WOOD.—On July 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Wood, a daughter.

BALLINGER.—On July 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. K. Ballinger, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

FAWCETT—THOMAS.—On March 13th, ALAN HIRST FAWCETT to SARAH PAMELA THOMAS.

DARLINGTON—HALL.—On April 24th, RONALD DARLINGTON to LILLIAN JOAN HALL.

ERSKINE—HOLT.—On April 19th, JOHN ERSKINE to DOREEN GEORGINA HOLT.

NICHOLSON—THOMPSON.—On June 19th, JOHN KENNETH NICHOLSON to EDITH MARY THOMPSON.

JECNY—NEWINGTON.—On June 12th, L. A. JECNY to AUDREY ADENEY NEWINGTON.

GARNER—SMITH.—On June 24th, GEOFFREY WILLIAM GARNER to MYRTLE FRANCES SMITH.

PRESTON—TWEEDALE.—On July 14th, HERBERT STANLEY PRESTON to JOYCE TWEEDALE.

MALLINSON—PARKER.—On July 15th, WILLIAM ARTHUR MALLINSON to MURIEL PARKER.

DEATHS.

HILL.—Flight-Sergeant RAYMOND BOWDEN HILL on March 20th, 1946.

TOOTH.—Squadron Leader ALBERT TOOTH, on July 2nd, 1948, as the result of an air accident.

Roll of Honour.

We regret to have to add the name of Raymond Bowden Hill (1941) to the Roll of Honour. Flight-Sergeant Navigator Hill died on March 20th, 1946, from an illness contracted during training in South Africa.

We were very sorry indeed also to learn of the death of Squadron-Leader Albert Tooth, D.F.C., who was killed while piloting a Lincoln bomber on a test flight from Boscombe Downs, Wiltshire, Experimental Station. During the war he served with the Chindits in Burma, and once swam the Irrawaddy to save a soldier. He was demobilised in 1945, but after a short period in civil life rejoined the R.A.F. We offer to his widow and children our sincere sympathy.

Old Hulmeians Association.

We read with interest, in each issue of "The Hulmeian," of the escapades of Old Boys at Cambridge and "the other place," but rarely, when eventually these Old Boys go down, do we find their names added to our list of members. Consequently it was pleasing to find Oxford represented by F. G. Higgins and F. J. Whelan at the Annual Dinner at the Grand Hotel on March 12th. The function, attended by 86 members and their guests, provided a high standard of speaking, with Mr. F. Bancroft Turner at his brightest in his speech proposing the Association, and it is always a pleasure to have our good friends the Dean of Manchester and Canon Woolnough in our midst. The dinner will be held at the same hotel next year on March 11th.

It was decided at a meeting held at School on April 28th that the Dramatic Society should be reformed, and it is hoped that all the old, and many new, stalwarts will rally round and get this much-missed section running at its pre-war level very soon.

On May 13th the Golf Section held its Annual Competition at Chorlton Golf Club, and the cups were won by F. Garner, J. L. Somerfield and P. Warburton.

The Annual Cricket Match was played against the School on June 30th, when J. P. V. Woollam again

captained the Old Boys' team. The School bowled and fielded well to dismiss a strong batting side for 124, and in spite of a disastrous start to their own innings, they batted soundly and won the game quite comfortably with time to spare.

The General Committee is spending much time and thought in endeavouring to offer more to Association members, and it would welcome any suggestions in writing to one of the Secretaries or at the Annual General Meeting early in October. It is hoped that the portrait of Mr. Trevor Dennis will be installed at School by the date of the Annual General Meeting, and all Old Boys are asked therefore to attend.

Boys leaving School this term will be welcomed most warmly to the Association and to any of its Sections.

E. B.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The Lacrosse Section ended the 1947/48 season in good heart. Since the last publication of these notes the first team have played only one further game, which they lost away to Boardman and Eccles by 4-6. The side's activities, therefore, call for little further comment, other than that to have gained fourth position in the League's First Division with the following record, in spite of our team-building work, involving seven changes from the previous season, must be considered satisfactory.

GOALS							PTS.
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.		
18	11	7	0	175	135		22

The "A" team was our most successful side. For the second time in their career, and the fourth in the Club's history, they won the Lancashire Junior Cup. This trophy was won by the first team in 1898-9 and by the third team in 1936-7. The team's recent success—they defeated Old Waconians "A" in the final by 14-4 on the South Manchester and Wythenshawe ground—was due to excellent team spirit and play, and it would be invidious to single out any particular player. The team was as follows:—J. G. Rickards, D. M. Arrandale, F. M. McClinton, G. Storry, W. J. Bell, F. D. Bell, A. Jones (Captain), A. V. Tune, R. E. Howard, D. B. Flunder, R. Mark, G. Price.

In addition, the "A" team won the League Third Division Championship, but under existing regulations unfortunately do not, as a result, gain promotion. Their League record was as follows:—

GOALS							PTS.
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.		
17	16	1	0	196	54		32

The revived "B" team also completed the season successfully, and finished top of a rather nebulous fourth division with the loss of only four points. Their deserved promotion is as yet uncertain, but the Committee will use every endeavour to ensure that next season's fixture list will be more worthy of their prowess.

At the Annual General Meeting at Whalley Range on April 5th, which was well attended, the following officials were elected for next season:—Chairman, J. A. Barber; Vice-Chairman, R. Buckland; Hon. Secretary, J. Buckland; Hon. Teams' Secretary, N. A. Barber; 1st Team Captain, E. Barnes; Vice-Captain, H. A. Whatley; "A" Team Captain, A. Jones; Vice-Captain, D. M. Arrandale; "B" Team Captain, L. Angell; Vice-Captain, E. S. Thelwall; Committee, N. R. Coe, R. Mark, W. J. Bell.

We also have to record our Chairman's election as President of the Lancashire County Lacrosse Association, and N. R. Coe to the County Committee.

The season's most notable event, from a club viewpoint, was our Easter tour to London, where we played three matches. Those participating, twenty-two all told, nineteen of whom were players, had a most memorable trip, which it is hoped will be the forerunner of many. We travelled by coach, which left Manchester on Thursday evening and carried us along the highways and byways of England throughout a superbly moonlit night, which the majority had no alternative but to enjoy. The ravages of sleepless road travel were apparent on the Friday afternoon when in our game against Middlesex at Stanmore we were only 6—5 ahead at half-time and had to struggle hard to win by 15—9. In the evening the Hampstead and Hampton Court Clubs entertained us, most properly, to dinner at "Chez Auguste," where the menu appropriately started with "Hors d'œuvres à la Crosse." On the Saturday we had an easier win by 15—4 at Addiscombe, against Purley, who later entertained us, not so properly, but very hospitably, and presented us with a trophy, suitably inscribed, for, it is hoped, annual competition. The evening was notable for the inauguration of the club's theme song "Only a bird in a golden cage," persistently sung by our recently returned "sahib," and the rodeo prowess inspired in another of our members by Cambridge's boat race win. Sunday was a rest for most and on Monday morning we showed our best form of the tour against an Old Dunstonian's team at Beckenham Hill. That our hosts took our 19—3 win in good part was confirmed by the generous manner in which we were fed and "watered" before our departure, most surprisingly as a complete party, for Manchester, which we reached late, but with pleasant memories of a most successful tour.

N. A. B.

Old Hulmeians Rugby.

The end of the season was very bad. The 1st XV. tried hard, but was always badly beaten; the "A" was invariably trounced. Membership declined, and ultimately it was possible to raise one team only. A well-attended Annual General Meeting tried to discover why. It agreed that the almost universal failure to re-join of pre-war players was one principal reason—with the rider that but two of the Old Boys now playing for senior clubs could make the difference between success and failure—and that a poor ground and lack of facilities was the other. Of the former, what more can be said? This answer to this problem depends upon Old Boys themselves. In the future the School will lift the Club to greater heights than those attained before the war. But the present is needlessly depressing. No enormous gap needs to be bridged, because all rugby clubs are still building up, and a reasonable effort could do the trick. A slight resurgence can re-establish us: a big one can make us important. To this end, all former members are enjoined at least to keep in touch with us, and all present ones to do some recruiting.

About the ground position there are solid grounds for optimism. We are confident of securing a ground in Whalley Range which will fulfil our needs admirably, probably for years to come, and the new address will be publicised as soon as possible. We hope to open the coming season there, but if this is not possible we shall continue for a short time at Yew Tree Lane, Northenden.

The aforesaid Annual General Meeting was held at the School on 12th April, 1948. At it W. G. Aspinall announced his retirement from the Secretaryship, amidst universal regret. His unceasing concern for the club deserves a richer tribute than these few words, and we are glad that we shall not lose him altogether. All the officers actually retired at this meeting. The following were elected for the coming year:—President, T. W. M. Bland; Hon. General Secretary, A. R. Onions; Hon. Fixture Secretary, N. G. Bullivant; Hon. Team Secretary, P. Harrison; 1st XV. Captain, J. B. Swarbrick; 1st XV. Representative, J. G. K. Hughes.

Other team Captains and representatives to be elected subsequently.

A Hot-pot will be held at the Wellington Hotel, Didsbury, at 7.30 on Friday, 20th August, at which all Old Hulmeians will be most welcome, and we hope to give the season a rousing send-off. No tickets will be issued, but a charge will be made of 5/- per head, and all who intend to come are asked to ring or write to the General Secretary.

The first matches will be played on 4th September, and practices will be held in the preceding weeks. Two teams will be fielded throughout the season, and occasionally, we hope, three.

A last word: kit is still very difficult to get. We expect to have jerseys in our own colours for the 1949-50 season for at least two teams, but any Old Hulmeian jerseys that can be spared would be greatly appreciated. On this and other matters the General Secretary can be found at 50, Manley Road, Manchester 16 (MOS 2012). Intending players should write to him or to P. Harrison at 106, Dudley Road, Manchester 16.

A. R. O.

1ST XV. RESULTS.

Mar. 6.—v. University "A"	A	L	0-26
" 13.—v. Orrell	H	L	3-27
" 20.—v. Old Salians	H	L	3-21
" 27.—v. Preston Grasshoppers "A"	H	L	0-19
April 10.—v. Toc H (M/c.)	A	L	5-22
" 24.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey	A	L	4-8

"A" XV. RESULTS.

Mar. 6.—v. Ashtonians "A"	H	L	3-50
" 13.—v. Orrell "A"	A	Cancelled	
" 20.—v. Manchester G.S.	A	L	5-40
April 17.—v. Oldham Extra "A"	A	L	3-19

Old Hulmeians Golf.

This year's Golf Competition for the Bradbury, Vlies and Merchant Cups was held on the Chorlton Golf Links on Thursday, May 13th.

Although 50 per cent. more cards were taken out this year than our revival meeting last year, it is hoped that still more competitors will avail themselves of the opportunity of winning one of these handsome cups next year.

Bradbury Cup: Winner, F. Garner, 87-11 = 76.

Vlies Cup (for the best gross): Winner, J. L. Somerfield, 83-8 = 75.

Merchant Cup (for handicaps 13 to 20): Winner, P. M. Warburton, 84-13 = 71.

Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

The weather plays a prominent part in any Oxford Trinity Term, and can make or mar it. It is sad to have to report that rain has interfered with almost all the usual summer activities, and we are left with rather a frustrated feeling at the end of an unexpectedly uneventful eight weeks. A gaily-dressed,

towpath-crowded Eights Week; watching the University meet the Counties in the Parks in an almost village-cricket atmosphere; punting in the evenings; seeing open-air Shakespeare in the College gardens—all have been pleasures denied this year and leave us with comparatively little to describe.

Old Hulmeians in Oxford seem to have fallen into two main groups—those who have obtained their degrees and are on advanced work, and those still faced with the awful prospect of Schools. The peculiar thing is that the former seem to spend all their time working now, but the latter never seem to get round to such a thing at all.

Therefore, very little is seen of S. S. Wilson, J. Wilks and L. Robertson (all Brasenose). Wilson teaches engineering, Wilks is still researching, and Robertson has reached the practical stage of his medical course.

Of the undergraduates, A. G. Smith (Brasenose) has become the College Secretary of the Philhellenic Society, formed recently in support of (or against) the present Greek Government. The situation in Greece has remained obscure in spite of this new venture, and it will probably swell the number of "lost causes" eventually. W. J. Duerden (New College), to quote his own remark, claims to be working like a beaver—occasionally coming out for air before re-applying himself to historical study. At last he has decided to move out of his rooms in college, where he has hibernated for the last two years—actually he has neither option in the matter nor digs to occupy when he comes out; but the procuring of accommodation has never been his strong point.

Rowing seems to have claimed the attention of the other three pre-Finals men, for we recognized J. F. Mair in the bows of an odd-looking Peter's Hall Eight on their one and only outing just before the Races. F. J. Whelan (Brasenose) seems to have been reading Rowing this term, and whenever Jurisprudence has been mentioned as a possible occupation he has developed a Mephistophelian pair of horns and has swished his tail like a little devil and disappeared into the nearest coffee-shop or beer-house, according to the time of day. He rowed at 5. with F. G. Higgins (Brasenose) coxing, in the Brasenose boat at Marlowe Regatta, where they reached the semi-final of the Junior Eights Challenge Cup. Higgins had a final dramatic fling when he business-managed the University Opera Club's production of the Dent version of "The Beggar's Opera" at the Playhouse Theatre to a financial loss of over a hundred pounds. But he has a different sort of "Final" fling in the English School in November, when he stands to lose even more.

Those joining us next year can expect to be encouraged to take up rowing, which soon becomes

a fascinating pastime. If we combine with the ex-Captain of Peterhouse Boats and J. O. Spalding, of Jesus, Cambridge, we should be able to put out a creditable Old Hulmeians VIII. by the end of the year.

So there is much hard work in store for J. N. McManus, B. T. Gibson, D. Ogden, J. W. N. Glover, G. Wilkinson, A. Wilkinson, F. A. Stone, R. W. Douglas, and P. W. Watkins, all of whom, we gather, are due to come up soon.

We seem to have had very few Old Hulmeian visitors this term, but saw D. Ogden and A. Wilson on the towpath of the Isis at Whit week-end; they had cycled over to watch the Eights Week racing, which was a good idea, except that the races did not start until the following week-end. Another Eights week visitor was T. D. Higgins, who appeared at the right time and stayed for a couple of days.

We are always very pleased to see Old Boys who are in Oxford at any time, and hope that they will be sure to look us up.

F. G. H.

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge.

The Easter Term is always "so full of a number of things," from the beauty of the Backs to the results of the Trip and the Mays; or from the bumps in the May Races to the bumps, of a different nature, in the May Balls. This term has been even fuller than usual. Field Marshal Smuts has been installed as the new Chancellor; Her Majesty the Queen has attended Queen's Five Hundredth Anniversary; Mr. Churchill, the Archbishop of York, Sir Stafford Cripps and others have been awarded honorary degrees. Even King's Chapel has changed and has been cleaned for the first time in many years and now looks more beautiful and inspiring than ever.

Those of us up here hope that as many Old Boys as possible will join us next year, and we are looking forward to seeing many new faces.

Old Hulmeians have been distinguishing themselves as oarsmen. John Spalding (Jesus) at number seven in the Jesus Third Boat, had the honour of belonging to one of the best crews on the river, with a string of bumps to its credit and a jump from the third to the second division. John Chilton (Clare) at bow in the Clare Fourth boat tailed his own college's number three boat, and despite a bump from Emma is still going strong for next time. Chilton has been working hard at that most unnatural subject, Natural Sciences, and has also entered the tennis world. He arrived with a strong Clare side to "beat up" Trinity. The result was all that could be desired—by Trinity!!—both sides are looking forward to a return match.

Angus ("Jock") Ogilvy (Peterhouse) has been delving so deeply into the mysteries of the Neutron-dosemetry problem that he has escaped from the world of his fellow Hulmeians. We can only assume that the profundity of his experiments will mean that he will come up again next year, and we hope that perhaps we may meet him in the K.P., the Whim, or even the Dot!

More good work has been done as a feature writer for "Varsity" by Gordon Hall (Fitzwilliam House), but he has been concentrating upon the far more serious and studious study of law. We are glad to see from the results that his energies have been well directed, and what is more, appreciated by his examiners.

Still theologising is Phillip Slade, and though seen little by the other Old Boys up here, we feel sure he will again be present at the inter-'varsity 'crosse match next year, and as usual will be in the happy position of being on "both sides."

Arthur Rodgers (Trinity) collected his degree at the end of the term and is able to stay up for a further year. Politics still continue to take up much of his time, and he is now a front bench in the Union. He was elected to the Union Committee, and is the new Secretary of the University Conservative Association. He still continues to swing the willow, and has been awarded his Field Club and Cricket colours.

The May Races and the May Balls cast their magnetic spell over Anthony Dennis, who returned to the river and to Peterhouse in May week. As always, we were delighted to see him.

Members of the Cambridge Union were pleased to see that Oxford, too, was elevated to the Third programme, but were sorry that the broadcast clashed with Merry-go-Round!

A. R. R.

The Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

The activities of this section of the Old Boys' Association were suspended in 1939, and an attempt is to be made to revive the Society. A Committee, representing both the pre-war members and those who have left School more recently, has been formed, and has arranged a meeting and entertainment to be held at School on Thursday, October 7th. A varied programme has been arranged, and will include a one-act play, films, and a cabaret, and light refreshments will be served.

All Old Boys who are interested in any branch of the Society's work, acting, stagecraft, and the

orchestra, are urged to attend, and ladies also are invited. Full details will be given in a circular which will be sent to all Old Boys.

At this meeting it is hoped that we shall be able to find out what active support is available, and from that to decide whether the Society can be revived at this time.

Parents Association.

The Eighth Annual Meeting was held on April 28th with a fairly good attendance; Mr. E. H. Tredwell, the Chairman, presiding. The Chairman welcomed the presence of the Headmaster, who addressed the meeting. He dealt mainly with the relationship of the Parents' Association to the School, and stressed the fact that the Association could not possibly have any voice, at any time, in the policy or running of the School, and gave many reasons why this was so. Mr. Bird, however, stated that there were other ways in which the Association could be useful to the School, and referred particularly to the Advisory Panel, a body of voluntary experts ready and willing to advise parents on the choice of a career for their sons. He expressed the opinion that this might easily develop to the advantage of members into a kind of Employment Bureau within the Association.

The Headmaster referred also to the opportunity the Association afforded for developing friendships among parents of boys who shared similar experiences. The Association offered to parents who had recently moved into the district an opportunity of making social contacts they might otherwise find difficult to discover. By meetings and discussion parents could iron out personal difficulties, and would

develop, through a community of interests, a personal concern in all the activities of the School, and so they would not regard it as merely the place where their sons happened to be educated.

Proceeding to other matters, Mr. Bird announced his intention to extend the Housemaster system, and explained the advantages he expected to be derived therefrom. Arrangements were being made to hold a School Confirmation next term, and the Headmaster invited parents who wished their boys to be confirmed to write to him before the end of term so that the necessary arrangements could be made. The Chairman warmly thanked Mr. Bird for his attendance and address.

The Secretary submitted the Committee's report for the year, which was accepted, as were the reports of the Social and Lectures Sub-Committees, submitted respectively by Mr. Price and Dr. Littler. Detailed consideration was given to the new Constitution, as printed and circulated by the Committee, which was accepted with a few minor amendments. Copies of the new Constitution will be available to every member in due course.

Mr. L. H. Nesbitt's resignation as Treasurer was accepted with regret, and after Mr. Nesbitt had been thanked for his past services, Mr. B. Mitchell was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Other appointments were Mr. E. H. Tredwell's re-election as Chairman, Mr. M. Archer's as Vice-Chairman, and Messrs. G. Hilton, W. Ogilvie and L. Selman were appointed to fill vacancies on the Committee.

A very successful meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Secretary, and the Committee, submitted by Mr. Green and carried unanimously.

S. W. ROFFEY, *Hon. Secretary.*

William Hulme's Grammar School Entertainments Account.

JUNE, 1948.

RECEIPTS.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank, 1947 ...	176	7	7
" " Cash ...	0	6	1
" Receipts, Christmas Play ...	84	5	0
" " Shrove Tuesday Play ...	168	0	0
" " Programmes ...	20	11	9
" Refund (Hints on Games) ...	0	2	9
	<u>£449</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>

EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.
By Expenses, Plays ...	219	7	2
" Repairs to Instruments ...	51	6	2
" Subscription to Manchester Geo-	0	15	0
graphical Society ...	0	17	9
" Bank Cheque and Commission ...	177	0	11
" Bank Balance ...	0	6	2
" Cash ...			
	<u>£449</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>2</u>