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School Notes and News.

Manchester University Degrees and Examinations.—

First M.B. and Ch.B. Part I: R. Judson and A. R. Kennedy (Chemistry and Physics); Part II.B., D. Ll. Griffiths (Zoology).

Diploma in Dentistry, Second Examination: J. M. Gibbons (Dental Metallurgy) and J. E. Ellis (Zoology).

Diploma in Dentistry, first Examination: D. R. Dickson and G. J. Ellis.

J. C. P. Besford has satisfied the examiners in Chemistry.

We express our best thanks to Mr. H. A. Heywood, one of the Governors, who has presented the School with a framed portrait of the late Mr. Oliver Heywood, a past Governor, from whom Heywood House takes its name. The picture has been hung in the new hall.

A notable success achieved last year, but not recorded in our December issue, was the winning of a State Scholarship by W. W. Simpson.

Our best thanks are due to Mrs. A. L. Robinson, of Whalley Range, for the gift to the School Museum of some ring-shaped pieces of metal, used as currency among certain African tribes.

The following Games Awards have been made:—

Lacrosse Honours Caps to G. Woodhouse, H. Dick and J. L. W. Jordan. Lacrosse Colours to W. Peak, P. Hodgkinson, F. P. Harris, E. S. Benson, H. Barratt, C. W. Mason, R. Astin, L. L. Cooper, H. S. Clune.

Football Honours Caps to F. H. Marshall, J. C. Ratcliffe, W. B. Stansby, A. Wilkinson. Football Colours: D. D. Y. K. Merer, W. G. Jackson, P. Hodgkinson, N. Stoddard, E. B. Richards, R. Astin, C. A. Burnside, L. Kershaw, H. Dick, J. P. Moran.

J. P. V. Woollam and K. Rains of the Old Hulmeians Lacrosse Club were in the team that played for the North of England against the South on Saturday, March 17th. Both have also played for Lancashire in representative matches this season.

Members of the Golf Section of the Old Boys' Association are reminded that the Annual Competition for the Bradbury and Vlies Cups takes place on Thursday, May 17th. It is hoped there will be a good gathering of players for the occasion.

At a meeting of the Games Committee G. Woodhouse was appointed captain of the 1st XI Cricket and W. B. Stansby vice-captain.

Calendar for next term:—

Midsummer term will begin on Tuesday, April 17th, at 9 a.m.

Ascension Day Holiday 17th May.

The Whitsuntide Holidays will extend from Wednesday, May 23rd, at noon, to Thursday, June 7th, at 9 a.m.

The School Certificate Examinations will commence on July 2nd.

Midsummer Term will end on Thursday, July 26th, at noon.

We acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the following magazines:—*Ulula* (2), *The Savilian*, *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*, *The Buxtonian*, *The Willastonian*, *The Frome County School Magazine*, and *The Leigh Grammar School Magazine*.

MARRIAGES.

ROBINSON—MABBOTT.—On January 3rd, at Bowdon Wesleyan Church, by the Rev. H. P. Harris (cousin of the bride) and Rev. J. Mattinson, Ellis Otter Robinson, M.A., only son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Robinson, of Attleborough, Norfolk, to Lucy Irene Mabbott, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. D. Mabbott, of Four Oaks, Hale.

VAN DER VEEN—HOWARD.—On February 15th, at Lower Peover Church, by the Rev. T. W. Hunt, M.A., Corney W., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Van der Veen, of Whalley Range, Manchester, to Nancy, daughter of Mrs. Howard and the late Mr. Charles Howard, solicitor, Manchester.

NEEVE—EVANS.—On February 29th, at the Wilbraham Road Congregational Church, by Revs. William Thomas and Norman Goodall, B.A., Rev. Cyril Anthony Neeve, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Neeve, of Trumpington, Cambridge, to Nora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Evans, 1, Arnold Road, Wilbraham Road, Manchester.

TRAVIS—RUXTON.—On February 29th, at St. George's Church, Penang, S. E. Travis, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Travis, to Lilian Gladys, daughter of the late Mr. F. Ruxton and Mrs. R. Caldwell.

DEATHS.

BENSON.—On December 9th, Harold, the beloved husband of Gwendoline Benson and youngest son of the late C. E. Benson and Mrs. Benson, of the Mount, Church Stretton, and late of Ivyhurst, Alexandra Road South.

VERNON.—On March 8th, at 21, Holland Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Arthur, the dear and only son of Arthur and Alice Margaret Vernon, in his 21st year.

PRICE.—On Sunday, March 11th, John Ronald, aged 14 years 7 months, the dearly beloved youngest son of Millie and Arthur Price, 40, Kensington Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection, 1927.

The collection this year, apart from the fact that it broke the previous record of 1927 by £8 17s. 7d., was quite the most satisfactory we have had in that the general level was higher.

The Lower First collection, while still the highest, fell from £26 5s. 6d. to £23 18s. 1d. but this was more than compensated for by the general rise, and this in spite of the heavy demands made by the Fleetwood Disaster Appeal.

The School was entertained at a display by the Club members on Wednesday evening, December 7th, when an opportunity was

provided for parents and friends, as well as boys of the School, to see something of what is being done at the Club.

The Club has suffered during the last twelve months by the death of several regular subscribers, and the Chairman, Mr. H. E. Walker (O.H.), or the Secretary, Mr. H. Hough (O.H.), would be glad to hear of any new subscribers or workers from among Old Hulmeians.

A letter of thanks from Sir Christopher Needham, the President of the Club, appears below.

A.L.P.

Form	Average per Head		Total Amount Collected
	s.	d.	£ s. d.
Lower I	17	1	23 18 1
Va	15	11	21 10 0
Ic	13	10	17 19 2
Ilb	11	11	18 8 3
Vc	10	8	14 7 10½
IIIc	10	7	16 19 3½
IIIa	10	3	16 6 10
Ib	9	9	12 13 2
Ia	9	7	12 18 8½
IVb	9	4	14 8 1½
VIc	9	1	5 18 6
IVa	8	3	11 1 0
Vb	8	1	13 0 0
IVc	8	1	12 2 3
Iic	7	6	11 12 2
VIim	6	11	3 2 3½
IIIb	6	10	10 14 9
VI	6	2	7 18 4
Prep.	14 4 8
H. M. & Staff	4 18 6
TOTAL			£272 15 3½

PROCTER GYMNASIUM & HULME LADS' CLUB.

15 Cross Street,
Manchester.

February 6th, 1928.

Dear Mr. Dennis,

I want once more to tender to the masters and boys of the Hulme Grammar School the very grateful thanks of the Procter Gymnasium and Hulme Lads

Club for the splendid help which has been rendered to them as a result of the collection which amounted to £267. The amount is a record one. Without the help from the School both financially and in other ways, I am very doubtful whether it would be possible to maintain the existence of the Club. We therefore feel most grateful for the interest displayed by your boys and others and for the support which they have given to the Lads' Club in Hulme.

Yours very truly,

C. T. NEEDHAM,
President.

Levelling the School Field.

It is hoped that the levelling of the School field will be completed before the end of May. The work was begun in September 1921 and at the present moment about 95 per cent. of the whole has been completed; the last stage of the work will have taken seven years. The field was originally six and a half acres, but in 1901 it was extended to a rectangle, 300 by 186 yards, containing an area of eleven and a half acres. The new was lower than the original part, and therefore an average level was struck some two feet lower than before. The work of filling up the new part with surplus soil from the old, was completed in 1913, with the exception of a high area of about 5,400 square yards in the south-west corner and about the same in the north-east. It is this last piece of the work that has been done during the last seven years, chiefly by the boys themselves. As the drop in level is two feet, some 3,600 cubic yards have been excavated and carried about a quarter of a mile. In the seven years about 500 different boys have taken part, and have worked in all some 800 afternoons; in the present season of the 130 boys in the fifths and sixths, 127 have shared in the work. The area of the

field, less buildings and asphalt, is ten acres, the new part two and a quarter acres; and, as the road along the north side is no longer of any use, a further area of 231 yards by at least five can be turfed; the playing area will thus have been increased by 30 per cent., and the boys who have helped have the satisfaction of knowing that their work is more permanent than any other form of human building; hundreds of years after all the present buildings in Manchester have decayed and fallen to the ground the field they have made will still be used by the Hulme Grammar School.

Over the Hills.

The expedition consisted of seven, all told, when it started from Chinley Station—the rest had fallen into the toils of the railway company and had not yet finished arguing. It was one of those raw, boisterous days for which Derbyshire is justly famous, and we set off towards the hills in the teeth of a blustering gale. We intended to go to Edale by way of Rushup Edge, and return over Jacob's Ladder, but it was evident that we were in for no easy journey, for the storm clouds hung low over the hills we had to cross, and the weather was very stormy even in the valley.

We left the village behind and climbed the hillside in good time, however, and were soon enveloped by the damp folds of the cloudbank. As we advanced, the gloom thickened and the gale grew fiercer, until the path we were following came to an abrupt end and we struck off across country, with the mud sucking soddenly at our boots, past dim spinneys and swollen brooks, until eventually we struck a cart-track and so, numb and battered, came to Rushup Edge.

Having thoroughly enjoyed the magnificent view of driving rain and muddy grass which

was the result of our labours, we set out towards Edale, which lay some two Derbyshire miles to our left (a Derbyshire mile is anything from one to four ordinary miles, especially in bad weather). We progressed more rapidly now, for the path lay along the lee of the hillside, beneath the brow, and, moreover, we were feeling hungry. At a hospitable farmhouse we enjoyed a well-earned lunch and a partial thaw, for it had been cold as well as wet up on the hills—before setting out upon the return journey—which our energetic leader insisted upon making on foot, although there was a perfectly good railway station near by.

At first our route lay along a typical Derbyshire valley, which was good going after the morning's experience, but soon the grey homesteads fell behind us, and we came to the slippery reaches of Jacob's Ladder, and spent a hectic quarter of an hour climbing over greasy clay and wet boulders. We stumbled over the topmost lip into a raging hurricane of frozensleet, which was fortunately at our back, so that we began the downward journey into Chinley much faster than we had made the upward one. What with the nip in the weather and the sharp pace, we were feeling quite exhilarated when at length we emerged from the mist. The storm raged above our heads, but below the weather was clear and fine, and the main road to Chinley lay like a grey ribbon along the valley. Unfortunately our route did not lie along this broad and pleasant path, but over a steep and narrow ridge across the way, which led us back into the hurricane. After pausing at the top to engage in a brisk action with a wind-blown and bellicose five-barred gate, we gained a comparatively sheltered lane, which at length led us on to a macadam road. Dusk was falling and, as we descended through the calm twilight to where the lights of Chinley glowed through a velvet pall, a comfortable glow of well-being descended upon us; it was only in the train that disillusionment came. By some oversight the heating

system had been turned on, and we began to thaw rapidly, with little trickles of water flowing down our spines—but why dwell upon that inglorious end to a perfect day?

A.R.A.

Library.

Librarian: Mr. Perraton.

Assistant Librarians:

C. G. E. Holehouse, F. P. Harris.

With the extended use of the library, following the increased accessibility of books, it is becoming most important that a few simple rules be regularly observed. Books taken out must be entered in the record book by one of the assistant librarians, and should be returned to one of the librarians as soon as is convenient, and always before the end of each term. Reference books may not leave Room 10 without special permission from the librarian. The strict observance of these simple rules is essential if the best use is to be made of our facilities.

Additions this term include:

Frazer	-	-	-	<i>The Golden Bough.</i>
Dewey	-	-	-	<i>How We Think.</i>
Headlem	-	-	-	<i>Bismarck (H.N.).</i>
Tawney	-	-	-	<i>Religion and the Rise of Capitalism.</i>
Lodge	-	-	-	<i>Making of Man.</i>
				<i>Histoire de France racontée à tous</i>

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The Entertainments.

During this year's series of entertainments the possibilities of the new stage have been fully tested as, including "Julius Cæsar" and "The Brass Bottle," fifteen plays alto-

gether have been performed since October, no fewer than eleven of them taking place this term. These plays are, for the most part, given by separate Forms and, when it is remembered that the Forms taking part range from Lower I up to the Sixths, it will be seen how representative of the school talent these shows are. The value of the entertainments cannot be overestimated, for with lectures, concerts, and plays they fulfil that oft-forgotten function of education, the teaching of young people how to use their leisure. Education, after all, is a preparation for life and any school activity that contributes to the amenities of existence is a necessary and laudable part of the educational system. In passing, it might be helpful to point out that if boys taking part in these plays will, in the future, remember to speak up clearly they will add much to the pleasure of the listeners; the extension of the hall renders clear speaking more imperative than ever. It is interesting to note the increase in the number of visitors who now attend these performances regularly.

We should like to express our appreciation of the valuable help given by Mr. Brierley, Mr. Davies, Mr. Bentley and their assistants, G. Woodhouse, H. Hammond, G. A. Norris, J. B. Holt, in connection with these shows.

Programme :—

PLAY.—December 13th. Form Vb presented "A Traveller Returns," a one-act play by Clemence Dane. The action takes place in the tap room of "The Ship Ashore" in a small fishing village. The play provided a very good entertainment and all the performers did well. Cast: "Simon Foulger"—J. L. W. Jordan; "Isbel Parrett"—E. Phillips; "A Police Officer"—P. Hodgkinson; "Barty"—N. B. Wilkinson; "Daddy Parrett"—F. W. Drummond; "Joshua Gapper"—H. Sambrook; "A Traveller"—C. A. Burnside; "Tom Dachett"—R. R. Farrell; Producer—Mr. Gatley.

PLAY.—December 17th, 19th and 20th, at 7-30 p.m. "Julius Cæsar"—*Shakespeare*—produced by Mr. Dennis.

(This performance is dealt with on another page.)

PLAY.—January 17th. "In the Zone"—*O'Neill*—was performed by the Prefects and produced by Mr. Dennis. There is little action throughout the piece, and much of the success of the play depends upon "atmosphere." The scene is the seamen's fore-castle on the British tramp steamer "Glencairn," and the time is the witching hour of ten minutes to twelve on a night in the Autumn of the year 1915. The play was well staged and a clever performance was given by the following cast: "Smithy"—L. L. Cooper; "Davis"—Mr. Dennis; "Swanson"—R. S. C. Hadfield; "Scotty"—G. Woodhouse; "Ivan"—G. C. Willis; "Paul"—J. F. Caldwell; "Jack"—F. P. Harris; "Driscoll"—J. C. Jarvis; "Cocky"—C. Wilkes; "Seamen"—A. Wilkinson, S. D. Cleworth. C. G. E. Holehouse.

LANTERN LECTURE.—January 24th. Mr. Harris gave us an instructive talk on "Wonders of the World," illustrated with about 50 excellent slides.

LANTERN LECTURE.—January 31st. In the course of his lecture on "Pond Life," Mr. McConnell showed us some interesting slides illustrating the many minute forms of life to be found in ponds.

PLAY.—February 7th. The clown scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream"—*Shakespeare*—were performed by Form VIs. The players entered thoroughly into the spirit of the scenes and gave an amusing rendering of the doings of "the hempen homespuns," the two outstanding performers perhaps being J. C. P. Besford as "Nick

Bottom," and G. Woodhouse as "Peter Quince." Others in the cast were: "Tom Snout"—J. C. Ratcliffe; "Robin Starveling"—M. G. Blackburn; "Francis Flute"—N. Copeland; "Snug"—R. S. C. Hadfield; "Duke Theseus"—G. O. Holt; "Hippolyta"—P. H. Taylor; "Philostrate"—C. Wilkes; "Lysander"—H. Hammond; "Demetrius"—G. C. Evans. Play produced by Mr. Anderson.

PLAYS.—February 6th. "X=O; A Night of the Trojan War"—*Drinkwater*—is a play with a lofty theme and is fittingly written in blank verse. It is a tragedy suggestive of the irony of fate. The performance was ably given by Form VI, C. and M., and the producer was Mr. James. Cast: "Pronax"—J. Byrne; "Salvius"—R. Millner; "Ilus"—G. C. Willis; "Capys"—L. L. Cooper.

"Campbell of Kilmhor," a tragedy by J. A. Ferguson, is a play that keeps us in suspense till the end. The story deals with events in the Highlands of Scotland immediately after the '45 rebellion, and the scene is the interior of a lonely cottage on the road from Struan to Rannoch in North Perthshire. The difficult part of "Campbell of Kilmhor" was well played by Mr. Davies and the others of the cast were: "Mary Stewart"—G. E. Compson; "Dugald Stewart"—E. L. Sheppey; "Morag Cameron"—E. Saunbury; "Captain Sandeman"—W. R. Ault; "James Mackenzie"—T. G. Robinson; "Soldiers"—E. J. P. Hewitt and C. S. Smith. The play was given by IVa and produced by Mr. Davies.

PLAY.—February 16th, 17th and 18th at 7-30 p.m. "The Brass Bottle"—*Anstey*—produced by Mr. Brierley.

(This performance is dealt with on another page.)

PLAY.—February 21st. "The Price of Coal"—*Brighouse*—is a little tragedy with a Lancashire atmosphere. It is not an easy play for boys to act but those taking part struggled bravely with the difficulties. Cast: "Mary"—S. M. Cusick; "Jack"—A. J. Brain; "Ellen"—D. R. Hodgkinson; "Polly"—A. S. W. Coatman. Producer—Mr. Burn. The play was performed by boys from IIIc.

PLAY.—February 28th. Form Va, which possesses some good histrionic talent, gave a performance of that excellent little play by Mary Pakington, "The House with the Twisty Windows." It is a difficult play but the actors on the whole overcame their troubles cleverly and a good performance was the result. Cast: "James Roper, K.C."—J. I. Williams; "Charlie Clive"—T. M. Tillotson; "Teresa, Lady Ponting"—D. Coe; "Heather Sorrell"—P. N. Cantrill. "Annie Sorrell"—W. S. Grimshaw; "Derrick Moore"—N. Stoddard; "Stepan"—W. L. Kidd. Play produced by Mr. Powell.

PLAY—March 6th. An excellent entertainment was given on this date by IVb who performed "The Invisible Duke," a Gothic farce in one act by F. Sladen-Smith. The play was very well presented and the acting reached a high level throughout, the antics of the astrologer and his assistants causing much amusement. Cast: "The Duke"—H. Betteney; "The Astrologer"—C. W. F. Deakin; "Nekko"—H. Buckley; "Dekko"—G. G. Ingram; "Lady Emilia"—L. Roberts; "Count Francesco"—J. W. Yates.

Producer—Mr. Rayfield.

PLAYS.—March 13th.—Two plays were given on this date and, as both were well done, a good entertainment was provided. The first, a short play, called

"Withered Flowers," was written and performed by Form Lower I. The players seemed much at their ease and moved and acted really well, whilst their speaking was clear and distinct throughout. Cast: "Mr. Brandon" (D. A. E. Chambers); "Mrs. Brandon" (N. Cooper); "Margaret Brandon" (O. R. Dennis); "Betty Brandon" (N. H. Buckley); "Arthur Brandon" (W. H. Garke); "Charles Brandon" (E. C. Stevens); "Bob Moreton" (M. W. Flinn); "Mary, the Parlourmaid" (D. G. Blair); "Dixon, the Butler" (F. Downing); Stage Managers, F. Hodgson, E. C. Stevens; Prompters, J. D. W. Roberts, G. S. Somerset; Producer: Mr. Williams.

"A Night at an Inn" (Lord Dunsany) is a somewhat grim little one-act play in the course of which some half-dozen murders are committed. A clever performance was given by Form IVc. Cast: "The Toff" (P. M. Evans); "Bill" (H. G. Walker); "Sniggers" (S. Humphreys); "Albert" (E. C. P. Butler); "Priests" (F. B. Mayo, F. C. Harte, K. B. Clayton); "Idol" (F. M. Ayrton); Producer: Mr. Brierley.

LECTURE - RECITAL.—March 20th.—Mr. Dennis gave us an enlightening talk on "The Development of the Orchestra," illustrating his remarks with the following programme of music played by the School Orchestra:—(1). The Dead March in "Saul" (Handel); (2). Andante from Symphony No. 101 in D "The Clock" (Haydn); (3). Finale from Symphony No. 41 in C ("Jupiter") K.V. 551. Mozart; (4). Larghetto from Symphony No. 2 in D (Beethoven); (5). Allegro moderato from Symphony No. 8 in B minor ("Unfinished") (Schubert); (6). Prelude to Act III of the opera "Lohengrin" (Wagner).

"Julius Caesar."

On the three evenings immediately preceding the Xmas holidays performances of "Julius Caesar" were given, and it was perhaps fitting that the first evening entertainment on the new stage should be a Shakespearian play.

The cast was composed largely of boys who are studying this particular play for the matriculation examination, and it will hardly be denied that to take part in a performance is the best way to get a proper understanding of the play and an appreciation of the characters, one hour on the stage being worth many more with the book.

Continued study of Shakespeare in class is apt to give boys the impression that "Shakespeare" was written for the form room and not for the stage.

The presentation of the play was good and at times the acting was really excellent, but, as in any performance of "Julius Caesar," the most stirring episode was the scene in the Forum where Mark Antony speaks to the crowd over the dead body of Caesar. It frequently happens, however, that Antony, carried away by his emotions, rampages his oration, but Mr. Rayfield, who played the part well, made a great success of this scene and carried the crowd with him in a most convincing way. The title role was taken by Mr. Powell who, by his quiet, studied acting, made the most of this somewhat trifling part. In a tragedy such as this, with its moods and passions, its doubts and fears, and its schemes and plots, it is always difficult for boys to live their parts fully, but none failed. F. W. Drummond, in a very exacting part made a quiet, dignified and honest Marcus Brutus. The arch-plotter, "the lean and hungry Cassius," was played cleverly by J. L. W. Jordan; G. A. Clare was a capable "Casca," and the other

conspirators, "Trebonius"—R. R. Farrell, "Ligarius"—E. W. Rose, "Decius Brutus"—C. A. Burnside, "Metellus Cimber"—R. O. Venning, "Cinna"—P. Hodgkinson, all seemed to realise what was expected of them. P. N. Cantrill as "Portia," and R. C. H. Lowe as "Calpurnia," had not much scope in their parts but both performed well, and "Lucius"—L. Roberts, "Cinna, a poet"—J. I. Williams, in their small parts added their share to the success of the play. Others in the cast were: "Flavius"—R. A. Palmer; "Marcellus"—D. D. Y. K. Merer; "Soothsayer"—A. M. Hadfield; "Publius"—W. S. Grimshaw; "Artemidorus"—A. M. Holden; "Popilius Lena"—A. R. Merchant; "Lucilius"—J. Midgley; "Varro"—J. Byrne; "Claudius"—H. J. Symons; "Pindarus"—F. P. Harris; "Titinius"—T. W. M. Bland; "Messala"—J. N. Wright; "Clitus"—A. B. Andrew; "Dardanius"—R. G. Gregory; "Volumnius"—A. Cartwright; "Strato"—R. Astin; "Octavius Cæsar"—R. Millner; "Servants, Citizens, Commoners," etc.—J. P. Moran, L. S. Walsh, D. P. Burke, C. A. Coard, H. S. Dean, P. P. Francis, C. W. Mason, R. C. Jennings, M. G. Wenborn, G. B. Barker, W. L. Kidd, A. F. Mackay, H. T. Buckley, D. Coe, J. Knowles, K. F. Moore, T. Roberts, A. J. H. Scholefield, H. M. Taylor.

The principal scenes were well staged though there were points at which the scenery was almost Elizabethan in its simplicity, but this did not in any way detract from the success of the play. The crowd scenes, which can so easily mar a play if not carefully dealt with, were ably handled. The costumes, designed by Mr. Brown, added much to the effectiveness of the show.

The scenery was painted by Mr. Brierley, W. H. Dent, and R. C. Dyson, whilst the stage and electrical fittings were by Mr. Davies, Mr. Bentley, G. Woodhouse, J. B. Holt, G. C. Evans, H. Hammond, E. L. Pixton, H. Stephens, W. M. Garvie.

During the evening the School Orchestra played:—

- (1). The H. G. S. Song (Clive Carey);
- (2). Overture—"Egmont" (Beethoven);
- (3). First movement, Symphony in B minor (Schubert); (4). Prelude to Act III, "Lohengrin" (Wagner).

"The Pied Piper of Hamelin"

The Preparatory Department gave a very successful performance of the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" on December 15th.

Productions by the very young must usually be regarded with due allowance for youth and inexperience; one must not grumble if many of the words are inaudible, if a leading character is occasionally lost behind a crowd, or if the voice of the prompter fills in many an awkward pause. "The Pied Piper," however, was different. Every word was clearly spoken and heard in a hall, which many older people have found difficult. The grouping throughout was excellent and the rats in their cleverly contrived costumes were very amusing. The story was given clearly and loudly by the "chorus." E. N. Larner made a dignified Mayor and P. Clarke did well as the Piper. An outstanding performance was that of W. J. Curtis as the Lame Boy. Before the play, the boys sang seven carols which were much enjoyed.

"The Brass Bottle"

Performances of "The Brass Bottle" (Anstey), a farcical fantastic play in four acts, were given on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 16th, 17th and 18th and the hall was well filled each evening. As a

play, "The Brass Bottle" has not a great deal to recommend it, but as a piece of farce it is excellent, and, with the players making most of their opportunities, a very entertaining show was the result.

The title of the play somehow suggests Arabian Nights and magicians, and, as the action proceeds, our expectations are fulfilled, for, on the bottle being opened there bursts forth a tall, gaunt, greenish-looking figure who in his desire to reward his liberator, only succeeds in placing him in some very uncomfortable predicaments. Indeed old Fakrash-el-Aamash, for so was this bilious-green thing named, proves to be a very awkward customer to have dealings with, and no doubt all, particularly the Futvoye family, were relieved when they saw him safely corked up again in his brazen prison. Mr. Burn who seemed well fitted for this part played it with great success, and even when he shed his oriental robes for a somewhat original occidental outfit of "plus fours," socks, morning coat and tall hat, he did not allow us to forget he was a Jinnee whose spiritual home was a brass bottle. Mr. Brierley as the pleasant looking young man, Horace Ventimore, had a part that suited him admirably; he always seemed to strike the right note in whatever situation he found himself, and through the doings of old Fakrash, he fell into some queer ones. Professor Futvoye, an Egyptologist, and Samuel Wackerbath, an auctioneer, both aged sixty and both victims of the wrath of the Jinnee, were cleverly played by T. W. M. Bland and J. L. W. Jordan respectively. P. N. Cantrill did well in the small part of Sylvia Futvoye and wore some pretty dresses, whilst R. Millner as Mrs. Futvoye was quietly effective. J. C. P. Besford's playing of Spencer Pringle, a young architect was creditably done. Two whose small parts contributed much to the fun of the play were Rapkin (J. N. Wright) and Mrs. Rapkin (J. C. Jarvis.) Rapkin's philosophy of life seemed to be in keeping with the opinion

expressed in "Don Juan"—"man, being reasonable, must get drunk"; his dress and make-up were excellent and he gave a finished performance, whilst Mrs. Rapkin with her bursts of confidence and her fussy manners was the typical landlady. The others in the cast, "Jessie" (T. S. Meehan), "Mrs. Wackerbath" (E. Phillips), "A Waiter" (H. G. Walker), "The Head Slave" (R. S. C. Hadfield), did their small parts well. It would be difficult to better the performance of the troop of dancing girls (E. C. P. Butler, H. M. Bramble, E. T. Davies, W. C. Holden, W. Noble, J. Pollock, J. E. Wild), and efficient work was done by the slaves, musicians, &c. (J. L. Fay, P. P. Francis, A. M. Hadfield, L. Hayles, R. E. Higgins, G. A. Nutt, A. R. Merchant, C. W. Mason, R. A. Palmer). A fantasy depends for much of its effect on the staging and in this respect the play was a great success, the oriental scene being something of a triumph, whilst the room in the Savoy Hotel with its black and white colour scheme was very attractive.

Producer, Mr. Brierley.

During the evening the Cadet Corps band played the following programme of music:—

- (1). From "The Magic Flute" (Mozart):—March of Priests; Duet—"My son, beware of woman's falsehood"; Chorus of Priests; March.
- (2). Sea Chanties:—"A-roving"; "O Johnny, come to Hilo"; "Clear the Track"; "Knock a man down"; "The Drunken Sailor"; "Rio Grand."
- (3). Folk Songs:—"The Three Huntsmen"; "John Barleycorn"; "Let Bucks a-hunting go"; "O, No, John"; "The Tailor and the Mouse"; "The Carrion Crow"; "The old Woman and the Pedlar"; "The Fox."

The scenery was designed and painted by Mr. Brierley, assisted by R. C. Dyson and W. H. Dent. The properties and scenery

were made by Mr. Bentley, assisted by H. Hammond, E. L. Pixton, W. M. Garvie, H. Stephens, C. C. Evans, K. F. Moore.

In the Alderley Mines.

After an hour and a half's strenuous cycling and a stiff climb, we at last reached our goal, the mines at Alderley Edge. Our object was to explore these, and, as two of our party knew something about them, they took it upon themselves to act as guides. First, they led us to a deep rift in the earth, the bottom of which we reached by swinging from two cross-poles and then scrambling down the side. The place did not look inviting, but as our leaders disappeared quietly into a passage we felt bound to follow, and slipped into the deep blackness of a tunnel, whose floor was covered with mud and from the roof of which water dripped steadily down our necks. As a strange chill draught kept blowing out our candles, we had to resort to our electric torches, but meanwhile our leaders had vanished into the pitchy darkness in front, and, though we shouted, we heard only mocking echoes in reply. This was rather alarming, but, plodding steadily along, we rounded a corner and suddenly came upon our friends, much to our relief. Just then a sharp voice rang from the shadows warning us against a hole, and it was as well for, there, straight in front, was a pit eight feet in diameter and 200 feet deep at the bottom of which, we were told, was a lake. Here the tunnel turned to the right and, picking our way, we came upon another hole, the bottom of which we could not see even with our most powerful lights. A stream of water ran along the passage at this point and disappeared gurgling down the hole. Footholds were cut in

the rock to a depth of about twenty feet, and a heavy beam was placed across the top of the hole, then, fastening about sixty feet of stout rope to the beam, the first of our leaders descended rapidly, and, swinging himself round a corner half-way down, he disappeared from view. Presently a voice floated up from the darkness, "The rope's ten feet too short; I'll have to jump." There followed a clatter of stones and a thud, and then a light appeared in the blackness of the pit as he shone a lamp upward. The next adventurer followed safely down the rope, but the third was not so fortunate, for, in negotiating a bend half-way down, he stuck and was spread-eagled against the side of the hole, with a stream of mud pouring down upon him. This was awkward, but one of our guides scrambling up some planks got hold of the rope, and, after climbing up again, grasped the entangled one by the ankle and pulled him to safety round the corner. The rest of us followed in quick succession sliding down the rope and jumping the last ten feet; on reaching the bottom we learned we were 150 feet under the earth. With a chill blast blowing in our faces and extinguishing our candles, we moved warily along a passage guided by the light of our torches. By this time we were inclined to think we had had about enough of the mines, but began to feel more comfortable again when we came upon a piece of firm ground. This relief, however, was only temporary for almost immediately we came upon a passage with two feet of icy cold water on the floor. Along this we splashed for what seemed an interminable distance, and we were beginning to wonder if the tunnel would ever end when, to our delight, we saw in the distance a faint gleam that betokened the light of day. Plodding steadily along we soon emerged into the open, and though we looked a very bedraggled crew we had enjoyed our adventure in the mines with its spice of danger.

G.C.E.

The Scientific Society.

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

The Society has had a very prosperous year, several of the lectures being based on the very latest scientific discoveries.

We wish to tender our sincere thanks to D. T. Eastwood (O.H.), N. A. Alston (O.H.), and Mr. Elliott, who very kindly came from Manchester University to lecture to us.

The following is a brief summary of the lectures given since our last issue:

December 1st.—D. T. Eastwood (O.H.) lectured to us on "The Science and Art of Printing." He showed us many interesting specimens of ancient and modern printing, and, among other things, explained the printing of photographs by the "Three Colour" and "Half-Tone" processes.

December 8th.—"Cocoa and Chocolate" was the appetising title chosen for a lecture by J. C. P. Besford. He led us, stage by stage, from the plant to the finished box of chocolates, and included a description of the machines which manufacture the boxes.

December 15th.—The lecture on "Liquid Air" was given jointly by J. C. Jarvis and C. Wilkes, the former dealing with the history and theory of the liquefaction of gases, and the latter describing the apparatus used to liquefy the air, and performing several experiments with a sample of the liquid.

The meeting then adjourned to the dining hall for tea, and the proceedings closed with a concert given by masters and boys of the Society.

January 19th.—N. A. Alston (O.H.) gave us some of the very latest information on the "Structure of Matter" and described the experiments on which Professor Rutherford of Manchester University has based his latest theories.

January 26th.—"Stars and Nebulæ" was Mr. Adams's title for a very enlightening lecture on some of the wonders of the heavens. The curious motion, composition and probable formation of nebulae were clearly explained in the short time which the lecturer had at his disposal after dealing with some of the better-known groups of stars.

February 2nd.—The Headmaster gave us Colonel F. J. M. Stratton's lecture on "Modern Eclipse Problems." The lecturer dealt very extensively with the composition of the corona, the recent total eclipse of the sun providing much of the material for the most modern discoveries.

February 9th—"X-Rays and their application" was the subject chosen by Mr. Elliot, of Manchester University. The principle of the X-Ray bulb was described in detail, and X-Ray photographs of parts of the human body were shown upon the screen.

February 16th.—The lecture by Mr. Robinson on "Clouds" dealt with their formation and constitution, and the various types of clouds were described in some detail.

February 23rd.—The last lecture for this year was given by L. W. Kershaw, his subject being, "The Manufacture of Iron and Steel." He described the various processes

through which the ore goes before it emerges as the pure metal. Pictures were shown on the screen of the process of manufacture and of the finished article.

C. WILKES,
Hon. Sec.

The Old Hulmeians Association.

The Annual Dinner was held at Parker's Restaurant, St. Ann's Square, on Saturday, February 18th, 1928. The Chairman of the Governors (The Venerable Archdeacon Aspinall), the Vice-Chairman (Mr. Heywood), the Treasurer (Mr. H. Cardwell, O.H.), and Mr. Alderman Woollam were present.

The Toast of the School was proposed by Mr. C. M. Mason, in a witty speech recalling old faces and bygone happenings. He congratulated his neighbour, Mr. Walter Thorpe, who proposed the Toast of the Association, on the new buildings, for the erection of which Mr. Thorpe's firm had been responsible.

The Headmaster, in his reply, spoke of the various activities at the School, and emphasised the need for the sympathy and close co-operation of Old Boys in School functions. He caused much amusement by quoting from old copies of the school magazine, descriptions of the abilities and characteristics of several of the Old Boys present.

Mr. Thorpe, in his speech, expressed his regret that there were not more of the School Staff present at the Dinner. He referred to the recent successes of the Football and Lacrosse sections and hoped for even better things.

The President (Mr. Sydney Payne) in his reply, welcomed the Governors present. In speaking of the various activities of the

Association, he mentioned the infant Dramatic Section, with its plays, rambles and socials.

An excellent entertainment was provided by Messrs. Bridge Peters, O. A. Rayfield, W. Ashworth and F. Williams, to whom our best thanks are due.

There were sixty-eight present.

Old Hulmeians Football.

Since the end of Nov., the First Eleven especially have shown a great improvement, as, in that period, fifteen points have been obtained from the same number of games, whereas of the previous nine matches, one had been won and one drawn.

The improvement has resulted mainly through our being able to field the same eleven for nearly two months, and the confidence gained has been also a great help. At the same time, several points lost should have been saved, as a little more steadiness in front of goal on the part of the forwards would have made a great deal of difference. Our chief want is still the same, that is, forwards who can shoot with both feet, as, at present, valuable seconds are wasted in manœuvring for position.

In the earlier part of the season the defence was very shaky, but latterly the same players have shown the greatest improvement, and, as most of the team are still on the young side, we are looking forward to much better results next season.

The Second Eleven have also improved considerably, although not to the same extent as the 1st XI. The defence has been patchy, whilst the forwards have shown the same hesitancy in front of goal as the First, only to

a greater degree. During the season several very promising recruits have been promoted from the 3rd XI, and this latter team is justifying its existence more every season.

The Third Eleven have had several very close games, and have done quite as well as in previous seasons. One very welcome improvement has been that members have been turning out much more regularly, and we have played full teams on almost all occasions. This is particularly welcome from the secretarial point of view.

F.A.

RESULTS.

FIRST ELEVEN.

Nov. 26—v. M/cr Y.M.C.A.	H	Lost 2—6
Dec. 3—v. Old Boltonians	A	Lost 1—6
" 10—v. Stand	H	Won 2—1
" 17—v. Crumpsall	A	Won 2—0
" 31—v. Old Mancunians.....	A	Won 2—0
Jan. 7—v. Bolton Wyresdale	A	Lost 0—5
" 14—v. Old Margaretians	H	Won 4—1
" 21—v. Chorlton-c-Hardy	H	Won 4—1
" 28—v. Heaton Chapel	A	Drew 1—1
Feb. 4—v. Blackburn Tech. Col.	A	Lost 0—3
" 11—v. Whalley Range	H	Won 7—1
" 18—v. Bury Amateurs	A	Lost 2—3
" 25—v. Heaton Moor	A	Lost 1—5
Mch. 3—v. Old Boltonians	H	Drew 1—1
" 10—v. Stand	A	Drew 1—1
" 17—v. Crumpsall.....	H	Lost 0—2
" 24—v. M/cr Y.M.C.A.	A	Lost 1—7

SECOND ELEVEN.

Dec. 3—v. Old Boltonians	H	Lost 1—5
" 10—v. Stand.....	A	Lost 3—5
" 17—v. Crumpsall	H	Drew 3—3
" 31—v. Old Mancunians	H	Won 3—2
Jan. 7—v. Bolton Wyresdale.....	H	Lost 1—5
" 14—v. Old Margaretians	A	Drew 0—0
" 21—v. Chorlton-c-Hardy	A	Won 4—0
" 28—v. Heaton Chapel	H	Lost 2—3
Feb. 4—v. Blackburn Tech. Col.	H	Lost 2—5
" 11—v. Whalley Range	A	Drew 1—1
" 18—v. Bury Amateurs	H	Lost 1—9
" 25—v. Heaton Moor	H	Drew 2—2
Mch. 3—v. Old Boltonians ..	A	Lost 1—8
" 10—v. Stand	H	Won 3—0
" 17—v. Crumpsall.....	A	Lost 1—3
" 24—v. M/cr Y.M.C.A.	H	Lost 1—2

THIRD ELEVEN.

Nov. 26—v. Old Mancunians	H	Lost 2—3
Dec. 3—v. Whalley Range	A	Drew 4—4
" 10—v. Stretford S.S. O.B. ...	H	Lost 1—5
" 17—v. Oldham Hulmeians ...	A	Drew 1—1
Jan. 7—v. Whalley Range	A	Lost 1—6
" 14—v. Whalley Range	H	Lost 0—4
" 21—v. M/cr. University	H	Lost 5—7
" 28—v. Old Boltonians	H	Won 6—0
Feb. 4—v. Unite l Yeast	H	Won 2—1
" 11—v. Bury Amateurs	A	Lost 0—9
" 18—v. Y.M.C.A.....	A	Lost 1—5
" 25—v. Old Mancunians	H	Lost 1—5
Mch 3—v. H.G.S. 2nd.....	H	Won 3—1
" 10—v. Stretford S.S. O.B. ...	A	Lost 0—10

Old Fulmelians Lacrosse.

With the season drawing to a close, the Old Boys may congratulate themselves on having had a very good year. Although they were defeated by Stockport in the semi-final of the Flag Competition, the league table shows them at the head of the list with a comfortable lead, and, though they have still two postponed matches to play, they should be able to gain the single point out of a possible four which is required to secure the League Championship.

The first league match of the second half of the season was against Heaton Mersey, whom the Old Boys defeated in the first game of the season by one goal, and over whom they hoped to be able to increase the margin on the home ground. The attacks, however, appeared to do everything but score, and, though they retained a lead until very nearly time, a last minute rally by Mersey resulted in a reversal of fortunes.

Now followed a break of three weeks due to bad weather and the Christmas holidays, both the Albert Park and Old Mancs. matches being postponed.

South Manchester, on January 7th, and Eccles the following week, did not prove to be very formidable, although there was not

a large margin between the scores, the Old Boys' attack still being goal-shy.

In the Disley match, however, they overcame this inability to finish, and scored nine goals, whilst the Disley attack were completely held and were lucky to obtain one.

The best performance of the season was, undoubtedly, that against Stockport on February 18th, at Whalley Range. The Old Boys went hard into it from the start, and it soon became evident that they were going to hold their own, and, although they were one goal down at half-time, they completely overran the Stockport defence in the second half. After this performance the Old Boys appeared to be the favourites for the semi-final of the Flags in which they were again to meet Stockport. The Cheshire team, however, had learnt much from the week before, and it was evident that they intended to bottle up Rains who had done much of the damage in the league game. This appeared to disorganise the Old Boys' attack and the defence were not playing their usual game. Gradually, Stockport obtained the lead and were two goals up at half-time; two more easy goals through slackness of the defence and it looked as if the Stockport team were going to have an easy win. At this point, however, a change came over the game; the Old Boys' defence, led by Woollam, forced the game, three goals followed in as many minutes, and it looked very much as if the game would end in a draw. Unfortunately, however, the whistle blew with Stockport still one goal ahead.

The "A" team have not had such a good finish to the season, having lost four matches and drawn two out of the last eleven games. On paper they would appear to be a first-class side, but they seem to lack the winning spirit.

In the semi-final of the Junior Cup they were unlucky in meeting Old Mancunians

when they were able to field an unusually strong side.

The "B" team are still suffering from a large number of "cry-offs" and have not done as well as they should considering the number of recruits who come to us each year from the School.

L.S.

FIRST TEAM.

Dec. 3—v. Eccles (2nd Rd. Flags)	S. M/c won	7—6
„ 10—v. Heaton Mersey G'd ...	A won	7—2
„ 17—v. Heaton Mersey	H lost	5—6
Jan. 7—v. South Manchester	H won	7—4
„ 14—v. Eccles	A won	7—5
„ 28—v. Disley	H won	9—1
Feb. 4—v. Cheadle Hulme	A won	8—2
„ 11—v. Albert Park	A won	12—3
„ 18—v. Stockport	H won	16—10
„ 25—v. Stockport (Flags Semi-Final)	F' field lost	8—9
Mch. 3—v. Chorlton	H won	13—7
„ 10—v. Heaton Mersey G'd ...	H won	10—3
„ 24—v. Boardman	H won	6—2

"A" TEAM.

Dec. 3—v. Cheadle Hulme	H won	9—5
„ 10—v. Heaton Mersey	A lost	5—7
„ 17—v. South Manchester (2nd Rd. Junior Cup) ...	H won	12—3
„ 31—v. Old Mancunians	H drew	4—4
Jan. 7—v. South Manchester	A won	9—2
„ 14—v. Old Trafford (3rd Rd. Junior Cup)	A won	8—2
„ 21—v. Boardman	A won	4—3
„ 28—v. Disley	A won	7—4
Feb. 4—v. Old Mancs. (Semi-final Junior Cup)	HMG lost	5—13
„ 11—v. Old Mancs. (Postponed)		
„ 18—v. Stockport	A lost	2—11
„ 25—v. Boardman	H lost	1—8
Mch. 3—v. Chorlton	A drew	6—6

"B" TEAM.

Dec. 3—v. Stockport	A lost	8—9
„ 10—v. Old Mancs. (2nd Rd. Shield)	H lost	2—12
„ 17—v. M.G.S.	A lost	3—17
Jan. 7—v. South Manchester	A won	10—0
„ 14—v. Warehousemen and Clerks	H lost	9—11
„ 28—v. Disley (No match)	A won	—*

"B" TEAM RESULTS—Continued.

Feb. 4—v. Albert Park.....	A	won 12—3
" 18—v. Stockport	H	won 7—4
" 25—v. Boardman	H	no match
Mch 3—v. Chorlton	A	won 10—2

*Points Claimed.

Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

The second production of the season, Galsworthy's "The Silver Box," takes place too late to be reported in this issue of the Magazine. Writing a fortnight before the show, we can only report that rehearsals have progressed in a most satisfactory manner, and that we anticipate a play well up to the standard of our previous productions.

Since "Androcles" the Society has been busy. Rehearsals and band practices have been held every week, and the social side of our activities has continued to be very popular. Rambles have been practically impossible since Christmas, but we had an enjoyable walk from Edale to Buxton on March 25th, and hope to have many similar outings during the Spring and Summer. The Social on February 17th was most successful and nearly sixty people had a very pleasant evening. A party of twenty or so visited the "Embassy" on March 16th.

We should like again to express our thanks to Mr. Dennis for his help and encouragement, in particular for the use of the school hall for rehearsals and band practices and the loan of the brass instruments which, we trust, will have improved the Orchestra in this production.

We feel that there is still room for increased support from the Old Boys

Association. A great effort is being made to raise funds for the repayment of ground purchase loans, and we are anxious to have as large a profit as possible on our productions to help in this work.

D.S.

Cadet Notes.

On January 2nd we received a circular letter from the Warwickshire Territorial Army Association informing us that they proposed to organise a tour of Cadet Units to the Northern Battlefields of France and Belgium, to take place during eight days commencing on August 1st, and we have made application to join the tour.

It is proposed to locate the battalion for the period of the tour at Dunkirk, from which centre visits will be made by train or chars-à-banc to various points of interest in France and Flanders.

Embarkation will take place at Tilbury and the steamer will cruise down the estuary of the Thames, along the coast of Kent, and then by a short passage in the open channel across to Dunkirk.

The probable cost of the tour will be about £3 10s.

Parades this term have been very considerably interfered with owing to bad weather but our numbers are steadily increasing. Every possible Cadet should make an effort to attend our Whitsuntide Camp, arrangements for which are now being completed.

The Annual Inspection of the Unit will take place in Camp on Whit Thursday.

The Shooting Range has been very well attended this term, but more senior cadets ought to put in cards. The Shooting Cup will be awarded to the cadet who puts in the three best cards before the end of the Summer Term.

The following promotions have been made this term, to date from March 3rd :—

Corporal F. P. Harris to be Sergeant.

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

Cadets R. Astin and G. C. Willis to be Lance-Corporals.

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

Soliloquy of an Old Cadet.

Camp!
White tents in a line,
The bay below, with sombre shine,
Sleeps 'neath a sultry sun.
A wreath of smoke from the cookhouse,
Eddies and lingers unspun
On the still air.
A clear clatter of plates and mugs
Comes from the big marquee,
Where wasps and bugs
Hum round a jam pot,
Some sheep
Asleep
Lie under shady trees
Where the rock outcrops from the turf.
Now and again a breeze
Rustles through the tree tops
And dies.

Tramp!
The noise of feet,
Keeping time to a single beat
Comes from a field away.
A sharp command of, "Parade, left wheel!"
Shatters the peace of the day
With its crisp tone;
They march up the meadow between,
And through the open gate;

A brassy sheen
Comes from their buttons.
"Parade!
Parade!
Halt, into line, left turn!"
"Parade, dismiss!" These memories
Surge through his mind and burn;
He brushes them away
And sighs.

J. C. P. B.

Football, 1927-8.

This year's side is probably the best balanced team we have had for some time, but we still lack a shooting forward. The midfield play has usually been good but the finishing has left much to be desired. The team is good enough to have gone through the season without a defeat, whereas, actually, we have lost five matches, mainly because of our failure to score goals.

We seem to have done better since Christmas, but, as both the St. Bede's and the Macclesfield matches were cancelled, it is difficult to say whether this is so or not.

Jackson in goal lacks assurance in the face of oncoming forwards, but has made some good saves.

Ratcliffe and Wilkinson are a steady pair of backs not easy to pass. The kicking of the former particularly has improved considerably and is now excellent.

The half-back line has been good. Willis and Merer on the wings have shown great energy, and Stansby at centre half, while conserving his energies, is usually in the neighbourhood of the ball and shows much determination. Of the forwards, Jarvis and Woodhouse have borne the brunt of the heavy work, and Stoddard has made up in speed what he lacks in weight. Hodgkinson at outside right is very fast and has done a lot of good work, though, like Richards on the left wing, he frequently puts his centre behind the goal.

Richards is now putting more energy into his game and getting more centres across.

Jarvis has made a good captain, and the team as a whole has shown a good spirit.

It seems to be increasingly important for school soccer to foster the silent game in these days of touch-line "fans" and argumentative players. The way in which the game is played is much more important than the result.

Played 15. Won 8. Lost 5. Drawn 2.

Wed., Jan. 25th. v. Baines's Gram. School. Away. Won 5—1. After heavy rains the surface was slippery and progress not too easy. The game was fairly even and during the first half both goals had one or two narrow escapes.

In the second half we scored two lucky goals, thus making the score higher than we deserved. There was a Blackpool breeze blowing throughout the game and during the return journey by char-a-banc. The latter was not the least exciting part of the day.

Wed., Feb. 1st. v. Hulme Hall. Home. Won 5—1. After the previous game with the Hall we expected a strenuous affair. The first half did not show any very great advantage either way, but later on we had the better of the game and eventually won fairly easily.

Wed., Feb. 8th. v. The Bolton School. Away. Drew 3—3. Kicking against the wind during the first half, we were defending for the first ten minutes or so before our forwards got away. The ground was very heavy and most of the twenty-two were fairly exhausted before the game was over, though it remained surprisingly fast.

At one time it looked as though we should be easy winners after being two goals down, but our opponents rallied about a quarter of an hour from the end.

Monday, March 5th. v. The Manchester Grammar School. Away. Lost 0—3. This match was rearranged from February 11th, when it was postponed owing to floods.

The game was an excellent one, with good work by both sides in midfield.

Our forwards missed several opportunities and one of their goals was a lucky one, so that the final score was, perhaps, unduly severe. On the other hand, our defence had to work very hard during the last twenty minutes, when we were outplayed.

Sat., March 10th. v. Liverpool Institute. Home. Won 2—1. The game was fast throughout, and our success was mainly due to the way our defence and mainly Stansby, Ratcliffe and Wilkinson prevented their centre-forward from scoring.

There were many anxious moments but Fortune was kind for once, and, except for a short time near the end of the game, we had the advantage.

SECOND ELEVEN.

The Second Eleven has had a most successful season, having lost only one match against another school, that being to the 1st XI of Warrington Grammar School. The other two matches we lost were against strong teams representing the Old Boys' 3rd XI. In both cases the fault lay chiefly with the forwards who frittered away many excellent scoring chances. The half-backs, the wing forwards and the goal-keeper have been the most consistent members of the side. Our record for the year is:—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Goals Against
19	14	3	2	80	32

Team:—R. Astin (Captain), L. W. Kershaw, J. P. Moran, C. A. Burnside, H. Dick, R. S. C. Hadfield, R. R. Farrell, C. E. Greatorex, J. F. Sleat, W. S. Davies, F. Griffiths

Also played:—T. M. Tillotson.

Dec. 10th, 1927—			
v. Macclesfield Gram. Sch.	Won	2—1 (Away)	
Jan. 18th, 1928—			
Central High School ...	Won	4—0 (Away)	
Jan. 25th—			
Baines's Grammar School	Won	20—1 (Home)	
Feb. 4th—			
Heaton Moor Col. 1st XI.	Won	4—1 (Home)	
Feb. 8th—			
The Bolton School ...	Won	5—1 (Home)	
Feb. 11th—			
Manchester Gram. School	Won	3—1 (Home)	
Feb. 19th—			
Warrington Gram. S. 1st XI	Lost	2—6 (Away)	
March 3rd—			
Old Hulmeians 3rd XI. ...	Lost	1—3 (Away)	
March 10th—			
Altrincham Cnty S. 1st XI.	Won	2—1 (Home)	
March 14th—			
Warrington Gram. S. 1st XI.	Drew	3—3 (Home)	
March 17th—			
Baines's Grammar School	Won	9—2 (Away)	

THIRD ELEVEN.

Sat., Dec. 10th, 1927—			
v. Chorlton High School	Lost	1—4 (Home)	
at., Jan. 21st, 1928—			
v. Nth. Manchester School	Won	8—5 (Away)	
Sat., Jan. 28th—			
v. Fallowfield M.G.S. XI.	Drew	1—1 (Away)	
Wed., Feb. 1st—			
v. Altrincham County Sc.			
2nd	Lost	2—5 (Home)	
Sat., Feb. 11th—			
v. Manchr. Gram. School	Won	4—0 (Home)	
Wed., Feb. 15th—			
v. Stretford Sec. Sch. 2nd	Drew	4—4 (Away)	
Sat., March 10th—			
v. Altrincham County Sc.			
2nd	Lost	2—3 (Away)	

The team has usually been :—

S. D. Cleworth, F. W. Drummond, J. Byrne,
J. L. W. Jordan, J. F. Caldwell, C. W. F.
Deakin, N. B. Wilkinson, A. F. Mackay,
F. W. Derbyshire, . Barratt, L. Hayles.

The following have also played :—

T. M. Tillotson, N. W. Crawford, E. Davy,
P. H. Taylor, R. E. Higgins, G. A. Clare,
H. Betteney, J. G. Rickards.

UNDER 14 ELEVEN

Weight has frequently been the deciding factor in these matches. In this respect our inside forwards have often been at a disadvantage, so they must be excused if they have hardly done their fair share of the scoring. The strength of the team has been in the defence; the halves especially have been very reliable.

RESULTS.

Jan. 21 v. Stretford Sec. Sch.	Lost	2—6 (Away)
Feb. 4 v. M.G.S. (Fallowfield)	Won	7—0 (Away)
„ 8 v. Bolton G.S. ...	Won	5—3 (Away)
„ 29 v. Warrington G.S. ...	Won	4—1 (Home)
Mar. 5 v. Cathedral Choir ...	Won	6—1 (Home)
„ 10 v. Altrincham Cty. Sc.	Lost	4—8 (Home)
„ 14 v. Warrington G.S. ...	Lost	2—6 (Away)
„ 15 v. M.G.S. ...	Won	7—2 (Home)
„ 17 v. H.G.S., Oldham ...	Won	4—2 (Home)

Team :—R. F. Peacock (Capt.), T. S. Meehan, D. Meachin, J. L. F. Crompton, J. Mark, G. S. Walker, J. H. P. Slade, T. G. Moore, J. H. Hall, J. H. Little, W. Dickson.

Also :—W. Edwards, K. B. Hilton, W. T. Barrett, T. F. Swindells, D. A. Miller, E. J. Flower.

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First Team results to March 28th :—

				Goals	Goals
Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	For	Agst.
20	14	5	1	190	106

Again we have put up a good fight to win the Juniors' Challenge Shield and been beaten. After getting through three rounds we were knocked out in the semi-final by the Manchester Grammar School, who on the day's play deserved to win. Our exhibition was poor, and, although the ground was not in a good condition, our attacks, with the exception of Merchant, fumbled and dropped their passes practically throughout the game. Jordan on the wing began well and gave Merchant his first two goals, but, with the defence concentrating on these two, the re-

mainder of our attack work was puny. The defence worked heroically after a bad start and tried to force the pace, but the attacks could never hold the ball.

Considering that nine of the team did not play on the First last year, the results are more than satisfactory. Dick has performed well in goal, whilst Jarvis, besides being one of the best points we have ever had, has made a first-class captain. Stansby has ably supported Jarvis, and Woodhouse, Hodgkinson and Peak have given sound and useful help. Woodhouse is the most improved player on the team. Harris, at centre, has not improved, simply because he has not had enough 'crosse handling practice. Merchant and Jordan are our only two attacks. Benson will try and pass from his hips and is too slow in gathering the ball; he has, however, improved in his catching. Mason and Barratt are both too uncertain in catching to be relied on in a stiff fight. They can, however, shoot and once they get the ball safely in their 'crosses can generally score.

Only two matches have been lost this term and the team has been good enough for all the "B" teams we have met.

The experiment has been tried this term of a "no age limit" match against Cheshire and although they put up a good fight the Lancashire Schoolboys won.

J. C. Jarvis, W. B. Stansby, H. Dick, A. R. Merchant, G. Woodhouse and J. L. W. Jordan were chosen to play for the Lancashire Schoolboys against Cheshire Schoolboys and the same six were chosen to play against Yorkshire on March 24th. Both matches were won by Lancashire.

J.A.B.

v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY.—Wednesday, December 7th. Home. Won 5—3. Our opponents had a very strong side against us and we had a very enjoyable game, the score at half-time being 3—1 in our favour. In the second half both teams scored two goals. The standard of 'crosse was very high. Our defence was very sound and Merchant was our outstanding player, scoring all our goals.

JUNIORS' CHALLENGE SHIELD—2nd Round.

v. CHORLTON B.—Saturday, Dec. 17th. Away. Won 9—2. Although the ground was covered with snow we had a most enjoyable match. The game was very strenuously contested and we gained a lead at the beginning which we maintained all through.

v. SOUTH MANCHESTER B.—Saturday, January 21st. Home. Won 10—1. Our opponents did not offer much resistance and we had most of the game. Jarvis played in goal and Clune came into the side.

JUNIORS' CHALLENGE SHIELD—3rd Round

v. BOARDMAN B. Saturday, February 4th. Home. Won 11—2. The ground was in a very bad condition but we adapted ourselves to the conditions better than our opponents. At half-time we held a considerable lead and half-way through the second half our opponents asked the referee to curtail the match owing to the wretched weather.

v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY A.—Wednesday, February 15th. Home. Won 7—0. As the University fielded a very weak team we had most of the play with the result that our attacks became too confident and we gave a very poor display. Had the attacks taken advantage of their opportunities the score would easily have been doubled.

JUNIORS' CHALLENGE SHIELD—SEMI-FINAL.
v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Wednesday, February 22nd. Away. Lost 4—12.

At the commencement the Grammar School settled down and gave our defence more than they could do, and we never thoroughly got going until the match was practically lost. The ground after the first half hour cut up badly, and our attacks, who seemed to prefer to play about with the ball on the ground, never showed the least semblance of combination. Merchant, who struggled on to the end, and the play of the defence after the first half were the only redeeming features from our point of view. The Grammar School were undoubtedly the better side on the day.

v. WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL.—Wednesday, March 14th. Home. Lost 10—11.

Our opponents overwhelmed our defence at the commencement and soon scored three goals. Then our defence settled down and the team gave their best exhibition of the term. Though our opponents had the advantage in speed and weight we held our own and at half-time the score was 7—6 in their favour. Three minutes from the end the score was 10—10 and though our attacks pressed hard they could do everything but score. In the last minute our opponents scored the winning goal.

v. M.G.S.—Wednesday, March 28th. Won 9—3.

SECOND TEAM.

Played	Won	Goals	
		For	Against
12	12	152	34

Very few matches have been played this term, and there has been little opportunity for practice. One change has been necessary in the team, as Barratt has been promoted to the First.

The attacks still play with too much individualism, a fault difficult to eradicate when goals can be scored almost at will. The defence is sound; in fact it has seldom been really hard pressed.

The team has been chosen from:—

L. L. Cooper (Capt.), R. Astin, J. G. Rickards, H. S. Clune, H. G. Walker, F. Delsaux, C. A. Burnside, T. M. Tillotson, E. L. Sheppey, N. B. Wilkinson, C. A. Coard, G. Ellis, H. Sambrook.

RESULTS.

Dec. 10—Urmston "B"	H	won 22—2
Dec. 17—Old Hulmeians "C"	H	won 5—2
Jan. 21—Oldham & Werneth "B"	A	won 7—4
Feb. 4—Monton "B"	A	won 14—3
Mar. 3—Eccles "B"	A	won 20—1
Mar. 28—M.G.S.	H	won 18—11

We have unfortunately been unable to arrange any fixtures for the 3rd XII this term, and the "Under 15" has played only one match—against M.G.S. This they lost, but played good 'crosse against a heavier team, and with more experience many of these juniors should become valuable players.

The team was:—

E. C. P. Butler (Captain), F. Langford, B. C. K. Ballinger, G. Ellis, G. E. Compson, L. O. Mosley, E. B. Mason, G. A. Cooke, B. C. Scammell, D. R. Kendall, C. W. F. Deakin, G. R. Vlies.

JUNIORS' LACROSSE.

Games have been arranged on all half-holidays for boys in the Lower School. Unfortunately, on occasions, these have been crowded into a very small ground, which has to some extent spoiled their game, and led to crowding.

Several of the younger players are developing into very clever handlers, and they should prove very useful to the school teams of the future. It would be better for all concerned if players turned out more regularly. It is very noticeable that those who have played regularly are now easily the best of the junior players, and will be the ones who will gain places on the school teams.

On occasions there have been about forty playing, on other occasions numbers have dropped to a out twelve. There is always a game for any boy who wishes to play. On no occasion has a boy found that he could not have a game.

House Games.

The games have not been appreciably affected by the weather, there being an average attendance on the field each half holiday of 170 boys.

The interest shown by the boys at the outset seems to have waned towards the end of this term, and this, it must be said, has been largely due to the senior boys, who have not set a good example in the matter of punctuality. In one or two cases a boy has turned out a quarter of an hour late, despite the fact that that amount of time is deducted in all cases from the length of the game. It is to be hoped that the senior boys will realise their position and set an example in punctuality during the forthcoming cricket season. The House Football Shield has been won by Gaskell, who obtained a good lead early in the season and have maintained it right through.

The following are the final points and positions:—

	points
1. Gaskell	150
2. Whitworth	107
3. Fraser	105
4. Heywood	102
5. Byrom	69
6. Dalton	67

Keeness in the House Lacrosse Flags is not, perhaps, as great as it might be. This may be due to the fact that they have to be played on Thursday evenings after school, and are divided between the first half of the Michaelmas and the second half of the Lent terms.

The Flags were won by Byrom House, the final points and positions being:—

	points
1. Byrom	50
2. Dalton	40
3. Heywood	30
4. Whitworth	20
5. Fraser	10
6. Gaskell	0

The Hulme Grammar School Games Club.

Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1927.

				£	s.	d.					£	s.	d.									
To Balance, December 31st, 1926 :—							By Materials for Games							42	12	0						
Invested in Savings							,, Travelling Expenses of Teams							48	0	1						
Certificates... ..							85	5	0	,, Groundman's Wages							78	0	0			
Less due to Bank							48	13	4	,, Horse for Mowing, Corn & Harness							33	14	6			
														19	4	6						
							36	11	8	,, Repairs to Mowing Machines							13	12	0			
,, Grant from Governors							,, New Roller (exchange)							6	4	10						
Lent Term							96	10	0	,, Oil Paint, Lime, etc.							10	7	8			
Midsummer Term							100	10	0	,, Teas to Visiting Teams							6	7	6			
Michaelmas Term							93	5	0	,, Printing and Stationery							4	16	0			
							290	5	0	,, New Floor for Machine Shed							3	4	9			
,, Sale of Old Mower							1	10	0	,, Games Colours							0	18	3			
,, Donation for Sheep Grazing... ..							2	2	0	,, Engraving Prizes							1	5	0			
,, Profit on Sports							1	17	0	,, Stamps and Postages							0	15	6			
							,, General Expenses							0	3	8						
							,, Bank Commission and Cheque															
							Book, less Interest							0	3	8						
,, Balance, December 31st, 1927 :—							Invested in Savings															
							Certificates... ..							85	5	0						
							Less due to Bank							22	5	7						
																	62	19	5			