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School Notes and News.

The Rev. Harold Roberts, M.A., has been approved for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Cambridge.

Manchester University Degrees and Examinations:—

N. A. Alston has passed his final B.Sc. with First Class Honours in Physics and has been awarded the Samuel Bright Research Scholarship, value £35.

C. D. Campbell has gained the M.A. degree (Commerce, Administrative) and has been appointed Assistant Lecturer in Economics at Manchester University.

B.Sc. Ordinary: Final Examination, Division I., C. G. Eastwood.

B.Sc. Ordinary: Intermediate Examination, R. M. H. Garvie and J. E. Evans.

B.Sc. Tech. (Higher Course), Part I., G. Fowler has passed in Electrical Engineering.

M.Sc. Tech., P. D. Coppock.

Final M.B. and Ch.B., S. K. Appleton has passed in Forensic Medicine, Hygiene and Preventive Medicine, Obstetrics and Surgery.

B.A., with Honours in History at Leeds University, S. J. Forrest.

R. Walshaw, M.B., Ch.B., has been appointed Medical Officer of the East Lancashire Tuberculosis Colony, Barrowmore Hall, near Chester.

D. P. Wilson, B.Sc., has been given a post as Student Probationer on the staff of the Laboratory of the Marine Biological Association, Plymouth.

Neatly-framed pictures of John Byrom (1692-1763) and of Bishop Fraser (1818-1885) have been hung in the large Assembly Hall. These have been purchased by the boys of the two Houses, Byrom and Fraser.

First XI Cricket Caps have been awarded to G. Woodhouse, G. T. Mountain, S. N. Winson and P. Hodgkinson, and Second XI Caps to R. Astin, A. V. Williams, F. H. Marshall, C. A. Burnside, J. C. Ratcliffe and R. R. Farrell.

H. Lowther's reputation as a runner is not confined to the School, as he again won the Inter-School Invitation Race (880 yds.) at the Manchester Grammar School sports in the splendid time of 2 mins. $7\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

The gymnasium has now been fitted out with the necessary apparatus and is ready for use. Good progress is being made with the work of fitting up the new laboratories and the roof work on the extension to the hall has been commenced.

The final House games at the end of last term left Gaskell House winners of the House Football League with 94 points, and Byrom head of the Lacrosse League with 50 points.

Until about the middle of this term the average number of boys playing cricket on games afternoons was 182, but with the introduction of a third team to House League Cricket the average rose to 210.

Mr. James has edited a selection of essays from 18th Century writers.

At a meeting of the Governors of the School the following Scholarship awards were made:—

To an Elementary School Scholarship at Entrance: P. G. Griffiths, Oswald Road School, Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

To a Foundation Scholarship at Entrance: L. R. Halliday, Ashford Private School, Victoria Park.

To Free Places: H. E. Tunstall, Upper Lloyd Street Municipal; A. R. Mossman,

Manley Park Municipal; B. Shorter, Upper Lloyd Street Municipal; C. T. Howard, The Acacias Municipal; E. Green, Upper Lloyd Street Municipal; J. A. Cochrane, Oswald Road Municipal; A. Carmichael, Mansfield Street Municipal; O. J. Charnock, Upper Lloyd Street Municipal; S. Plant, Seymour Park Council School; T. A. Hewitt, Rusholme St. Agnes C. of E. School; R. Mark, Manley Park Municipal; T. A. Pearson, The Acacias Municipal; F. J. Hammond, Russel Scott Council School, Denton; P. Saunbury, Moseley Road Municipal; E. H. Loebell, The Acacias Municipal; A. J. Stevens, Rusholme St. Agnes C. of E. School; A. Scott, Upper Lloyd Street Municipal; H. H. Dawes, Manley Park Municipal.

The boys who took part in the Easter trip to Paris, organised by Mr. Powell, went in the charge of Mr. Gatley and Mr. James. The arrangements during their stay in Paris were on the lines of former years, and the weather being pleasant an enjoyable and instructive holiday was spent.

We would draw the attention of boys leaving School at the end of this term to the Annual General Meeting of the Old Hulmeians Association, which will be held in the School on Wednesday evening, September 14th. It is hoped they will make every effort to attend.

From the *London Gazette* of June 24th we see that N. A. Barber has been gazetted 2nd Lieutenant in the R.A.S.C. 42nd (East Lancs.) Divisional Train (Territorial Army).

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of *Ulula*, *The Savilian*, *Leigh Grammar School Magazine*, *The Willastonian*, *The Macclesfield Grammar School Magazine*, *The Buxtonian* and *The Frome County School Magazine*.

Michaelmas Term begins on Tuesday, September 13th, at 9 a.m.

The subscription to *The Hulmeian* for Old Hulmeians is 1/6 per annum, to be paid to Mr. Barber at the School.

BIRTHS.

JONES.—At Kuala Lumpur, F.M.S., on the 20th November, 1926, to Olive, wife of S. W. Jones, Malayan Civil Service, a daughter.

MASON.—On May 13th, at 45, Central Road, West Didsbury, to the wife of Chas. M. Mason, a son.

BENTLEY.—On June 27th to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bentley, 40, Clarendon Road, Whalley Range, a daughter.

PAYNE.—On July 4th, to Gertrude, wife of Harold Payne, 148, Braemar Road, Fallowfield, a son.

MARRIAGES.

SWINN - BROADHURST.—On the 4th May, at St. Clement's Church, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, by the Rev. J. H. T. Renshaw, M.A., Roy Campion, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Swinn, of Alexandra Park, to Winifred, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Broadhurst, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

PERRATON - LINGSTROM.—On the 3rd June, at St. Michael's, Wood Green, London, N., by the Rev. W. J. Dalby, M.A., Leslie H. Perraton to Marjorie A. Lingstrom.

DEATH.

POWELL.—On the 14th April, of acute bronchial pneumonia, Edith, the dearly beloved wife of Arthur Lawrence Powell, of 25, Parsonage Road, Heaton Moor.

Letter from Mr. Morley.

We publish here part of a letter received from Mr. Morley, who has been spending the

winter on the Continent. All connected with the School will be interested to hear from him.

"Letter writing is, at all times, irksome to me; and when travelling one seems to have fewer opportunities for writing than at home. It makes me the more glad that I sent you a post-card immediately I received your letter, to convey my thanks to the Old Boys for the honour they have done me. I do not think that anything can increase my devotion to the School and to them, but it is very pleasant to receive another mark of their regard.

"We had an excellent passage from Liverpool to Marseilles. The 'Lancashire' is a beautiful boat—newer and better-appointed than the 'Gloucestershire,' on which we sailed last year, good as that was. Sitting in the luxurious lounge it was difficult to realise that one was at sea. The only time that we felt a little movement was in the Gulf of Genoa the evening before we reached Marseilles. They told us that 'Lancashire' weather was proverbial—she had only had one really rough day; but I should not be surprised to hear that she has spoilt her record on this last homeward journey. Here the sea has been oftener rough than smooth.

"We spent five weeks at Nice, and thoroughly enjoyed them. The promenade is the most beautiful I have ever seen—quite as long as those at Blackpool or Brighton; in fact we never got to the end of it. There is a steep shingle beach; so the sea is always close up to the promenade, which is flanked on the other side by magnificent hotels and villas, with a row of palm trees between them and the road, on which is a ceaseless stream of motors.

"Life in Nice is very gay, and the amusements are not expensive. We could generally get a good stall at the Opera for 15 or 20 francs, and we went five or six times. There are two Casinos. At the one to which we went more frequently, a comic opera is always played in what one might call the nave. You

can either take a seat for it or sit, as we did, at a small table in the aisle and have some refreshment—the price of which, of course, includes the accommodation—and watch the dancing on the other side of you in the intervals of the opera. Or one may cross to the other aisle and play Boule at a franc a time, or more expensive games if one prefers them.

“I went two or three times to the races, and was much interested in the working of the Pari-Mutuel.

“On our way to Levanto we spent four days at Genoa, with which I was rather disappointed. I suppose that it has always been a great trading town rather than an art centre.

“We were six weeks at Levanto, where we were, of course, quite at home. But the weather this year was not nearly so good as last year—mostly cloudy skies and much rain. I think that what I enjoyed most were some excellent Italian lessons, and I only wish that I could have had more. However, I have made a good start and shall now be able to continue by myself until the opportunity offers for more lessons. The boys will be interested to know the French irregular verbs are child's play compared with the Italian.

“Towards the end of our time at Levanto we had an unexpected pleasure, of which you may have heard. Mr. Hewlett joined us for our last fortnight. We had some good walks together and a delightful excursion to Spezia and Lerici, for which we had a glorious day, so that we were able to enjoy to perfection the magnificent view of the Apennines. From Levanto we went to Viareggio, where we spent four days with some friends with whom we had passed much of our time at Nice. We liked Viareggio very much. It is more open and more bracing than Levanto, and we hope to go there again. Mr. Hewlett went on to Lucca, where we spent a delightful afternoon with him. Lucca contains many beautiful things, and it is a place to which we hope to return.

“We came here (Florence) last Saturday. So far the weather has been dull, though we have had no rain. This week we are devoting ourselves to the Churches, some of which we did not see very well last year. At the end of the week we shall take our ‘abbonamenti’ for the galleries, which will then last for the rest of our stay.

“Mr. Hewlett has gone to Rome. I had a letter from him yesterday, and he tells me that he has found comfortable quarters. He is coming to Florence towards the end of the month, and I think we shall probably go with him to Ravenna for two or three days on May 9. Thence he returns home, but we hope to go to Venice for a week or ten days. Then we intend to go to Switzerland till about the end of June, when we shall probably make our way homewards.”

Entertainments.

The last of the season's entertainments took place on Monday and Tuesday, April 11th and 12th, at 7-30 p.m., when a Sacred Concert was given in the large School Hall. Special interest attached to the event this year, as it was the first appearance in public of the band.

Programme: 1. Anthem for five voices (*William Byrd*, 1543-1623); 2. Symphony No. 5 in B flat major: Allegro, Andante con moto (*Schubert*, 1797-1828), The Orchestra; 3. Stabat Mater (*Pergolesi*, 1710-1736), The Choir. i. Chorus, Stabat mater dolorosa; ii. Solo, Cujus animam gementem, P. H. Taylor; iii. Duet, O quam tristis et afflicta; iv. Solo, Quae maerebat et dolebat, T. L. Brierley; v. Duet, Quis est homo qui non fletet; vi. Solo, Vidit suum dulcem natum; vii. Solo, Eia, mater, fons amoris, B. M. Brook; viii. Chorus, Fac ut ardeat cor meum; ix. Duet, Sancta Mater, istud agas; x. Solo, Fac ut portem Christi mortem, H. Lowther;

xi. Duet, *Inflammatu et accensus*; xii. Duet, *Quando corpus morietur*; xiii. Chorus, Amen. 4. Carol for Easter (David's Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1685) "This joyful Eastertide," The Choir; 5. Symphony No. 5 in B flat major: Menuetto, Trio, Allegro vivace (*Schubert*), The Orchestra; 6. Cantata, No. 28 (*J. S. Bach*, 1685-1750): Gottlob! nun geht das Jahr zu Ende, The Choir and Orchestra; i. Aria, "O praise the Lord for all His mercies," Trebles (semi-chorus); ii. Chorus, "My Soul, O praise the Lord thy God," The Choir; iii. Recitative, "The Lord thus saith," H. Lowther; iv. Recitative, "God is a fount whence goodness floweth," Mr. Adams; v. Duet, "The Father hath crowned the year," Trebles (semi-chorus) and Mr. Adams; vi. Choral, "Thy loving kindness praising," The Choir. 7. Easter Hymn (Old French tune) The Choir and the Band.

It is not certain when the new hall will be ready for use, but it is hoped we will be able to commence the Tuesday evening entertainments at the beginning of October as usual.

"When we were very Young."

The boys of the Preparatory Department gave a dramatised performance of some of A. Milne's charming poems for children on the afternoons of March 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th.

It was obvious that parents and boys thoroughly appreciated Christopher Robin's outlook on life. The songs and rhythmic exercises of the small boys were particularly pleasing. The children enjoyed every moment of the practices and performances, the collecting of properties and costumes, and the posing for photographs. Parents and friends came to the performances in good numbers, and helped in every way to make these afternoons successful and enjoyable.

The Athletic Sports.

Tuesday, April 12th, the day fixed for our Annual Athletic Sports, proved kind to us in the matter of weather, and when the proceedings commenced the conditions were good, though, perhaps, somewhat cold from the spectator's point of view. Whilst the temperature no doubt suited the competitors, there was a slight wind blowing across the school ground throughout the afternoon, which makes the excellent times recorded in some of the sprints all the more creditable. The preliminary stages of most of the events had been decided prior to Sports Day, but there still remained a long and interesting programme which was carried through without a hitch. The outstanding competitor was, of course, H. Lowther, who, with four firsts, a second and a third out of the six open events for which he entered, carried off the Gaskell Cup for the third year in succession, a performance which may stand unbeaten for a good many years. In addition, he broke the records for the 220 yards and 440 yards open, and when we remember that he won the mile and the high jump, was second in the 100 yards and third in the long jump, the all-round nature of his performance will be appreciated.

Mr. James was Clerk of the Course, whilst Mr. Wood was Treasurer. Mr. Barber acted as Starter.

The prizes were presented by Mrs. H. H. Vlies.

RESULTS:

The Henry Worrall Athletic Shield for the Champion House was won by Byrom House.

Gaskell Cup (open events).—H. Lowther.

Cardwell Cup (under 16).—W. B. Stansby and J. L. W. Jordan tied.

Donner Cup (under 15).—P. Hodgkinson.

China Cup (under 14).—R. R. Farrell.

Gibbons Cup (mile open).—H. Lowther.

OPEN EVENTS.

100 YARDS.—1, N. D. Cousins; 2, H. Lowther; 3, E. R. Andrew. Time, 12 secs.

220 YARDS.—1, H. Lowther; 2, N. D. Cousins; 3, J. G. Dent. Time, 25 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs. (record).

440 YARDS.—1, H. Lowther; 2, J. G. Dent; 3, N. D. Cousins. Time, 57 secs. (record).

ONE MILE.—1, H. Lowther; 2, J. G. Dent; 3, J. C. P. Besford. Time, 5 mins. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

HIGH JUMP.—1, H. Lowther; 2, A. J. Kendall; 3, J. G. Dent. 4 ft. 10 in.

LONG JUMP.—1, E. R. Andrew; 2, N. D. Cousins; 3, H. Lowther. 18 ft. 11 in. (record).

CLASSIFIED EVENTS.

100 YARDS (under 11).—1, G. R. Lamb, 2, A. J. Lowe; 3, W. Dickson. Time, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

100 YARDS (under 12).—1, R. A. M. House; 2, E. S. Frazer; 3, R. D. Sunderland. Time, 15 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

100 YARDS (under 13).—1, E. J. Flower; 2, F. Langford; 3, D. R. Kendall. Time, 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

100 YARDS (under 14).—1, R. R. Farrell, 2, G. C. Hadfield; 3, E. C. P. Butler. Time, 13 secs.

100 YARDS (under 15).—1, P. Hodgkinson; 2, H. Sambrook; 3, W. H. Dent. Time, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

100 YARDS (under 16).—1, W. B. Stansby; 2, J. Byrne; 3, F. H. Marshall. Time, 13 secs.

220 YARDS (under 14).—1, R. R. Farrell; 2, G. C. Hadfield; 3, E. C. P. Butler. Time, 28 secs.

220 YARDS (under 15).—1, P. Hodgkinson; 2, W. H. Dent; 3, H. Sambrook. Time, 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

220 YARDS (under 16).—1, W. B. Stansby; 2, J. Byrne; 3, J. L. W. Jordan. Time, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

440 YARDS (under 15).—1, P. Hodgkinson; 2, W. H. Dent; 3, W. S. Davies. Time, 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ secs.

440 YARDS (under 16).—1, J. L. W. Jordan; 2, W. B. Stansby; 3, F. H. Marshall. Time, 65 $\frac{3}{4}$ secs.

HIGH JUMP (under 14).—1, R. R. Farrell; 2, J. K. Sheppey; 3, E. C. P. Butler. 4 ft. 2 in.

HIGH JUMP (under 15).—1, W. S. Davies; 2, N. Stoddard; 3, P. Hodgkinson. 4 ft. 2 in.

HIGH JUMP (under 16).—1, H. Barratt; 2, J. Byrne; 3, J. L. W. Jordan. 4 ft. 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.

LONG JUMP (under 14).—1, R. R. Farrell; 2, E. C. P. Butler; 3, G. A. Cooke and R. C. Dyson tied. 14 ft. 3 in.

LONG JUMP (under 15).—1, P. Hodgkinson; 2, H. Sambrook; 3, W. S. Davies. 15 ft. 9 in.

LONG JUMP (under 16).—1, H. Barratt; 2, T. M. Jones; 3, J. L. W. Jordan. 15 ft. 6 in.

THROWING THE CRICKET BALL (under 16).—1,

F. H. Marshall; 2, R. Shevloff; 3, C. A. Burnside. 84 yds.

OLD HULMEIANS RACE.—1, D. R. Dickson; 2, E. L. Wilkes.

HOUSE EVENTS.

440 YARDS RELAY (Seniors).—Byrom House.

440 YARDS RELAY (Juniors).—Gaskell House.

LACROSSE PASSING.—Byrom House.

The School Song.

Reft of his son and his line stay'd for ever,
Gen'rous in sorrow our founder then prov'd;
Freely his all he entrusted that never
Men should be held from the learning they
lov'd.

Small tho' the seed, God hath granted
increasing;

Manifold now are the heirs to his name.
See down the ages the line never ceasing,
Firm in affection upholding his fame.

Sing we in chorus in praise of our founder,
In pious remembrance we honour his name;
Proudly unfurl and on high raise his banner,
Shout to the world that our trust is in Hulme.
Hulme! Hulme!

Shout that our trust is in Hulme.

Ours be to follow his noble ambition,
Hand to the future unspotted our shield.
Single of purpose to keep Hulme's tradition,
"Trust, but beware, to nought evil we
yield."

When down life's pathway Time's shadow
comes stealing,

And youth's early glamour before it departs,
Burn still within us, old memories kindling,
The fire of Hulme's faith, now aglow in
our hearts.

Sing we in chorus, in praise of our founder,
In pious remembrance we honour his name;
Proudly unfurl and on high raise his banner,
Shout to the world that our trust is in Hulme.
Hulme! Hulme!

Shout that our trust is in Hulme.

Cadet Notes.

The most important event connected with the Corps this term has been the successful formation of a band. Instruments were bought at Christmas out of proceeds of school concerts, and under the direction of the Head Master and Mr. Harry Mortimer, of the Hallé Orchestra, so much progress was made that for our Whitsuntide Camp the band was able to play us to and from Church each Sunday. The camp afforded a good opportunity for practice, and with the Head Master attending twice a day for this purpose the advancement was very marked. At present the band consists of 17 instruments, but it is hoped to purchase another one next term with a cheque for £5 kindly given to the O.C. by an Old Boy, Mr. H. Wolfendale, who met us on our annual trip up Lake Windermere on Whit Friday. We thank Mr. Wolfendale for his gift.

The camp this year, held on our usual site at Grange-over-Sands, was the biggest held since the Corps was formed. There were 92 cadets present, 20 more than our previous best. The weather was magnificent and the work done splendid. Captain R. H. Welch, D.S.O., of the King's Own Royal Regiment from Bowerham Barracks, Lancaster, who again inspected us, in his report states,

"I was very much impressed by the bearing and steadiness of the Cadets on parade as well as by their turnout.

"The Unit has reached a high standard in drill as well.

"The Cadet N.C.O.'s were extremely well turned out, moved about smartly and gave their orders clearly and well.

"I am satisfied that the Unit possesses the elements of discipline to a considerable degree.

"The organisation of the camp and its administration are of a very high standard indeed, and everything possible is done for the comfort and amusement of the Cadets.

"I was very much impressed by the keenness and efficiency shown both by the Cadet Officers and N.C.O.'s."

All this is due to the splendid spirit shown by the Cadets themselves, backed up by the very able work done by the Company Sergeant Major and the other Non-Commissioned Officers. No Cadet Corps could have had a more efficient lot of N.C.O.'s and no Corps could have had a more loyal lot of Cadets than attended this year's camp.

The following promotions have been made. To date from May 16th:—Corporal J. C. Jarvis to Sergeant and Acting C.Q.M.S.; Lance-Corporals J. G. Dent, A. V. Williams and F. P. Harris to be Corporals; to date from July 12th:—Lance-Corporal F. H. Puxty to be Corporal.

Second efficiency stripes have been awarded to Cadets G. C. Willis, J. C. P. Besford, L. L. Cooper, J. F. Caldwell, S. D. Cleworth, A. Jones, C. H. Jones, L. A. Walker, E. B. Richards, J. G. Rickards, F. H. Marshall, S. Locke and J. R. Cameron.

Efficiency stripes to Cadets E. G. Widdows, W. Allman, E. Kirkland, J. W. Aikman, J. E. Chatfield, A. W. Holden, F. W. Drummond, J. Mark (1), P. P. Francis, P. H. Taylor, N. Stoddard, G. Ellison, D. D. Y. K. Merer, H. Dick, L. S. Walsh, G. A. Norris, J. B. Holt, D. P. Burke, F. C. Harte, H. Barratt, S. Mettam, C. Wilkes, J. Midgley, N. G. Blackburn, C. G. E. Holehouse, R. Millner, A. R. Andrew, R. G. Gregory, A. Cartwright, R. M. Allen, C. A. Burnside, A. R. Merchant, R. F. S. Searle, W. R. Ault, C. W. F. Deakin and E. C. P. Butler.

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

Our Journey to see the Eclipse.

Turning out at one o'clock in the morning was not such an ordeal as I had expected. This may have been one of the effects of a camp training, but I am rather inclined to attribute it to the persistent clamour of the alarm clock; anyhow, whatever the reason, I got up quickly and was soon dressed. Downstairs, a light and the sound of crockery informed me of the presence of someone there. My surmise that a hot meal was being prepared was correct, and, fortified by this and much extra clothing, I stepped out at last into the still night.

The light from the glaring electric lamps which lined one side of the road caused the buildings near them to stand out in sharp relief; the few shadows in alleys and shop doorways were black and distinct. On the other side of the road this crudeness was softened, the light was more kindly, the shadows less black.

Far away an engine hooted, the sound breaking rudely in upon the "solemn stillness" of the night. Nearer by a startling succession of metallic crashes told of shunting operations. A footstep echoed along the deserted street, and the dark figure of a policeman emerged from an entry, switching off his torch as he did so. A humming of the wires told of the arrival of the tramcar which presently swung round a bend ablaze with lights. As it drew near familiar faces beamed down upon me, hands were waved and greetings were exchanged.

Town was soon reached, an unfamiliar town with strangely deserted streets. Here were road sweepers at work, here a man engaged in painting the ironwork of a tram shelter, and here a party of school-boys bound on the same adventure as ourselves. A few taxis were drawn up by the kerb, their drivers engaged in polishing the brasswork or reading early editions of the morning

newspapers (it was then but 2-30 a.m.) Above us the Town Hall clock loomed large and yellow like the moon which was to play such a large part in the drama of that morning.

The noise made by the mass of humanity which engulfed us on arrival at the station seemed all the greater by contrast with the quiet without. School caps and hats were the dominant note in headgear. Above the noise of the throng a raucous voice raised itself, "Excursion to Southport, platform No. 5." Thither we elbowed our way.

The platform was like a quiet backwater on a turbulent stream. The comparatively few people were either strolling along talking, or sitting in their respective compartments, which were numbered distinctly from one to forty. We had reached ours which bore on its window a large "thirty-eight," and were exchanging greetings with our gleeful next-door neighbours, when we discovered that a terrible mistake had been made, for whereas their carriage was first-class, ours, containing one of the heads of the expedition, was but third. However, it was too late to change the labels as the enemy was in occupation and the train was due to start.

The journey down proved entertaining and interesting; no one felt like sleep, and there was a steady flow of conversation. We tested our coloured films against the electric light, and then someone caused great amusement by reading a detailed account of the eclipse from a morning paper.

We had been travelling about ten minutes when the train drew up at a local station. The platform was thronged with school children dashing hither and thither looking for room. We were glad then of the notice on the window which debarred them from entering our compartment. The train stopped at several small stations *en route*, and at each the same scene was repeated.

The purple and red glare from the blast furnace of a large ironworks, illuminating the

scenery around, impressed us deeply and led to a discussion as to the nature of sunspots and other eruptions on the sun's surface.

As we approached our destination the day broke; not ostentatiously, for the sky was covered with a blanket of grey cloud through which the sun's rays could not penetrate, but as this was what we had been told to expect we were not disappointed. When someone, however, noticed a pink tinge on the cloud, and when, later, a reddish glow showed through a rift, expectations began to rise, and despite the fact that the break soon closed, hope stayed with us, for there was still that pink tinge directly above.

It was just about this time that we noticed the road running parallel to the railway. On it was an unbroken procession of vehicles—chars-a-banc, motors, cycles and motor cycles—all heading in one direction—Southport. Soon the sand dunes were sighted, each hillock with its complement of watchers.

At a quarter past five we drew into Ainsdale Beach station. The sun had reached the pink-tinted patch, had changed it to yellow, and was shining down a little palely and uncertainly as though in anticipation of its approaching ordeal.

Having won free from the crowds that surged round the barrier we walked the short distance to the beach and took up a favourable position on a dune. A glance at a watch informed us that the partial eclipse should have begun, and a look at the sun through the smoked films assured us that this was so. A small piece was missing from the top right hand corner. There was almost an hour to wait yet, so we took stock of our position. As far as we could see on either side each hillock was occupied. Down on the beach numberless motors were dashing about. The whole atmosphere was one of unrest and subdued excitement. Two scouts, bleary eyed and unshaven, wandered around, one of them looking absurd with a blanket

pinned round his throat. A party on a neighbouring dune lent colour to the scene by appearing in pyjamas and dressing gowns.

Simultaneous with a fall of temperature came a darkening of the sky. A good deal more than half the sun had been obscured before this became noticeable, but now the whole atmosphere became weighted with dark. One was reminded of the lull which precedes the storm.

At ten minutes past six we promptly turned our backs to the sun, according to instructions, so that our eyes should have recovered their full sensibility when the time of totality arrived. We were to watch for a black shadow sweeping at ninety miles a minute over the face of the sky. Utter silence reigned now. Little icy puffs of wind made rustling noises in the grass. The darkness became oppressive. One shut one's eyes for a few seconds and on opening them the scene was visibly blacker. One felt like shouting to relieve the tension. Waves of darkness seemed to pulse in regular sequence across the sky. Surely it could get no darker, surely we must be missing some of those twenty-three seconds. I swung round, just in time to see the dark moon surrounded by a narrow ring of light and at one side a dazzling spot like a great luminous jewel; another instant and it was gone, and in breathless silence we watched the narrow ring widen and become a halo of quivering ghostly radiance. One could sympathise with the woman who thought that the end of the world had come. For an age the pale glow shone, then with a suddenness akin to a pistol shot a flare of light shot out, dazzling in its intensity as a thousand arc lamps. Brighter and brighter it grew, till the whole earth was flooded with light. Then and not till then were tongues released. Amidst the excited murmur of a thousand throats the sun regained supremacy of the heavens and blazed down a brilliant crescent on those who had seen him through his ordeal.

The Library.

It is with the utmost pleasure that we record our gratitude to the following "benefactors" of the library:— To E. Barnes (O.H.) for the sum of one guinea for the purchase of scientific works; to M. W. Lymer for five volumes of Rivington's series, "Periods of European History"; and to the Classical and Modern Sixth (First Year) for the 12 volumes of Froude's History of England.

Work on the new catalogue is proceeding quietly, and some portion of it will be in use next term.

The list of forthcoming additions includes:

- Nicol* ... The Development of the Theatre.
 Cambridge History of Literature, Vol. 10.
Phelps ... The Romantic Movement.
Moultan ... The Literary Study of the Bible.
Grant ... The French Monarchy.
Innes ... England under the Tudors.
Waters ... Economic History of England.
Ferrero ... Greatness and Decline of Rome.
Dickhoff... History of the German Language.

As the library grows in usefulness and accessibility we trust that many more members of fifth and sixth forms will make use of its volumes, and to Old Hulmeians we commend the practice of "benefactions" to the School Library.

L.H.P.

Old Hulmeians Golf Section.

The Golf Section of the Old Boys' Association held their annual competition for the Bradbury and Vlies Cups over the links of the Chorlton Golf Club on Thursday, May 26th. The event was favoured with fine weather, and the course being in excellent condition there was some good golf, and competition for the top places was keen and interesting. In the late afternoon and evening some friendly foursomes were arranged amongst those who had finished the more serious golfing business of the day. After the completion of play a supper was held in the club-house at which Mr. Bradbury was present; a telegram was received from Mr. Vlies regretting his inability to attend. During the evening the cups were presented to the winners, H. R. Classen carrying off the Bradbury Cup with a net score of 66 (88—22), whilst J. Froggatt won the Vlies Cup with the best gross score of 76. A vote of thanks was passed to the Chorlton Golf Club for their kindness in granting the use of their links for the day. The arrangements were in the hands of Mr. J. A. Barber, Honorary Secretary of the Golf Section.

The following scores were handed in:—

H. R. Classen	88 — 22 = 66
J. Froggatt	76 — 9 = 67
H. Hinson	86 — 14 = 72
A. G. Blamey	80 — 7 = 73
T. W. Brittain.....	87 — 14 = 73
W. N. Caw	88 — 14 = 74
S. W. Saxelby.....	93 — 18 = 75
H. R. W. Anderson ...	94 — 18 = 76
J. R. Lingard	86 — 8 = 78
Trevor Dennis.....	92 — 14 = 78
F. Garner.....	84 — 5 = 79
K. T. Blamey	85 — 6 = 79
G. Barrett	98 — 19 = 79
S. R. Oddy	85 — 5 = 80

"Grumpy."

The performances of "Grumpy" on Thursday and Friday, April 7th and 8th, by the Old Hulmeians Dramatic Society would seem to have answered affirmatively the question as to whether or not they should give two performances in a season. If success in the presentation and the plaudits of the audiences be taken as tests, then the experiment was fully justified. The play was again given in the West Didsbury Public Hall, and good numbers were present each evening, but if people could be made to realise how easily accessible this place is, these numbers could be increased, and we are sure those attending would feel well rewarded for the little trouble involved in getting there. It is evident that the Society does not mean to move along in a groove in the matter of productions for between their previous play, "Loyalties," and their latest venture, there is a wide difference in kind. Of "Grumpy," a play in four acts by H. Hodges and T. Wigney Percival, it must at once be said that it has its obvious weaknesses. This threw a greater responsibility on those taking part, for, if the shortcomings of a play are to be hidden, a higher standard of achievement is demanded of the players, and the undoubted success of the performances by the Society is a tribute to the skill of the producer and the actors. The play opened quietly, but on the entry of Grumpy (W. A. Brierley) things began to happen, and from this point the piece ran merrily on to a conventional end in the downfall of the villain and the happiness of the hero. Mr. Brierley in his make-up and his acting showed a true appreciation of what was expected of him as a testy, fussy old man, who was all heart one moment and all fire the next. L. T. Malia as Ruddock, valet to Mr. Bullivant, was an interesting character who found life with the irascible Grumpy rather difficult, but he took his master's "buffets and rewards with equal thanks." His conception of the part was excellent, and he wore his

whiskers with dignity. It is not easy for one of A. K. Westbrook's physical proportions to play the part of the big, rough, hearty Britisher from the colonies, but that he succeeded so well in his role is a testimony to his acting. C. D. Campbell, as Jarvis, was a successful villain; by his suave manner and pleasing tones he almost induced the somewhat frivolous Virginia Bullivant (Miss L. M. Elderton) to be an unwitting accomplice in his escape. Miss Elderton made the most of a rather colourless part. Miss Holt (Susan), won instant favour and gave a very pleasing performance, whilst M. C. Forrest wrestled bravely with a Jewish accent and made a good Valantine Wolfe. Of the minor characters all played well and were valuable aids to the smooth running of an excellent production.

Producer: Mr. W. A. Brierley.

The Orchestra played before the commencement of the play and during the intervals.

Cast: Mr. Andrew Bullivant (W. A. Brierley), Mr. Ernest Heron (A. K. Westbrook), Ruddock (L. T. Malia), Mr. Jarvis (C. D. Campbell), Mr. Valantine Wolfe (M. C. Forrest), Dr. Maclaren (G. C. Warren), Keble (A. P. Ryder), Merridew (B. H. B. Bygrave), Dawson (N. W. Sunderland), Virginia Bullivant (Miss L. M. Elderton), Mrs. Maclaren (Miss J. Collinson), Susan (Miss W. Holt). Stage Manager: D. N. Beggs.

Orchestra.—Violins: P. M. Dale, A. H. Ginever, H. Sharples, R. Burrows, J. H. Levy; 'Cellos: E. Blackstock, D. M. Williams; Bass: F. M. Booth; Pianoforte: F. J. E. Cooke; Conductor: D. M. Brierley.

Old Hulmeians Musical and Dramatic Society.

(Affiliated with the British Drama League.)

The coming winter, the third season of the Society's existence, promises to be both busy

and interesting. Two dramatic performances are contemplated, and there will be a number of social events designed to keep our members together and introduce new ones.

On Thursday and Friday, November 3rd and 4th, the Society will produce two plays at the West Didsbury Public Hall. "Androcles and the Lion," a very amusing "fable" by Bernard Shaw, will be produced by Mr. Brierley, and will be preceded by Lady Gregory's well-known play, "The Rising of the Moon." This will be produced by Mr. Powell. It is hoped that Old Boys and friends will come in large numbers. We feel that the record of the Society justifies a promise of a good show, and deserves the full support of our friends. In this connection the Committee is prepared to issue "Season Tickets" at the following rates:— One ticket for each of the two performances (November 3—4 and March 30—31), 5/-; two or more tickets *pro rata*. Holders of Season Tickets will have one week's priority in booking, and their tickets will be sent to them. A large sale of these tickets will be a great encouragement to the Society, and will facilitate the work of the Committee. The play chosen for March 30th and 31st will be announced in the next issue of *The Hulmeian*. Old Boys interested in this section of the Association will be welcomed at Socials to be held at Parker's Rooms, Chorlton, on Friday, October 14th and Friday, February 24th, 1928. Names should be given to the Secretary. Meetings will be held for play reading on the first Thursday in each month, and other meetings of a social nature are to be arranged from time to time.

COMMITTEE: A. L. Powell (*Chairman*), R. L. Eastwood (*Treasurer*), D. Sherratt (*Secretary*), P. M. Dale (*Musical Director*), W. A. Brierley (*Stage Director*), D. M. Williams (*Social Secretary*), C. D. Campbell, N. C. Vlies (*Secretary, Play Reading Sub-Committee*), and G. C. Warren.

Cricket, 1927.

Won 6. Lost 3. Drawn 8.

School Matches: Won 3, Lost 2, Drawn 2.

The 1927 1st XI. must be regarded as a disappointing cricket team, and the chief reason for this is probably that they had so little cricket, and what they had, in nine cases out of ten, was played under deplorable conditions. A sodden ground, bad light and frequent interruptions for rain make it very difficult for even the keenest cricketer to improve.

Lowther has captained the team with tact, and they have worked together, but they seldom looked like a match-winning side. They seemed too timid to clump loose balls or to run when they did hit them; they did not force their opponents to bat well in order to make runs nor to bowl well in order to get wickets. They were not patient nor ruthless enough. No batsman has come on quite so well as was hoped, though all have made useful scores on occasion. Lowther has improved greatly as a bowler though he, and even more Widdows, would have done better in a fine season. Lowther, Jarvis, Widdows, Stansby and Brierley have done good work in the field, but the ground fielding of the new members of the team has been much below first team standard. At Old Trafford and Whalley Range as usual we did well, but we earned few laurels in other matches.

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

v. CHORLTON C.C.

April 27th. Away. Drawn. For an hour we gave a most hopeless exhibition of cricket, bowling chiefly full tosses and giving our opponents six lives in the field. During this time they scored 120 for 2. Then, however, we began to play cricket, and at 151 for 5 they declared, giving us an hour and three quarters to bat. Jarvis and Lowther put on 57 for the first wicket; but then, possibly

owing to bad light, things went wrong and we had lost six for 84 when rain stopped play.

Score:—

Chorlton C.C.

N. Bailey b Lowther	30
H. Hotchen c Woodhouse b Jarvis	61
T. Burrows not out	43
H. C. Gill c and b Widdows	9
J. H. Wright b Widdows	6
J. Crawford b Widdows	0
C. Lundy not out	0
Extras	2

Total (for 5)..... 151

E. Crawshaw, G. King, L. Mount and A. Butt did not bat.

The School.

H. Lowther c Lundy b Wright	9
J. C. Jarvis b King	38
G. T. Mountain b King	0
E. G. Widdows b King	1
R. Shevloff b King	1
P. Hodgkinson run out	3
R. W. Lymer not out	9
T. L. Brierley not out	8
Extras	15

Total (for 6)..... 84

W. B. Stansby, G. Woodhouse and S. N. Winson did not bat.

v. WHALLEY RANGE 2ND.

April 30th. Home. Drawn. Scoring was slow on a dead wicket, but the game was interesting and the issue was in doubt till the end. We made a good start against steady bowling, but then did badly and had six wickets down for 86; Hodgkinson and Stansby then put on 38 and we declared, leaving our opponents 110 minutes to get 124. They made a bad start but the 4th wicket put on 57.

Score:—

The School.

H. Lowther b Trafford	16
J. C. Jarvis c Chronnell b Trafford	30
G. T. Mountain b Trafford	6
E. G. Widdows c Trafford b Woollam	10
R. W. Lymer run out	0
T. L. Brierley st Barber b Woollam	13
P. Hodgkinson not out	13
W. B. Stansby not	27
Extras	9

Total (for 6)..... 124

G. Woodhouse, S. N. Winson and R. Shevloff did not bat.

Whalley Range.

F. Furnival c Brierley b Widdows	2
J. R. Palmer c Mountain b Lowther	2
E. Barnes lbw b Widdows	2
S. Kiernan b Lowther	40
A. Leggatt run out	32
S. E. Woollam b Widdows	1
P. V. Skaife run out	0
A. S. Trafford run out	2
Extras	5

Total (for 8)..... 86

G. Chronnell, N. A. Barber and A. S. Bell did not bat.

v. CHEADLE ROYAL.

May 11th. Away. Lost by 80 runs. We made a good start, and if our bowlers had kept the ball off the leg side we might have got them out for a small score. As it was, out of their score of 161 well over 100 must have been due to loose leg balls.

We had an hour and three quarters to bat, and failed by two or three minutes to play out time. Some promise was shown, but few signs of a decisive forward stroke. Score:—

Cheadle Royal.

Dr. Rowbottom c Widdows b Shevloff	74
A. Sanderson c Stansby b Widdows	10
S. Brown b Widdows	1
F. E. Archer c Widdows b Shevloff	9
H. Boak c Lymer b Shevloff	0
Captain Griffiths c Winson b Widdows	29
N. Hampton b Marshall	4
Dr. Newman b Shevloff	11
J. A. Dorsett not out	3
Dr. Brothwood c Marshall b Jarvis	6
Dr. Magill c and b Jarvis	0
Extras	14

Total..... 161

The School.

J. C. Jarvis c Griffiths b Boak	2
T. L. Brierley b Archer	14
G. T. Mountain c and b Boak	5
E. G. Widdows b Boak	7
R. Shevloff b Boak	6
P. Hodgkinson c and b Sanderson	8
G. Woodhouse b Archer	25
W. B. Stansby b Sanderson	0
R. W. Lymer c Hampton b Archer	9
S. N. Winson not out	4
F. H. Marshall c Sanderson b Archer	1

Total..... 81

v. HULME HALL.

May 14th. Home. Drawn. A slight rain fell continuously the whole afternoon. As usual, we made our opponents a present of loose balls to the extent of 50 runs or so before we settled down; we then did well except for some missed catches, but lost the grip again towards the end of their innings, which totalled 142 in as many minutes. We had only 95 minutes to bat, and just failed to reach their score. Score:—

Hulme Hall.

M. Heap b Widdows	0
C. Mitton run out	28
I. L. Middlebrough b Widdows	9
D. Plinston c Woodhouse b Widdows	19
W. H. Jones b Jarvis	14
J. R. Banfield c Woodhouse b Shevloff	14
J. Chadwick c Lowther b Jarvis	13
W. H. Hodgson c and b Shevloff	1
R. Law c Widdows b Shevloff	5
J. L. Bilborrow not out	8
H. Brown b Lowther	19
Extras.....	12
Total.....	142

The School.

H. Lowther c and b Brown	23
J. C. Jarvis b Chadwick	9
T. L. Brierley not out.....	39
G. T. Mountain run out.....	38
E. G. Widdows run out.....	1
Extras.....	8
Total (for 4).....	118

W. B. Stansby, R. W. Lymer, R. Shevloff, P. Hodgkinson, G. Woodhouse and S. N. Winson did not bat.

v. ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE.

May 18th. Home. Drawn. The day was fine but the wicket soft, and as only 3 hours were available for play a draw seemed a foregone conclusion. However, after a wretchedly indecisive innings in which we made 107 in 95 minutes we very nearly got our opponents out, as they had 8 wickets down for ten runs at the end of an hour. The last wicket, however, played out time. Our bowling was steadier. Score:—

The School.

J. C. Jarvis run out.....	1
H. Lowther c Kelly b Friesner.....	35
T. L. Brierley c Connolly b Friesner	18
E. G. Widdows b Friesner.....	4
G. T. Mountain b Friesner	6
W. B. Stansby c Friesner b Connolly.....	17
R. Shevloff lbw b Connolly	1
R. W. Lymer b Connolly	0
P. Hodgkinson not out	6
G. Woodhouse lbw b Connolly.....	3
S. N. Winson b Steeples.....	16
Total.....	107

St. Bede's College.

J. M. Doherty run out	2
E. Banks b Lowther	2
F. Steeples c Lymer b Lowther	0
J. Waldron b Lowther	0
H. Friesner b Lowther	0
W. J. Merrick lbw b Widdows.....	1
G. Prescott b Lowther	0
B. Lyons not out	2
J. Connolly b Lowther	0
J. W. Ackary not out	4
S. Kelly lbw b Widdows.....	8
Extras.....	4
Total (for 9)	23

v. WILLASTON SCHOOL.

May 21st. Away. Won by 49 runs. On a slow difficult wicket we made a poor start, Lowther and Jarvis getting themselves out to loose balls; altogether we lost 3 wickets to full tosses. Lymer did something to redeem the situation by resolute running and we just reached 100. They did as well as we had done till the last 3 wickets, which collapsed.

Score:—

The School.

H. Lowther c Barker b Vaughan.....	0
J. C. Jarvis c Dolphin b Vaughan	4
T. L. Brierley c and b Biggs.....	37
E. G. Widdows c Worthington b Vaughan..	2
G. T. Mountain c Wynn-Jones b Biggs	2
W. B. Stansby b Biggs	9
R. Shevloff c Dolphin b Biggs	3
R. W. Lymer not out	15
P. Hodgkinson b Biggs	6
G. Woodhouse c Vaughan b Barker	17
S. N. Winson c Worthington b Vaughan ...	4
Extras.....	8
Total	107

Willaston School.

R. K. Codina b Lowther	2
J. A. S. Biggs run out	16
H. Hall c and b Lowther	22
R. B. Wade run out	5
H. Barker c Stansby b Lowther	1
L. G. Worthington c and b Lowther	9
W. O. Jones b Shevloff	1
W. Wynn-Jones c Jarvis b Lowther	1
A. C. T. Vaughan lbw b Shevloff	0
C. H. Dolphin b Lowther	1
C. G. Wright not out	0
Extras.....	0
Total.....	58

v. WHALLEY RANGE C.C.

May 25th. Away. Won by 49 runs. Against a good side on a good wicket the team showed the first signs of playing good cricket this season. Though we missed some catches our attack was quite good, and we did well to reach 150 for 8 against such a strong bowling side. Everything went well for us during the afternoon. Score:—

The School.

H. Lowther b Thornton.....	1
J. C. Jarvis b Horrocks	65
T. L. Brierley c Horrocks b Brooks	5
E. G. Widdows b Thornton	10
G. T. Mountain c Pilkington b Classen	2
W. B. Stansby c Classen b Horrocks	29
R. Shevloff c and b Horrocks	15
R. W. Lymer b Thomson	2
P. Hodgkinson not out	3
G. Woodhouse not out	0
Extras.....	19
Total (for 9).....	151

S. N. Winson did not bat.

Whalley Range C.C.

H. R. Classen run out.....	3
F. Howard run out	0
A. Horrocks c Shevloff b Widdows.....	5
H. L. Palmer c Widdows b Lowther	3
H. B. Brooks c Woodhouse b Widdows.....	22
A. Pitt b Widdows	2
A. D. Thomson not out	30
G. Chronnell b Lowther.....	0
S. Pilkington b Shevloff	3
S. R. Banks st Lymer b Shevloff.....	24
W. H. Thornton c Woodhouse b Jarvis.....	1
Extras.....	9
Total.....	102

v. LEVENSHULME "A."

May 28th. Home. Won by 8 wickets. On a true fast wicket they made 72 in 140 minutes, leaving us exactly two hours. We made the runs without difficulty, Lowther being only 7 short of a century when time was called. Score:—

Levenshulme A.

G. Brady c Mountain b Lowther	1
J. Purse c Winson b Lowther	20
J. M. Ashcroft c Mountain b Widdows	3
S. Lowndes b Lowther	1
F. Coupe b Lowther	0
C. Hasleham not out	24
R. Brady b Lowther	0
S. Openshaw c Stansby b Mountain	15
R. Urquhart c Brierley b Mountain	3
L. Kershaw c Jarvis b Mountain	0
T. M. Tillotson, c Stansby b Mountain	0
Extras.....	5
Total.....	72

The School.

J. C. Jarvis b G. Brady	29
H. Lowther not out.....	93
T. L. Brierley lbw b G. Brady.....	3
E. G. Widdows c Purse b Ashcroft.....	37
G. T. Mountain not out.....	11
Extras.....	7
Total (for 3)	180

W. B. Stansby, R. Shevloff, R. W. Lymer, P. Hodgkinson, G. Woodhouse and S. N. Winson did not bat.

KING EDWARD VII. SCHOOL, SHEFFIELD.

June 18th. Home. Won by 8 wickets. Our bowling was steady but their first pair were together for nearly an hour before a wicket fell; after that they did badly and scored only 92 in two and a quarter hours. We lost four wickets for 48, but then Stansby and Mountain put on 56 and we made another long stand for the 8th wicket and finally made 206 in two hours and a half. Our ground fielding was scandalous. Score:—

Sheffield.

C. R. Wall c Winson b Jarvis	40
A. R. Metham b Lowther	16
J. L. Robinson c Widdows b Lowther.....	4
J. C. Revill c Mountain b Widdows	0
J. E. Wood c Woodhouse b Widdows.....	0
J. H. Baldwin b Lowther	6
N. L. Cottham b Jarvis	5
A. H. Surtees st Lymer b Jarvis	8
G. S. Thackeray c Lymer b Jarvis	3
J. M. Ridyard st Lymer b Jarvis	0
C. C. Phillips not out.....	3
Extras.....	7
Total.....	92

The School.

H. Lowther b Revill	0
J. C. Jarvis c Revill b Cottam	25
T. L. Brierley b Cottam	13
E. G. Widdows b Revill.....	0
G. T. Mountain lbw b Surtees	24
W. B. Stansby not out	86
R. Shevloff b Baldwin	2
R. W. Lymer c Phillips b Richard	3
G. Woodhouse b Baldwin	1
P. Hodgkinson run out	10
S. N. Winson not out	8
Extras.....	34
Total (for 9).....	206

v. BOLTON SCHOOL.

June 18th. Away. Drawn. As we did not start much before 3 o'clock and were playing till only 6-30 there was little chance from the start of any result but a draw, and rain further curtailed play to about 2½ hours. But during that time we did our very best to lose the match; finding a near boundary on the leg side we bowled chiefly long hops to leg, and they finally reached 100 for 6. With under an hour to play on a dead wicket with bad light we had no chance of getting the runs, but managed to lose three wickets and tried very hard to lose two more. Score:—

Bolton School.

W. G. Morris b Widdows	6
W. Mather b Widdows	3
C. Critchley c Lymer b Widdows	16
A. T. Crompton b Widdows	15
W. J. Pilton not out	21
H. J. Ainsworth lbw b Shevloff	1
R. M. Greenhalgh b Lowther	22
H. S. Duffin not out	9
Extras.....	7
Total (for 6 dec.)	100

W. H. Williams, L. Tootell and W. C. S. Smith did not bat.

The School.

J. C. Jarvis c Morris b Williams	15
H. Lowther b Williams	1
T. L. Brierley run out	1
E. G. Widdows not out	3
G. T. Mountain not out	2
Extras.....	6
Total (for 3)	28

W. B. Stansby, R. Shevloff, R. W. Lymer, G. Woodhouse, P. Hodgkinson and S. N. Winson did not bat.

v. CRAVEN GENTLEMEN.

June 22nd. Home. Won by 8 wickets. Our bowling was only moderately accurate, and at least 100 runs must have been scored on the leg side. Our ground fielding was quite the worst we have ever been guilty of. Our opponents declared at 147 for 8, giving us an hour and fifty minutes to bat, but we made the runs in an hour and a half, Jarvis playing a sound innings marked rather by keenness of sight than perfection of stroke play.

Score:—

Craven Gentlemen.

A. D. Thomson lbw b Shevloff.....	40
F. Furnival b Lowther	1
T. Dennis c Shevloff b Lowther	10
J. R. Richardson c Mountain b Shevloff ..	12
J. Bustard c Woodhouse b Lowther	42
F. Mattar b Shevloff	1
E. C. S. Watson c Stansby b Shevloff	1
J. D. Hargreaves run out	18
A. H. Pogson not out	13
R. Banks not out.....	5
Extras.....	4
Total (for 8)	147

F. Howard did not bat.

The School.

H. Lowther st Furnival b Bustard	20
J. C. Jarvis not out	109
T. L. Brierley c and b Hargreaves	18
E. G. Widdows not out	5
Extras.....	14

Total (for 2) 166

G. T. Mountain, W. B. Stansby, R. Shevloff, R. W. Lymer, G. Woodhouse, P. Hodgkinson and S. N. Winson did not bat.

v. OLD HULMEIANS.

June 29th. Home. Drawn. An interesting game on a slow wicket ended in an even draw. We made our runs in 140 minutes and gave them exactly two hours; they made half the runs in an hour but the pace then fell off. Towards the end they made a rush for the runs and nearly got them. Our bowling seemed tired after the early morning eclipse excursion. Score:—

The School.

H. Lowther b Trafford	74
J. C. Jarvis b Campbell	23
T. L. Brierley c Barnes b G. Classen	10
E. G. Widdows b G. Classen	9
G. T. Mountain c G. Classen b H. R. Classen	2
W. B. Stansby c Campbell b Trafford	12
G. Woodhouse not out	15
Extras.....	13

Total (for 6) 158

R. Shevloff, R. W. Lymer, S. N. Winson and E. B. Richards did not bat.

Old Hulmeians.

E. Barnes c Mountain b Widdow.....	5
A. G. Campbell c Mountain b Lowther	62
A. S. Trafford run out	39
G. Classen run out	3
H. R. Classen c Winson b Lowther.....	26
S. R. Banks not out.....	4
S. Shevloff c Widdows b Lowther	0
D. A. Neill not out	8
Extras.....	6

Total (for 6)..... 153

D. Sherratt and R. L. Eastwood did not bat.

v. MANCHESTER C.C.

July 1st. At Old Trafford. Drawn. Lowther and Jarvis put on 70 for the first wicket, playing all the bowling with confidence on a dead pitch, and we finally reached the respectable total of 158 in as many minutes. They began slowly, but increased the pace towards the end. Our attack was not more than moderate. Score:—

The School.

H. Lowther c Parkin b Metcalfe	38
J. C. Jarvis b Urmston	41
T. L. Brierley b Pickstock.....	15
E. G. Widdows b Metcalfe	4
G. T. Mountain c Williams b Metcalfe	1
W. B. Stansby b Metcalfe.....	11
R. Shevloff b Pickstock	0
R. W. Lymer b Metcalfe	10
G. Woodhouse c Pickstock b Metcalfe	13
P. Hodgkinson run out	6
S. N. Winson not out.....	3
Extras.....	16

Total..... 158

Manchester C.C.

P. Urmston c Woodhouse b Lowther.....	63
J. B. Jones not out	33
Horridge b Widdows	0
Metcalfe not out	4
Extras.....	12

Total (for 2) 112

J. Greenwood, Pickstock, Dr. Milliard, Elliot, Parkin, B. S. O. Gorman and C. H. Williams did not bat.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

July 2nd. Home. Lost by 3 runs. On a very slow wicket our bowling lacked sting, and, as has often happened, most of our opponents' runs came from leg balls, but we got them out cheaply for 71. Jarvis got himself out but Lowther raised the score to 50 for 3; then we went to pieces—two batsmen being beaten by length balls and the other five getting themselves out. Being in a tight corner we refused to touch full tosses to leg and balls that bounced three times, and we only ran when there seemed a chance of running a man out. Score:—

Macclesfield.

J. A. Thompson c Richards b Lowther.....	1
L. J. Leech b Lowther	8
J. L. Warburton c Widdows b Lowther.....	0
S. J. Hammond c Shevloff b Lowther	29
J. Eaton c Richards b Stansby	3
J. H. Long c Winson b Lowther	1
W. R. Heywood b Lowther	3
H. Heywood b Stansby	1
J. Hancell not out	1
R. Potts b Stansby	2
F. Ridgway c Widdows b Shevloff	14
Extras.....	6

Total..... 71

The School.

H. Lowther c Heywood b Warbuton	35
J. C. Jarvis b Thompson	2
T. L. Brierley lbw b Thompson	2
E. G. Widdows b Heywood	5
W. B. Stansby c Potts b Heywood, W. R... ..	4
R. Shevloff c Eaton b Thompson	7
R. W. Lymer b Thompson	8
G. Woodhouse c Thompson b Heywood, W. R.	0
P. Hodgkinson run out	2
S. N. Winson b Thompson	0
E. B. Richards not out	0
Extras.....	3

Total..... 68

v. WILLASTON SCHOOL.

July 9th. Home. Won by 93 runs. The wicket was sodden and a good deal of light rain fell during the first half of the match. As usual all our batsmen, except Lowther, got themselves out to loose balls, and four wickets were down for 30. Then Stansby and Mountain pulled the game round, and we declared at 130, made in about as many minutes, leaving them an hour and three quarters. We got them out 10 minutes from time. The slow scoring was due chiefly to interruptions for sawdust. Score:—

The School.

J. C. Jarvis c Wright b Vaughan.....	7
H. Lowther c Hall b Vaughan.....	0
T. L. Brierley c Briggs b Vaughan	9
W. B. Stansby c Worthington b Wade	23
E. G. Widdows run out	0
G. T. Mountain not out	50
R. Shevloff b Barker	11
G. Woodhouse not out	5
Extras.....	25

Total (for 6)..... 130

P. Hodgkinson, S. N. Winson and E. B. Richards did not bat.

Willaston School.

B. Wade c Brierley b Lowther.....	1
S. G. Worthington b Lowther ..	20
J. A. S. Briggs c Stansby b Lowther	0
R. F. K. Codina b Lowther	4
J. Hall c Brierley b Lowther.....	2
W. D. Jones b Lowther	2
R. V. Walker c Stansby b Lowther.....	2
H. B. Barker c and b Widdows	1
A. C. T. Vaughan b Widdows	0
C. G. Wright c Jarvis b Shevloff.....	2
D. L. Lishman not out	0
Extras.....	3

Total..... 37

v. CHEADLE ROYAL.

July 13th. Away. Drawn. We got one wicket at once, but they put on 75 for the second, of which about 70 were scored on the leg side. Until our bowlers can keep the ball away from the leg we shall only win by accident. We got the last wickets cheaply, and then proceeded to give the usual exhibition of stopping the good balls and getting out to the bad ones—a wretched exhibition.

Score:—

The School.

J. C. Jarvis run out.....	0
H. Lowther c Book b Whitaker	11
T. L. Brierley c Winson b Brown	8
W. B. Stansby c Book b Whitaker	5
E. G. Widdows hit wicket b Brown	2
G. T. Mountain c Suggett b Winson	2
R. Shevloff b Brown	0
R. W. Lymer b Winson.....	6
G. Woodhouse not out	14
P. Hodgkinson not out	2
Extras.....	13

Total (for 8)..... 63

Cheadle Royal.

S. Brown c Lymer	3
F. Whitaker b Stansby	26
J. B. Winson c Hodgkinson b Stansby	53
H. Book c Mountain b Shevloff	2
Captain Griffiths absent	0
W. G. Baisley b Shevloff	1
Dr. Hewitson c Winson b Stansby	6
Dr. Newman c Shevloff b Stansby	23
F. Suggett b Stansby	12
J. A. Dorsett not out	1
S. Reeves run out.....	3
Extras.....	5
Total.....	135

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

July 16th. Away. Lost by 5 wickets. Jarvis hit across a straight ball, the next three men were beaten by good balls and four wickets were down for 20 and the match lost in the first half hour. Six wickets were down for 41, but then Mountain and Winson doubled the score for the next wicket, though they were very timid in running and in dealing with a loose ball.

Going in against a score of 87 they lost 3 wickets, and ought to have lost two more if we had accepted two simple chances, for 10 runs. Five were down for 59, but the next pair raised the score to 100. Our opponents were very active in the field; we did not distinguish ourselves, though our bowling contained perhaps fewer loose balls than has been usual lately. Score:—

The School.

H. Lowther c J. L. Johnson b Bromley Davenport	19
J. C. Jarvis b Bromley Davenport	4
T. L. Brierley b Bromley Davenport	3
W. B. Stansby b Bromley Davenport.....	0
E. G. Widdows b Riley	0
G. T. Mountain c Atherton b Bromley Davenport	36
R. Shevloff c Toft b Bromley Davenport ...	0
R. W. Lymer c Riley b Renshaw	4
G. Woodhouse c Atherton b Renshaw	1
S. N. Winson b W. G. Johnson	18
P. Hodgkinson not out	0
Extras.....	2
Total.....	87

Manchester Grammar School.

W. G. Johnson run out	5
G. Ranft run out	0
K. F. Rooke c Lymer b Lowther.....	2
E. Bromley Davenport c Stansby b Shevloff	21
A. Atherton b Shevloff	28
C. Drinkwater b Shevloff	10
J. L. Johnson run out	15
H. Toft hit wicket b Stansby.....	11
J. L. Pickles not out	7
A. E. Renshaw c Hodgkinson b Stansby ...	19
F. Riley not out	1
Extras.....	10
Total (for 9).....	139

SECOND ELEVEN.

The team this season has been inconsistent. Very weak play against some teams has been followed by sound play against stronger opposition.

In batting we have relied mainly on Astin, who has been a very steady opening bat. Of the others, Marshall, Ratcliffe, Burnside, Allman, Moran and Gunn have batted well at times, and the last few wickets have occasionally done some effective if unorthodox hitting.

Farrell has been our best bowler, and Ratcliffe, Burnside, Marshall and Williams have bowled well at times. The fielding has varied considerably. Only Marshall, Moran and Farrell can be considered safe, and at least one match has been lost by thoroughly bad work.

v. WAREHOUSEMEN AND CLERKS' SCHOOL. 7th May. Away. Lost. School: Astin, 16; Marshall, 5; Burnside, 0; Moran, 3; Gunn, 0; Williams, 2; Cooper, 13; Farrell, 0; Ratcliffe, 10; Willis, 3 not out; Davies, 0.

Extras, 1. Total, 53. Warehousemen and Clerks, 61 for 8.

v. UNIVERSITY STAFF. 11th May. Home. Won. School: Astin, 26; Burnside, 5; Moran, 7; Gunn, 10; Williams, 0; Cooper, 13; Farrell, 0; Ratcliffe, 4; Willis, 0; Davies, 9 not out; Allman, 5. Extras, 18. Total, 97. University Staff, 72.

v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL. 14th May. Away. Won. School: Astin, 14; Marshall, 0; Burnside, 14; Moran, 0; Gunn, 0; Williams, 5; Cooper, 0; Farrell, 4; Ratcliffe, 0; Willis, 2; Allman, 5 not out. Extras, 1. Total, 45. Warrington G.S., 43.

v. ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE. 18th May. Away. Lost. School: Astin, 5; Ratcliffe, 7; Marshall, 1; Burnside, 1; Allman, 5; Gunn, 5 not out; Cooper, 3; Moran, 0; Williams, 0; Willis, 1; Farrell, 0. Extras, 5. Total, 33. St. Bede's, 67.

v. BOLTON SCHOOL. 21st May. Away. Won. School: Astin, 19; Ratcliffe, 13; Marshall, 15; Burnside, 19; Allman, 3; Gunn, 4; Cooper, 8; Moran, 1; Williams, 0; Willis, 1; Farrell, 1 not out. Total, 84. Bolton School, 80.

v. ALTRINCHAM COUNTY SCHOOL 1st XI. 25th May. Home. Won. School: Astin, 21; Ratcliffe, 1; Burnside, 1; Allman, 2; Gunn, 28; Cooper, 0; Moran, 18; Stoddard, 5; Williams, 5; Willis, 12; Farrell, 15 not out. Extras, 5. Total, 113. Altrincham, 107.

v. STRETTFORD SECONDARY SCHOOL 1st XI. 28th May. Home. Lost. School: Astin, 16; Ratcliffe, 3; Marshall, 33; Burnside, 8; Gunn, 2; Allman, 0; Willis, 1 not out; Farrell, 13. Extras, 11. Total, 103. Stretford, 104.

v. BOLTON SCHOOL. 18th June. Home. Drawn. Bolton, 97. School: Astin, 26 not out; Ratcliffe, 5; Marshall, 1; Burnside, 5; Allman, 10 not out. Extras, 4. Total for 3 wickets, 51. Rain stopped play.

v. BAINES'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL. 22nd June. Away. Lost. School: Astin, 12; Ratcliffe, 3; Marshall, 1; Burnside, 1; Allman, 9; Gunn, 11; Cooper, 2; Moran, 8 not out; Williams, 1; Willis, 2; Farrell, 4. Extras, 2. Total, 56. Baines's G.S., 127.

v. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL. 2nd July. Home. Won. School: Astin, 76; Ratcliffe, 11; Marshall, 0; Burnside, 14; Gunn, 4; Allman, 28; Moran, 3; Cooper, 8; Williams, 32 not out; Willis, 4; Farrell, 5. Extras, 14. Total, 199. Macclesfield G.S., 92.

v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XI.—9th July. Home. Lost. School: Astin, 1; Ratcliffe, 0; Burnside, 24; Gunn, 6; Allman, 6; Moran, 0; Cooper, 2; Williams, 20; Willis, 9; Stoddard, 1; Farrell, 4 not out. Extras, 3. Total, 76. Warrington, 78 for 8.

v. BAINES'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1st XI.—13th July. Home. Lost. School: Astin, 2; Richards, 0; Marshall, 9; Burnside, 1; Gunn, 8; Allman, 3; Ratcliffe, 0; Moran, 1; Williams, 0; Cooper, 0; Farrell, 0. Extras, 4. Total, 28. Baines's G.S., 52 for 6.

The team has been:—A. V. Williams (Captain), F. H. Marshall, J. C. Ratcliffe, R. Astin, C. A. Burnside, R. R. Farrell, W. Allman, L. Gunn, J. P. Moran, L. L. Cooper, G. C. Willis.

The following have also played:—W. S. Davies, N. Stoddard.

THIRD ELEVEN.

The Third Eleven so far has not been successful. Out of five matches, one has been drawn. The bowling has been good, and the fielding excellent except in the first match, but the batting has lacked energy for the most part. The wickets have certainly been bad, but the fault has been that the batsmen have not cured themselves of "feeling for the ball."

 UNDER 14 ELEVEN.

This year's team shows slightly more promise than last year's XI., but the standard is not high enough. None of last season's players was good enough to get a place on the 1st XI. and the position will be the same at the beginning of next season. It seems to be increasingly difficult to find boys of 11 who show aptitude, and the village cricket style of the House games does not make matters any easier. In addition to the difficulty in getting a boy to hold his bat properly, it seems almost impossible to persuade him to keep his right foot still while his left goes for the ball. The fielding, too, has not been very good.

Some improvement has been shown, however, and at the time of writing it is just possible that the last few matches will alter the position.

The team has been:—Ballinger, B. C. K., Coard, P. T., Cooke, G. A., Derbyshire, F. W., Hilton, K., Lindley, E., Maddocks, A. B., Mark, J., Meehan, T. S., Mason, E. B., Sweeney, J. H.; while Butler, E. C. P., Hadfield, G. C., and Worswick, E., have also played.

Matches played 10, Won 4, Lost 6, Drawn 0.

v. SWINTON SCHOOLS.—11th May. Home. Lost. The School, 29 (Lindley, 10; Derbyshire, 11). Swinton Schools, 86.

v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—14th May. Away. Won. Warrington, 12 (Butler stumped four and caught three). The School, 62 (Butler, 10; Meehan, 10; Hilton, 16).

v. ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE.—18th May. Won. The School, 135 (Derbyshire, 25; Butler, 32; Sweeney, 14). St. Bede's, 24 (Derbyshire took 7 wickets for 5 runs).

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL.—21st May. Away. Lost. Bolton, 68. The School, 58 (Butler, 17; Hadfield, 12).

v. ALTRINCHAM COUNTY SCHOOL.—25th May. Away. Lost. The School, 29. Altrincham, 64.

v. SOUTH MANCHESTER SCHOOL.—28th May. Home. Won. South Manchester, 71. The School, 87 (Butler, 16; Hadfield, 10; Ballinger not out 8).

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL.—18th June. Home. Lost. Bolton, 119. The School, 30.

v. SWINTON SCHOOLS.—22nd June. Away. Won. The School, 48 (Lindley, 12). Swinton, 37.

v. CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOOL.—27th June. Home. Lost. The School, 34. Choir School, 59 for 9 (Sweeney, 6 for 18).

v. SOUTH MANCHESTER SCHOOL.—2nd July. Away. Lost. South Manchester, 89. The School, 28.

v. MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL COLTS XI.—9th July. Away. Lost. Merchant Taylors, 92. School, 38.

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RECEIPTS.				EXPENSES.			
			£ s. d.				£ s. d.
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" Rosettes	1 13 0	" Rosettes...	2 10 0
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				" Materials	1 8 7
				" Engraving Cups	0 7 0
				" General Expenses	0 10 11
				Balance	1 17 0
			<u>£28 12 0</u>				<u>£28 12 0</u>
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