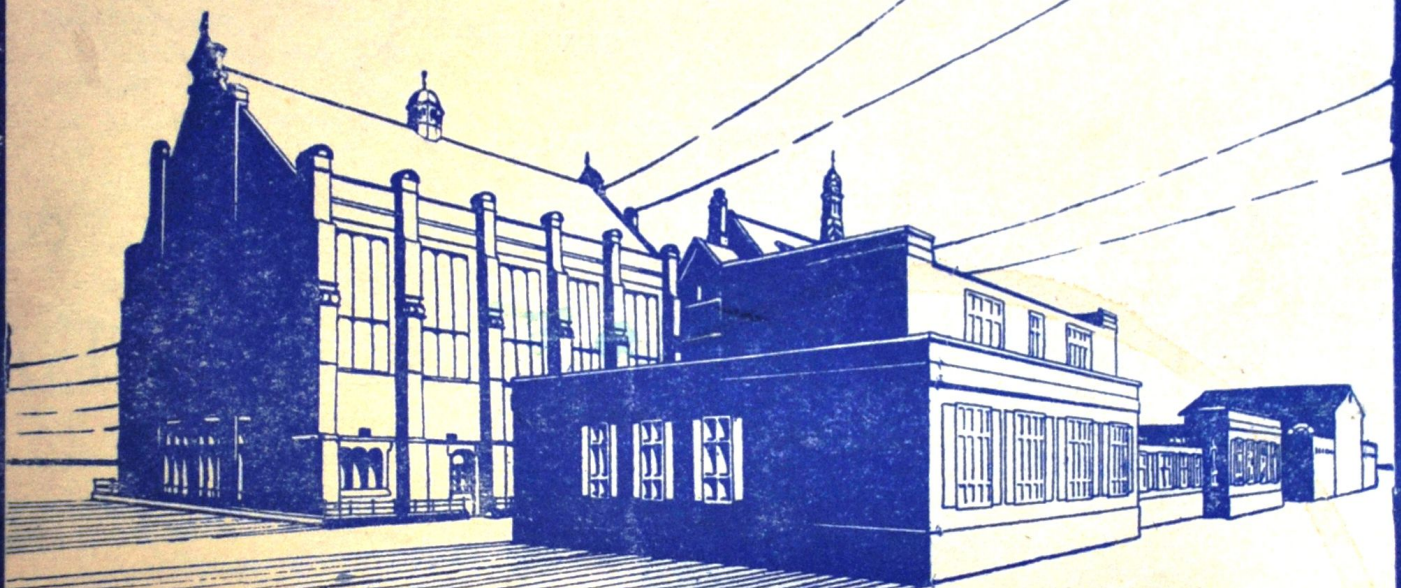




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School Notes and News.

Once more the School premises are being extended. The upper floor of the science block, up till now consisting of two class-rooms only, is being completed. The new rooms will include a new and larger library, rendered necessary by the increased size of the sixth forms, and rooms for the teaching of Biology, demanded by the extension and development of the Science curriculum.

We congratulate the Headmaster on being awarded the Territorial Decoration with Clasp.

Mr. B. M. Forrest, recently a member of the School Staff, has been appointed Headmaster of Southgate County Grammar School.

Our thanks are due to Mr. C. J. Stone, himself an Old Hulmeian, whose three sons have all been at the School also, for establishing a prize, to be awarded annually, for an English Essay.

We offer our congratulations to Mr. L. H. Watkins, of the School Staff, on his being elected unopposed as a councillor for Cheadle Hulme. We have no doubt he will be able to make his voice heard with effect.

We have to thank Mr. Bee, the father of a boy now in the School, for the gift of a human skeleton. It should prove of great practical value to the Biology department for demonstration purposes. Also, those gentlemen, and others, whose ardent desire to possess the fundamentals of scientific knowledge has led them in the past to make unauthorised entry to the science block, by skeleton keys and other means, at hours when least likely to be disturbed, will in future be assured of being suitably received by, at least, a skeleton staff.

The Governors have awarded the following Free Place Scholarships at entrance:—David M. Brierley, William Hulme's Grammar School; Malcolm L. Roxburgh, William Hulme's Grammar School; Michael S. Neal, William Hulme's Grammar School; Gordon M. Scarlett, Gatley Primary; Anthony J.

Wintringham, William Hulme's Grammar School; Kevin Corcoran, Moorside County Primary; Geoffrey B. Brundrit, Chorlton Park Primary; Malcolm F. Elson, Queen's Road Primary; John S. Hilland, Royal Oak Primary; Terence Craven, William Hulme's Grammar School; William D. G. Powell, King's School, Macclesfield (Prep.); Herbert G. A. Birks, Chorlton Central; David Hallard, Romiley County Primary; David J. Edwards, Ladybarn Secondary; Andrew J. Dean, William Hulme's Grammar School; David M. Heighway, Heaton Moor Primary; Derek W. L. Burnham, Burnage Municipal; Martyn A. Catlow, Russell Scott Primary; Thomas Toon, Fulshaw Primary; Anthony G. Lees, Moorside County Primary; Philip S. Leach, West End Primary; Trevor J. Shaw, Hathershaw Primary; David W. Whitehead, Flixton County Primary; Michael J. Cotton, Hathershaw Primary; William Wolstencroft, Werneth County Primary.

Calendar for Michaelmas Term:—

Michaelmas Term will begin on Tuesday, September 4th, at nine o'clock.

Mid-term Holiday from noon Saturday, October 27th, to Monday, November 5th, at nine o'clock.

The Christmas Holidays will begin on Tuesday, December 18th, at noon.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of *The Savilian, Ulula, The Lidunian, The Aldwinian* and the magazine of the King's School, Macclesfield.

Obituary Notices.

We record with regret the deaths of three former masters of this School, the first two of whom were associated with the early days of this school. For the notices of these two we are indebted to Mr. E. G. W. Hewlett, whose continued virile interest in the School at the age of eighty-six is testified not only by these notices but also by an illuminating article on the School motto to be found elsewhere in this issue.

MR. H. Y. OLDHAM.

Old Boys whose memories go far enough back will hear with regret of the recent death in Cambridge of Mr. Henry Yule Oldham at the age of 88.

He joined the School staff in 1888, his chief subject being Geography, in the teaching of which on modern lines he was a pioneer. In a way this was inherited, for his father, Thomas Oldham, F.R.S., had been head of the Geological Survey of India, of which his elder brother was also a member. And he was named after Sir Henry Yule, the geographer and orientalist.

Oldham was born in 1862 at Düsseldorf, probably when his parents were on leave from India. This had an amusing consequence years later when he was crossing the German frontier. His papers were all in order but still the Beamter was not satisfied and asked him "But *why* were you born in Düsseldorf?" Oldham replied that he was very sorry, *but he could not help it*.

He was educated at Rugby and Jesus College, Oxford, and before coming to the School had been private tutor to the Duc d'Orléans, an unusual training for a form master of Lower Modern IV! He left the School in July, 1890, and after a year at Harrow, proceeded to Berlin University, but returned later to Manchester to be lecturer in Geography at Owens College. His next move was to Cambridge where he was to settle permanently as lecturer in Geography, with residence in King's College. In 1898 he was appointed Reader in Geography to the University, a post he held for 10 years. He made several contributions to the *Geographical Journal*.

Looking back to his time at the School, we can say that besides giving Geography its proper value as a School subject, Mr. Oldham had his own share in setting the high standard which the School owes in part to its early Staff.

MR. W. E. URWICK.

We have recently been informed that Mr. W. E. Urwick died in September, 1950, aged 86. He came to the School not long after its first opening and left in July, 1890, as mentioned in the first issue of this magazine which was edited and mostly written by him. He was educated at Uppingham, under Thring, one of the most famous of all English schoolmasters, and at Trinity College, Oxford, and with him some of the Thring spirit came into the life of the new Hulme Grammar School. After leaving Hulme he went abroad to Gotha for some time and then took up a lectureship at Durham University. He returned to Manchester as Principal of the Teachers' Training College under the Manchester Education Committee. He then became H.M. Inspector of Secondary Schools and was author of the memorandum to the Board of Education which led to the Burnham Committee on Salary Scales. At the time of his retirement he was Chief Inspector of Secondary Schools.

MR. J. W. BENTLEY.

Mr. J. W. Bentley, a former Manual Work and Music Master, was not granted so long a period of retirement. That he made good use of those years granted to him is revealed by the fact that he was a member, and for three years chairman, of the Parish Council of Edale, whither he removed a few years before his retirement, which took place in December, 1945. Other activities included the Secretaryship of

the Public Reading Room and Horticultural Society. Chairmanship of the Cricket Club testified to his abiding interest in cricket. He was a member of the School Management Committee, on the Scholarship Sub-Committee of which he also served. We offer our sympathy to Mrs. Bentley, his son (an Old Hulmeian) and his daughter. For the following notice we have to thank Mr. W. A. Brierley, a former Art Master of this School, and now of Lawrence Sheriff School, Rugby:—

J. W. Bentley always wanted to be a schoolmaster, but his parents did not agree with this idea and persuaded him to enter an Insurance office in the City with the idea of becoming an actuary, and there he remained for twelve or thirteen years. He had a good steady job with absolutely no interest at all in his work. He was now happily married and his engrossing hobby was woodwork. He was kept busy making furniture for his home, and suddenly realised that by sacrifice and hard work he could become a teacher of this hobby of his.

For some years he worked every evening at classes, and then for over a year lived on his savings while he took a full-time course, and by the time he was thirty years old he was recognised by the Board of Education as a fully qualified teacher of Manual Work.

For two years he worked for the Manchester Education Committee in various schools in the city, and in September, 1920, he took Mr. Dorrens's place at Hulme. It was then that I met him and our long friendship started.

With the encouragement of Mr. Dennis I had started play production on the smallest possible stage—a little platform about fifteen feet by twelve and only two feet high. Mr. Bentley's first big job was to build a new stage right across the width of the hall. He organised a gang of boys and they worked like slaves for him. On Wednesdays and Saturdays they sawed and hammered and planed, and in one winter's term they built this stage and in the Spring we were able to produce "H.M.S. Pinafore." This was the beginning of big productions at Hulme, and we were all very proud of our new stage and our solid ship with its bridge, cannons and rigging. And so the plays went on, and behind them all was Mr. Bentley and his gang of stage carpenters.

Besides his work for the plays his other great interest at School was music, and from the beginning of the School Orchestra he played the clarinet and persuaded Mrs. Bentley to bring her viola along. Many boys will remember that clarinet, as he used it for his music lessons with the junior forms.

He was a man of very many interests and great culture. He was a born collector and hoarder of

odd bits and pieces. In the winter on Saturday nights he would roam the streets of the city and call in at the "Flat Iron" market looking for bargains. He was especially interested in Staffordshire China figures and old lustre ware. He never reckoned to pay more than about half-a-crown for any one piece and his family jokingly referred to his collection as his "shooting gallery." Many of those pieces are now worth forty or fifty times the half-crown he paid.

He had a deep interest in Art and a great knowledge of old steel engravings which he collected, and his many portfolios of these engravings were a great joy to him on winter evenings. When he was not energetic enough to dabble with his hobbies then he would read very widely.

But his greatest joy in life was to tramp over his beloved Derbyshire hills, and he never seemed to tire. Often, towards the end of a walk he would suggest a "short cut" which usually added five or six miles to an already very long tramp!

On these walks he was a grand companion, and although he lost the sight of one eye when he was a boy he never missed an unusual wild flower. It was on the Derbyshire hills that we often planned the settings for the next play, and over a cup of tea in a farmhouse on old envelopes the plans would be worked out. I usually got all the credit for the plays and the settings, but he often had all the hard work.

He was very happy and very busy with his garden and with local affairs in his retirement at Edale, but I feel sure he missed his bargain-hunting jaunts round the "junk" shops of Manchester.

As a Schoolmaster he inspired a love of good craftsmanship and good design in the boys he taught, and many an Old Hulmeian must feel as I do, that he has lost not only a true friend but a good companion.

W. A. B.

The Athletic Sports.

The exceptionally wet weather we experienced this Spring not only seriously impeded training but finally compelled the postponement of Sports Day from the end of the Spring term to the beginning of the Midsummer term.

A programme limited to Open and Under 16 events and Relay Races was eventually held on Tuesday, April 24th.

Our involuntary patience was suitably rewarded by almost ideal conditions for both spectators and competitors. Mr. Renny was again responsible for proceedings and we have to thank him for all the hard work he put in. Records were broken in two events, Throwing the Javelin, and the High Jump.

The results were as follows:—

High Jump.—Open: 1, A. Potter (B) (5ft. 5ins., record); 2, W. Cartwright (G); 3, W. A. Smith (W). Under 16: 1, G. F. Rushworth (F) (4ft. 11½ins.); 2, J. M. Selman (H); 3, J. A. Austin (W).

Long Jump.—Open: 1, E. J. Dellow (F) (18ft. 6ins.); 2, C. S. Smith (G); 3, G. D. Arnold (D). Under 16: 1, D. Wilde (W) (16ft. 8ins.); 2, G. F. Rushworth (F); 3, L. T. Skelding (W).

Hurdles.—Open (3ft. 3ins.): 1, W. G. Cartwright (G); 2, M. D. Hague (B); 3, B. E. Reeve (F). (19.5 secs.). Under 16 (3ft.): 1, R. K. Davies (D); 2, P. Marlton (D); 3, J. K. Robertson (F). (19.9 secs.).

Putting the Shot.—Open (12 lbs.): 1, G. B. Mooney (G); 2, B. L. Tebbutt (W); 3, W. R. Lee (F). (34ft. 1in.). Under 16 (8 lbs.): 1, W. Newey (G); 2, G. F. Rushworth (F); 3, J. K. Robertson (F). (33ft. 10ins.).

Hurling the Javelin.—Open: 1, C. S. Smith (G) (154ft. 5ins., record); 2, G. S. Preston (W); 3, R. E. Jones (D). Under 16: 1, R. K. Gibson (D) (115ft. 4ins.); 2, P. T. Welch (H); 3, D. Wilde (W).

100 Yards.—Open: 1, J. M. Drinkwater (B); 2, L. A. Logue (W); 3, E. J. Dellow (F). (10.9 secs.). Under 16: 1, R. K. Gibson (D); 2, J. M. Selman (H); 3, A. G. Hilton (G). (11.5 secs.).

220 Yards.—Open: 1, J. M. Drinkwater (B); 2, A. W. Crowe (B); 3, E. J. Dellow (F). (23.5 secs.). Under 16: 1, R. K. Gibson (D); 2, A. G. Hilton (G); 3, R. K. Davies (D). (25.8 secs.).

440 Yards.—Open: 1, A. W. Crowe (B); 2, L. A. Logue (W); 3, I. F. Smith (F). (57 secs.).

One Mile.—Open: 1, J. Williamson (W); 2, D. D. Hilton (G); 3, D. Woolfenden (B). (4 mins. 57.4 secs.).

Relay Race.—Open: 1, Gaskell; 2, Fraser; 3, Byrom. Under 16: 1, Dalton; 2, Gaskell; 3, Fraser. (51.6 secs.). Under 14: 1, Gaskell; 2, Whitworth; 3, Dalton. (58.3 secs.). Under 12: 1, Whitworth; 2, Gaskell; 3, Byrom. (63.1 secs.).

Gaskell Cup.—Open: J. M. Drinkwater (B).

Cardwell Cup.—Under 16: R. K. Gibson (D).

Henry Worrall Athletic Shield.—Gaskell.

The Preparatory School Sports.

The Preparatory School were not so fortunate as the main School with their weather for their annual sports which were held in the afternoon of Tuesday, June 12th. The sun shone brightly in the morning, but it flattered hopes only to deceive them. Though the weather was distinctly showery a full programme was successfully carried through. In view of the weather it was, however, decided to abandon the usual visitors' race. R. J. P. Bird performed the very creditable feat, at the age of nine years, of beating the existing record with a high jump of four feet. The prizes were kindly presented by Mrs. S. V. Hickling.

The results were as follows:—

Chariot Race.—10 years: 1, G. D. Isles and H. R. MacCallum; 2, J. P. Bishop and D. B. Cox; 3, C. F. B. Beattie and B. N. Hodgson. 9 years: 1, D. W. Robinson and C. S. Cooper; 2, J. B. Parkinson and M. A. Kerr; 3, G. M. Maddock and F. I. Case. 8 years: 1, D. W. Ogden and J. R. L. Lee; 2, J. G. Boaler and C. M. Roberts; 3, D. A. Reid and M. T. M. Hannant. 7 years: 1, C. W. Dearden and D. C. Roberts; 2, I. A. Pitt and R. Widdows; 3, J. M. Kenworthy and J. D. Fay.

Kangaroo Race.—6 and 5 years: 1, D. Stone; 2, E. Roberts; 3, J. D. Whaite.

Obstacle Race.—10 years: 1, C. F. B. Beattie; 2, M. W. R. Dodge; 3, G. D. Isles. 9 years: 1, G. M. Maddock; 2, M. A. H. Harris; 3, C. S. Cooper. 8 years: 1, J. C. Wright; 2, D. W. Ogden; 3, D. G. Moore. 7 years: 1, I. A. Pitt; 2, D. W. Parkinson; 3, J. Davies.

Brick Race.—6 and 5 years: 1, J. D. Whaite; 2, E. Roberts; 3, P. H. Miller.

Flat Race.—10 years: 1, H. R. MacCallum; 2, C. E. B. Beattie; 3, G. D. Isles. 9 years: 1, D. W. Robinson; 2, C. S. Cooper; 3, J. R. Vose. 8 years: 1, G. D. Moore; 2, D. W. Ogden; 3, G. B. Miller. 7 years: 1, C. W. Dearden; 2, I. A. Pitt; 3, R. Widdows. 6 and 5 years: 1, E. Roberts; 2, J. D. Whaite; 3, P. H. Miller.

Catching the Train Race.—10 years: 1, H. R. MacCallum; 2, M. W. R. Dodge; 3, J. F. Nicholson. 9 years: 1, R. J. P. Bird; 2, F. I. Case; 3, A. K. C. Rodgers. 8 years: 1, D. W. Ogden; 2, J. R. L. Lee; 3, D. G. Moore. 7 years: 1, B. J. Kershaw; 2, I. A. Pitt; 3, D. C. Roberts.

Washing Day Race.—6 and 5 years: 1, J. D. Whaite; 2, E. Roberts; 3, D. Stone.

House Teams Race.—1, Kipling; 2, Barrie; 3, Kingsley.

High Jump.—10 years: 1, H. R. MacCallum (3ft. 11ins.); 2, M. W. R. Dodge. 9 years: 1, R. J. P. Bird (4ft. 0ins., previous record broken); 2, M. A. Kerr. 8 and 7 years: 1, D. W. Ogden (3ft. 4ins.); 2, D. G. Moore.

Cups.—Over 9 years: H. R. MacCallum. Under 9 years: D. W. Ogden.

Shield.—Kipling.

The Preparatory School Play.

Owing to an epidemic of illness which involved many of the principal characters, the Preparatory School Play had to be postponed till after last term's magazine had gone to press. Scenes from "Alice in Wonderland" were eventually performed at four o'clock on Tuesday, March 6th. Possibly because the lighter nights had then begun the audience was considerably smaller than one has known on previous similar occasions. To assume from this that there has been any decline in the standard of the Preparatory School Plays would be the very reverse of the truth, as all those who were fortunate enough to be present would no doubt readily agree.

The play, like the book, opened with Alice asleep on the river bank. C. R. L. Mark was excellent in this leading part and showed promise to rival his father's outstanding career on the School stage. Alice's reverie was broken by the arrival of the perturbed White Rabbit, effectively acted by G. D. Isles. We soon found ourselves at the immortal tea party in company with the March Hare (R. J. P. Bird) and the Dormouse (J. J. Reich) with the Mad Hatter (N. A. S. Carver) as a very appropriately bad-mannered host. Before long the scene shifted to the garden where C. F. Beattie, M. W. R. Dodge and H. R. MacCallum found paint brushes more congenial tools than forks and spades.

The final scene, apart from the brief epilogue, was the trial scene. Here the stage hands worked wonders and gave us a really spectacular setting. The King of Hearts (J. P. Bishop) presided over the trial—when his wife (C. V. Hickling) would let him—of the wretched Knave of Hearts (R. M. F. Linford). The Duchess (D. Wallace) and the Cheshire Cat (D. Sharples) effectively played their parts. The services of the Executioner (M. R. Frith) were frequently called for, but fortunately he was never actually compelled to exercise his function, for before he could perform any such drastic action the whole assembly of jurymen, soldiers and courtiers (the rest of Forms I and II) had dissolved into anarchy.

We have to congratulate Miss Berry on an excellent production and the boys on an excellent performance, in which they reached a high standard of audibility which we wished had been more generally attained by their elders earlier in the season. We hope next year a more numerous audience will give the support so worthy and successful an effort deserves.

The Library.

The Library continues to serve both as a source of reference books and as a place where private study is wont to be made. A few new books have arrived since the last note was written, but the demand for books is so heavy, and the cost is nowadays so great, that the time is gone when even a school library could be considered "passing rich on forty pounds a year." We are all the more grateful for such gifts as we receive. A. W. Sedgwick has presented Osbert Sitwell's "Left Hand, Right Hand," R. Calderwood Mr. W. H. Thomson's "Shakespeare's Characters," and Mr. Shields sent a varied and very welcome parcel of books. E. Willcock, assisted by D. R. Hankey, has done all he could to keep the books in order, and the School Prefects have well maintained the recently improved standard of library supervision. Perhaps the most important item of news, however, is that a new library is now being built. Some of the window frames are in position, and the spaces between them are being gradually filled up with bricks. Our one concern is that the Library is being built above the Chemistry Laboratory, and there is a little mystery about the fate of the vents, flues, chimneys or whatever they are from the fume cupboards.

C. M.

The Debating Society.

There has been only one meeting of the Society since the publication of the last report. It took place on 12th March, when a vote of no confidence in the present government was passed by an overwhelming majority of 30 votes to 9, 6 persons abstaining.

The proposer, G. Beaumont, considered that the number of strikes which had taken place during this government's years of rule was indicative of lack of public confidence in its ability. He poked fun at the errors of the nationalised industries, at the failings of the ministers and quoted as examples of the former, housing, fuel crises, devaluation, and of course the Ground Nuts Scheme. P. K. Wheeler ably seconded the vote of censure.

The other side of the picture was presented by B. Seddon, supported by copious supplies of facts from D. H. Roberts. The opposer stressed that the government was putting "the interests and needs of the whole country before those of selfish private gain." He believed that the government's policy towards Communism, that is, one of toleration, was the best way of defeating that very menace. However, the voting showed that the sympathy of the House was not with him.

The present term has been one of inactivity—for the Society, of course! We have had to submit to the claims of examinations but look forward to a revival of interest after the summer recess. B. S.

The Science Society.

The first meeting of the term was held on Thursday, March 15th, after School, when H. Davidson (6 IIIs.) gave a very interesting talk entitled "The Molecular Structure of Fibres." He covered a very wide field, including some of the latest advances in the production of synthetic fibres, and ably answered the numerous questions put to him.

Also at this meeting the formation of a Photographic Section was agreed, and D. T. Massey was elected Leader. The Section has over twenty members but is handicapped by lack of equipment. Plans have been made for the conversion of a camera into an enlarger and the renovation of the Dark-room. To date, the Section has produced a large number of shots of the Athletic Sports and has had an outing with cameras during half-term.

On the evening of Thursday, April 12th, thirty-seven members attended a lecture entitled, "Electric Furnace Products and their Applications as Refractories," given by Mr. G. E. Brookes (M.Sc.Tech.) of the Carborundum Company. This was followed by a colour film "Super Refractories." The lecturer also showed a series of lantern slides and exhibited a large number of excellent samples to illustrate his talk. Mr. Brookes' gift of a sample of Carborundum Stone to each member of the audience crowned a very enjoyable evening.

On Thursday, April 19th, Mr. Foxcroft gave an excellent talk to forty members on meteorology called, "Thunder, Lightning and Rain." He provided a large number of interesting diagrams and the meeting was a great success.

Owing to A. W. Sedgwick's having left School, a vacancy occurred on the Committee, and at the above meeting D. R. Latham (6 CML) was elected in his place.

The last meeting before half-term was held in the evening of Tuesday, April 24th. Dr. Catherall gave a talk entitled "Some Topics concerning Later Technology." Since it was Sports Day, the audience was reduced to twenty, but this did not detract from the success of the lecture.

The Examinations for the General Certificate of Education have unfortunately curtailed our activities during the second half of the term, but two visits are being arranged for the last two weeks of the term.
J. M. M. R.

The Music Society.

Several meetings of the Society took place before the end of last term, after the Easter number of the "Hulmeian" had gone to press.

On February 24th, R. G. Bowden gave a Symphony Concert of his own, which included two Symphonies, Beethoven's Eighth and Sibelius' Second. In a lighter vein were Khatachurian's "Sabre Dance" and the Letter Song and Waltz from "Der Rosenkavalier."

An illustrated talk on Tchaikowsky was presented by G. Beaumont on the 3rd of March. The speaker showed how the composer's life affected his inability to obey the "rules" of composition, and how he found greatest expression in media which demanded no discipline in writing. Records included ballet music, the Piano Concerto and representative excerpts from Symphonies. I. Ainsworth presented a versatile programme on the 7th March. Records ranged from "The Little Puddin' Basin that belonged to Auntie Flo," sung by Gracie Fields to the "Danse Macabre" of Saint-Saëns. Another illustrated talk was given on March 17th, the subject being the jazz pianist, Jellyroll Morton. A well-presented talk covered the history of jazz and Morton's part in its development. Records were too numerous either to mention or explain here. We are very grateful to H. Davidson for an interesting and instructive presentation.

The first event of the Summer Term was a programme of "recent acquisitions," records recently added to members' collections. Records from "Peter Grimes" and "Die Fledermaus" formed part of an interesting programme. On the 21st April, G. Zitterstein gave an illustrated talk, a most popular method of presenting a programme, on the Origins of Jazz, showing how jazz has grown from the low dives of New Orleans and the old negro folk songs.

Artists included Josh White, Jellyroll Morton, and King Oliver.

Owing to the intervention of Athletics and preparation for examinations, the last programme of the term took place on May 1st, when R. D. Bloor gave a selection of records with the provocative title "These You have Loathed." The music was in what is called the "modern" idiom, although the word "commercialism" was heard from several of the jazz pundits present. A representative selection included one by a person named Beiderbecker, entitled "Sorry"; what provoked this sentiment we shall never know, the record having been made in 1929. The more modern Humphrey Lyttleton and Stan Kenton also contributed to the programme.

An event worthy of note was the visit to the Hallé Youth Concert on 26th March. This is the forerunner of what we hope to be a succession of concert-going which will increase still further the scope of the Society's activities. We extend a welcome to all those who intend to swell our numbers next year, and wish to express our thanks to those officers and members who are leaving this year and who have contributed to the building up of the Society.

K. H.

C.C.F. Notes.

The School Cadet Force was given the honour of providing nine ushers in Manchester Cathedral on June 21st, 1951, when H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth was present at the laying-up of the old Colours of the 3rd Battalion the Grenadier Guards.

We are very sorry indeed to lose the services of Mr. Kyte, who has accepted another appointment. During the fifteen months he has been with us he has served the C.C.F. faithfully and untiringly. He will be sadly missed, especially in camp.

We wish all those members of the C.C.F. who are leaving every success during their National Service, and thank them for the work they have done. Our thanks are especially due to U/O A. W. Crowe and C.S.M. Woollenden for their excellent leadership of the contingent.

The training has gone on, as usual, quite successfully, as can be seen from the Cert. "A" and Signals Classification Examinations. One of the most interesting features in this programme was the Field Day at Crowden. Here we broke new ground and the exercise proved to be both interesting and

valuable to all who took part. While the Company exercises were being carried out Mr. Kyte was in charge of cadets on the Shooting Range—this was equally successful.

The Shooting League has been completed under the guidance of Mr. Kyte, the League Champions being Whitworth.

The following promotions have been made with effect from 11.4.51:—

Cpl. A. D. G. Gunn to be Sgt.
Cpl. K. Harrop to be Sgt.
L/Cpl. J. H. Ekserdjian to be Cpl.
L/Cpl. D. R. Hankey to be Cpl.
L/Cpl. R. I. Hattrick to be Cpl.
L/Cpl. K. Hoskinson to be Cpl.
L/Cpl. D. R. Latham to be Cpl.
L/Cpl. B. Seddon to be Cpl.
L/Cpl. R. J. Winfield to be Cpl.
Cdt. R. J. Bloor to be L/Cpl.
Cdt. P. L. Watts to be L/Cpl.

The following candidates were successful in the Signals Classification Examinations on May 17th:—

R. D. Bishop, E. P. Campbell, A. O. Dyson, D. P. Easton, J. D. Hopkinson, P. R. Higginson, J. Lord, D. J. Robertson, J. M. Pott.

The following cadets were successful in the Cert. "A" Part II. on May 7th:—

S. L. Beckett, R. M. Chorley, J. Disley, M. D. Hague, R. Hargreaves, G. K. Harrison, B. S. Knowles, H. W. J. Marston, F. M. Mee, W. Newey, B. Nutt, T. Oliver, R. B. Pilling, D. R. Salt, J. M. Selman, D. L. Sparrow, B. L. Tebbutt, D. J. Townshend, B. B. Wallwork, G. Wooldridge, R. G. Wright.
A. W. C.

Cricket.

1st XI.

C. S. Smith has been appointed Captain, with G. B. Lawson as Vice-Captain, and we had four other old colours to start the season. The new material available was keen, but rather raw, and while there are distinct signs of improvement, we are still having to insist on the observance of the most elementary principles of the game.

There seems to be a habit right up the school of turning to the left when playing forward, bringing out the right foot instead of getting the left to the pitch of the ball. Apart from the obvious danger of

missing the ball and being stumped, or of edging it, most of the power is taken out of such shots as do meet the ball, because the weight of the body is not in them.

There is a similar fault in bowling. Very few boys have the left shoulder pointing down the wicket, and they thus fail to get a real swing of the body and arm together.

The fielding is not yet up to last year's standard, but is improving. It was very poor at Cheadle Royal, but this may have been the result of the long Whitsun holiday. Smith and Lawson have set an excellent example, and Archer has been a sound wicket keeper.

The batting has not yet been fully tested, as Smith, Lawson, Cooper, and Winfield have got most of the runs needed so far. Similarly, our full bowling strength has not yet been required. Smith has always been dangerous, and Glover is a very promising newcomer.

May 2, *v.* CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Won by 230 runs.

The weather was so bad that it was not decided till the last moment that it was fit to play at all. The pitch was very wet on top, and the ball was apt to fly. A strong and very cold wind blew all the afternoon, and periodical showers added to the general discomfort.

We batted first, and Cooper and Winfield gave us a good start by scoring 54 for the first wicket. Their bowlers found it difficult to control the ball in the high wind, and Lawson, in his most aggressive mood, scored very quickly. We were able to declare at 279 for 2, made in 130 minutes, with Lawson not out 117.

Only one of their batsmen made any prolonged resistance, and they were all out for 49.

Tebbutt was unable to play on account of injury.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, b Blackwell	66
R. J. Winfield, c Mason M. b Clubb	23
G. B. Lawson, not out	117
C. S. Smith, not out	34
Extras	39

Total (for 2 wickets, dec.) 279

D. M. Archer, W. Cartwright, J. N. Clarke, D. A. Hilton, A. A. Rainford, J. K. Glover, and K. Hoskinson did not bat.

Bowling: Clubb 1 for 49, Blackwell 1 for 21.

CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.

P. Maddocks, b Smith	33
P. F. Jeans, lbw b Smith	1
G. M. Dee, b Glover	2
R. C. Blackwell, c Hilton b Glover	2
J. D. Stansfield, c Clarke b Glover	1
D. Mitchell, c Lawson b Smith	0
C. Clubb, b Smith	0
G. B. Ward, b Smith	0
J. Mason, c Smith b Hoskinson	5
C. McCrossan, st Archer b Hoskinson	0
M. Mason, not out	2
Extras	3
Total	49

Bowling: Smith 5 for 28, Glover 3 for 17, Hoskinson 2 for 1.

May 5, *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Match drawn.

They batted first on a wicket that was very wet and slow at first, but which became lively as it dried under a bitter east wind. They batted with extreme caution, but had lost 7 wickets for 26 runs in an hour and three quarters. Then their number nine began to hit, and they reached 71 in two hours and forty minutes.

We were left with 85 minutes, but their defensive bowling was good and their fielding keen, and though we threw away several wickets in trying to score quickly, we just failed to get the runs.

MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

J. S. Potts, c Cartwright b Glover	3
R. S. Coffey, b Smith	1
A. Percival, c Archer b Glover	0
R. Grant, b Smith	10
I. Gibson, lbw b Lawson	3
G. D. Edge, lbw b Hoskinson	2
P. Artingstall, run out	0
E. Dale, b Smith	2
B. S. Shelmerdine, not out	35
J. S. Peet, b Hoskinson	4
A. J. Dover, b Hoskinson	1
Extras	10
Total	71

Bowling: Smith 3 for 20, Glover 2 for 7, Hoskinson 3 for 26, Lawson 1 for 8.

SCHOOL.

R. J. Winfield, b Dover	1
D. Cooper, c Gibson b Dover	7
G. B. Lawson, c Dover b Shelmerdine	4
D. M. Archer, c Peet b Shelmerdine	18
C. S. Smith, not out	27
W. Cartwright, st Dale b Peet.....	1
J. N. Clarke, not out	6
Extras	3

Total (for 5 wickets) 67

Bowling: Shelmerdine 2 for 20, Dover 2 for 28, Peet 1 for 5.

June 2, v. CHEADLE ROYAL. Away. Won by 38 runs.

Tebbutt returned in place of Rainford and opened our innings with Cooper. They gave us a good start, and Cooper went on to make his highest score for the School. We were finding it difficult to score quickly, but were able to declare at 157 for 5, made in 140 minutes.

They lost 7 wickets for 53, but their last three men hit out and more than doubled the score. They were helped by some poor fielding.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, c Nelson b Rayner	80
B. L. Tebbutt, c Rayner b Eglin	10
G. B. Lawson, b Eglin	8
C. S. Smith, b Nelson	19
R. J. Winfield, c & b Rayner	21
W. Cartwright, not out	3
J. N. Clarke, not out	6
Extras	10

Total (for 5 wickets, dec.) 157

Bowling: Rayner 2 for 40, Nelson 1 for 35, Wright 2 for 30.

CHEADLE ROYAL.

F. Jackson, c & b Smith	23
E. Horton, lbw b Glover	10
G. Rayner, c Archer b Smith	2
D. Eglin, c Lawson b Glover	0
H. Ellis, b Glover	2
B. Wilde, c & b Smith	6
J. W. Windsor, b Smith	39
D. Wright, b Smith.....	4
H. Blight, c Winfield b Smith	15
H. R. Nelson, not out	7
F. Hasleham, c & b Smith	2
Extras	9

Total 119

Bowling: Smith 7 for 38, Glover 3 for 34.

June 6, v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Away. Won by 6 wickets.

They batted first on an excellent and easy-paced wicket. They made a good start, and as the outfield was very fast and they were always ready to attack the bowling, we expected to face a big score. Smith and Glover bowled well, and when we got their captain out, at 95 for 5, their tail collapsed, and they were all out for 105. Our fielding was better. Three very good slip catches were taken, and we ran two out.

We lost our first wicket without scoring, but Winfield and Lawson batted well and we got the runs in 75 minutes for the loss of four wickets.

MERCHANT TAYLORS'

D. A. Thomas, run out	29
C. J. P. Crisall, b Glover	11
J. G. Searle, c Cartwright b Smith	35
L. Boothby, c Cartwright b Hoskinson	4
J. H. Murray, c Archer b Smith	1
M. Melrose, c Lawson b Smith.....	6
G. Porritt, b Smith	3
I. R. Poole, b Glover	0
J. Howard, lbw b Glover	0
P. H. Lewis, not out	3
H. T. H. Dean, run out	1
Extras	12

Total 105

Bowling: Smith 4 for 36, Glover 3 for 40, Hoskinson 1 for 7.

SCHOOL.

W. Cartwright, lbw b Searle	13
J. N. Clarke, b Howard	0
R. J. Winfield, b Searle	31
G. B. Lawson, not out	45
C. S. Smith, c Thomas b Murray	13
D. A. Hilton, not out	5
Extras	6

Total (for 4 wickets) 113

Bowling: Howard 1 for 18, Searle 2 for 44, Murray 1 for 31.

June 9, v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Won by 7 wickets.

They won the toss and batted first on a true and very fast wicket, and in bright sunshine. They were soon in trouble against the bowling of Smith and Glover, and lost wickets quickly. Eight were down for 40 runs, but the ninth-wicket pair made a brave stand and more than doubled the score. Glover bowled particularly well. He kept up a good pace and was able to move the ball both ways.

During tea heavy clouds gathered and rain began to fall. The wicket, hard underneath and wet on the top became more difficult, as the ball often rose sharply from a length, but Smith and Winfield soon hit off the runs. R. C. Shaw came into the team instead of Clarke.

MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

J. D. Potts, c Archer b Glover	0
I. Gibson, b Glover	6
A. Grant, c Archer b Smith	1
R. S. Coffey, c Lawson b Glover	4
A. Percival, b Glover	13
P. Artingstall, b Glover	3
G. Edge, lbw b Smith	18
B. Shelmerdine, b Glover	0
E. N. Dale, b Smith	1
J. S. Peet, not out	25
A. J. Dover, b Smith	0
Extras	12

Total 83

Bowling: Smith 4 for 30, Glover 6 for 22.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, c Dale b Shelmerdine	5
R. C. Shaw, c Dale b Shelmerdine	8
G. B. Lawson, c Peet b Dover	0
C. S. Smith, not out	32
R. J. Winfield, not out	38
Extras	2

Total (for 3 wickets) 85

Bowling: Shelmerdine 2 for 25, Dover 1 for 17.

June 16, v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Away. Match drawn.

We batted first on a wicket that seemed uneven in pace, and quickly lost Cooper and Lawson, the latter to a ball which came through slowly and kept low. Shaw watched the ball carefully, and though sometimes in difficulties, defended well, and scored, mainly to leg, on every opportunity. Meanwhile Smith played an excellent innings. He hit hard all round the wicket, and was always ready for the ball which kept low or lifted from a length. We were able to declare at 166 for 3, made in two hours, leaving them about the same time to get the runs.

It was soon clear that our fast bowlers would not be able to hit the wicket unless they overpitched, and the Macclesfield batsmen were much too good to be beaten by half volleys. Two or three mistakes in the field proved expensive, and it was obvious long before the end that we should not get them out and that they would not get the runs. A draw was therefore a fair result.

SCHOOL.

D. Cooper, b Jones	19
R. C. Shaw, b Wilson	59
G. B. Lawson, b Shuttleworth	7
C. S. Smith, not out	73
R. J. Winfield, not out	7
Extras	1

Total (for 3 wickets, dec.) 166

Bowling: Wilson 1 for 31, Jones 1 for 44, Shuttleworth 1 for 49.

KING'S SCHOOL.

M. L. Essayan, c Archer b Smith	66
P. Shuttleworth, c Archer b Smith	2
J. E. Jones, b Glover	6
R. N. Wrigley, not out	30
M. C. Bradshaw, retired hurt	2
D. S. Carr, retired ill	0
R. Howarth, not out	5
Extras	11

Total (for 3 wickets) 122

Bowling: Smith 2 for 24, Glover 1 for 33.

2ND XI.

The 2nd XI has so far played four matches, two of which have been lost and two drawn.

We have lost twice to Manchester Grammar School, being outplayed on both occasions by a team superior in every department of the game. In the matches against Cheadle Hulme School, and King Edward VII School, Lytham, we were unable to force victory when in a commanding position.

After a somewhat shaky start, the team now appears to be settling down well, with a notable increase in all-round efficiency. The batting has been stolid rather than polished; Hopwood, Robertson and Mee have been sound in defence. The bowling has been strengthened by the inclusion of a new opening attack, in which Jones can be most hostile. Preston apart, the change-bowling has been no more than adequate; Preston's spin bowling has shown a very marked progress. The fielding must of necessity improve if many matches are to be won; there is, however, every indication that this is on the upgrade.

With the majority of matches yet to be played, we anticipate gaining victories which have so far eluded us.

The team has usually been selected from:—

E. J. Dellow (Captain), J. N. Hopwood (Vice-Captain), D. G. Robertson, A. A. Rainford, G. S. Preston, F. M. Mee, J. N. Clarke, R. E. Jones, D.

Heffer, J. G. Rutherford, R. McCloughlin, and R. C. Shaw.

The following have also played:—

W. R. Benson, R. Elliot, M. R. Walker, R. K. Gibson.

RESULTS.

May 5th, *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Lost by 5 wickets. School 58 (Hopwood 17, Mee 20), M.G.S. 61 for 5.

June 2nd, *v.* CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Drawn. School 86 (Mee 25), C.H.S. 62 for 9 (Jones 6 for 19, Dellow 2 for 10).

June 6th, *v.* KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL, LYTHAM. Home. Drawn. School 118 (Hopwood 33, Rutherford 23), K.E.S. 86 for 8 (Jones 3 for 29, Heffer 2 for 9, Preston 2 for 9).

June 9th, *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Lost by 6 wickets. School 113 (Robertson 26, Preston 26), M.G.S. 114 for 4.

UNDER 15 XI.

The season is barely half-way through, and the team has not yet settled down. The batting has possibilities, but fails too often for lack of consistent defence, while the bowling is varied and occasionally hostile, but tends at times to lack accuracy. There has been a steady improvement in catching, ground fielding and throwing, but the running between the wickets is sometimes slow and hesitant. I. Jameson is learning something of the art of captaincy, sets an excellent example in the field, and has one all-round performance to his credit. Caps have been re-awarded to I. Jameson, C. Gee and T. W. Warnes; new caps have been awarded to B. M. Oakes and R. N. Colling, and more caps will be awarded before the end of the season. In addition to the five already mentioned, the following have played: D. F. Borland, C. E. Bryans, J. H. Delany, H. M. Greenhalgh, M. Lord, K. R. Mercer, R. E. Williams.

RESULTS.

Saturday, May 5th, *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Match drawn. School 54 (B. M. Oakes 15), M.G.S. 32 for 7 wickets (T. W. Warnes 5 for 8).

Saturday, June 2nd, *v.* CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Lost by 8 wickets. School 15, Cheadle Hulme 16 for 2 wickets. (For Cheadle Hulme, Layfield took 5 for 6 and Jackson 5 for 8).

Wednesday, June 6th, *v.* MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, CROSBY. Away. Won by 98 runs. School 162 for 6 declared (I. Jameson 55, R. N. Colling 28, K. R. Mercer 21 not out), Merchant Taylors' School 64 (I. Jameson 5 for 10).

Saturday, June 9th, *v.* MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Home. Lost by 64 runs. M.G.S. 133 for 4 declared, School 69 (R. N. Colling 24, J. H. Delany 12, C. Gee 12). (Rain fell between the innings).

House Games.

It had been hoped, in view of the length of the Summer term, that this would be an excellent year for House cricket. Owing largely to the vagaries of the weather this hope has not yet been justified. As it was unfit to hold the Athletic Sports during the Lent term they were postponed until this term, with the result that some time was lost. Following this, the weather again interfered, and very little cricket was played before the Whitsun holiday.

Since Whitsun there has been a marked improvement in the weather and the House teams have been able to settle down. The House League has only just begun to get under way, and with only five games played there has been little to choose between the Houses. In the competition for the House Cricket Shield the first two rounds have already been played. Dalton Seniors will meet Gaskell, the holders, in the final, and Fraser Juniors will play Gaskell also.

N. A. W.

Rugby Football First XV Fixtures.

- Wed., Sept. 26—Wilmslow R.V.F.C. Schools XV, Home.
 Wed., Oct. 3—King Edward VII School, Lytham, Home.
 Sat., Oct. 6—Cheadle Hulme School, Away.
 Wed., Oct. 10—King's School, Macclesfield, Home.
 Sat., Oct. 13—Sale R.U.F.C. Schools XV, Home.
 Wed., Oct. 24—Broughton Park R.U.F.C. Schools XV, Home.
 Sat., Nov. 10—Cheadle Hulme School, Home.
 Wed., Nov. 14—Wallasey Grammar School, Home.
 Sat., Nov. 17—Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, Away.
 Wed., Nov. 21—Queen Elizabeth's School, Wakefield, Home.
 Sat., Nov. 24—Old Hulmeians R.U.F.C., Home.
 Wed., Nov. 28—Birkenhead School, Away.
 Sat., Dec. 8—King's School, Macclesfield, Away.
 Sat., Dec. 15—Oldham R.U.F.C. Colts, Home.

Review.

Shakespeare's Characters: A Historical Dictionary.

By W. H. Thomson. (Sherratt 25s.)

Mr. W. H. Thomson had hoped that the publication of the Historical Dictionary of Shakespeare's Characters he has compiled would have coincided with his retirement from teaching at the school two years ago. Delays characteristic of the present era have deferred it till this summer. This book is obviously the outcome of labour and research over a long period of years. All the characters who occur in the English historical plays have been listed and to each name has been affixed a summary of all the available biographical details, concluding with references to the plays, acts and scenes in which they appear. Genealogical trees have been inserted where necessary. The value of such a work to the student is patent, for the dictionary elucidates many obscurities and confusions which arise when several members of the same family are referred to in the same or successive plays. The writer makes so many quotations from long-established authorities that it is to be regretted that no bibliography was added, so that should the reader's interest be stimulated he could read further. Advisedly no attempt has been made to discuss any literary or dramatic points that arise. A work of this type gives little scope for the exercise of an arresting style and must be considered solely as a reference book. Those who are inclined to consult this book will have little difficulty in forming their own conclusion as to its value in this respect.

The School Motto and its meaning.

Part of the School's debt to its Benefactor is the Hulme family motto *Fide sed cui vide* ("Trust but mind whom"), a motto which for sound advice, brevity and the wit of its rhyming verbs it would be hard to beat in all Burke's *Peerage*. The translation given above is even briefer and seems a faithful rendering of the Latin. But the question arises whether or not more is meant than meets the eye, and whether some play on the family name is not intended here as in other mottoes where the name lends itself to this. The Vernons, for example, have a perfect pun in their motto *Ver non semper viret* ("Spring is not always green" or "Vernon flourishes ever"). The Poore family has *Pauper non in spe* ("Poor but not in hope"), where the pun comes, not in the Latin motto but in its translation.

Now we may take it that when the Hulme motto was written (over three centuries ago) the family name was not pronounced as it is to-day, but exactly

like *whom*, a pronunciation which may still be heard occasionally for the Manchester district of Hulme. If then we spell our translation of *Fide sed cui vide* thus:—"Trust but mind Hulme," we have the curious result that while the Latin motto has one meaning, its translation has two, thanks to the ingenious pun on the rendering of *cui*. This is surely the point of the motto. The exact meaning of "Trust but mind Hulme" may be left to the imagination; obviously there might be several meanings, and it would provide a good text for a Prize Day speaker. But as the adopted motto of the School it will serve as a constant reminder, brief and witty, of the debt we owe, however indirectly, to William Hulme of Kearsley.

E. G. W. Hewlett.

Dirge for a Dead Lover.

Down in Kelly's Corner Milk-Bar,
Neon, plastic, chrome and glass,
Juke-box wailing "Stormy Weather,"
Stools of steel and stained red leather,
Cups with coffee-dribbles down them,
Scarlet lip-stick 'round the rim,
Down in Kelly's Corner Milk-Bar,
I would lounge and wait for Jim.

Mabel yawns behind the counter,
Pats peroxide curls that turn
In the fluorescent lighting
Greenish; folds the "Mirror," smiting
Fat flies buzzing round the window;
Drops her fag-end on the floor;
Curses Kelly's Corner Milk-Bar
Where I'll meet my Jim no more.

I loved Jim's well-padded shoulders,
Yellow socks, hand-painted ties,
Business methods on his barrer—
("Nylons—if yer'll buy a marrer"),
Loved his green suede shoes, his swagger,
Loved his hair-oil, loved its smell
Down in Kelly's Corner Milk-Bar;
Now he's dead and gone to Heaven.

Down in Kelly's Corner Milk-Bar
Eating cherries and ice-cream
A cherry stone stuck in his gizzard;
Squirming like a wounded lizard,
Turning crimson as boiled lobster
Traffic lights or blushing bride
"Cursed be Cherries!" my Jim spluttered,
Kissed me, blew his nose, and died.

Now in Kelly's Corner Milk-Bar
 Orange squash I drink alone,
 Never heeding men's advances,
 Ogling eyes, inviting glances;
 But whene'er I see a cherry
 Loud this cry rings forth from me
 Down in Kelly's Corner Milk-Bar:—
 "Bless you, Jim, and R.I.P."

D. W. Latham, 6 CML.

Certainty.

I was walking down one of London's busy streets, being frequently jostled by the crowd, when a small shabbily-dressed man collided with me. He apologised and I walked on my way unconcerned by the incident. I strolled on buried in my thoughts, aimlessly thinking what lay before me that day. Suddenly I was awakened from my thoughts by the bell of a church chiming the hour. I reached for my watch which I usually kept in my waistcoat pocket suspended on an ornamental chain. It was missing. I hastily fumbled through my pockets and to my dismay it had gone. My next reaction was that I had lost it, so I decided to go to the police-station to see if anyone had found the watch and taken it there.

I was shown into the inspector's office. He begged me to sit down. Then he asked me what he could do for me. I was telling him of my loss when I remembered the man who had collided with me. In my excitement to explain, my speech became so incoherent that it was barely intelligible. The inspector laid his hand on my shoulder and said, "Now, now sir, there is no need to get excited about it. Supposing you tell me exactly what happened and then give me a description of the man."

I agreed, and soon the inspector was jotting down details of the man's height, and the clothes he was wearing. When he had finished he said that I had no need to worry and that the watch would be in my possession once again within a few days.

"There is one more thing," he said, "and that is a description of the watch."

I obliged him and told him that it was not for the money value of the watch but for the sentimental value of it that I was anxious to recover it. I left the inspector's office assured that the watch would be in my possession in a few days.

Every day for a week I inquired at the police-station, certain that it would be there, but each time I was disappointed. At the end of the week I left my address at the police-station and begged them to contact me if it was found. My friends told me I had seen the last of my watch but I was certain I had not. Every day I expected a note from the police-station to arrive saying "Your watch has been found, and would you call for it at your convenience." No letter came. Months dragged by and I forgot all about my watch until one evening a friend of mine pulled out his watch to find the time. I was certain it was mine. He noticed my gaze and said, "It's quite a good watch, isn't it?" It was mine and I was about to tell him so, when a peculiar feeling came over me. I could not look at it, even less did I dare to claim it as my own. D. Wilde, 5Y.

A Scarecrow.

Tattered and torn, ragged, forlorn,
 Alone in the field he stands;
 In his straw-filled boots and his ancient suit
 He guards the fertile lands.

The wind blows chill, from the distant hill,
 And roughly blows his tatters;
 But that he should keep the growing wheat
 Is the only thing that matters.

As the seasons turn, the sun will burn,
 'Till his head will ache with the heat;
 But in weather grey, or in weather gay
 He still must guard the wheat.

The flowers are gay, on a summer's day,
 In the meadows close at hand;
 But he must not roam, from the life-giving loam
 He guards, the fertile land.

True to the last, he will stand fast,
 'Till comes the busy reaper;
 He cuts and binds, good wheat he finds,
 Let him thank the faithful keeper.

I. McShane, 2Y.

In the Heart of the Woods.

When we saw him he was standing in the fields outside the wood staring into its denseness, and he began nervously to pick his way through the undergrowth to reach the path that led to the clearing in the depths of the wood.

He was an old man, his weatherbeaten face covered with deep furrow-like wrinkles, and his head thatched with a mass of wiry silvery hair. His body was old, bent and gnarled like the oak trees beside him, but there was vivacity in his movements as he stepped lightly along the woodland path. His life was coming to its close, but he wanted so earnestly to recover his youth on this one and last occasion, to re-live the happy hours of his out-of-door life.

From his early youth he had spent many hours in the woods and fields, collecting the wild flowers and autumn leaves, feeding the birds, following the antics of the little red squirrels high up in the branches; and thanking his God that such joy and happiness had been bestowed upon him. As he grew older his shaky bones would not stand the strain of daily walks, but every week-end he left his small cottage, went over the stile and was off into his own world of trees and flowers. At his age he had to walk slowly but that did not prevent his being active because he was always there when the sprightly sparrows and even the gracious nightingales wanted to hop onto his hand to receive their tit-bits. After so many years, the squirrels no longer feared him and the rabbits only pricked up their ears at the sound of his approach as they sat sunning themselves under the clear blue sky. Winter did not deter him, and his friends of the field had no fear of death during the bleak, blustery months of the year, for with his old woollen scarf wound tightly round his neck, he would stumble across the snowy face of the earth to feed his hungry companions.

But at the time when we saw him there was no snow on the ground; it was a bright autumn day, the trees were shedding their russet leaves, laying a velvet carpet on top of the crisp, dry turf.

By now he was in the clearing and, walking over towards a little mound he sat down, his head lightly leaning against a tree and he fed the birds with scraps of bread. As evening drew on, watched by the sonorous sycamores and whining willows, the different shades of green before him merged into one. Some leaves fluttered sadly to rest by his side and as a shaft of sunlight forced its way through the tall trees to light his happy face for a fleeting moment, as the birds sang their evening song, he drifted into the land of sleep—to wake no more.

A. O. Dyson, 5Y.

Star Forward.

Though Cup-tie fever's in the air;
The local captain's in despair,
"His centre forward's taken ill,
And sadly they will miss his skill.
Can any person take his place?"
The captain searches every face.
"Just try me, sir," cried little Sam,
"You'll quickly find how good I am."
The packed spectators laughed and jeered
When little Sam in shorts appeared.
He tricked the halves, the backs he beat—
Bewildered by his twinkling feet.
He swerved and dribbled, showed such pace,
He seemed to be in every place.
The referee became quite bored
With keeping count of goals Sam scored.
When Sam was picked for England's team,
He woke, to find it all a dream.

J. Davies, 4Y.

The Bicycle.

"The bicycle is a simple piece of mechanism."
So says the Catalogue, and the best way to prove this is to take one to pieces.

Watch the man at the local shop. First, he turns the cycle upside down—very neatly—with an easy twist. It looks so simple.

Lean over the cross bar and take a firm grip on the frame; twist it quickly and put it down on the saddle and handlebars. A neighbour may hear your cries of anguish and come to drag you from beneath the cycle and take your fingers out of the spokes. Test them one by one to see if they are still working—your fingers, not the spokes!

When the bike is firmly reversed, send the neighbour home. Nothing spoils a job so much as two experts, where only one is needed! A suggestion that his house is on fire, or that you see his wife hob-nobbing with the milkman will often encourage a hasty withdrawal.

Next, remove the tyres—one of the simplest operations. Wedge one tyre-lever between the tyre and the rim. Six inches farther along, put in another. The first one will then go "pong!" and shoot off the rim at high speed. Here, make a note to buy a new pane to replace the one just smashed in next door's greenhouse. Now, put the lever back under the tyre and get someone to hold it down; hold the second one down and put in a third. You will find that you have no hands left to take the tyre off, so give it up and start somewhere else.

How about the chain? Taking care not to lose it, remove the spring from the loose link. Remove the spring from the loose link! Remove the spring from the loose link! Make a note to buy another spring. (This is easier than looking all over the garden for the one that just came off). Take out the loose link. The chain will now fall off, making an attractive oily pattern on your trousers.

Despite such little setbacks, *do* keep cool. This is not a good time to show irritation and bite your fingernails. Take a breather and review the situation. If you decide to go on, wipe your hands on a rag and pick up the hammer. Loosen the nuts on the back wheel. Bang the spanner with a hammer! Bang the wheel with a hammer! Bang the bike with a hammer! Take a firm resolve and a cold chisel and tackle the nuts again. Don't lose heart! The bike is man's best friend, now that petrol's so dear, and should be treated with consideration.

Finally, take out the wheel. This cannot be done until the mud-guard is removed, but as the mud-guard cannot be removed until the wheel has been removed, admit defeat, and go in for tea, sobbing brokenly.

B. Nutt, 6 CML.

Beachy Head Lighthouse.

Ah God! To feel the hurtling spray
From where the currents swing and sway,
To smell the salty air, and hear
The roar as sullen waves draw near
To hurl themselves, in proud array,
Against the cliffs around the bay.
For at their feet a lighthouse stands,
Amid the rocks and swirling sands:
It looks so frail, but it can brave
The roaring gale, the pounding wave.
It sends its beams out, clear and bright,
A guiding star to ships at night.

J. S. Baker, 4Y.

The Village Doctor.

From the windows and doorway of Watt's General Stores the customers watched and listened for the arrival of a well-kept, middle-aged black car. Across the village street in the small grey stone house enlivened by pink geraniums in brass pots in its windows, a child was screaming. Hamish Dougal had drunk a bottle of green ink. For this enterprising three-year-old it was a mild feat compared

with previous escapades but it served its purpose of creating the maximum attention in the home and in the village.

Quickly and quietly the car drew up, and a tall, lean man in Lovat tweeds, hatless, with well-brushed grey hair, carrying in one hand a brown leather case and in the other an odd-looking apparatus, stepped down from the driver's seat to the open house door where an anxious mother waited.

As he entered, Dr. Mackay was aware of the look of relief that passed over the woman's face. Not for the first time he felt both humble and proud.

In the shop, to each member of the group, the figure of the doctor evoked a separate set of emotions and of memories. No other man in their village and parish of eighteen hundred inhabitants entered their lives so intimately. He had seen them at their best and at their worst. They liked and respected him. Some were devoted to him but they kept it to themselves, being by nature reticent.

Each was capping the other's anecdote about him. Watt, the grocer, was relating how, in the grim winter of 1937, he and his two sons and the village constable had cleared the snowbound road to Torcraig where the doctor had been held up for two days after attending a birth. The wife of Torcraig had told him that Doctor Mackay had spent the time caring for and entertaining the children.

Then a woman recollected an incident where a bold and timely decision had been as necessary as surgical skill. In the days before diphtheria immunisation Sandy Macintosh lay nearly asphyxiated by the disease. Within a few minutes of seeing the boy, the doctor deftly made the incision that created a new airway, not an easy task on a cottage bed with no trained assistant and no hospital equipment. Yet the boy's life had been saved.

James, the shop assistant, wondered what effect such demands made on a man who must be on call seven days a week, night and day.

Some said they had seen the doctor looking tired. Others vehemently denied it as if it were an insult. An old man suggested that doubtless the doctor's annual monthly holiday would be welcome to the doctor, not to the village which never anticipated with pleasure the coming of a *locum tenens* who frequently preferred sending the patients to hospital sixty miles away to treating them in their own homes.

The conversation turned to the amenities Mackay enjoyed as a successful village doctor.

There was the well-built, handsome house furnished piece by piece from auction sales all over the county. The doctor liked old mellow woods. There was his library with its first editions.

A housekeeper of great age but of undiminished vigour ran the establishment, for her master remained a bachelor. Why, no one knew. Perhaps because he disliked change.

Mention of change brought old Farmer Bisset into the conversation. They were lucky to have a doctor who was conservative. "Look at all these new-fangled cures like D.D.T." he said, "It was to end all the pests that tormented us. Now after a few years we have flies that defy it. The doctor told me he believes that if penicillin is used too much you'll get diseases that will defy it. He says he is not to join the band of 'penicillin punchers'. He'll use it when it is really needed. That's good doctoring and sound economics and" Bisset stopped what promised to be a lecture.

The door of the house opposite opened. The doctor bowed a smiling good-bye to the mother. Hamish, after ordeal by stomach pump, would refrain, it was safe to prophesy, for at least a month from further misadventure.

W. R. Esson, 6 SL.

Willie's Rocket.

Upon November fifth last year,
A tragic thing transpired I fear.
Dad came home, and in his pocket,
Peeping out, a monster rocket.
Fixed up on the garden railing,
Ev'rything now seemed plain sailing.
Brother Willie, with the matches,
Singing comic songs in snatches,
Lit touch paper. All awaited,
Standing round with breath abated.
Willie, bending down a fraction,
Blew the paper into action.
This I know you'll say was silly,
Up went rocket—also Willie!

B. H. Blakeley, 4Y.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News.

We congratulate H. J. Seddon, D.M., F.R.C.S., Member of the Colonial Advisory Medical Committee and Clinical Director of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, upon being awarded the C.M.G. in this year's Birthday Honours List.

Dr. W. V. Wadsworth has been granted the M.R.C.P. and has been appointed Deputy Superintendent of Cheadle Royal.

Dr. T. F. Redman, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.O.G., has been appointed Lecturer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Bristol University and Consultant at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, and Bristol General Hospital.

Other important medical appointments include those of E. S. Frazer and W. Dickson as Consultants at Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Bolton respectively.

A. J. Odber, B.A., has been appointed Lecturer in Economics at Durham University on completing two years' research at Oxford University.

F. Seddon Laughton has been elected unopposed as Councillor for St. Anne's Ward, Sale.

The Old Hulmeians Masonic Lodge (No. 7062) was consecrated on Thursday, April 12th, 1951, by Sir Edward Rhodes, Kt., J.P. (Provincial Grand Master for Lancashire—Eastern Division), and Mr. A. O. Gatley was installed as Master of the Lodge.

Dr. G. Kettlewell has obtained the Diploma in Obstetrics of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

As the end of term has been brought forward to July 13th, our date of going to press has had to be advanced accordingly. Consequently, at the moment of writing, none of the University examination results usually recorded in the July number has been published. We intend, however, to print as full a list as possible in our next issue and shall therefore be most grateful for any information about University and Professional Final Examinations, as even a close scrutiny of the Press cannot hope to be exhaustive.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The numbers attending the Annual Dinner were very disappointing, but even so the function can be termed to have been successful in that many new faces were seen, and everybody present had a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Unfortunately the Dean of Manchester was taken ill within an hour of the time that he was due at the Dinner, but Professor T. W. Manson stepped in at a moment's notice to propose the toast of "The Association."

The Golf Competition was again held on May 3rd, 1951, this year on the Cheadle Golf Course, and there was an increased number of entries. H. J. Budenberg, G. L. Parkinson and N. Hodson won the Bradbury Cup, Vlies Cup and Merchant Cup respectively.

The Tennis Tournament was held on the 4th and 5th June when once again the Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club kindly made their courts available. The winner of the Singles Competition was D. J. Price, and the winners of the Doubles R. Mark and R. A. Bruce.

On 1st April many Old Boys attended the official opening of the Classen Gateway. Whilst this ceremony was essentially a Whalley Range Cricket and Lawn Tennis Club affair, it will be noticed that the opportunity was taken to display the fact that the ground is jointly held by the Cricket Club and the Old Hulmeians Association.

The flow of Old Boys to London continues, and recently it has appeared that the time is now opportune to make an effort to revive the Association of Old Hulmeians in London. Any Old Hulmeian who reads these notes and who is interested in the revival of this small but nevertheless important Association should communicate with Eric Barnes.

E. B.

BIRTHS.

LYSONS.—On March 17th, to Keith and Murray, a daughter.

YATES.—On April 2nd, to Jean, wife of Dr. Terence Yates, twin sons.

WADSWORTH.—On April 23rd, to Barbara, wife of Dr. William V. Wadsworth, a daughter.

DALEY.—On April 26th, to Eric and Pat Daley, a son.

GEARY.—On May 10th, to Ann, wife of John G. Geary, a son.

WORSWICK.—On May 21st, to Marie and Eric, a son.

MCCREADY.—On May 23rd, to Joan and Norman, a son.

CURTIS.—On June 6th, to Wendy, wife of William T. Curtis, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BEVAN—NEEDHAM.—On March 24th, WILLIAM KENNETH, only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bevan, of Whalley Range, to AUDREY VENETIA, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Needham, of Fallowfield.

DAKIN—TOWER.—On March 24th, THOMAS HAROLD, only son of Mrs. E. and the late Mr. H. Dakin, of Crumpsall, to MARGARET, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. K. Tower, of Sutton Coldfield.

CLELAND—JOHNSON.—In April in Sydney, Australia, KEITH R. CLELAND to AILEEN MARJORIE JOHNSON.

McGHEE—JONES.—On May 12th, KENNETH GEORGE, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. McGhee, of Moss Side, to BRENDA MAY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Jones, of Hyde.

HERBERT—HOBSON.—On June 2nd, ROBERT BRUCE, only son of Mrs. J. T. Herbert and the late Mr. J. T. Herbert, to MARGARET ELIZABETH, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hobson.

DENNIS—DOWN.—On June 14th, at Bognor Regis, ANTHONY, youngest son of the late Mr. Trevor Dennis and Mrs. Dennis, of Manchester, to PATRICIA, third daughter of the late Mr. Graham Down and Mrs. Down, of Felpham, Sussex.

KETTLEWORTH—WILCOCKSON.—On June 15th, DR. GORDON KETTLEWELL, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. C. Kettlewell, to MARGARET, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilcockson.

DEATHS.

IRELAND.—On March 12th, HARRY WELLS, in hospital and of 8, Kings Road, Cheadle Hulme, in his 73rd year.

BENTLEY.—On May 19th, at Carr Bank, Edale, JOHN WILLIAM, aged 65 years.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

It is a pleasure to record that the Old Boys First team finished the season in great form and won the North of England League championship. This is our first League success since the season 1932/33. We tied with Mellor for first place the following season, but lost the play-off. Our present success was well earned for, with only one point advantage over the Old Waconians, it was necessary to win our last three matches to be successful. These were against Mellor twice and Old Mancunians, all hard games.

The team, under H. A. Whatley's excellent captaincy, rose to the occasion; the defence, in spite of the absence of F. M. McClinton and J. Mark, both injured, playing as well as at any time during the season. B. C. K. Ballinger's fine goalkeeping contributed greatly to their improved steadiness when under extreme pressure.

Also in his best form in these hard games was our veteran defender, N. R. Coe. He and N. A. Barber are the only two members of the side previously to have been in an Old Boys' league-winning team. Our younger defenders G. B. Appleby and G. Price are both still liable to give their men just that yard of extra freedom in which a first-class attack revels.

They have, however, made excellent progress in their first season and should be a great asset to the team for many years to come.

The attack has been an excellent goal-getting combination. J. Buckland and S. Gill have been the principal scorers but owe many goals to accurate support passes, particularly from R. Mark. In an effort to create more penetration from the left wing B. T. Plaskett was brought back into the side for the final games. D. B. Flunder has filled the centre position excellently throughout the season.

The first team's league-winning record is as follows:—

GOALS.

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	PTS.
22	20	1	1	286	119	41

The "A" team finished the season with a very creditable third position in the second division, in spite of a lack of penetration on the attack, due no doubt to many unavoidable changes, and the inexperience of our reserves. M. W. Flinn, to whom we have unfortunately to say goodbye owing to his having taken a teaching appointment in the North-East, has been the most reliable attack. A. Jones and E. Barnes have again proved themselves the pillars of the defence, on which J. F. Caldwell and A. H. C. Ratcliff have played soundly. J. T. Emery in goal has also had some fine games.

The side's record is:—

GOALS.

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	PTS.
22	14	7	1	189	127	29

Our Extra "A" team unhappily has had difficulty in retaining its hard-won place in the Third division. This has been due entirely to lack of playing members, and is a disappointing reward for E. S. Thelwall's three years' efforts to gain promotion and at the same time give our junior members an improved fixture list. The side finished fifth in the third division with the following record:—

GOALS.

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	PTS.
18	9	9	0	74	91	18

It is to be hoped that next season will bring the Lacrosse Section greater support from the School and that, in addition, we shall be able to welcome back from the Services some of our former members.

We have to congratulate H. A. Whatley and J. Buckland on their selection for the North side. Whatley had the further distinction of captaining the Lord Robinson's XII, which also included R. Mark and which defeated the England team on which we were represented by J. Buckland and S. Gill.

A record of the season's activities would not be complete without mention of Purley's Easter visit. Although defeated on the field our visitors, we trust, departed with pleasant memories of nautical reference to a foreign specie of the Aquilinæ family.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

Mar. 10.—v. Disley	A	W	16-5
„ 24.—v. Purley	H	W	20-2
„ 31.—v. Mellor	H	W	8-6
April 14.—v. Mellor	A	W	8-5
„ 18.—v. Old Mancunians	H	W	12-8

"A" TEAM.

Mar. 10.—v. Urmston	H	W	10-5
„ 31.—v. Offerton (for 4 points).....	A	L	7-22
April 14.—v. Old Stopfordians	A	L	1-10
„ 21.—v. Leeds	A	L	9-11

EXTRA "A" TEAM.

Mar. 10.—v. William Hulme G.S.	H	L	5-18
„ 31.—v. M/c. Univ. "A" (for 4 pts.)	H	W	5-4
April 14.—v. Disley "A"	H	W	7-6
„ 28.—v. Urmston "A"	A	L	0-1

Old Hulmeians Rugger.

It may be that the past season was the best that the Club has ever had. Quite what did happen in the pre-war years we are not sure—the present Committee has the full record of only one season—but, on the apparently fair assumption that 1938-39 was the peak year, 1950-51 yielded better results on a comparable fixture list. No close parallels can be drawn, and none will be attempted, but there is clear justification for the feeling that business is good, and for taking pleasure in that feeling.

The playing record of the 1st XV is:—

POINTS

P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
25	12	8	5	211	214

The team was playing distinctly better at the end of the season than at the beginning, and it finished with a run of nine games without defeat. Once or twice they looked a very good side, but they were never able to convert a considerable advantage into points. The season was cracked distinctly into two by the cold spell; there can have been few longer breaks, and it seemed to have a rejuvenating effect.

No factor was more important than possession of an obvious skipper in Ken Hughes. Kay played very well and was finely supported by Edwards, Harrison, and Fletcher, amongst the backs. A most welcome return was made by D. Hurstep. McGhee, probably our best hooker, replaced Wilkinson, called up, in the pack where we were glad, and fortunate, to play Arnold and Beazley occasionally. We are in the happy position of having ten or eleven forwards amongst whom only two approach indispensability. Consequently, we can always turn out an adequate and hard-working eight. What is less happy is that they are not the force they might be. "What the first man up does is decisive"; all too often, with us, he does not know what he should do. Our people are usually younger and faster than their opponents and if they would collectively determine to train themselves into a unit they might achieve great things.

The "A" XV, in contrast, never really abandoned its exploration of the depths. Despite new management they could achieve no more than a single victory in each of the last three months. The record is:—

POINTS					
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
24	4	17	3	90	346

This speaks for itself, with the clear message "Pass on." There are certainly opportunities for new blood here, especially in the centre.

The Extra "A" XV wound up the season very pleasantly, winning five of its last seven games.

Its record is:—

POINTS					
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.
17	8	9	—	115	243

We hope that this presages an assured existence for this cheerful band. Previous flirtations with truth on this subject make it desirable now to forego analysis: suffice it to say that, with E. T. Worthington in the van, the side promises well.

Space prevents the listing of the boys who turned out for us from time to time. We hope to see them all again and, eventually, to have them as full members. Nothing could be more welcome to us than a good number of recruits from School, even if only for a short period prior to H.M. Forces, and we should be tickled pink to be able to launch a genuine Schools XV in the coming season.

We are bringing a new pitch into use then, and we hope to celebrate this by staging a match, on September 13th, between a XV led by the Lancashire and England player Joe Mycock, and an Old

Hulmeians XV which will include Old Boys playing in first-class rugby in all parts of the country, including four current county players.

A. R. O.

1ST XV RESULTS.

Feb. 24.—v. Prestwich	H	W	5-3
Mar. 10.—v. Kersal "A"	A	W	10-0
„ 17.—v. Calder Vale	A	W	13-3
„ 24.—v. Manchester Y.M.C.A.	H	D	3-3
„ 31.—v. Manchester Y.M.C.A.	A	W	6-3
April 7.—v. Calder Vale	H	W	w/o
„ 14.—v. Manchester Y.M.C.A.	A	L	6-8

"A" XV RESULTS.

Feb. 24.—v. Prestwich "A"	A	L	3-11
Mar. 3.—v. Leigh Tech. "A"	H	L	14-20
„ 10.—v. M/c. Univ. Extra "A"	H	L	0-12
„ 17.—v. M/c. Univ. Extra "A"	A	L	0-24
„ 24.—v. M/c. Y.M.C.A. "A"	A	W	6-3
April 7.—v. Eccles Extra "A"	A	W	9-6
„ 14.—v. M/c. Y.M.C.A. "A"	H	D	6-6
„ 21.—v. Old Salfordians "A"	H	L	6-14

EXTRA "A" XV.

Feb. 24.—v. Churchill's "A"	H	W	6-3
Mar. 3.—v. Toc H Extra "A"	H	W	22-0
„ 10.—v. Davenport Extra "A"	H	W	10-8
„ 24.—v. M/c. Y.M.C.A. "B"	H	L	9-12
„ 31.—v. Broughton Park "B"	H	W	15-3
April 7.—v. Heaton Moor "B"	A	L	0-18

Old Hulmeians Golf.

The Annual Competition for the Bradbury, Vlies, and Merchant Cups was played this year on the Cheadle Golf Club links by the kind permission of the Captain and Committee of the Cheadle Golf Club. The change of venue seemed to be much appreciated by one of the largest turn-outs since pre-war days. The afternoon and evening were both ideal for golf and the winners of the Cups and their scores were as follows:—

Bradbury Cup—

Winner: H. J. Budenberg, 75—8 = 67.

Vlies Cup—

Winner: G. L. Parkinson, 80—12 = 68.

Merchant Cup—

Winner: N. Hodson, 86—17 = 69.

Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

This year there have been no fewer than sixteen Old Boys in and around Oxford. Their very number, combined with the renowned variety of Trinity Term activities, makes the scribe's task a formidable one. Summer reveals the infinite possibilities of Oxford life; the river, cricket in the parks, summer balls, garden parties, plays in the open air and so on *ad infinitum*. With Prelims. safely behind him, the freshman can look forward to two such years of bliss. To him who is about to pass through the grim gates of the Examination Schools into the cold hard world, summer term means many hours of solid work per day, with the growing realisation that this is indeed the end of three, or, if one has been lucky, four glorious years. "Gather ye rosebuds, though with moderation," is the motto of the third-year man. Last year, Old Hulmeians were spread across the whole of University society. S. S. Wilson and S. Wilks were occasionally seen. The former of these two B.N.C. veterans divides his time between the river, on which he sails a Firefly (with most of himself on the outside, in the best sailing tradition), and the labs., where he instils the principles of engineering into the younger generations. The latter continues to split the odd atom. We learn that S. S. Wilson is at the moment preparing for a trip to Spitsbergen with the Oxford and Cambridge Scientific Expedition. He was last seen by the scribe, packing away vast quantities of pemmican. We hope this type of food suits him. All of those going down have just finished schools. F. A. Stone (B.N.C.), having rowed with D. Ogden in their college's "Schools Eight" has taken his B.C.L. finals and will shortly be taking up a post in the legal branch of the Birmingham City administration. D. Ogden (B.N.C.), having taken History Finals, is trying to talk his way into the Navy. G. Wilkinson read for his Physics Schools and presided over the B.N.C. Food Committee. He is, however, coming up next year to read for a Diploma of Education. Glover, another historian from B.N.C., leaves for an unknown destination. P. W. Watkins tore himself away from his beloved ballet, sat for his B.C.L. and will shortly be called to the Bar. To all those going down for the last time, we offer our best wishes.

A. Wilkinson (B.N.C.) visits the Chemistry Labs. between games of cricket. We are told that he has taken new digs. near to the parks, in order to get in more time at the nets. K. Carter (B.N.C.), with Prelims. behind, pulled a valiant oar in the B.N.C. Second "Eight." He has also bought himself a new hat. Any connection? J. G. Wood has torn himself away from his corpses for a walking tour in Austria. F. S. Sutcliffe (Saint Catherine's), nominally reading Biology, continues to live in Manchester College and

to play the organ at all hours of the day and night. J. N. McManus (Saint Edmund Hall), makes music of a different kind for the University Jazz Club, of which he is Hall representative. B. T. Gibson, another Aularian, has been seen with a tennis-racquet, sometimes in the company of D. Read, University. We are told that he will soon have the strength to get the ball over the net. D. A. Ginever, who has impressed us by his smartness around the town, is unfortunately in the Acland Nursing Home at the time of writing. We wish him speedy recovery. Our best wishes, too, go to J. F. Mair, who has left Wycliffe Hall, to become a Deacon of Chester Cathedral.

One of the notable occasions this term was the O.H. Cocktail Party, attended by eleven Old Boys, at which we had the great pleasure of renewing our acquaintanceship with Miss Denton. We were also very pleased to welcome Mr. B. M. Forrest, in "Eights Week," and L. T. P. Wood some four weeks ago. May we repeat our invitation to all Old Hulmeians within striking distance of Oxford, especially those from the Fen District, to call on us? They are assured of a cordial welcome.

And so to the vacation.

B. T. G.

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge.

Full Term has now come to an end, with nearly all the activities which help to pass the time most pleasantly between the conclusion of the exams. and "travelling down." The past week has been occupied by the May Races, college "May Week" concerts, the Balls. The river has been illuminated every night with something stronger than the moon; and evening dress has been a feature of Cambridge street-life at 10.0 a.m. every morning. Many of the celebrants have been saying goodbye to all that during the last few days, but more are waiting to take their places next October.

The present writer does not know for certain if D. W. Bowett (Downing) and J. P. Chilton (Clare) will be up again next year. During this term they have been unable to play the traditionally Hulmeian game of lacrosse; and so Chilton has been seen on the river. The "May Races" on the Cam, unlike those at Oxford, take place after the examinations: in consequence about 20 per cent. of the undergraduate population attempts to take part. It is hoped that out of this large assembly, a sufficient core of enthusiasts will be continuously supplied, to furnish the material which will maintain "aquatic superiority" over "the other place" and over our Trans-Atlantic cousins!

V. Edkins (Pembroke) and M. E. Coops (St. John's) have also been dividing their time between work for the Tripos and work on the river. They have both great cause to be pleased in that Pembroke now has control of the C.U.B.C., and that L.M.B.C. retains the Headship with a crew of five Blues: but when the Tripos results are published, they may have more serious things to think about! D. M. Schlapp (Pembroke) will be in residence again next year, and G. R. MacLeod (Christ's) hopes he may manage another year. The only other Old Hulmeian, J. V. Gosling (Caius) has been very busy with exam. papers, but has found opportunity to inform us that he is definitely going down for the last time.

It seems unlikely that numbers of O.H. up here will greatly increase in the near future as to make this column an onerous task for the writer: only two new recruits are known to be arriving in October. But we continue to hope.

M. E. C.

Old Hulmeians at Manchester.

We at Manchester feel that the dual monopoly of University News in the "Hulmeian" hitherto held by those older Universities, whose names we for the moment forget, has been maintained far too long. It is, however, very right and proper that Britain's finest and grimest provincial University should be the first to challenge the same. Having announced our advent with the conceit due to a University recently honoured by the visit of H.M. The Queen, we must pass on to some account of Hulmeian activities, which as we might expect are many and diverse.

In common with Lacrosse teams all over the country the Owens team derives much of its support from Old Hulmeians. This year D. W. Watkins was honoured by the Captaincy of the 1st Team while R. M. Threlfall was similarly honoured as Vice-Captain. We congratulate them for being awarded full maroons while J. J. Nesbitt and R. P. M. Bond are also to be congratulated for the half maroons that they were awarded at the same time. R. M. Bale, G. Cusick, G. Macdonald and A. G. Shuttleworth have also done strange things in the name of University Lacrosse. The last if not the most effective, is certainly the fiercest goal-keeper in the North of England.

Old Hulmeians have also made their mark in the University theatre world. As a founder member of the new Gilbert and Sullivan Society, G. V. Chivers deserves a special word of praise. Chivers was not the least creditable part of a most creditable first production. It would have been difficult for G. J. Oldham to have been anything but prominent in the

tights he wore in the Drama Groups production of "The Tempest." As Ferdinand, he looked suitably spellbound, or was he just worried about the scene in which he had to bend down? He has also passed his exams., which is considered bad form for any member of the Drama Group.

B. J. Stone and R. Calderwood, we regret to say, have entered the sordid world of politics. Both have made violent opposing speeches in the University Debating Hall, and in time we hope to find out who supports which side. Both of them are studying Law, which we understand is also the subject that J. L. Burton is reading, although few people appear to have seen him since Registration Day, 1949. Yet another Law student is J. S. Nesbitt, who, as a member of the Boat Club, risks his judicial dignity on the turgid Irwellian waters. With true legal cunning he avoids all manual effort and has taken the position of Cox. He was also responsible for editing the "Rag Times": whether he should be congratulated on this or not is doubtful.

The military traditions of Hulme are at present maintained by S. B. Foulds who, besides doing horrible things in the medical school, finds time to be a member of the S.T.C. His ample khaki-clad figure is occasionally to be seen belabouring a most inadequate-looking motor bike up and down Burlington Street.

In conclusion we must apologise to all those who have not been mentioned in this letter owing to lack of space and specific information. We believe that many Hulmeians suffering from finals, like B. J. Allen, D. H. Robertson, and B. Mead (Ex-President of the Historical Society), were to be found in obscure parts of the University, but lack of time and a compass prevented us from unearthing them and finding out what they had done that was printable.

As our very last word, may we extend a most hearty welcome to all those Hulmeians who intend to venture within Owen's sooty portals next session.

R. P. M. B.

Parents' Association.

On March 14th a very enjoyable supper and entertainment was held at the Waldorf Restaurant, Manchester, which was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Bird, and most of the Masters and their wives, as guests of the Parents' Association. It was indeed a pleasure to have them with us, and the evening passed along far too quickly.

The eleventh Annual General Meeting was held at the School on May 2nd, but again the attendance was disappointing, only about fifty members being present.

Before the official business of the meeting commenced, Mr. S. V. Hickling, Chairman, on behalf of the Association, presented a new Sports Shield to Miss A. Berry, Head Mistress of the Preparatory Department. The Shield, carved in oak and appropriately coloured, is a handsome piece of craftsmanship and the Association hope that it will be a coveted trophy in the Preparatory Department for many years to come.

Officers and committee for the ensuing twelve months were elected, including three new committee members. Mr. L. Selman is the new Treasurer, and we wish to take this opportunity of thanking the retiring Treasurer, Mr. G. M. Robinson, for his zealous and conscientious work in connection with Association matters during his years of office.

Members will be aware of the Association's efforts to raise finances to furnish and equip the old Dining Hall as a Music Room. The target figure is £1,200. "Rather a large amount" many people may think, but if we are to help the School in this way, surely the job is worth doing properly! If the full amount is realised, the money will be used for the purchase of a grand piano, several musical instruments, music stands for the orchestra and chairs for the audience. A small platform will also be fitted in the room, and part of the room partitioned off, to make a store-room and music library.

The School has a grand tradition for music; let the Association help the School to make an even higher reputation in the future. If you have not already contributed to the Music Room Fund, send your donation to the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. Selman, 26, Green Walk, Manchester 16.

The Careers Advisory Panel is still increasing in scope. Parents may now seek advice upon the following careers for boys:—

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Dentistry.
Electrical Engineering.
Insurance.
Law.
Local Government Service.
Medicine.
Metallurgy.
Mechanical Engineering.
Quantity Surveying.

By the time these notes appear in print, the cricket matches will have taken place in which the Parents' Association teams have challenged the might of the Staff and the School. We are greatly indebted to the School for placing nets and cricket gear at our disposal on practice evenings, and in particular to Mr. C. Morley for his attendance and help on these occasions.

A Dance will be held at the Fallowfield Hotel on October 18th. Tickets will shortly be on sale for this affair, and it is hoped that good support will be forthcoming. Masters and their ladies will be particularly welcomed!

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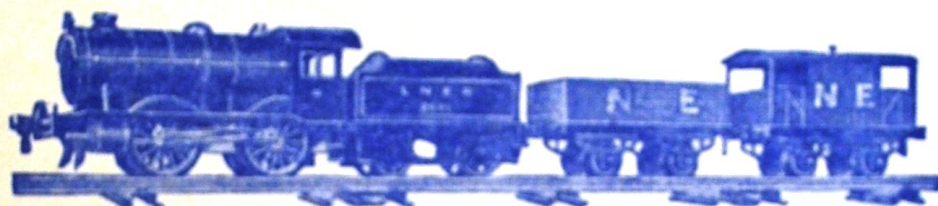
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