

her attention, and, on one occasion, she took part in one of their productions. Miss Davies carries with her the very best wishes of the whole School, and we all hope that a period of rest will soon restore her to good health.

Rugby colours have been awarded to W. V. Wadsworth, S. R. Blakeley, R. D. Rider, H. Cartwright, R. Kirby, A. F. Brazier, A. Hesford.

In Lacrosse the following awards have been made—Honours Caps: A. A. McKerrigan, T. A. Yates, R. C. Spooncer, R. H. Stanley, R. J. Young; Colours: A. Hesford, O. R. Dennis, S. R. Blakeley, A. F. Brazier of the First Team, and P. Whitaker, E. B. Williams, H. Cartwright and P. B. Rowson of the Second Team.

O. R. Dennis has been elected Captain of Cricket with W. A. Parkinson as Vice-Captain.

Mr. Powell is taking twenty-three boys on a trip to Paris during the Easter holidays. The Head Master is accompanying the party.

Trees of different varieties, all of which are beyond the sapling stage, have been planted along the north side of the School field.

The name of Mr. Stafford Taylor, who died in 1934 and who from 1908 to 1933 was Clerk to the Governors, has been added to those carved on the panels in the School hall. The carving is the work of the Head Master.

Seventeen pictures lent from the Rutherton collection are on exhibition in the School this term.

Manchester University Examinations:

In his Second M.B., Ch.B. examination, A. D. Leigh has passed with Distinction in Anatomy and Physiology. He has been awarded the Dauntsey prize in Anatomy, value £50, and the Sydney Renshaw prize in Physiology value £10.

First M.B., Ch.B. Part II b: W. Dickson, E. S. Frazer, and T. F. Redman have passed in Zoology.

First M.B., Ch. B. Part I, Chemistry and Physics: P. G. Griffiths.

Honours School of German Language and Literature: A. Carmichael.

First B.D.S. Examination: D. A. E. Chambers has passed in Chemistry and Physics.

Diploma in Dentistry, Second Examination: P. Saunbury.

At Leeds University, C. G. Eastwood, M.B., Ch.B., has been awarded the Diploma of Public Health.

At Edinburgh University, G. S. Walker has taken his degree in Forestry with Second Class Honours. He now goes to France to continue his studies.

B. S. Doff and N. B. Jones have passed the Final Examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

D. Cardwell has been appointed Chairman of Convocation for the year at Manchester University.

A book by D. P. Wilson on "Life of the Shore and Shallow Sea" has just been published. A reviewer says, "This is an admirable contribution to our knowledge of maritime biology. The author is well qualified to write such a book, for he has been attached to the Marine Laboratory and Aquarium at Plymouth for many years."

R. Y. Fison was chosen to play in the combined England—Wales hockey team that was to play against a team drawn from Scotland and Ireland at Beckenham, on January 18th. Unfortunately owing to the weather conditions the match had to be cancelled.

N. R. Coe and N. A. Barber of the Old Hulmeians Lacrosse Club played for the North against the South, and, together with T. G. Moore, were also awarded County honours.

P. Rogers was in the Cambridge University Lacrosse team that lost by the narrow margin of one goal to Oxford. His play throughout the season has been of a high standard, and he was selected to play in the South of England team.

The Golf Section of the Old Hulmeians Association will hold their annual competition for the Bradbury, the Vlies and the Merchant Cups on the Chorlton golf links on Thursday, May 21st, when, it is hoped, there will be a large entry. A supper will be held in the club-house in the evening. We should like to express here our thanks to the committee of the Chorlton Golf Club for extending to us these privileges.

Calendar for Midsummer term:—

Midsummer term will begin on Tuesday, April 21st, at nine o'clock.

The Whitsuntide Holidays will extend from Wednesday, May 27th, at noon, to Thursday, June 11th, at nine o'clock.

The School Certificate Examinations will begin on July 3rd.

Midsummer Term will end on Tuesday, July 28th, at noon.

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the following school magazines:—*The Old Public School Boys' Magazine* (South Africa), *The Grammarian* (Tientsin Grammar School, N. China), *The Merchant Taylors' Review*, *Ulula*, *The Savilian*, *The Lidunian*, *Esmeduna*, *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*, *The Aldwinian*, *The Sandbachian*, *The Wittonian*, *The Leigh Grammar School Magazine*, *The Stopfordian*, *The Waconian*, *The Buxtonian*, *The Altrinchamian*, *The Willastonian*, *The Frome County School Magazine*, *The Centralian*, *The Whalley Range High School Magazine*, *The Burnage High School Magazine*.

BIRTH.

SWINN.—On February 17th, at Listoft, Hale Road, Hale, to Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Swinn, a daughter (Susan).

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

It was only by a special effort after Christmas that the total of 1934 was passed. There were some very good individual performances this year, both in regard to the number of names on the collecting cards and the amounts collected.

The highest total was obtained by 6 S.U., and the highest average per head by Lower 1.

In a letter of thanks Sir Christopher Needham says,

"Once again I desire to express the gratitude of all concerned with the Hulme Lads' Club for the yearly collection of £275 15s. 0d. made by the boys of the Hulme Grammar School. This, the 42nd collection, brings the total amount given during this long period to £5,179 15s. 7d., a very notable achievement.

The continued support from your School is deeply appreciated, and it is a source of great satisfaction to the officers of the Hulme Lads' Club that the connection between the School and the Club continues to be a real one."

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2 c	5	19	6	0	6 3
3 a	14	15	10	0	11 5
3 b	11	18	0	0	8 2
3 c	8	6	4	0	5 7
4 a	25	5	6	0	19 5
4 b	11	10	0	0	10 0
4 c	10	2	5	0	7 0
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5 b	10	12	6	0	7 4
5 c	12	3	6	0	9 4
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6 S.U.	26	7	3½	1	2 11
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The Library.

The purchase of many new books and the rebinding of many old ones that had, through constant use, become somewhat tattered and frayed, have made such heavy demands on the Library funds that, for the most part of this term, we have had to call a halt in our expenditure, and only four books, all in the classical section, have been added to our shelves this term. However, work in the Library goes on as briskly as ever, and this term there has been a complete revision of the catalogues. Shelf lists have been provided in the scientific section, and it is hoped that borrowers of science books will fully appreciate the great importance of strictly observing the rules of the Library about the returning of volumes promptly to their correct places. In room 10 there has been considerable re-arrangement, six shelves being affected almost in their entirety. The scope of the card index system has been greatly extended, and there is now a complete list under each of the more important English writers of all books of criticism and reference. It is hoped to extend this arrangement to other subjects. The re-introduction of periodicals to the Library is much appreciated. There are just under 100 regular borrowers, and, while most of them observe the rule about recording every book taken out, there are still one or two who seem to forget about this important point, an act of negligence that adds considerably to the work and worries of the librarians. The question of accommodation for the books becomes more and more pressing, and we have now reached the stage when new volumes have to be squeezed on to whatever shelves will hold them without reference to their proper places. This makes things difficult, and at least one new bookcase is needed to enable the work of the Library to be carried on satisfactorily.

A Bavarian Night's Entertainment.

Our arrival at Schliersee Peasant's Theatre was greeted with stamping of feet; probably intended not so much as a demonstration against us, as against the belated commencement of the performance. We had just time to look round this unusual theatre before the curtain arose. All round the auditorium there was a wide, flat gallery. Over the proscenium arch was painted the local salutation "Grusz Gott"—God's greeting. Instead of the conventional rows of seats, at right angles to the stage, there were long rows of tables, flanked by wooden chairs, much like a college dining-hall. The chairs were all occupied by visitors and natives in gay Bavarian costume, the tables by tankards of beer awaiting consumption. Although there were paper flowers and festoons, and other decorations in every direction, the ubiquitous life-size portrait of Hitler and the Nazi flag were for once conspicuous by their absence.

The drop curtain, which depicted the arrival of the Spirit of Music bearing a flag of victory and a laurel wreath to the Schliersee peasants and their leader, arose to reveal canvas wings painted to represent an ordinary Schliersee street scene; ordinary for Schliersee, but how bright and cheerful were the coloured plaster walls decorated with mural paintings and window-boxes of flowers. The backcloth portrayed the beautiful Schliersee lake and the mountains beyond.

On comes the compère to announce the first item, accompanied by the first two performers, all three dressed in their everyday costume. How dull, you may imagine! Not in the least, for what could be more theatrical than their leather shorts with fanciful lacings, their embroidered black silk braces, and white shirts and stockings. The performers, father and son, play a duet upon their harps with considerable skill.

The father remains to play the music for the next item, a local dance executed by eight couples. The ladies are arrayed in their Sunday best, wide-skirted long-sleeved maroon dresses, with tight, black bodices and wide white collars, decorated with huge nosegays of flowers. Over the dress is worn a white apron, for no Bavarian lady's costume is complete without an apron, whatever the time, wherever the place. Firmly placed on their coiled hair are the most absurd hats imaginable; the brims are shaped like soup-plates; the impossibly small crowns, bound round with gold cord, are at once conical and comical.

The dance begins with a few bars of an old-fashioned waltz, then the tune changes and the fun begins. The ladies pirouette in a circle, at the centre of which the men face each other and leap into the air slapping with the palms of their hands their leather breeches and the soles of their shoes in rhythmic succession, yelling and yodelling lustily the while. The music changes again and they boisterously rejoin their ladies, resuming the old time waltz.

Next comes a male quartet to sing and yodel, to a dulcimer and harp accompaniment. The singing is well up to the high German chorus level; the yodelling is good, but hardly up to Swiss standards.

The same cycle of items is repeated once before the interval and twice afterwards. The male quartet yields rather unhappily to a somewhat unsuccessful duet of the other sex. The dancers once execute a pleasing wheel-dance in which the ladies and the gentlemen each enact the parts of rotating and meshing cog-wheels. The father and son instrumentalists are joined by uncle with the banjo. The son shows the superior versatility of the rising generation by playing a different kind of instrument in each item. After trying the dulcimer and zither, he concludes the whole performance by ringing the changes upon local cowbells of all tones and sizes, amid

great applause and enthusiasm. After an encore the audience begins to move homewards and we depart without singing "Deutschland über Alles," the Horst Wesel song, performing the Nazi salute, or even Heil-ing Hitler. Can somebody have forgotten?
K. P. T.

The Entertainments.

The Sacred Concert on the 6th and 7th of April brought to an end another season of entertainments, a season that has maintained in every way the standards of past years. The plays have varied from grim tragedy to light and flippant comedy, and the players have been drawn from every form in the School, from the "Prep." to the Upper Sixth. This year we have had six lectures, which is more than usual, four of the lecturers being from outside the School, and each specially qualified to talk on his subject: Mr. C. Davey (Welsh International) lectured on "Rugby"; Mr. D. Cardwell (O.H.) on "Lacrosse"; Mr. A. W. Boyd, a Governor of the School, on "Birds"; and Mr. Francis Jones on "Architecture." While there have been no noteworthy additions to our stage fittings, the stage workers have been fully occupied in making and painting scenery for the School plays and devising settings for the Tuesday afternoon performances.

Programme:—

PLAY.—December 3rd. Preparatory School play (reported on another page).

CAROLS.—December 10th. This was an entertainment in keeping with the season of the year when the Choir led the School in some spirited singing of a number of carols. The Head Master gave a short talk on each of the carols and then, with orchestral accompaniment, sang "The Shepherds" and "The Kings." The remainder of the programme included (1) "In

Dulci Jubilo", (2) "Praise to God", (3) "The Cradle", (4) "My Dancing Day", (5) "Angelus ad Virginem", (6) "The Holly and the Ivy", (7) "The Seven Joys of Mary." The programme was arranged by the Head Master.

PLAY.—December 14th, 16th and 17th. Performances of "Treasure Island" were given in the evenings (reported on another page).

LECTURE.—January 14th. On this afternoon Mr. D. Cardwell (O.H.) attended and gave us a talk on "Lacrosse." He was listened to with great interest as he spoke of the advantages of taking up the game, and by explanatory diagrams showed us some of the moves and countermoves. Mr. Cardwell was well qualified to speak on the subject as he was a member of the Old Boys team for many seasons, and, after ceasing to play, he took an interest in the administrative work of the North of England Lacrosse Association, of which body he was president for three years.

PLAY.—Thursday, January 30th. We had, on this occasion, a very creditable performance of a good play, "Wayside War" (Margaret Napier) by Form IIIc. The scene was an inn near Bridgewater, and the time 1685. The players who had obviously been well rehearsed in their parts entered with zest into the spirit of the play. Cast: The Ostler (G. F. Deacon), Susan (W. P. Harris), The Colonel (J. P. Colbeck), Martin, the Sergeant (A. B. Haward), Alicia Pemberton (J. G. Storry). Producer, Mr. Martin.

PLAYS.—February 4th. VI s.l. gave us two short plays, both of which proved to be very amusing, the players cleverly bringing out the full humour of the ridiculous situations that arose. "T' Pup" (Graham Sutton) was set in a poacher's cottage, and, as the title suggests, gave us some good dialect stuff. Cast: The Poacher (R. M. Jones), His Daughter (K. A. Hilton), The Fisherman (A. Thorp).

In the second play, "The Man with a Cane" (Geoffrey Dearmer) the scene is laid, not unnaturally, in a headmaster's study, and much amusement is caused by the way in which Mowenstein wins his bet. Cast: Woodful (N. G. McCready), Snodgrass (T. A. Yates), Mowenstein (J. F. S. Walton), Mrs. Mowenstein (A. L. Dennis), John (H. Cartwright).

Producer, The Head Master.

LANTERN LECTURE.—February 11th. Mr. Gatley, in an interesting lecture, took us with him "Across Canada." Starting in the maritime provinces in the east, we passed through Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, etc., and, after crossing the Rockies, arrived in British Columbia 55 minutes later. The slides showed us the development and the great natural beauty of the country, while at intervals a map was thrown on the screen to illustrate the progress of our journey.

PLAY.—February 18th. The scene for "The House of Mystery" (Oscar Turner), presented by V.A., is set on a deserted house on the coast of Devon on a summer night about 10-30. The play deals with smuggling and, as the title implies, there were some shady and desperate doings. Cast: Marten (D. H. Griffiths), Bob (G. M. Williams), Percy (D. R. Wood), Captain Ebenezer Crook, shady captain of a tramp steamer (H. Arnold), Larry the Rat, smuggler and crook (K. A. Stark), Jack Maxwell, a detective (H. K. Goodger), Gangsters (D. W. Fox, E. Nield, H. E. Dalton, R. Rayner, R. Billington, A. Wrigley).

Producer, Mr. Powell.

PLAY.—February 22nd, 24th and 25th. On each of these evenings a performance of J. B. Priestley's "Laburnum Grove" was given by the School (reported on another page).

LANTERN LECTURE.—March 3rd. Mr. Lloyd lectured on "King Coal" and treated his subject in a very interesting way. While

we are apt to think of the United Kingdom as being the greatest coal-producing country in the world, the United States actually eclipses our 2½ million tons per annum by one of 600 millions. The speaker told us something of the conditions of mining in the eighteenth century and also showed some slides of men working down the mines some fifty years ago. The introduction of machinery has brought great changes since these days, and some of the slides showed such things as conveyance belts in use instead of trucks.

PLAY.—March 10th. Form IIIB presented "The North Pole Fliers," by Max Mohr, a one-act comedy in which a lively and enthusiastic cast seemed to enjoy their parts. Cast: Auton (A. Jackson), Caxa (J. A. Stephenson), Schlick (W. A. Mallinson), Rory (G. G. Fisher), Gill (G. S. Alvey), Gull (S. S. Wilson), Pimpus (W. Brown), Bim (F. G. Higgins), A Waiter (J. D. Robinson).

Producer, Mr. Lloyd.

PLAYS.—March 17th. On this date the two extremes met, performances being given by Lower I and the O.T.C. with a cast drawn from the Upper VI. The O.T.C. play, "All Camouflage," an episode of the great war (Mary Pakington), was a grim affair, the scene of which is laid in a hay-loft in France. This play was given on very short notice, but those taking part worked hard in the time at their disposal and fully brought out the tragedy of the situation. Cast: Bert Hawkins (A. Hesford), Alf Tipper (J. S. Battersby), A Wounded Officer (O. R. Dennis). Producer, Mr. Anderson.

The Lower I play, "Cannibal Gold," written and performed by Lower I, was described as an improbable adventure. The performance fully bore out this description, and some very amusing situations arose. Heroes and natives all looked and lived up to their parts. As might be expected, of course, the heroes came out triumphant

in the end, but due appreciation should be given to the useful part played in this success by the monkey. Cast: Prospectors, Robert Lee and Richard Everest (P. H. Manley and G. N. Pointer); A Large Ape (H. Billings); A Native Scout (R. L. Archer); Kulu, Koanga and Yama, Savages (J. B. Langfield, M. T. Fitzgerald and G. P. Tomlinson); Other Savages (G. C. Martin, A. W. Peers, P. G. Schofield, P. W. Watkins); Kia Ora, a Savage Chief (P. H. Richards).

Producer, Mr. Williams.

LANTERN LECTURE.—March 19th. Mr. A. W. Boyd's lecture on "Birds" attracted a good number to the hall on this afternoon. He spoke to us of some of the more common birds, the starling, the swallow, etc., and told us many interesting facts about their lives and habits.

LANTERN LECTURE.—March 24th. This was the last of the Tuesday afternoon entertainments, and Mr. F. Jones had, as his subject, "Architecture." He made his talk very interesting even to those who did not pretend to know much about it, and the slides he showed were happily chosen.

"Treasure Island."

Frequently, and more particularly when special conditions circumscribe his choice, a producer discovers that not the least of his difficulties is finding a play to suit his needs. When the performance is to be presented by a school, the range is indeed limited, and the producer who can, in these circumstances, find ready to hand a play like "Treasure Island" is indeed fortunate. R. L. Stevenson's book being, perhaps, the first medium through which most boys become acquainted with pirate stories, makes a great and lasting impression, and, to have an opportunity of seeing it all enacted was a chance not to be missed. Thus

it was that a fortnight before the show every seat was booked for the first night, and we had "capacity" houses on the other two evenings. As these notes will not appear till after Easter, it is perhaps unnecessary to deal with the performance in great detail. Suffice it to say that the production presented to us in vivid fashion the whole thrilling story: indeed, so stirring was it at moments, that the drawing of pistols during a heated altercation brought one juvenile member of the audience to his feet exclaiming, "Bang!" The large cast was ably handled, the "exits and the entrances" being well timed, and the players prompt on their cues. The opening scene in the "Admiral Benbow" inn was a good piece of work and set a standard which was maintained throughout. O. R. Dennis made the dissipated Billy Bones an interesting character, while D. W. Brooks was a swaggering Black Dog, but his light voice sorted ill with his swash-buckling manner and his good round oaths. Though the play follows the book closely, one or two of the characters appear slightly out of perspective, amongst them being Long John Silver who does not seem to dominate the stage as he does the story. Still, he was a fearsome and unscrupulous fellow, and, by clever make-up and convincing acting, Mr. Brierley, who seemed to enjoy the part, brought to life that likeable rogue from the pages of Stevenson. Appearing in his first play, Mr. Rainbow in figure, dress and manner, made a dignified Squire Trelawney, and J. S. Battersby, who had a heavy part as Captain Smollett, was a decided success. Though his acting was a little uneven, F. W. Cooper gave, on the whole, a successful presentation of the Jim Hawkins most of us have visualized from the book. Others prominent in the cast were D. Erskine as Dr. Livesey, though this was not quite one of his best performances; F. Clarke, who made a good Ben Gunn; and R. C. Spooncer as Israel Hands. Besides these we had a collection

of knaves and adventurers, who, in manner and appearance, were as villainous as anything Stevenson could ever have contemplated. The scenes and settings were effective and greatly aided the production. In this respect mention must be made of the deck of the *Hispaniola*, which was ingeniously contrived.

Producer, Mr. Powell.

"Laburnum Grove."

On February 22nd, 24th and 25th, the School gave performances each evening of "Laburnum Grove" (Priestley). There was some headshaking when it became known that this was the play selected for presentation, as it was doubted if any cast of young and unsophisticated people could catch the spirit of the piece, and "put across" the suburban chatter and back-chat that goes to make up much of this play. The producer and the cast, however, made light of this, and the result justified their confidence, as the performance went with a snap and a briskness that kept the audience interested and amused from the rise of the curtain on the Sunday evening scene in "Ferndale," Laburnum Grove, to the somewhat problematic close on the Monday evening. Perhaps the only fault with the production—if fault it were—was the speed at which the play was taken, and if, at the opening scene, the blasé Elsie Radfern found things too dull and slow at her suburban home, she ought to have enjoyed the speed of events during the hectic twenty-four hours covered by the play—but she didn't. As often happens when the discontented grumble at their lot, "malignant Fate" has her own unpleasant, sardonic way of dealing with the situation. So it was here, and, before long, the whole Radfern household found itself floundering "dans le potage"! The plot is very flimsy, not to say improbable, and, in the

end, we are left in doubt as to whether George Radfern is an honest paper manufacturer or a prosperous criminal. It isn't easy to guess, but perhaps it doesn't matter much, for the real interest lies in the inhabitants of "Ferndale" and their reactions to the situations that arise rather than in the situations themselves, the play being mainly a series of character studies rendered all the more interesting as being people to be met with almost any day in suburbia. As the horticultural enthusiast who, like the Pickwickian character, had reached "the dignity of a greenhouse in the back garden," and whose mind never seemed to rise above his tomatoes, W. T. Curtis gave an excellent study of George Radfern. Even when, towards the end, things became more complicated and his part therefore more difficult, he was equal to it. His frowsy pal, Joe Fletten, who shared his joy in tomato production, was not a particularly interesting character, but was competently played by V. A. Inman. Females are always awkward people for boys to impersonate, but seldom, though the parts were long, did the three characters in this play by manner, gesture, or "stride" betray themselves. G. W. E. Stark as Mrs. Radfern gave us one of his best performances, while the daughter Elsie (H. S. Priest) got through some awkward situations with credit. The most difficult of the three was, perhaps, the part of Mrs. Baxley, and here E. G. D. Andrews was a decided success: he seemed very sure of his part, and his side of any dialogue was always carried on at whirlwind speed. W. J. Mair was good in the part of Harold Russ, though he looked a rather youthful suitor for the hand of Elsie Radfern. Another who seemed a little too young for his part was D. W. Brooks: still, he made a slick detective, whose very youth would, perhaps, have disarmed the most astute criminal. The parasitic Bernard Baxley who appeared to have brought back nothing from his stay "out

East" but a pronounced dislike of work and a prodigious appetite for bananas was cleverly and amusingly portrayed by F. Clarke, while P. S. Preston did the small part of Sergeant Morris with a dignity becoming a member of "the force." Occasionally there was a little difficulty in hearing the speakers, but, as this weakness did not persist, the play did not really suffer thereby. The whole performance was a very pleasant entertainment, and, when we remember that, on the average age, this is the youngest cast that has ever presented a School play, the merit of the production is enhanced.

Producer, Mr. Parren.

Preparatory School Play.

After their good work last year we had looked forward to seeing this performance by the Preparatory School. The play, "Perseus," a Greek myth dramatised, consisted of the following six scenes, all of which were very cleverly devised and arranged: (1) The seashore outside the house of Dictys, (2) The palace of Polydectes, (3) The road outside Seriphos, (4) A lonely moor, (5) Another scene inside the palace of Polydectes, (6) The street outside the palace. Given in the hall immediately after School on Tuesday, December 3rd, the event brought out perhaps the fullest house of the season, and those who attended were not disappointed, for, in all they did, the performers showed a clear and intelligent appreciation of what was expected of them. The dancing, the singing, and the deportment of the performers in the crowd scenes, all difficult things to carry through successfully, more especially with juvenile casts, were well done. Owing to some breakdown in the corporation electricity department there was a complete "black-out" in the School for about ten minutes, but, while it delayed things for a little, this untoward event did

not damp the enthusiasm of the actors or mar the quality of the performance. Frequently, complaints are heard of the inaudibility of such young players, but all spoke up confidently, and the whole production was a very pleasing entertainment.

Cast: Dictys (B. J. Newcombe), His Wife (J. T. Norris), Danae (J. G. Roberts), Polydectes (G. Lees), Courtiers (D. E. Bower, P. G. Grantham, E. G. Williams), Perseus (R. B. Mair), Athene (J. G. Nowell), Hermes (I. M. Ross), Grey Sisters (A. C. Bryan, J. M. Mather, J. F. O. Tudor), Slaves (J. C. Lavender, T. E. Mair, J. R. Winson, K. A. Worthington), Choir, Procession, Crowd.

Producers: Miss Berry, Miss Caiger, Miss Davies.

Escape!

James Compton walked out of Llanidloes station, through the little town, and took the path to the mountains. It seemed a good idea for a holiday, to wander alone over the trackless mountain masses of Central Wales. Here, at least, he could escape from the humdrum life of the town, out of reach of overpowering civilisation, which claimed him for the other fifty weeks of the year. For a few days he would be independent of any human, carrying his own supply of food, and pitching his tent where he chose when the day came to an end.

For several days he wandered thus, with no fixed plan, deciding in the morning haphazardly on the route for the day, finding some small pride in achievement when the combination of map and compass brought him direct to his objective. As an extra guide he had the unmistakable, unshapely mass of Plynlimmon, which was always visible.

Coming one day to a stream broader than those usually found in that district,

and locating it as the Wye, his curiosity and fancy decided to follow it to its source. It led him in time to the heart of Plynlimmon mountains, from which he could see all the surrounding country. To the south and east, nothing but an endless patchwork of mountains; to the north, across the Dovey valley, he could see the imposing shape of Cader Idris. It intrigued him, and, as his food was running short, he determined to make that way, dropping down *en route* to Machynllech to renew his supplies.

Leisurely he continued north camping when he felt tired, and, after a few days, reached the foot of Cader Idris by the Tal-y-llyn lakes, where he rested for the night. The next day, he thought, would be the last of his holiday, and, wrapped in his sleeping-bag, he pondered over this.

It had been a great change from his usual life, and well worth it. Out here one could forget that cities existed, that there was any need to earn a living. Perhaps it had been lonely, but a friend would have spoilt it all. They would have had differences about the route, or camping site, or anything. His conversation would have interrupted his train of thought, and brought back associations of his normal everyday life. In the last few days he had done more concentrated thinking than he had ever done before in all his life. In the city life and thought were modelled for him, and the rut of routine destroyed any pleasure he might have got out of life. There, he was one of a crowd, an unimportant unit. Here, although his insignificance was brought home to him by the vast scale of nature's works, it was by comparison with nature and not with mankind. Somehow that was different, and he felt less unimportant. And to think that the next day he had to return! He had escaped for two weeks, but habit and the necessity of earning, forced him back for another year. Anyhow, he was thankful

even for this short respite, and he determined to make a good day of the morrow.

He calculated he had plenty of time to climb Cader, explore its vast shape and descend to Dolgelley to catch a night train home. So, on his last day, he packed his ruc-sack, and, climbing directly, reached the summit about mid-day. He was surprised. He had never seen so far in all his life before, and the haze made him giddy. He sat down to eat his lunch, gazing at the view set out below him, and gradually dozed asleep in the hot noon sun. He woke to find the afternoon far advanced. He must hurry, he thought, and make a direct line to Dolgelley, chancing any obstacles. Gradually the descent grew steeper, giving way finally to scree, down which he cautiously slid. The scree ended in a drop, and he stopped. He hated retracing his steps, and already it was late. He tried edging his way sideways, and was successful for a time, until he found himself in a worse position than formerly. Dusk was coming on, and he was getting anxious. In the half light it was difficult to see clearly, and distances were deceptive.

He half-turned quickly, forced to go back. His ruc-sack caught on a projecting piece of rock, and, losing his balance, he stumbled, clutched wildly but in vain for a hold, and lumbered clumsily into space.

D. C. S.

The Old Hulmeians Association.

The main activity since the last number of the Magazine was issued has been in connection with the Endowment Scheme, which has already been explained in these columns.

The scheme is now an accomplished fact with an annual subscription of 150 units of 16s. 11d. each, which means that independently of other units which we hope will be added by present and future boys as

they leave the School, the Association will be the richer by £1,500 in 1946.

A Trust Deed is being drafted, and the following four trustees have been appointed by the General Committee: Messrs. G. N. E. Gilliat, E. Barnes, S. Whittingham and A. L. Powell.

It cannot be too strongly emphasised that units may be added at any time, and also that the full amount of £8 9s. 2d. may be paid at once instead of by ten annual payments of 16s. 11d.

The Annual Dance was held at Longford Hall on Friday, January 3rd. There were 111 present, and the evening was a great success. In view of suggestions regarding the possibility of reducing the price of the ticket it may be noted that the financial result was a loss of 9d.

The Dinner was held as usual at the Midland Hotel on Saturday, March 7th. There were 107 present, a slight increase on last year.

Mr. H. Shaw proposed the toast of "The School," and, after paying tribute to Dr. Hall and the School of his day, spoke of the tremendous development of recent years—a very sincere appreciation from one who has never lost interest in the School since the day he left.

The Head Master in his reply told of recent happenings and expressed the gratitude of the School to Cadet Colonel Barber for the great work he had done in the Cadet Corps, a work which resulted in the recognition of the Corps as a Junior O.T.C., one of 7 out of 194 applications.

Mr. C. G. Dehn, in proposing "The Association," was in his lightest vein, and caused considerable amusement with his good-humoured banter.

The President, Mr. G. N. E. Gilliat, in his reply, related the progress of the Endowment Scheme, and expressed the hope that next year being the Jubilee year of the School, it might be possible for the

Association to give some token of gratitude to stand in the School as a gift from Old Boys.

Mr. F. E. Dehn proposed the toast "Our Guests," to which the Lord Bishop of Middleton, Vice-Chairman of the Governors, replied. Mr. E. Barnes, Chairman of the London Association, and Mr. F. H. Lowe, a former Chairman, also spoke.

We were glad to have with us a private guest, Mr. Charles Goulding, principal tenor of the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company.

The evening closed, as usual, with the School Song and Auld Lang Syne.

An important work has been done during the last few months by the newly organised "News Sheet," a weekly paper which gives current news and reports of Association and School activities. Its successful inauguration is almost entirely due to Mr. C. G. Dennis. Any Old Boys who are not yet subscribers are invited to communicate with him at 33, Manley Road, Whalley Range, Manchester 16.

The following is a list of those present at the Dinner:—

W. H. G. Adams, H. R. W. Anderson, A. H. Allman, W. G. Aspinall, B. C. K. Ballinger, E. Barnes (Chairman London Association), G. R. Barnes, E. Barber, J. A. Barber, N. A. Barber, D. G. Batty, S. R. Best, J. C. Blakey, T. W. M. Bland, F. Bond, R. Bradshaw, J. C. Bray, R. E. Burcham, H. Buckley, N. H. Buckley, A. G. Campbell, H. Cardwell, F. J. Catling, M. S. H. Caw, W. N. Caw, D. A. E. Chambers, R. Cocker, G. A. Cooke, W. L. Coulter, P. M. Dale, E. Davy, C. G. Dehn, F. E. Dehn, C. G. Dennis, Trevor Dennis, F. Dixon, G. Edwards, P. M. Evans, G. A. Fleeson, F. M. D. Fletcher, M. C. Forrest, J. I. Franklin, A. O. Gatley, G. N. E. Gilliat, Charles Goulding (guest), D. Ll. Griffiths, N. E. Hawley, D. Hodgkinson, F. W. R. Holden, E. B. Jackson, N. H. Jackson, A. Jones, P. Jones, C. H. Johnson, H. S. Kiernan, R.

W. Lymer, F. H. Lowe, J. Mark, R. Mark, D. G. R. Martin, A. E. Marsh, B. A. Marsh, A. R. Merchant, W. F. Merchant, The Lord Bishop of Middleton (Vice-Chairman of the School Governors), J. K. Nicholson, B. D. Norris, G. A. Norris, G. L. Parkinson, D. M. Parren, J. E. Peters, L. S. Pidd, S. Plant, A. L. Powell, J. H. Porter, H. H. G. Redshaw, J. G. Rickards, J. D. W. Roberts, A. I. Robinson, S. C. M. Salter, B. C. Scammell, J. C. Scammell, R. C. Scotts, H. Shaw, J. S. Shayler, J. E. Shortland, J. Short, T. Short, J. H. P. Slade, N. B. Smethurst, R. C. Sowood, R. V. Stevenson, N. W. Sunderland, K. P. Thompson, A. Tooth, H. D. Vernon, E. H. Vlies, G. R. Vlies, H. H. Vlies, H. E. Walker, W. D. Ward, S. Whittingham, H. S. Wihl, J. Wright, J. N. Wright.
A. L. P.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

The section has undoubtedly good reason to be proud of their progress since Christmas, for a general improvement in the form of all teams has been evident.

This applies especially to the "A" team, who, in spite of continued reverses in the earlier part of the season, have at last produced better form and won several more matches.

One must not, of course, forget the First team's record, for in spite of the keen opposition this year, they are still well placed in the league table, and have an outside chance of regaining the championship. What is more noteworthy, however, is the fact that they have once again won their way through to the Final of the Senior Flags competition after defeating Oldham 18—8, and Offerton 17—3.

This is the ninth occasion on which they have reached the Final, and they have been successful on six occasions. One can only

hope that they will repeat their triumph of 1932.

The defence is still a little shaky, but J. C. Jarvis is playing brilliantly in goal, whilst F. W. Derbyshire has fully justified the confidence of the committee in promoting him from the "A" team. Whitehouse continues to improve at centre, and is now a real asset to the side, whilst the attack at last shows definite signs of becoming a very strong combined force.

The "A" team has had a resolute defence the whole season, but an inability on attack to hold the ball has thrown far too much pressure on the defence, with the result that matches have been frequently lost after a good half-time lead.

However, the attack has now begun to use sounder judgment in passing movements, and with K. Davies supplying plenty of thrust, they promise to play well enough to keep their place in the Second Division for at least another year. D. Sherratt has undoubtedly added the necessary steadiness to the defence, and, with G. V. Oddy and G. R. Vlies in good form, better results have lately been obtained.

The Third team, without the services of either J. P. V. Woollam or K. Rains, have shown that they are quite capable of holding their own with the best of the Third Division sides, and they, too, should manage to remain in this division for another year. J. H. P. Slade and G. Holt, along with T. L. Gillison, have played very well, and, with A. B. Whitehouse and M. W. Flinn doing well on attack, have made the Third team a side to be feared by even the senior sides of the division concerned.

The "B" team, still led by C. W. F. Deakin, have borne the brunt of "cry-offs" without complaint, and, until a few weeks ago, had a reasonable chance of gaining promotion. Depleted ranks, however, lost them one or two games which would most certainly have been victories if they had had a full side in the field. H. Whatley

and B. D. Norris have been outstanding players, whilst J. Wright has proved his capabilities as a goal scoring wing attack, and D. Hodgkinson continues to get through about twice as much work as any other player on the side. Tunstall in goal has supplied a strong backbone to the team, his play being little behind the quality of the "A" and Third team goalkeepers, and the section must consider themselves very fortunate in having four such goalkeepers as J. C. Jarvis, K. B. Hilton, D. S. B. Vincent and H. E. Tunstall available each week.

Once again, however, we must stress the importance of members making every effort to turn out regularly, for nothing is more detrimental to a side than constant changing of personnel. We also invite members to do their utmost to obtain new players for next season, for regular games will be assured at least another dozen members next year, especially when it is remembered that the committee favourably view the rota scheme system which assures everyone at least four games out of five.

Details of summer practices will be sent to every member in due course, so that members can have an opportunity of arranging to turn out regularly in the evenings to prepare for the 1936/7 season.

Congratulations to our members who have gained honours on the North and County teams this season, details of which appear in the earlier pages of this Magazine.

K. R.

FIRST TEAM.

Nov. 30.—v. Boardman	H 4-9
Dec. 7.—v. Oldham	H 9-4
" 14.—v. Offerton	H 12-6
" 28.—v. Heaton Mersey	A 12-5
Jan. 4.—v. South and Wythe.	H 10-6
" 11.—v. Oldham (3rd Round Flags) ...	18-8
" 18.—v H.M. Guild	H Postpd
" 25.—v. University	A Postpd
Feb. 1.—v. Old Manes.	H 14-4
" 8.—v. Boardman	A Postpd
" 15.—v. Boardman	A 4-6
" 22.—v. Offerton (Semi-final Flags)	17-3
Mar. 7.—v. H.M. Guild	A 13-5

"A" TEAM.

Nov. 30.—v. Worsley	A	8-8
Dec. 7.—v. Cheadle Hulme	A	5-8
„ 21.—v. Worsley	H Postpd	
„ 28.—v. Albert Park	H	6-1
Jan. 4.—v. Cheadle	A	7-14
„ 11.—v. Disley	H	6-11
„ 18.—v. Old Staffordians	A Postpd	
„ 25.—v. Cheadle Hulme	H Postpd	
Feb. 1.—v. Worsley	A	5-10
„ 8.—v. Stockport S.S.	H	9-5
„ 15.—v. Albert Park	H	10-2
„ 22.—v. Disley	H	7-5
„ 29.—v. Cheetham	H	6-10
Mar. 7.—v. Ashton	H	6-8

THIRD TEAM.

Nov. 30.—v. Boardman "A" (Lancs. Junior Cup)	A	2-7
Dec. 7.—v. Birch	H	3-4
„ 14.—v. Mellor "A"	A	12-7
„ 21.—v. Urmston	H Postpd	
Jan. 4.—v. Urmston	A	8-14
„ 18.—v. Stockport Sec.	H Postpd	
„ 25.—v. Marple	A Postpd	
Feb. 8.—v. Birch	A	6-8
„ 15.—v. Old Manc. "A" (Lancs. Junior Cup)	A	3-8
„ 22.—v. Bramhall	A	17-4
Mar. 7.—v. South and Wythe "A"	H	8-11

"B" TEAM.

Nov. 30.—v. Stockport "B" (W.O.)	A	1-0
Dec. 7.—v. Stockport Sec. "A"	A	9-2
„ 14.—v. Birch "A"	H	14-8
„ 21.—v. Urmston "A"	A Postpd	
„ 28.—v. Cheetham "A"	H	16-3
Jan. 4.—v. Heaton M. Guild "A"	H	4-7
„ 11.—v. Ashton "B"	A	16-1
„ 18.—v. Old Manc. "B"	A Postpd	
„ 25.—v. Offerton "A"	A Postpd	
Feb. 1.—v. Albert Park "A"	H	23-0
„ 8.—v. Stockport Secs. "A"	H	14-2
„ 15.—v. Cheadle Hulme School (Semi-final Shield)	H	5-12
„ 22.—v. Worsley "A"	H	3-10
„ 29.—v. Heaton Mersey Guild "A"	A	3-9
Mar. 7.—v. Birch "A"	A	4-7

Old Hulmeians Rugby Football Club.

The second half of the season has passed in just as encouraging a manner as the first, and several important changes have already been made.

Our headquarters and changing rooms were at "Clevelands" until the end of January, when the owners moved. A scheme to buy a pavilion which was for sale in Chorlton, and which would have suited the purpose admirably, was defeated when it was found that our field was too low lying for any effective drainage to be used. This difficulty was particularly unfortunate for, not only had the General Committee approved of the scheme, but permission had been obtained from the Corporation to erect the pavilion.

At the moment, the manager of the Yew Tree Inn is making us very comfortable in one of his rooms, and it seems probable that arrangements will be made next year by which the Yew Tree Inn will become our headquarters.

Our best thanks are due to the Manchester and District Referees' Society who have appointed referees for all our First team matches at home, and also to Mr. Eric Vlies who has refereed nearly all the other games at Wythenshawe.

The First XV continue to win matches, and the defeat by Ashton-on-Mersey on November 9th is still the only match lost. The team itself has been much more consistent in personnel since Christmas, although the arrival of D. E. Hutchinson from School has created a little doubt as to the constitution of the scrum.

N. H. Jackson has been hooking well, and the back row, in addition to scoring a great number of tries, is now packing well, and doing a full share of pushing. The second row has been increased in size and weight, and now consists of J. D. Rainbow and D. E. Hutchinson.

The promotion of T. F. Redman from the "A" has proved a successful move,

and he and J. C. Blakey make a formidable wing. E. B. Jackson is in splendid form at the moment at fly-half, and N. Meakin is kicking particularly well, converting eight out of nine tries in a recent match.

Six totals of over 30 have been scored, and on four occasions more than 40 points have been recorded. An average of only 5 points has been lost in each match, but defence is causing more anxiety than attack.

The "A" team has shown considerable improvement, and, since December 14th, the team has only twice been defeated by more than 2 points. Unfortunately, in that period no fewer than six matches have been scratched, four on account of the weather.

The half-backs, R. W. Townend and A. Lister, have played some excellent games, and the forwards are improving each match, especially in the loose. Failure to heel quickly in the scrums and to make full use of the line-out, is, however, still costing the team a number of points each match. A. Carmichael has hooked well, and N. W. Wood, A. Neale, and A. Tooth have done good work in the loose, while T. W. M. Bland has added weight to the pack.

Unfortunately neither R. Hardy nor R. Bridge has been able to play recently, and the backs have suffered in consequence, but the present centre three-quarters, W. G. Aspinall and J. C. Bray, are gaining in confidence each week.

A most encouraging feature was the way the team rose to the occasion in two of their hardest matches. These were against Cheadle Hulme School 1st and Toc. H. "A", and, although beaten in each match, the team played very well.

The hard grounds in January affected the "B" team more than any other, and every match between January 11th and February 22nd had to be scratched. This long rest seemed to benefit the team, however, for on February 22nd they won for

the first time. This date was the only occasion on which all three teams won on the same afternoon.

It had been decided to play one or two members of the First team on the "B" in some matches, but this plan failed as it happened that, whenever this was arranged, the match was scratched. The team has thus had to rely entirely upon its own resources. J. S. Shayler, K. B. Mercer and W. R. F. Branagh have been the best three-quarters, and D. Scott has played well at scrum-half. T. H. Graham and D. G. Batty have never failed to give a good account of themselves in the scrum, and the captain and vice-captain, R. A. Prideaux and M. S. H. Caw, have kept enthusiasm high in the team.

Looking to the future, the first matches next season will take place on September 19th, and twenty-eight matches have been arranged for the First and "A" teams between that date and Easter Saturday, March 27th, 1937. The First team will visit Halifax, Bakewell and Wigan, and thirteen of the matches are against the First teams of other clubs. The "A" team fixture list also shows a corresponding rise in the level of fixtures, and includes ten matches played this year by the First team.

Four teams will be run next season, and already sixteen matches have been arranged for the "Extra A" and fourteen for the "B." These totals will each be made up to twenty-eight before September.

C. G. D.

RESULTS.

FIRST TEAM.

Nov.	30.—v. M/c. University Medicals..	H	3-3	D.
Dec.	7.—v. Toc H.	H	12-3	W.
"	14.—v. Mount Tabor	H	16-0	W.
"	28.—v. Bowdon "A"	A	17-3	W.
"	28.—v. Sale "B"	H	46-0	W.
Jan.	4.—v. Sale "B"	H	45-3	W.
"	11.—v. Hulme Grammar School...	A	38-0	W.
Feb.	1.—v. M/c. University Medicals..	A	33-0	W.
"	22.—v. Hulme Grammar School...	H	6-6	D.
"	29.—v. Sale Schools XV.	A	40-6	W.
Mar.	7.—v. Mount Tabor	A	43-3	W.
"	14.—v. M/c. Y.M.C.A. "A"	A	15-5	W.
"	21.—v. Didsbury	A		

"A" TEAM.

Nov. 30.—v. Hulme Hall	H	3-32	L.
Dec. 7.—v. Ashton-on-Mersey "B"	A	0-17	L.
" 14.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	A	0-18	L.
" 28.—v. Old Salfordians "B"	H	6-8	L.
Jan. 4.—v. Ashtonians "B"	H	5-6	L.
" 11.—v. Central Old Boys "B"	H	67-0	W.
Feb. 1.—v. Manchester "B"	H	0-25	L.
" 15.—v. M/c. Y.M.C.A. "B"	A	9-10	L.
" 22.—v. Bowdon "B"	H	21-6	W.
Mar. 14.—v. Toc H. "A"	A	5-18	L.
" 21.—v. Kersal "B"	A	6-18	L.

"B" TEAM.

Nov. 30.—v. Bowdon "C"	A	0-17	L.
Dec. 7.—v. Eccles "B"	H	0-33	L.
" 28.—v. Bowdon "C"	H	0-17	L.
Jan. 4.—v. Sedgley Park "B"	A	0-17	L.
" 11.—v. Sedgley Park "B"	A	3-27	L.
Feb. 22.—v. Bowdon "C"	A	15-13	W.
Mar. 7.—v. Eccles "B"	H	0-34	L.
" 14.—v. Hulme Hall	H	0-62	L.
" 21.—v. Didsbury "B"	H	3-39	L.

Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

The past season will be remembered as one of the most successful in the history of the Society. The outstanding feature has been the production of a pantomime, "Aladdin," which was also the Society's first musical play. It is perhaps not generally known that a sum of £85 was made for the Salford Royal Hospital by the repeat performances given in the Lesser Free Trade Hall.

The concert given in the School hall on February 4th, 1936, was greatly enjoyed by all who were present. Why cannot the hall be filled? The musical sub-committee take a great deal of trouble to ensure that the programme will suit all tastes.

Rambles have been held once a month and have been well attended, even during the snowy weather. It is hoped to continue them during the early part of the summer, and we would once again remind Old Boys that everybody is welcome, whether a member of the Dramatic Society

or not. Particulars may always be obtained from the Honorary Secretary.

A report of the last production of the season, "The Young Idea," by Noel Coward appears elsewhere in this Magazine. Ticket sales were considerably less than for "Aladdin," but the hall was well-filled on both nights.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Head Master and the School for the support they have given us this season. The School buildings have been used more than usual for rehearsals, and we are grateful for the privilege afforded to us. It is extremely difficult and costly to get adequate accommodation elsewhere. The sale of tickets by the School has been larger than ever before. We hope that it will remain at the present high level, and that we shall get a large number of enthusiastic new members next September.

The Annual Dance, held at the Embassy on March 25th, brought the social activities to a successful close.

The General Meeting will be held at the end of April or the beginning of May. Members will be notified of the exact date in due course. Once again may we ask all members to come and express their approval or otherwise of what the Society is doing?

G. A. N.

The Old Hulmeians Concert.

On Tuesday, February 4th, the Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society gave a concert in the School hall. This is the fourth entertainment of the kind they have given, and it was obvious from the quality of the performances throughout that much time and effort had been put in at rehearsals. While the attendance was, perhaps, a little better than on some previous occasions, the hall was by no means full, and it is to be regretted that such good

work does not meet with the reward it deserves. It is to be hoped that in the near future enough support will be forthcoming to justify extending these concerts over two evenings. With an orchestra of thirty-three enthusiasts and a choir some twenty-four strong, this section of the Society is deserving of every encouragement. After the singing of the School song, the Orchestra opened the programme with the overture to "The Occasional Oratorio" (Handel), a work which calls for the close combination of every section of the orchestra and, while quite satisfactory, it seemed at times as if the wind soloists lacked confidence a little, but, when all were playing together, they were apt to drown the strings who had the theme. In the Beethoven "King Stephen" overture, the orchestra did well, but the substitution of a piano for missing wind parts is never satisfactory, and the absence of horns detracted from the performance. The strings of the Orchestra played Mozart's "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik," and, while the individual groups were successful, the general effect sounded a little "thin"; still, it was a pleasing effort. In Miss Norah Sinclair we had a newcomer as soloist at these concerts, and her interpretation of the two groups of songs was very well received. "Solveig's Song" (Greig) and "The Lass with the delicate air" (Arne) seemed to make the most popular appeal, but "Robin Adair," which she gave as an encore was, perhaps, her best effort. The instrumental soloists were P. M. Dale (violin) and P. Lewis (pianoforte) who played works by de Bériot and César Franck. The technique of both players is to be commended, and there was obviously great understanding between them in their sympathetic treatment of Franck's great sonata for piano and violin. The Choir gave us two groups of songs, and, though small in numbers, by relying on combined effort rather than on individual achievement, they succeeded in producing a fine solid tone. The songs were

happily chosen, and were varied in character, the two best numbers being, "Rolling down to Rio" (German) in which each part stood out clearly, and "O Mistress Mine" (Vaughan Williams), wherein the effect was due to a particularly happy blending of the voices. The concert ended with three Yorkshire Dale Dances by Arthur Wood, which the Orchestra performed with true northern verve and gaiety. The players responded wholeheartedly to all the demands of the conductor, this close co-operation being most evident in the second movement in which the whole Orchestra safely negotiated one or two treacherous difficulties.

Conductor, D. M. Williams.

"The Young Idea."

To what theatre can one go these days with the hope of escaping from the somewhat threadbare theme of matrimonial brawls arising out of the misdeeds of a wayward wife and/or an erring husband? The modern novel and the present-day theatre have both overworked this subject till it has now become a little tedious even when capably handled. It is, therefore, perhaps to be regretted that the Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society could not show a little more enterprise and serve up something a little more refreshing than this réchauffé dish. The "idea" of the two "children" to get their father back again to his first wife may have been "young", but the story that gave rise to it was feeble with age, and, for a time at least, both novelists and dramatists might, in all humanity, leave those families that have dirty linen, to wash it in private. If, however, the stage must show us marital happiness being wrecked by some "gate-crasher", surely we might be spared those maudlin moments wherein the illicit lovers declare their passion with such hysterical ardour. While in structure the play is rather disjointed and has not quite

the true, sardonic touch of Noel Coward, it has its bright moments, and much crisp cross-talk to which, on the whole, full justice was done. The quality of the production varied considerably, some of the scenes being ably presented, whilst others were unconvincing and failed to create the right impression. The opening gave the performance a good start. Beginning from his schooldays, W. H. G. Adams has appeared in parts embracing almost all the "seven ages of man", but he has seldom made a better show than he did here as George Brent, though his make-up might have been a little better: he suited his manner and voice admirably to the part. Playing opposite him throughout most of the performance, Miss Webster, as Cicely, the second wife, showed herself extremely capable: she had a difficult part, but she was fully equal to it, and the many bright things she had to say she said cleverly. She should prove a great addition to the playing strength of the Society. The two children, Gerda (Miss Mark) and Sholto (John Mark), were bright and lively enough to make their awkward parts always interesting and amusing. Playing as Hiram J. Walkin, A. Prideaux enjoyed himself and "tickled" the audience by his interpretation of the typical American; he was probably to be congratulated on his narrow escape from marrying the rather tiresome Jennifer, a part capably taken by Mrs. Baker. Rodney Masters was competently played by M. Caw, whose voice, however, seemed to fade out a little at times. Others in the cast were, Priscilla Hartleberry (Miss Burgess), Julia Cragworthy (Miss Ainsworth), Claud Eccles (D. Parren), Eustace Dabbit (J. Rainbow), Huddle, the butler (S. C. M. Salter), Maria, a servant (Miss Salter). There was a certain liveliness about the evening's entertainment that helped to maintain the interest, and, though this is not the best thing the Old Boys have given us, it was a good beginning for John Mark, whose first production

it was. Making their own scenery, the Society provided good settings, though in George Brent's house there never appeared to be quite enough sitting accommodation, a fact that seemed to lead at times to some awkward groupings on the stage. It might be pertinent to mention here that a little more care might be given to such points as dress and make-up, while some of the performers might profitably study their deportment on the stage. The performances were given in the West Didsbury public hall on Friday, and Saturday, March 20th and 21st, when there was a good attendance each evening. The boys from the School gave the Society staunch support by turning out in great numbers. The Old Hulmeians orchestra, with P. M. Dale as conductor, played the following programme of music during the evening: (1) "The School Song" (Clive Carey), (2) Overture, "Calif of Bagdad" (Boieldieu), (3) "Old English Melodies" (Lane Wilson), (4) Waltz, "Gold and Silver" (Franz Lehar).

Association of Old Hulmeians in London.

The Annual Dinner of the Association was held on Saturday, 7th December, 1935, at the Hotel Metropole. There was an attendance of 24, which included Mr. K. G. Fison and many of our Manchester friends, who, as in previous years, have so loyally supported us.

Mr. C. G. Dehn took the Chair at the Dinner which was followed by the Annual Meeting at which Mr. E. Barnes was appointed Chairman.

Mr. O. S. Flinn proposed the toast of the School, and the Headmaster in his reply gave an interesting account of the progress of the School during the past year.

Mr. Powell was called upon to propose the toast of the Association, to which Mr. E. Barnes replied.

The toast of the Visitors was proposed by Mr. C. G. Dehn, and replies were made by Mr. G. N. E. Gilliat, Mr. K. G. Fison, Mr. J. A. Barber, Mr. H. R. W. Anderson, Mr. W. Thorpe and Mr. A. I. Robinson. The singing of the School Song and "Forty Years On" concluded a very enjoyable evening.

It is proposed to hold a Hot-Pot Supper in the near future, and any Old Boys resident in the London district will be heartily welcomed. If they are not already in touch with the Association, will they please communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. Leslie Brown, 6, Marechal Niel Avenue, Sidcup, Kent?

T. L. B.

The Cambridge Old Hulmeians Association.

The Lent term has passed with little or no apparent activity on the part of members of the Association, a fact which is due in part to the rather quiet nature of the term.

P. Rogers has once again played in the Inter 'Varsity lacrosse match, and for a week the side had the valuable coaching of Mr. Barber. G. C. Evans still spends almost the entire day researching in the Botanical laboratories, and, like the rest of us, keeps a grip on the major happenings of the outside world by means of the News Sheet. If a copy is sent to J. Mark at Munich University, then he has an undoubted advantage, for very little news of his activities—whether or not due to German censorship—have percolated thus far. It is rumoured, however, that he is now working.

Of the other members, G. R. Lamb seems to have been preoccupied also with what has looked suspiciously like work, and M. Ballinger has had the unenviable task of making two terms activities appear to fit comfortably into one.

M. B.

Old Hulmeians Motor Club.

This section has been rather quiet since our last notes, mainly due to the weather conditions. The trial which was originally fixed for February 9th has had to be put off until March 22nd. The sub-committee in charge of the arrangements have some wonderful tales of slight inclines made unclimbable by snow, and non-stop slides down the other side after the top was reached. However, the snow has almost gone at the time of writing, so the date has been definitely fixed for March 22nd.

The annual dance was held at the Grand Hotel on March 12th, and was as successful as ever. The remarkable thing is that less than one quarter of those present were club members. It was the usual people, who turn up to everything, that represented over forty members. What happened to the remainder is a mystery.

The Treasure Hunt will be held on May 10th, further particulars of which will be available from the Hon. Secretary shortly.

R. B. G.

The Coming of Spring.

A SONNET.

A weary, aged, bow'd and frozen thing,
A body numbed by Winter's icy grip,
Sensing the advent of a radiant Spring,
Can from the darkness into sunshine slip.
It is as though a flood of pulsing life
Has come into that body like a wave,
Lighting the soul, where lately gloom was
rife,

Coming to succour, lift, restore and save.
'Tis thus when, 'neath the arching gold of
morn,

I see the silver sky of Spring at dawn.
I view, with joyous eye and beating heart,
The hues of day new-born, and feel a part
Of ever-welcome Spring, a Spirit free
Infusing new, refreshing life in me.

W. T. C.

O.T.C. Notes.

Last October word was received from the War Office giving the School permission to furnish a contingent of the Officers Training Corps, and in November a notice to this effect appeared in Army Orders. The School was one of seven selected out of 194 applicants for the honour. Certain changes have, of course, followed upon this promotion to O.T.C. rank, but things have gone on smoothly and effectively, and great strides are being made in the training which, after all, is really only an extension of what we were doing in the Cadet Corps, made much more interesting by reason of the opportunities for greater variety in the work. Our contingent is attached to the Manchester Regiment, whose depot is at Ashton-under-Lyne, and we are greatly indebted to the Commanding Officer and Captain Hibbard for their help and advice. On February 11th, Lord Bridgeman from the War Office visited the School. After inspecting the O.T.C. he spoke in high terms of the standard of the drill and the steadiness on parade, and expressed the opinion that there was much promising material in the ranks. There has been a great increase in recruiting, and in this connection mention must be made of the efforts of Mr. Gatley who has done great work in rousing many boys to a sense of their duty. Since September we have had a record number of recruits, 46, and there are still more to come. The present strength of the unit is 115, and, for the first time for at least seven years, we are now parading over 100 strong every Friday. It should further be noted as an encouraging sign that the attendances of cadets are more regular than they have ever been. There is great keenness among the juniors, and their work shows definite promise. Great progress is being made in the musketry, a report of which appears below. The junior boys had a match

against a team from Macclesfield, but lost by 31. We have been notified that our unit goes to the O.T.C. Camp at Strensall, in Yorkshire, on July 28th, and will remain under canvas till August 5th. There will be over 2,200 in camp and the units will be drawn from the public schools all over the country. The work at these camps is most varied and interesting, and this is an experience that no boy should miss. Meanwhile, arrangements for our own Whitsuntide camp at Grange-over-Sands are well in hand. Field days will be arranged, and we are to have the use of an open rifle range just beyond Kents Bank on one or two days. This camp should provide an excellent holiday and will give us an opportunity to prepare for Tuesday, June 23rd, when we are to be inspected at the School by Major-General K. G. Buchanan, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Commander of the 42nd Division. The following boys have fired the "Empire" test and have qualified as 1st Class shots: R. C. Spooncer, A. F. Brazier, A. Hesford, R. P. Smith, W. T. Curtis, R. M. Jones, C. T. Sutcliffe. Spooncer was in excellent form and obtained the highest possible score of 80 points.

O.T.C. MUSKETRY NOTES.

The Miniature Range in the past has proved a great attraction to many cadets, even though the conditions of firing and the nature of the targets seldom varied. This term, with the introduction of short Lee-Enfield .22 rifles, a variety of practices, and a number of rounds of free ammunition per cadet, the range has been a scene of greater activity than before. Each cadet is to be given the opportunity of qualifying as a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd Class "Empire" shot in the "Empire Test." This test is a standard one for miniature range shooting, and is in operation throughout the Empire. The last fortnight's work, however, has been taken up

in selecting a Shooting VIII. and in practising for the "Country Life" Competition. This competition, instituted many years ago by "Country Life," is a very popular one, almost every O.T.C. competing. During the last few years the standard of shooting has been so high in School O.T.C.'s, that more difficult targets and conditions have been introduced. It is a severe test, and, with only a limited time at our disposal to accustom ourselves to our new rifles, and to cope with these difficult targets and conditions, we had no hope of a great performance this year. The competition, however, has aroused considerable interest, and, with more opportunities for practising, this interest speaks well for keener competition for places in the Shooting VIII., and a higher score next year.

The Competition consists of four practices:—

1. Grouping.—A preliminary test of the steadiness and accurate shooting of the firer, as well as the sighting of his rifle, the score depending upon the area covered

by the shots, irrespective of their position on the target.

2. Rapid.—Ten rounds—single loading—to be fired in one minute—a supreme test of steadiness and rapidity of aim.

3. Snap-shooting.—A small target exposed for 3 seconds only, with 5 seconds allowed for reloading (5 shots).

4. Landscape Target.—A 3 feet by 2 feet "Landscape" target, of which the firers are allowed no nearer view beforehand, than the length of the range. On it are marked 4 rings ($1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter), invisible to the naked eye at that distance. A squad leader is allowed field glasses with which to view the position of the rings. Each pair of firers is assigned a ring and from the squad leader's description of its position they must endeavour to place their shots within it—a time limit being set both for the description and the firing (3 shots each firer).

The competition was fired on March 12th, and results were as follows:—

Possible Score (Individual)	Grouping 10	Rapid 50	Snap-Shooting 25	Landscape Target 48 (per pair)	TOTAL 109
Cadet Spooncer, R. C.	5	40	20	} 36	83
Brazier, A. F.	5	43	15		81
Curtis, W. T.	5	26	15	} 34	63
Hesford, A.	5	38	25		85
Smith, R. P.	5	39	20	} 32	80
Goudie, J. C.	5	36	10		67
Sutcliffe, C. T.	0	26	15	} 10	46
Jones, R. M.	10	29	25		69
	40	277	145	112	574
TOTALS : { Obtained ...					
{ Possibles ...	80	400	200	192	872

Squad Leader for Landscape Target: Cpl. Battersby, J. S.

Lacrosse, 1935-6.

The lack of hard matches last term has had the inevitable result. We have been beaten three times by the Manchester Grammar School, once by the Cheadle Hulme School, and once by a strengthened Old Mancunians "B" team. The attack have relied too much on Parkinson, and the defence have never all played well in the same match. Jones in goal has been good and bad in turn. Young has the makings of a perfect point, and McKerrigan's best game was against the Manchester Grammar School in the semi-final of the Juniors Challenge Shield. Yates has played consistently well, and Hesford generally holds his man, but is a poor 'crosse handler. Spooncer is a good centre, but not a perfect 'crosse handler.

All the attack handle well, but, with the exception of Parkinson, lack thrust.

Our best game this term was against the Manchester Grammar School in the semi-final of the Juniors Challenge Shield.

A. A. McKerrigan, W. A. Parkinson, R. J. Young, R. C. Spooncer and T. A. Yates were chosen to play for the Lancashire Schoolboys against Cheshire Schoolboys on February 22nd, and W. A. Parkinson, R. C. Spooncer and R. J. Young played for the North Schoolboys' team against the South Schoolboys' team on St. Dunston's College Ground at Catford, on March 21st.

RESULTS.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, November 30th. Home. Lost 10—14.

A peculiarity of this game was the complete change of form of each team at the interval. In the first half the School team was superior to their opponents, playing with confidence and vigour. The attacks moved quickly and took every chance to score, and the defence had no difficulty in thwarting the opposing attacks. The School thus had most of the play in the

first half and deservedly led 7—3 at the interval.

After the restart the defence were completely outplayed by our opponents' clever attacks, and goals came quickly for the visitors. Our own attack appeared to have lost some of its sting, and was well marked. Gradually our opponents caught up in an amazing change of fortune, and in the second half scored eleven goals to our three.

v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL.—Wednesday, January 29th. Away. Lost 3—7.

Not having played for some time, neither side felt perfectly fit, but the resulting game was very fast and hard-fought. The School opened the scoring, Preston getting the ball into the net from a scramble in front of goal. Then, by hard shooting on a muddy ground, our opponents scored goals. Parkinson scored from a free position and the score at half-time was 2—4.

The second half was likewise very strenuous, both defences appearing to have the better of the opposing attacks. Following forcing from our defence, Blakeley found himself free with the ball and made no mistake with his shot. Then, through the inability of our attacks to come down with their men, Cheadle Hulme scored three goals.

Preston, playing his first game for the team, in place of Brazier who was unfit, kept his man busy, and Spooncer, at centre, played his usual strenuous game. On the whole the team played well, but Jones, in goal, was sometimes slow in clearing and left his goal too much, partly owing to the inability of the wing attacks to get into position to receive the ball.

Semi-final of the Juniors Challenge Shield.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, February 15th. Home. Lost 8—10.

This proved to be an excellent game, both sides striving whole-heartedly to win. Our opponents attacked straight from the

face, and almost before the defence realised what was happening we were three goals down. This sudden setback was due to the fact that the opposing attack was given too much freedom. The defence settled

down, however, and marked their men more closely, and the attacks, mainly through Parkinson, soon made up the arrears. Manchester continued with their lively efforts and gained another lead of three goals. Parkinson, working harder than any other attack, strove to beat Gregory's fine goalkeeping with some success. At half-time the score was 5—6 against us.

After the interval the game swung backwards and forwards, our opponents successfully maintaining their narrow lead. Parkinson was the most prominent player on the field. The rest of our attack seemed satisfied to pass to him whenever possible, and he did not fail them. The score, a few minutes from the end, was 8—9, and both sides had a chance of victory. Almost in the final minute, however, Russell completed a successful game by scoring Manchester's last goal. Jones, in goal, saved many hard shots and the defence, except for the lapse in the first minutes, played well. The attacks worked hard against a strong defence, but only Parkinson, however, appeared to have sufficient skill to put the finishing touches to the movements.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Wednesday, February 19th. Away. Lost 1—15.

After the last game this was sadly disappointing. Perhaps it was the anticlimax of the semi-final, for our opponents were definitely on top. A rearrangement in our defence was not successful, and the other side, having most of the ball, scored freely, Jones being rather disappointing in goal. At half-time the score was 1—10, our only goal being scored by Parkinson.

In the second half the defence, in their former positions, settled down and held their men successfully, for no blame could

be attached to them for at least two of the goals. The Manchester defence, profiting by the former game, concentrated on Parkinson, and though he worked extremely hard he could make no headway. This meant that the other attacks had to work for themselves and they gave a poor display, having no thrust. Spooncer, at centre, gave himself no rest, and Cartwright held his man successfully. Jones made one or two good saves in the second half.

v. OLD MANCUNIAN "B."—Saturday, February 29th. Home. Lost 8—10.

Without the services of Yates and Jones the School had a hard game against a strong Old Mancunians' team. In the first half the defence played quite well, though at times they showed fault in not bodying a clever opponent. The attack did not work hard enough, though Parkinson and Brazier scored good goals. During the second half Spooncer had to retire for a few minutes, and, for a time, we were without Stanley, who received a nasty knock. Both sides worked hard, and, though we had most of the ball, our opponents gained a lead through blunders of the defence.

Clark played with confidence in goal, and Brazier showed that he could be a good attack.

SECOND XII.

The Second team has improved considerably this term. We began by losing our goalkeeper, but, after a period of experiment, found in G. D. Clark a capable successor.

The defence has been very sound, and has now learnt to cover. In this matter the wings, Dalton and Cartwright, have been particularly useful. We have no use for the close defence game, but the positional play is now good enough to allow the wings and third man to play well out, and yet to get back to help when necessary. One advantage of this open system is that

attacks are often not allowed to develop. The opposing wings are forced to try long passes, which are easily covered by the defence.

The attack has improved in handling and speed. In particular E. B. Williams is faster and more confident, and has become a dangerous home. Rowson is the best shot, and also gives some excellent passes. Preston works very hard, but his handling is still uncertain, and he is apt to pull shots and passes. Knight and Race or Barnes have completed a clever attack. Whitaker has been an excellent captain, and has been well supported by all the team.

Two matches have been lost this term, one against a University "B" team, sufficiently reinforced by first and "A" team men to give us our best game of the season, and one against Manchester Grammar School. On this occasion we were unfortunate in having to play five reserves, and an untried goalkeeper. All other matches have been won.

The following have played: P. Whitaker (captain), E. B. Williams, H. Cartwright, P. S. Preston, R. D. Rider, H. E. Dalton, B. Daley, P. B. Rowson, P. N. Knight, G. D. Clark, F. Clarke, W. V. Wadsworth, B. Race, R. Kirby, D. Barnes, W. T. Curtis, D. C. A. Bevis, A. Thorp, J. S. Battersby.

RESULTS.

1935.

Nov. 30.—v. Manchester G.S.A Drn. 4-4

Dec. 7.—v. Stockport Sec. S. 1st ...A Won 10-6

„ 29.—v. Cheadle Hulme School ...A Won 10-5

1936.

Feb. 8.—v. Manchester G.S.A Lost 3-11

„ 15.—v. Stockport Sec. S. 1st ...A Won 19-4

„ 19.—v. Stockport G.S. 1stA Won 10-5

„ 22.—v. Manchester G.S.H Won 7-4

Mar. 4.—v. Manchester Univer. "B" A Lost 7-9

„ 14.—v. Stockport Sec. S. 1stH Won 19-3

„ 18.—v. Stockport G.S. 1stH Won 17-4

UNDER 15.

This season has been remarkable for the number of good junior 'crosse players. Both teams have played really well

throughout the season, and there is every indication that the School will have an exceptionally good side in a year or two. Neither team has lost a match, although the first XII. had to fight hard to avert defeat in one of the games with Cheadle Hulme.

The first team has played corresponding teams from Manchester Grammar School (10—1, 8—4, 11—5, and 11—9); Cheadle Hulme School (12—4, 9—9, and 18—6); Stockport Secondary School (22—2 and 27—5); Stockport Grammar School (24—3); and Burnage High School (22—2).

The second team has defeated Manchester Grammar School Under 15 2nd four times, and Burnage High School once.

The first team has usually been chosen from: G. W. Battersby, R. Billington, J. Buckland, J. P. Colbeck, A. L. Dennis, S. Gill, G. Goddard, I. Gray, R. Joyce, R. Kenworthy, W. J. Mair, J. F. Weatherby (captain), A. Wrigley.

The following have played for the second team: G. M. Baron, G. E. Barritt, K. F. Blackshaw, W. Brown, J. T. Emery, G. G. Fisher, P. T. Flinn, K. Halstead, E. Hubbert, V. A. Inman, C. E. V. Llewellyn, A. H. C. Ratliff (captain), J. G. Storry, C. H. Swain, K. White, G. M. Williams, D. R. Wood.

Rugby, 1935-36.

The second half of the season has been a succession of cancelled matches, owing to the long spell of frost. Since the last notes were written only four First team matches have been played, and all were lost.

Several points are quite clear on games played during the season. We have not yet had a three-quarter line which can move down the field at full speed with the ball going across at the right time.

The second and third line of forwards still prevent the ball from coming cleanly out of the scrum.

It is hoped that eventually we may get a combination either from the House games or from the Under 15 team which will do what is necessary in these respects. The Under 15 side has already supplied some good material and promises more.

v. MANCHESTER "B."—Saturday, December 17th, 1935. Home. Lost 8—11.

We started well, and McKerrigan scored a try which Brazier converted. Manchester soon equalised, but failed with the kick. In the second half Manchester scored a try which was converted. Then they added a third try. We replied with a try by Parkinson, which was not converted.

The game was even and fast, and we improved greatly on our form against Sandbach. The backs ran and handled quite well and Yates played a very sound game. Our defeat was due to weak tackling, especially by the forwards.

v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY EXTRA "A."—Wednesday, December 11th, 1935. Home. Lost 6—22.

We started well, and Wadsworth scored a try after a forward rush. The University soon equalised. Then Kirby scored our second try, after which the University went ahead. Their tries were scored through weak tackling and the inability to fall on the ball cleanly. We played quite well, and the score does not do justice to the play. The forwards fought hard against a heavier pack, and Hutchinson was outstanding. The backs ran well, but developed a tendency to run across and so crowd the wings.

v. OLD HULMEIANS FIRST XV.—Saturday, January 11th, 1936. Away. Lost 3—45.

At first the teams seemed to be very evenly matched, but the Old Boys' forwards soon began to get more of the ball. They

were considerably heavier than the School forwards and were much more lively in the loose. We were defending most of the game, but, when the backs did get the ball, they were always a source of danger. The tackling was not strong enough to bring down heavier opponents.

Our only try was scored by Dennis.

Team: T. A. Yates, A. A. McKerrigan, W. V. Wadsworth, S. R. Blakeley, O. R. Dennis, W. A. Parkinson, R. H. Stanley, E. B. Williams, R. D. Rider, H. Cartwright, D. C. Hutchinson, R. Kirby, A. F. Brazier, A. Hesford, R. B. Spooncer.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, February 1st, 1936. Home. Lost 6—18.

Our opponents were much faster than us and scored several good tries. The fight was not so keen as in the previous match, and the tackling, though good, was not so effective.

The game was evenly contested though perhaps the other side had a little more of the play. The forwards played well, but the hooking was not good. Stanley gave good service from the scrum, and the backs ran well.

Our two tries were scored by Spooncer, who was playing at centre-threequarter in place of Blakeley. P. Whitaker played in the pack.

SECOND XV.

v. AN OLD HULMEIANS XV.—February 22nd. Home. Lost 0—33.

With the help of Mark, Plant, E. B. Jackson, and Ling from the first team, the Old Boys won easily. Twenty minutes of the second half in which there was no score was the only part of the game when the School held their own, eighteen points being scored in the last ten minutes. Meakin kicked six goals, the score being 15—0 at half-time.

v. RISHWORTH SCHOOL.—February 26th. Away. Won 8—3.

We had the advantage of a slope in the first half, but the wind and rain made handling difficult. They scored first through their centre, and the try was not converted. We gained the lead when Dalton took a difficult pass almost on the ground, and ran hard to score under the posts. Brazier converted. The game resolved itself into a forward scramble in the second half, but we scored again after a quick heel from a loose scrum on their line.

COLTS XV.

In the one match played this term the forwards were outplayed, and consequently did not give the halves and three-quarters a chance to show their attacking ability. Weatherby has been an inspiring captain and has been well supported by his halves, and Kenworthy in particular. Carnie has played magnificently; if the other forwards had given him more assistance we would not have been defeated. Burton has kicked goals with some ease.

Record: Played 6, won 3, lost 2, drawn 1, points for 194, points against 38.

Team: K. H. Joseph, W. J. Mair, J. F. Weatherby, R. Kenworthy, P. T. Flinn, G. Goddard, A. L. Dennis, I. A. Crompton, F. Nuttall, H. M. Burton, G. M. Williams, R. Joyce, H. Houghton, P. W. Carnie, W. Dixon.

House Games.

We have been extremely unfortunate this term, in that only four games were played in January and February. Frost, and later, rain, have been the cause of our cancelling games on what must be a record number of half-holidays.

The Rugby "knock-outs" were concluded as soon as the ground thawed sufficiently, and Dalton won the final, 26—0,

after beating Whitworth 11—8 in the semi-final. Almost on the next half-holiday the Lacrosse "knock-outs" were started, Fraser beating Gaskell by 20 goals to 2, and Dalton beating Byrom by 14 goals to 12.

FRASER 20—GASKELL 2.

In an uneven game Fraser beat Gaskell easily, although the first quarter of an hour was goalless; the half-time score was 6—1. After this, however, Fraser scored at will, fourteen goals being added. Scorers for Fraser were: Parkinson (7), Dennis (6), Preston (3), Curtis (2), and Nuttall (2). Kirby was the best Gaskell attack, and scored both their goals.

DALTON 14—BYROM 12.

This was a most surprisingly even game, as, of the first team, Dalton had Spooner, Hesford, and Jones, and Byrom had only Blakeley. The Dalton house team, also, is one of the strongest in the league, while that of Byrom is weak. It was only the energetic Byrom attack, however, which caused the close score, and the result was never really in doubt.

The House lacrosse championship this term has been very keenly contested, only six points separating the top four positions. Gaskell have led for the whole term, until Fraser went to the top on March 17th. The added strength of School teams on House lacrosse this term has improved the standard of play considerably. Whitworth have been particularly fortunate in having one first team, two second team, and two under-fifteen players regularly on their team. The positions with two more matches to play are:—

- (1) Fraser 50 pts., (2) Gaskell 48 pts.,
- (3) Whitworth 44 pts., (4) Dalton 40 pts.,
- (5) Byrom 30 pts., (6) Heywood 28 pts.

House colours for lacrosse have been awarded as follows:—

Byrom.—C. H. Swain, J. G. Storry.

Dalton.—G. Goddard, G. A. Weeks, E. S. Barker.

Fraser.—No awards have been made.

Gaskell.—J. Mason, V. A. Inman, J. E. Lister, K. F. Blackshaw, R. D. Edwards, R. P. Smith.

Heywood.—G. E. Barritt, D. H. Griffiths, H. R. Crichton, D. R. Arrandale, W. J. Mair, A. H. C. Ratliff.

"Under 14" colours: W. Brown.

Whitworth.—A. Wrigley, J. P. Colbeck, G. Saxon, J. B. Loebell, I. A. Crompton, R. Joyce. O. R. D.

Evening.

Four bare black poplars
Mournfully standing,
'Gainst the last gleams
Of the sun departing.

Spidery fingers
Held up in pleading,
To the chill gold
Of the pale winter sun.

And as I stood there,
Aimlessly musing;
Night in her arms
Enfolded everything.

R. P. S.

Beneath the Surface of the Earth.

On the afternoon of January 9th, just after three o'clock, a party of ten from the School arrived at Chanter's Colliery, which rears its pit-head gear half-way between Atherton and Tyldesley. Having been conducted to the manager's office, where we inspected a plan of the mine and our proposed route, we were each given a rubber-padded helmet and an electric lamp, and, thus equipped, we set out for the lift cages. There we were examined for matches and other combustibles, after which we somewhat reluctantly crowded into the cages. I say somewhat reluctantly because we had

received fearsome reports on the speed of the descent and the "unsettled" feeling produced thereby, but all our fears came to nought, and I for one had no sensations at all when going down at about 40 m.p.h., except that I seemed to be travelling upwards.

At the bottom of the shaft, which was 500 yards deep, we found ourselves in the main tunnel, or "brow" as it is called, which resembled a cellar, ten feet in height, eight feet in width, and stretching to infinity, with a curved roof, and lit by electricity. After walking about 100 yards, we climbed into trucks worked by a cable and winding gear, and travelled in these for three-quarters of a mile. We followed the path of what had once been a seam of coal, and, as all the seams in that particular colliery slope down from north to south, we were continually descending a slope of gradient about 1 in 8.

Coming to the end of our ride, we started to walk to the coal face, about one mile distant, and, as we were now crossing the seams at right angles, the ground was level. Nothing exciting happened throughout the earlier parts of the walk, but somehow the lamps seemed to grow heavier and heavier. The air was hot now, for we had passed the air-lock which shut us off from fresh air, and we were breathing returned air which had passed through all the workings. Thus conversation was not indulged in to any great extent, and the only sounds were the tramp of our feet on the rough stone floor, and the muffled grunts of wrath from the taller members of the party as they collided with the roof where it dipped, as it sometimes did. The helmets, however, served their purpose very well, and no one was hurt beyond a scratch or two.

Towards the end of our somewhat tiring walk, we had to halt and retreat a little distance, while a low part of the roof was blown down with a small charge of cordite. The miners do this for safety as they go

further away from the shaft. They remove the coal from the sides of the tunnel in which they are working, blow down the roof to make walking more comfortable, and then pack the rock from the roof into the sides to prevent subsidence there. Thus, until we reached the actual coal-face, we saw no coal at all.

After the rock had ceased to fall, we clambered over it and very soon saw a little way up a seam to the right the lamps of the men who were working at the coal face, the total depth of which beneath the surface is about 800 yards. The manager, who was acting as our guide, told us that in most mines nowadays, no coal is hewn by hand, the work being done by a machine driven by compressed air, which cuts a deep and narrow groove into the coal face. Thus the coal both above and below it can be easily loaded by the men on to a chute leading to the main tunnel, whence it is carried by band conveyor and truck railway to the shaft and then to the surface in the usual manner.

After watching the cutting machine in operation, being deafened by its shrill whine and blackened by the dust it threw out, we started to walk back to the truck railway. This time we had plenty of food for conversation, and talked eagerly during the whole of the journey. This helped to shorten our walk, and we soon arrived at the waiting line of trucks, to be rapidly pulled uphill to the shaft.

Arrived at the surface once more, we thankfully gulped in mouthfuls of fresh air and, tired but satisfied with an intensely interesting afternoon, we went into the canteen, had a much needed wash, donned those garments which we had been advised to discard on account of the heat in the mine, and attacked the tea which had been very kindly provided.

After this we were amazed to hear that we had just time to catch the seven o'clock bus back to Manchester, and we realized how thoroughly absorbed we had been in the wonders that exist beneath the surface of the earth.

W. T. C.

The Hulme Grammar School Games Account.

Statement of Accounts for the year ending December 31st, 1935.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Grant from Governors—						
Lent Term	109	16	0			
Midsummer Term...	110	2	0			
Michaelmas Term...	108	6	0			
				328	4	0
				£328	4	0

	£	s.	d.
By Balance due to Bank, 31st Dec., 1934	38	18	10
„ Materials for Games	46	3	3
„ Travelling Expenses of Teams ...	58	19	9
„ Groundsman's Wages	78	0	0
„ Repairs to Mowing Machines & Tools	37	13	8
„ Petrol, Oil, Lime and Paint ...	23	4	0
„ Printing Fixture Cards & Subscriptions	9	9	9
„ Teas to Visiting Teams	7	10	2
„ Stamps, Postages, and Telephone Calls	2	5	0
„ Honours Caps	1	12	9
„ Sports Expenses	1	2	5
„ Bank Commission and Cheque Book, less Interest	0	7	3
„ Balance in Bank, 31st Dec., 1935 ...	22	17	2
	£328	4	0

Audited and found correct, 26th January, 1936.
W. M. STONE, Chartered Accountant,
Manchester.

J. A. BARBER, Hon. Treasurer.