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School Notes and News.

The School joins the nation in wishing Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II a long, happy and successful reign. As Coronation Day occurred within the School's pre-arranged Whitsun holiday, two days were added to the end of the holiday in honour of the occasion.

At the end of this term Mr. Gatley retires from the post of Senior Master and from full-time teaching. Sir William Coates is also retiring from the position of School Medical Officer. Mr. Martin has been appointed Headmaster of Ranelagh School, Bracknell, near Reading, and Mr. Slater is taking up another appointment at Bolton School. We offer them all our hearty thanks for the great services they have rendered the School and our best wishes for their future happiness. Further details of those services follow these notes.

We welcome to the School Dr. G. D. West, M.A. (St. Edmund Hall, Oxford), Ph.D. (London), who has filled the vacancy in the Modern Language staff.

Congratulations to D. R. Hankey, the Senior Prefect, on heading the list of Open Scholars at Oriel College, Oxford, with an award in Classics.

The Stage Staff's production last term of Christopher Fry's "The Boy with a Cart" was repeated at the Library Theatre on Saturday, June 27th, as part of Manchester Coronation Schools' Drama Festival.

A panoramic photograph of the whole school and staff was taken on Saturday, June 6th.

The Preparatory Department wishes to thank Mr. Ogden for providing the prizes for their 1953 sports and Mr. Palmer for the loan, for an indefinite period, of a film strip projector and screen.

Calendar for Michaelmas Term:—

Michaelmas Term will begin on Tuesday, September 8th, at nine o'clock.

Mid-term holiday will be on October 30th, 31st and November 2nd.

The Christmas Holidays will begin on Thursday, December 17th, at noon.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt this term of the *Savilian*, *Standian* and the *Wallaseyan*.

Mr. A. O. Gatley, M.A.

Mr. A. O. Gatley was first appointed to the School staff to teach Geography as long ago as September, 1916. He was placed in charge of the subject some eight years afterwards and was appointed Senior Master in September, 1932. He has now expressed a wish to retire from that post and from full-time teaching. We are glad to know that he is still to be with us on a part-time basis.

Mr. Gatley has always been renowned for his encyclopedic knowledge of his subject and the skill and efficiency with which he has imparted it. His teaching has consistently borne remarkably successful results. Many former members of VB will remember with gratitude the effective manner in which he handled the Form. Since the introduction of the Express Forms, Mr. Gatley has been Form Master of IV Y.

Earlier generations of Hulmeians will readily testify to the superbly efficient manner in which Mr. Gatley acted as Quartermaster to the Harvest Camps at Wooller in the 1914-18 War and at Humphrey Head in World War II. Between the wars Mr. Gatley regularly attended the Corps camps at Grange-over-Sands in the same capacity.

In earlier years Mr. Gatley helped in the running of the School Lacrosse, in which he has always taken a keen interest; but has he not always taken a keen interest in every aspect of School life? Whitworth House, over which he has so long presided, has been one of the most successful of the School houses.

On one occasion, in an emergency caused by the sudden death of the wife of the organiser, Mr. Gatley, at short notice, conducted a party of boys from School to Paris.

At no time, however, have Mr. Gatley's services been more valuable than they were when the evacuation to Hutton broke down at the beginning of World War II. Mr. Gatley was requested to return

to Manchester to re-open the School to save it from the threatened complete disintegration. The immense service he then rendered should not be forgotten. Mr. Gatley also accomplished a difficult task triumphantly, when he took temporary charge of the School after the breakdown in health of the late Headmaster.

During his long career Mr. Gatley has rarely been absent, but never late whatever the weather, whatever the circumstances, although he has always lived as far away from School as Stockport. The story that he sets his alarm clock at five a.m., pops his head out of the window to ascertain the weather and then, if it is a foggy morning, sets out to walk to School is a pure fabrication; but it is nevertheless an unconscious tribute to his devotion to the School he has served so well.

We trust that his acceptance of a lighter timetable will mean that we have many years to enjoy the benefit of his ripe experience, his tactful counsel and, not least, his genial humour and his ready wit.

Mr. D. G. R. Martin, M.A.

Mr. Martin joined us when he came down from Jesus College, Cambridge in September, 1935. It was his first appointment, but he rapidly asserted himself as an extremely efficient and painstaking teacher of Mathematics. His all-round ability at sport, especially in athletics, was a welcome asset to the School.

Soon after the war broke out he was commissioned, first in the Army and then in the Air Force, and served overseas, particularly in Burma.

Shortly after his return to the School at the end of the war he was appointed to take charge of the School mathematics. During his direction remarkable results have been achieved in that subject. Four years ago he took over responsibility for the organisation of House Games, into which he introduced several fresh and successful ideas. He also very effectively produced, for presentation at School, three full-length plays, "The Admirable Crichton", "Richard of Bordeaux", and "Treasure Island", as well as many one-act plays. He even acted on the stage himself on a memorable occasion. Of recent years he has been Housemaster of Gaskell House.

We wish him every happiness in his new and responsible post, of his success in which we are assured.

Sir William Coates, K.C.B., F.R.C.S.

Sir William Coates has been the School Medical Officer since April, 1914. How many thousand boys he must have examined since that date! How many hundreds must be indebted to him for the prompt detection of incipient physical defects requiring prompt attention! Sir William's services to the School have not been confined to his medical capacity. He has taken a lively interest in the fortunes of the School and we remember particularly the dignified manner in which he has read the lessons in the annual Carol Service.

Athletic Sports.

The School Athletic Sports Meeting was held at the beginning of this term on Monday, April 20th at 2.45. The weather was fine for the occasion, but somewhat chilly for the spectators. Thanks to the exceptionally fine Spring more intensive training was possible than is usually the case. The result was that a generally higher standard of achievement was attained. Thirty-two standards were gained, many more than last year.

The Hundred Yards record set up by W. A. Holden in 1915—10 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs., and equalled by A. Ccdson in 1949, was broken by R. K. Davies with a time of 10 $\frac{7}{10}$ secs. The 4 x 440 yds. Relay Race record set up by Gaskell House in 1950, with a time of 3 min. 58 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs., was this year broken by Dalton House with a time of 3 mins. 52 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs. Loud-speaker equipment kindly loaned by Mr. B. J. Townsend, a more effective rope control of the spectators and their own self-control added much to the enjoyment of the proceedings. Mr. Renny as usual, was indefatigable in his preparations and arrangements for the event. The results are as follow:—

HIGH JUMP.—Under 14 (4 ft. 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.): 1, N. V. Barber (W); 2, E. R. Birch (W); 3, G. W. Francis (F); 4, A. Rutherford (D); 5, J. W. Fearon (W); 6, D. A. Price (D). Under 13 (4 ft. 0 ins.): 1, R. G. Harrison (D); 2, G. P. Mainwaring (B); 3, G. W. Stubbs (W); 4, G. Thorp (D); 5, J. M. A. Thompson (G); 6, J. P. Bloomer (G). Under 15 (4ft. 6ins.): 1, A. M. Fish (W); 2, M. Lord (G); 3, F. A. Gabbott (F); 4, T. J. Bush (G); 5, W. C. Beaumont (F); 6, C. H. F. Turner (F). Under 16 (4 ft. 8 ins.): 1, M. A. Royle (D); 2, N. R. Watson (F); 3, B. H. Blakeley (D); 4, N. D. Sedgely (D); 5, R. E. Budenburg (D); 6, I. M. Stewart (G). Open (5 ft. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.):

1, G. Shaw (F); 2, G. F. Rushworth (F); 3, J. N. Clark (G); 4, G. F. Small (W); 5, A. Beckett (D); 6, P. Marlton (D).

880 YARDS.—Open (2 mins. 15.7 secs.): 1, D. L. Sparrow (F); 2, C. F. Bryans (D); 3, D. A. Rees (D); 4, J. N. Hopwood (F); 5, J. S. MacFarlane (G); 6, K. S. Watkinson (F).

LONG JUMP.—Under 14 (15ft. 3 ins.): 1, N. V. Barber (W); 2, A. F. Pitty (B); 3, I. M. Ross (W); 4, J. W. Fearon (W); 5, I. W. Rodger (W); 6, T. W. Woodward (H). Under 13 (13 ft. 6 ins.): 1, A. Gresty (B); 2, R. G. Harrison (D); 3, D. Hallard (F); 4, D. B. Heap (D); 5, J. Peats (W); 6, G. P. Mainwaring (B). Under 15 (15 ft. 7 ins.): 1, T. L. Venables (B); 2, M. Lord (G); 3, M. J. Yerbury (W); 4, J. Davies (G); 5, P. A. Gabbott (F); 6, J. W. Howat (B).

PUTTING THE 12 lbs. SHOT.—Open (31 ft. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ins.): 1, D. Newey (G); 2, G. Shaw (F); 3, J. N. Clark (G); 4, M. Credland (B); 5, A. Shields (D); 6, G. T. Skelding (W).

LONG JUMP.—Under 16 (14 ft. 10 ins.): 1, C. Gee (B) and A. W. Day (H); 3, W. G. Scarlett (B) and K. V. Cooper (W); 5, E. A. Royle (F); 6, A. E. Backhouse (W).

THROWING THE JAVELIN.—Under 16 (90 ft. 2 ins.): 1, R. A. Dearden (D); 2, P. J. Richards (G); 3, I. H. Munro (B); 4, M. A. Royle (D).

LONG JUMP.—Open (18 ft. 9 ins.): 1, R. K. Davies (D); 2, D. Wilde (W); 3, G. F. Rushworth (F); 4, D. S. Norbury (D); 5, K. Harding (B); 6, J. K. Robertson (F).

100 YARDS.—Open: 1, R. K. Davies (D), 10.9/10 secs.; 2, K. Harding (B), 10.7/10 secs.; 3, G. F. Rushworth (F); 4, D. Newey (G); 5, F. Martin (B); 6, D. Wilde (W). Under 16 (11.8/10 secs.): 1, P. J. Richards (G); 2, J. Davies (F); 3, E. A. Royle (F); 4, A. E. Backhouse (W); 5, D. N. Cox (G). Under 15 (12.2/10 secs.): 1, F. P. Haslam (D); 2, M. J. Yerbury (W); 3, R. E. Williams (G); 4, C. G. Silcock (D); 5, A. M. Fish (W). Under 14 (12.7/10 secs.): 1, I. M. Ross (W); 2, D. A. Price (D); 3, A. F. Pitty (B); 4, R. J. Wood (H); 5, I. W. Rodger (W); 6, G. W. Francis (W). Under 13 (14 secs.): 1, N. M. Parr (F); 2, B. Weinhold (G); 3, D. B. Heap (D); 4, R. K. Dykes (G); 5, C. G. Anderson (G); 6, W. D. Yale (H).

THROWING THE JAVELIN.—Open (127 ft. 4 ins.): 1, J. M. Selman (H); 2, R. K. Gibson (D); 3, A. R. Bailey (W); 4, P. T. Welch (H); 5, M. S. Blackburn (W); 6, G. Shaw (F).

ONE MILE.—Open (5 mins. 8 secs.): 1, C. F. Bryans (D); 2, D. L. Sparrow (F); 3, D. A. Rees (D); 4, K. L. Kilbey (G); 5, B. MacNab (W); 6, B. B. Smith (B).

220 YARDS.—Open (25.4/10 secs.): 1, K. Harding (B); 2, P. Marlton (D); 3, R. K. Gibson (D); 4, D. S. Norbury (D); 5, F. Martin (B). Under 16 (28.2/10 secs.): 1, E. A. Royle (F); 2, J. Davis (F); 3, M. S. Blackburn (W); 4, E. G. Wilcock (D). Under 15 (28.6/10 secs.): 1, J. D. E. Rayman (D); 2, M. J. Yerbury (W); F. P. Haslam (D); 4, J. D. Hague (B). Under 14 (29.7/10 secs.): 1, I. M. Ross (W); 2, N. V. Barber (W); 3, G. S. Phillips (H); 4, M. L. Lockey (D); 5, A. F. Pitty (B); 6, R. G. Monk (H). Under 13 30.4/10 secs.): 1, R. G. Harrison (D); 2, T. V. Batley (F); 3, B. Weinhold (G); 4, G. Slater (H); 5, D. R. Perry (H); 6, V. H. Lucas (D).

PUTTING THE 8 lbs. SHOT.—Under 16 (37 ft. 9 ins.): 1, P. J. Richards (G); 2, R. A. Dearden (D); 3, J. G. Taylor (F); 4, M. Williams (W); 5, G. E. Ramsdale (W); 6, A. W. Day (H).

120 YARDS HURDLES.—Open (18.3/10 secs.): 1, A. Shields (D); 2, J. K. Robertson (F); 3, M. Insole (F); 4, Denton (D).

440 YARDS.—Under 16 (65.9/10 secs.): 1, K. J. Hinson (D); 2, D. G. Woodcock (F); 3, J. Davis (F); 4, D. R. Axon (F); 5, A. Medcalfe (F).

120 YARDS.—Under 16 (20.5/10 secs.): 1, J. V. Sheppard (W); 2, B. H. Blakeley (D); 3, W. D. Maughan (H).

85 YARDS HURDLES.—Under 15 (13.6/10 secs.): 1, T. W. Warnes (G); 2, F. P. Haslam (D); 3, A. M. Fish (W); 4, D. S. Armstrong (H).

440 YARDS.—Open (58.6/10 secs.): 1, P. Marlton (D); 2, R. K. Davies (D); 3, D. S. Norbury (D); 4, A. H. Wilcock (D); 5, B. A. Craven (B).

HOUSE RELAY RACE.—4 x 440 Yards Under 16 (5 mins. 11.4/5 secs.): 1, Whitworth. 4 x 440 Yds. Open (3 mins. 52.8/10 secs.): 1, Dalton; 2, Fraser; 3, Heywood; 4, Whitworth. 4 x 110 Yds. Under 14 (59.8/10 secs.): 1, Whitworth; 2, Byrom; 3, Heywood. 4 x 110 Yds. Under 13 (62.5/10 secs.): 1, Dalton; 2, Gaskell; 3, Fraser; 4, Heywood. 4 x 110 Yds. Under 15 (55.5/10 secs.): 1, Byrom; 2, Dalton; 3, Whitworth; 4, Fraser. 4 x 110 Yds. Open (52 secs.): 1, Byrom; 2, Fraser; 3, Dalton; 4, Whitworth. 4 x 110 Yds. Under 16 (54.7/10 secs.): 1, Gaskell; 2, Dalton; 3, Whitworth; 4, Fraser.

The Henry Worrall Athletic Shield.—Dalton.

The Gaskell Challenge Cup.—Open events: R. K. Davies.

The Cardwell Cup.—Under 16 events: P. J. Richards.

The Donner Cup.—Under 15 events: F. P. Haslam.

The China Cup.—Under 14 events: N. V. Barber. The competitor with the greatest number of points—Under 13: R. G. Harrison.

Captain of Athletics for 1953.—R. K. Davies.

Totals of House Points as follows:—

Byrom 104; Dalton 260; Fraser 163; Gaskell 108; Heywood 55½; Whitworth 167½.

The following team represented the School at the Northern Schools Athletics Meeting at the Manchester Athletic Club's grounds on Saturday, 23rd May:—R. K. Davies, D. L. Sparrow, D. S. Norbury, K. Harding, D. Wilde, A. Shields, P. Marlton who won his heat, and C. F. Bryans who entered the final in the 880 Yards.

Cross-Country Running

Towards the end of the Lent term, a new and gruelling sport was added to the list of School activities. I refer, of course, to cross-country running. Although near the end of the season, there was still one major event to be contested, that of the Northern Schools Cross-Country Championship, and accordingly a School team was entered. The team was trained under the enthusiastic and capable guidance of Mr. Renny and Mr. Pentelow, and in due course was deposited at Wythenshawe, where the race was to be held, outwardly glowing with health and confidence, but inwardly feeling sick and ill at ease.

There was some confusion at the start, as, when the gun went, most of the competitors having failed to notice the warning flag were idly chatting with one another. When we—that is to say the six members of the team—recovered from the shock, we found ourselves about a quarter of a mile from the start, in the midst of a sweating, panting mob. Something like chaos ensued when a narrow stile loomed up ahead and everyone tried to get through at once, but it was finally negotiated by dint of a little subtle elbow-work. Then away we went across football pitches and a stream, and in what seemed an incredibly short space of time we had completed the first lap of two miles. I do not know how the rest of the team felt, but at this juncture I personally was beginning to ask myself what right I had amongst this race of supermen who sped past me from time to time. However, we somehow staggered round the second lap, and eventually drooped past the finishing post in a somewhat dishevelled and exhausted state, but with the consolation that we had not only gained valuable experience but that we had also completed the course.

The 1954 Northern Schools Cross-Country Championship is to be held at Heaton Park on Saturday, 20th March, and my advice to prospective competitors is to start training early.

P. T. WELCH.

The Preparatory School Sports

In view of the frequency of wet days this June the Preparatory School must consider themselves fortunate that only one postponement of their sports was necessary and that the weather remained fine, if somewhat dull and humid, on the day eventually selected, Tuesday, 23rd June. However, it takes more than uncongenial weather to damp the spirit of these youngsters and a very enjoyable afternoon's programme was carried through. The variety and novelty of the events and the efficiency of the organisation reflected great credit on the Preparatory School Staff. The prizes were given by Mr. Ogden and presented by Mrs. Archer.

The results were as follows:—

Chariot Race.—11 Years: 1, D. W. Robinson and C. Cooper; 2, M. Kerr and R. A. Sumner; 3, I. M. Lawless and I. H. K. Flinter. 10 Years: 1, D. W. Ogden and M. P. L. Halls; 2, D. G. Moore and J. G. Boaler; 3, J. R. L. Lee and J. S. Roberts. 9 Years: 1, R. Widdows and I. A. Pitts; 2, J. C. Cocker and D. W. Parkinson; 3, C. Lomas and J. R. Davies. 8 Years: 1, P. Miller and D. Graham; 2, N. Craven and P. Kenneth; 3, E. Roberts and N. Paton.

Kangaroo Race.—7 and Under: 1, J. Ballinger; 2, P. A. Merriman; 3, G. Roberts.

Flat Race.—11 Years: 1, I. M. Lawless; 2, D. W. Robinson; 3, C. Cooper. 10 Years: 1, M. P. L. Halls; 2, D. W. Ogden; 3, D. Moore. 9 Years: 1, I. A. Pitts; 2, C. Dearden; 3, R. Widdows. 8 Years: 1, D. Graham; 2, R. Bishop; 3, T. Manning. 7 and Under: 1, P. A. Merriman; 2, J. Ballinger; 3, J. H. Woodhead and I. M. P. Crewe.

Slow Bicycle Race.—11 Years: 1, D. Robinson; 2, A. Rodgers; 3, I. M. Lawless. 10 Years: 1, J. C. Wright; 2, H. J. C. Whitehead; 3, J. S. Roberts. 9 Years: 1, D. Roberts; 2, C. Cooke; 3, C. Lomas. 8 Years: 1, C. Templar; 2, E. Roberts; 3, P. Kenneth.

Brick Race.—7 and Under: 1, P. A. Merriman; 2, J. H. Woodhead; 3, G. Roberts.

Throwing the Ball.—11 Years: 1, G. Maddock, 44 ft. 5 ins.; 2, I. M. Lawless; 3, R. A. Sumner. 10 Years: 1, M. P. L. Halls, 36 ft. 4 ins.; 2, D. Moore; 3, A. H. Williamson. 9 Years: 1, I. A. Pitts, 36 ft. 7 ins.; 2, C. Cooke; 3, B. Kershaw. 8 Years: 1, R. Bishop, 28 ft. 5 ins.; 2, E. Roberts; 3, D. Smart.

Flower Pot Race.—11 Years: 1, E. C. Glass; 2, P. V. Astbury; 3, I. M. Case. 10 Years: 1, A. H. Williamson; 2, P. P. Constantine; 3, D. W. Ogden. 9 Years: 1, A. Gribble; 2, D. W. Parkinson; 3, C. Dearden. 8 Years: 1, D. Smart; 2, D. Stone; 3, M. Arthur.

Washing Day Race.—7 and Under: 1, P. A. Merriman; 2, R. E. K. Loughran; 3, J. Ballinger and J. H. Woodhead.

Obstacle Race.—11 Years: 1, I. M. Lawless; 2, C. Cooper; 3, I. M. Case. 10 Years: 1, M. P. L. Halls; 2, H. Dixon; 3, D. W. Ogden. 9 Years: 1, I. A. Pitts; 2, D. Roberts; 3, C. Lomas. 8 Years: 1, E. Roberts; 2, J. Dixon; 3, K. Lawless.

Visitors' Race.—1, Martin Denison; 2, Doreen Williamson; 3, David Assar.

Parents' Race.—Rev. and Mrs. N. Maddock.

House Team Race.—1, Kipling; 2, Stevenson; 3, Kingsley.

High Jump.—11 Years: 1, M. Kerr, 4 ft. 0 ins.; 2, D. S. Bowl. 10 Years: 1, D. Moore, 3 ft. 10 ins.; 2, M. P. L. Halls. 9 Years: 1, C. Cooke, 3 ft. 11 ins.; 2, C. Lomas. 8 Years: 1, E. Roberts, 3 ft. 4 ins.; 2, D. Graham.

Twelves Challenge Cup.—10 Years and Over: 1, M. P. L. Halls (14 points).

Davies Cup.—Under 10 Years: 1, I. A. Pitts (12 points).

House Shield.—1, Kipling (84 points); 2, Stevenson (57 points).

The Debating and Literary Society

The last two meetings of a successful season were a discussion on March 16th and a play reading on May 19th.

The discussion was led by Mr. Barnett, who talked on the wide subject of "Modern Art". He described the origins of art and outlined the advances made in the technique of painting, to show that "modern art" had not suddenly come into being, but had gradually evolved. Mr. Barnett also considered the necessary requirements of an artist, his skill, his love of his materials, and, above all, his "aesthetic vision", illustrating his

talk with representations of both painting and sculpture. The topical competition on the theme of "The Unknown Political Prisoner" provoked lively discussion.

The play-reading was a joint one and was held by invitation of the girls of Whalley Range High School. They had chosen for the reading Shaw's "Arms and the Man". Readers from our Society were G. T. Denton, J. D. S. Harrop, B. R. Heap, A. J. Royle and G. S. Wood.

Before the reading began an excellent tea was provided by the girls. The standard of their reading was extremely high and they made the evening a great success.

R. G. BOWDEN.

Music Society

Owing to the School and G.C.E. Examinations, we have not been able to hold many meetings since the last number of the magazine went to Press. Those meetings that have been held, however, have been extremely interesting.

On the 21st March Mr. Faulkner gave a very interesting illustrated talk on "The Concerto". The speaker traced the development of the Concerto from its earliest forms to those that we hear at a modern concert. It is interesting to note that until eighty or a hundred years ago, the soloist was allowed to extemporise to the extent of his own ingenuity and ability during the cadenza. A large and attentive audience heard illustrations from some Tschaikowsky and Beethoven Piano Concertos, and one or two extracts from some "Double" Concertos.

Mr. Foyster gave another illustrated talk on March 28th on "The Origins of Jazz". The course of jazz through the years was traced, and the various exponents of it were illustrated by records. An unusual and very interesting meeting was attended by a large audience.

W. A. Baker gave a programme entitled "Music by French Composers" on April 18th. The composers included were Ravel, Bizet, Chabrier and Dukas. This session began with Chabrier's Rhapsody España, and, after an absorbing programme, "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by Dukas was a rousing finale.

The last meeting that was held was on 9th May when A. H. Wilcock gave a "Miscellaneous Programme". This very varied programme included Bach's famous Toccata and Fugue, and Greig's Homage March from "Sigurd Jorsalfar." The highlight, however, was undoubtedly the Easter Hymn from Mascagni's "Cavalliera Rusticana", an organ,

orchestra and full choir performing this glorious piece of music.

Another item worthy of note was the Youth Concert, held at King's Hall, Belle Vue, on 9th May. A party went from School, and heard a very good concert indeed. Valda Aveling was the soloist in Rachmaninov's Second Piano Concerto, and the concert finished with Paul Hindemith's Sinfonische Metamorphosen on Weber themes.

The year has been very successful, and thanks are due to all those who have given recitals and talks, and also to all the officers who have made the Society run so smoothly. B. H. BLAKELEY.

Science Society

Two General Meetings of the Society have been held this term. The first was the usual Half-Yearly General Meeting, held on Monday, May 11th at 4.10 p.m. when a new committee was elected as follows:—

Vice-Chairman.—D. Wilde.

Secretary.—I. J. Graham-Bryce.

Treasurer.—B. R. Heap.

Committee.—From the Science Sixth: P. D. Kyffin, N. Flitcroft.

As no member of the Arts Sixth was present, none was elected to the committee.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society was called by the committee on Monday, May 18th at 3.20 p.m., at the request of six subscribing members. At this meeting, the constitution of the Society was changed so that instead of two Arts Sixth members of the committee there should be one Arts Sixth and one Lower Sixth member.

J. D. Sanders was elected to represent the Arts Sixth, but it was decided to leave the election of a Lower Sixth representative until the next General Meeting in September.

Several minor flaws in the constitution of the Society were also pointed out and rectified at this meeting.

The activities of the Society have been somewhat curtailed during the first half of the term, owing to the shadow of the General Certificate Examinations which has darkened the horizon of many members. At the time of going to Press, the Society has been given one talk and been on two visits this term.

On Wednesday, April 15th at 7.0 p.m., P. Sutcliffe, B.Sc., A.M.I.C.E., from the College of Estate Management, London, gave a lecture entitled "The Engineer and Public Health". He

gave a general survey of what the engineer is called upon to do in the maintaining of public health, in particular discussing the purification of water supplies, and the disposal of all kinds of sewage.

A visit was made to the Exide Batteries Works, at Clifton Junction on Wednesday, April 22nd. A party of members from the Society enjoyed a very interesting afternoon visit, which was followed by a good tea. Several of the party came away wondering if they had absorbed more red lead than was good for them!

On Tuesday, May 19th at 7.0 p.m., members of the Society visited the Botanical Experimental Gardens of Manchester University at "The Firs", in Fallowfield. The visit was by permission of the Curator, and we were shown round by Mr. Parker, the Head Gardener. There was so much to see that the visit continued until well after dark. We are indebted to Mr. Parker, who gave up the evening to show us round.

The Meteorological Section continues its work steadily, but the Photographic Section has had to be disbanded through lack of support, its predicted revival not being forthcoming.

With regard to the future, we are looking forward to several visits and lectures after the Examinations, including a visit to Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope Experimental Station, and several more talks by members.

I. J. GRAHAM-BRYCE.

Badminton Club

A well attended meeting was held on Friday, 13th March, at which it was decided to form a Badminton Club.

The Head Master consented to become President of the Club; Vice-President, Mr. Renny; Chairman, Mr. Thomas. The following members of the Committee were elected:—Deputy-Chairman, B. D. Linley; Hon. Secretary, E. A. Royle; Hon. Treasurer, P. T. Welch; B. H. Blakeley, M. Insole, P. Higham.

Although Badminton is recognised primarily as a winter game, the Committee decided to introduce a Summer Session in order to obtain some practice.

The Club meets in the Gymnasium on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 4.15 p.m. Membership is open to the 6th and 5th Forms, and application to join the Winter Session, which starts in September, should be made to the Hon. Secretary as early as possible.

E. A. ROYLE.

The Christian Fellowship

The Christian Fellowship, of which this is the first report in *The Hulmeian*, began a new venture in the New Year by inviting speakers from outside the School to address its meetings.

In the Easter term, Mr. Brance Burbridge, the Northern Secretary of the Scripture Union, showed one of the well known "Fact and Faith" films, entitled "God of Creation". This was greatly appreciated by all who saw it.

On Thursday, 30th April, the Rev. O. Shields, the Manchester Diocesan Missioner, addressed us on the Church of England Forward Movement in Manchester. He explained its origin, the preparation for it, and the way in which it was being conducted, and stressed the fact that it was the beginning of a process which would continue rather than a campaign within a fixed period of time.

Another film was shown to the meeting on Tuesday, 12th May. This time the subject was the work of the Leper Mission. The Rev. C. N. Lloyd, who gave a commentary on the film, explained how the Mission aims at assisting leper colonies of all denominations, as well as supporting its own establishments. He told how the colonies not only gave medical assistance and clean living conditions to the lepers, but also tried to find suitable work for them and teach them the Gospel.

We extend a cordial invitation to all members of the Upper School to attend the meetings which will be arranged for next term.

D. R. HANKEY.

C.C.F. Notes

We welcome to the strength of the contingent Lieutenant G. A. West, who joined us at the beginning of this term. His experience and training as an infantry officer will be most valuable and we wish him long and happy service with the C.C.F.

We are sorry to be losing Lieutenant J. A. Slater. In the short time he has been with us he has shown his high qualities. We hope that he will be able to continue his C.C.F. work in his new post.

A very sad blow is the ending of Mr. A. O. Gatley's long connection with the C.C.F. and its "predecessors". Mr. Gatley held one of the first Cadet Force commissions in the North of England. For many years he acted as Quartermaster at the Corps Camps. Since relinquishing his commission

he has continued to act as "recruiting officer" and has kept our ranks full. His work has been invaluable and praise would be impertinent. His loss will be keenly felt. Before, however, he withdraws completely, we feel that boys may still hear him asking, "Why aren't you in the Corps? Come and see me at noon." Officially, however, our new "recruiting officer" will be Mr. D. M. Williams, who has undertaken to supply us with the right sort of Cadets to keep our numbers up to the requisite level.

The crowning event of this term was the visit of four of the N.C.O.s to London to see the Coronation. It is reported that, in spite of accommodation, which could not be described as first-class, and the necessity of rising rather early on the morning of the Coronation, all concerned enjoyed their visit and appreciated the opportunity of going to London to see the Procession.

The term's training has been continued in the usual manner, and, in the case of Sergeant Hopwood's platoon, has already borne fruit in a good result from the Certificate "A" examination. As well as the number of Cadets who passed, a very favourable report by the Chairman of the Examining Board spoke highly of the training the Cadets had received. We hope the other Cadets who are soon to take their examination will be as successful.

The N.C.O.s cadre has been swelled beyond recognition by the fact that the successful Certificate "A" candidates have been temporarily drafted into it, awaiting reorganisation into Cadre, Signals and R.E.M.E.

The Signals and R.E.M.E. platoons have meanwhile been continuing their specialist training. The Signallers are soon to have a classification test, and they are now entangling the R.E.M.E. platoon in signals activities by running a special course for them at camp.

Camp this year will be at Kinnel Park, near Rhyl, from 17th to 25th July. Visitors' day will be Sunday, 19th July.

The Inspection this year will be on 6th July, when the contingent will be inspected by Brigadier J. A. Metcalfe. Already the contingent band has been practising each lunch time for some considerable period. It is suspected that they are attempting to combine practice with the beginning of a Dixieland revival.

The following promotions have been made:—

Cadet Foxall, D. A., to be Corporal w.e.f. 14th April.

Sergeant Robertson, D. G., to be Under/Officer, w.e.f. 5th June.

Corporals Campbell, E. P., Gribble, B. S., Linley, B. D., to be Sergeants w.e.f. 5th June.

Lance/Corporals Knowles, B. S., Webster, P. H. N., to be Corporals w.e.f. 5th June.

The following Cadets were successful in the recent Certificate "A" Part II Examinations:—

Cadets Bryce, I. J. G., Clark, J. P., Lunt, K. S., Morrell, H. W., Paine, J. L., Pilkington, D. S., Ogilvie, N. A., Wild, D., Williams, W. G.

Cadets Backhouse, A. E., Bailey, A. R., Bamber, D. J., Bush, T. J., Crome, D. R., Duckworth, F., Day, A. W., Gribble, P., Hargreave, R. E., Howat, J. W., Mathias, A., Medcalf, A., Morris, A. C., Pettener, K. C., Rayman, J. D. E., Stockdale, G. H., Ramsdale, G. E., Taylor, J. G., Turnbull, G. F., Watson, N. R., Wigglesworth, J. B., Williams, M., Williams, R. E., Venables, T. L.

Howat, Turnbull, Wigglesworth and Venables passed with credit.

Lacrosse

FIRST TEAM

The following games were played after the Easter number of the Magazine went to Press.

Feb. 28—v. Man. Grammar SchoolA W 13-7

Our attack started at a fast pace, and in the first half Manchester were completely outplayed. A half-time lead of 9—1 perhaps led to some easing off, or some of the attack may have tired on the heavy ground, but Manchester did better in the second half. Marlton and J. K. Robertson were still dangerous attacks, and we won comfortably.

Mar. 7—v. Man. University "A" ...H W 9-4

Marlton was absent, and, though Martin who took his place played soundly, the attack took some time to settle down, and never worked as smoothly as usual. Our defence held the University attack without undue difficulty.

Mar. 14—v. Heaton Mersey "A"

Old Mancunians' Ground W 8-5

This was the Final of the Lancashire Junior Cup, and our greatest triumph of the season. Heaton Mersey were hot favourites for the Cup, as they had an unbeaten side, which was a good blend of experience, strength, and speed. In no way overawed, our attack started at a great pace, and

with every man doing his full share, gave the Mersey defence no rest throughout the game. But the main honours of the game went to our defence. Realising that it was no use to play close on goal against such strong and clever opponents, they played an open game, following their men right out and relying on their pace and fitness to race their men back. All played well, but Hall was particularly successful against the most dangerous Mersey attack.

The game was hard fought throughout, and played in an excellent spirit.

After the match the Cup was presented to the School Captain by the President of the Lancashire County Lacrosse Association, Mr. Eric Barnes. As an ex-Captain of School and of the Old Hulmeians he was undoubtedly as pleased to be able to hand the Cup to us as we were honoured to receive it from him.

Mar. 21—v. Old Hulmeians "A"H L 14-7

Our attack started quickly and gained an early lead, but this time the skill and experience of one of the leading teams in the Second Division was too much for us. The Old Boys' powerful defence got the measure of our attack, and the pressure on our defence steadily increased. A decisive factor was the power and accuracy of the Old Boys' shooting.

SECOND TEAM

Only three more matches were played after last going to Press. M.G.S. and Heaton Mersey Guild "A" were easily defeated and we lost narrowly to Stockport Grammar School in a most exciting game.

Colours for Season 1952-53 were awarded to: J. N. Hopwood (capt.), R. K. Davies (vice-capt.), C. B. Hamnett, C. Gee, E. A. Royle, B. D. Linley, K. Kilbey, M. Insole, B. R. Heap, F. Martin, M. K. McCreath.

RESULTS

Feb. 28—v. M.G.S. 2nd	W	H	6-3
Mar. 14—v. Stockport G.S. 1st	L	H	8-9
Mar. 21—v. Heaton M. Guild "A"	W	H	8-1

J. N. H.

JUNIOR LACROSSE

The Under 15 team ended its season with a very good win over Cheadle Hulme School in the Final of the Juniors' Challenge Shield, which we now hold for the third year in succession.

The match, played at Cale Green, was hard fought throughout, and played in an excellent spirit. Their decisive victory at the beginning of the season no doubt gave our opponents confidence, but Lancashire's defeat of Cheshire in the County Juniors' match gave us hope. They relied mainly on two very big and fast boys, who were certainly very dangerous, but our defence fought hard and covered well, and Archer was very steady in goal. Hinson and Stockdale, marking the big men, played particularly well, and if they could not always stop their opponents, at least held them long enough for others to come to the rescue.

Our attack was better balanced, and all played well. Every goal had to be earned, as the Cheadle Hulme defence played well, and was supported by excellent goalkeeping. The only fault was a tendency to excitement, which led to several wild shots from good positions, and sometimes to failure to pass to an unmarked supporter near goal.

The final score of 8—7 in our favour was, we felt, a fair result, and on a large ground and on a rather warm day, both sides worked themselves to the limit of their strength.

Our team was: R. E. Williams (captain), B. Cartwright, M. Lord, D. M. Archer, R. B. Edge, D. W. Lomas, H. S. Bickerton, G. H. Stockdale, J. Collinson, K. J. Hinson, J. D. E. Rayman, T. W. Warnes.

Colours were awarded to the whole team before the game.

The Under 14 team had three games after the last issue of the magazine had gone to Press. The match against Audenshaw Grammar School Under 15 Firsts was drawn 2—2, and the return game with Stockport Juniors was won 10—5. Then came the Final of the Juniors' Schools' Cup against South Manchester Juniors on their ground, and this was a most exciting game. "South" had a big advantage in height, weight, pace, and experience, but used their advantages with scrupulous fairness, and deserved their narrow win.

We started at a great pace, and in spite of the strong opposing defence, gained a lead of 2—0 and held it till the middle of the third quarter. Our defence had to withstand long periods of pressure, but came through very well. They checked and bodied their big opponents firmly and without hesitation, and covered each other admirably. They stopped nearly every passing movement, but when the ball was on the ground, they were pushed off the ball, and several goals were scored from ground scrambles.

Our attack worked hard and passed well, but when they made an opening, they could be overtaken by the bigger and faster defence men before they were near enough to shoot. When they realised their advantage, the South Manchester defence, which included two members of the Lancashire Junior team, began to force, and our attack had to fall back to cover them. But we fought back, and good forcing from our defence led to our last two goals.

The final score was 6—4 in favour of South Manchester, and we congratulate them on their success in winning such an excellent match.

Our team was: J. D. Hague (captain), A. Brooks, C. G. Silcock, G. H. Stockdale, N. V. Barber, J. W. Fearon, G. S. Phillips, J. Davis, T. Craven, C. G. McDiarmid, D. W. L. Burnham, J. D. Marsden.

Cricket

FIRST XI

We started the season with only three Old Colours and one of these, J. N. Clarke, our 1st captain, left at Whitsuntide to go to Sandhurst. D. G. Robertson was appointed to succeed him, with B. MacNab as vice-captain.

The team, of course, lacks experience, but the majority are young, and there is promise for the future. At present there are many faults to be corrected, but the enthusiasm is there, and improvement will follow.

The batting is not yet sound, and has broken down twice, but several good innings have been played. The recognised batsmen have developed a reasonable defence, but still lack attacking strokes, especially on a difficult wicket. This is partly due to lack of confidence, as the shots are there in the nets. A more serious weakness is the running between the wickets. Many safe runs have been missed, while impossible runs have been attempted, and wickets thrown away.

The bowling is quite unpredictable. There are six recognised bowlers, but none of them can be relied on to keep a length, especially against a hitter, and too seldom can they keep on the wicket. They are all able either to swing or spin the ball, but only once so far have they got a whole side out.

The fielding generally has been sound, and some good catches have been taken. Our record to date is Played 6, Won 3, Drawn 1, Lost 2.

May 2 v. HULME HALL. Home. Won by 7 wickets.

Hulme Hall won the toss and batted first on a fast wicket, but lost wickets steadily to some good bowling by Delany. We lost two wickets cheaply, but Bryans was batting well, and we got the runs for the loss of three wickets.

HULME HALL

H. C. Stubbles lbw. b. Delany	...	...	...	0
E. N. Howard b. Delany	...	...	...	5
S. Todd b. Delany	...	...	...	5
S. C. Bannister b. Delany	...	...	...	5
C. L. Taylor c. Clarke b. Colling	...	...	...	4
T. D. Jones not out	...	...	...	8
P. S. Harris c. Archer b. Delany	...	...	...	7
G. T. Cotterill b. Delany	...	...	...	0
S. W. Davies run out	...	...	...	1
W. Bolton b. MacNab	...	...	...	0
G. H. Capewell lbw. b MacNab	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	8

Total 43

Bowling: Colling 1 for 13, Delany 6 for 19, MacNab 2 for 3.

SCHOOL

C. Gee b. Harris	...	...	...	7
C. E. Bryans not out	...	...	...	26
B. M. Oakes b. Bannister	...	...	...	0
B. MacNab b. Stubbles	...	...	...	10
J. N. Clarke not out	...	...	...	0
Extras	...	...	...	1

Total (for 3 wickets) 44

Bowling: Harris 1 for 21, Bannister 1 for 8, Stubbles 1 for 2.

The School team was: J. N. Clarke (captain), D. G. Robertson, B. MacNab, B. M. Oakes, R. M. Colling, C. A. Beswick, C. E. Bryans, J. Delany, D. W. Archer, C. Gee, E. A. Royle.

May 9th v. CHEADLE ROYAL. Away. Won by 6 wickets.

They won the toss and batted first on an easy wicket. They lost their first wicket at 3, but the

score was 71 before another wicket fell. Then we were more successful, as Bryans and Gee bowled well, and our fielding was good. We failed to get them all out, but we restricted their rate of scoring, and they finally declared at 116 for 9, made in 165 minutes.

Gee and Bryans gave us a good start, and though we then lost a couple of wickets cheaply, Oakes and Robertson hit off the runs. Oakes batted particularly well, and scored quickly with good shots all round the wicket.

CHEADLE ROYAL

F. Jackson b. Delany	...	...	...	...	1
E. Horton b. Bryans	...	...	...	...	35
J. H. Windsor c. Gee b. MacNab	...	...	...	...	39
A. Compston b. Bryans	...	...	...	...	0
H. V. Blight c. Archer b. Bryans	...	...	...	...	10
W. B. Meredith b. Bryans	...	...	...	...	0
H. R. Nelson c. MacNab b. Collins	...	...	...	...	13
A. Downes b. Gee	...	...	...	...	5
H. Jones not out	...	...	...	...	5
R. G. Henriques c. Archer b. Gee	...	...	...	...	1
F. Hasleham not out	...	...	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	...	...	4

Total (for 9 wickets declared) 116

Bowling: Colling 1 for 22, Delany 1 for 24, MacNab 1 for 34, Bryans 4 for 15, Gee 2 for 5.

SCHOOL

C. Gee st. Compston b. Henriques	...	...	...	...	16
C. E. Bryans c. Windsor b. Henriques	...	...	...	...	29
B. MacNab run out	...	...	...	...	1
B. M. Oakes not out	...	...	...	...	58
J. N. Clarke lbw. b. Nelson	...	...	...	...	1
D. G. Robertson b. Jones	...	...	...	...	28
C. A. Beswick not out	...	...	...	...	6
Extras	...	...	...	...	5

Total (for 5 wickets) 144

Bowling: Nelson 1 for 46, Henriques 2 for 45, Jones 1 for 24.

May 13th v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Home. Won by 4 wickets.

Bolton won the toss and batted first on a good wicket. Colling clean bowled their opening bat with his third ball, but their next pair took the

score to 55, and both our bowling and fielding deteriorated, though surprisingly we used only four bowlers. Their declaration at 126 for 6 was well judged, as it gave us time to get the runs or to get out. We accepted the challenge and won in the last over, losing the same number of wickets.

BOLTON SCHOOL

F. A. Rushton b. Colling	...	...	...	...	0
J. N. Coope st. Archer b. Beswick	...	...	...	...	29
W. Kirkham run out	...	...	...	...	35
R. F. Pollitt lbw. b. Bryans	...	...	...	...	9
L. M. Berry b. Bryans	...	...	...	...	5
A. Hardy b. Beswick	...	...	...	...	13
R. Seddon not out	...	...	...	...	9
D. Chapman not out	...	...	...	...	22
Extras	...	...	...	...	4

Total (for 6 wickets declared) 126

D. Stanley, R. Lomax, and E. C. Bailey did not bat.

Bowling: Colling 1 for 21, Beswick 2 for 50, Bryans 2 for 34.

SCHOOL

C. Gee c. Stanley b. Bailey	...	...	...	...	24
C. E. Bryans b. Lomax	...	...	...	...	7
B. MacNab b. Lomax	...	...	...	...	3
B. M. Oakes c. Rushton b. Chapman	...	...	...	...	30
J. N. Clarke c. Pollitt b. Chapman	...	...	...	...	24
D. G. Robertson run out	...	...	...	...	11
C. A. Beswick not out	...	...	...	...	18
R. N. Colling not out	...	...	...	...	6
Extras	...	...	...	...	6

Total (for 6 wickets) 129

Bowling: Lomax 2 for 31, Bailey 1 for 14, Chapman 2 for 19.

May 20th v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Lost by 8 wickets.

We lost the toss for the fourth time in succession and were sent in to bat on a wicket made difficult by rain. Only Bryans and MacNab seemed to realise the futility of playing careful defensive shots when the ball was turning quickly, and lifting.

Cheadle Hulme made no such mistake. They attacked from the start and quickly hit off the runs.

SCHOOL			
C. Gee c. and b. Layfield ...	...	...	0
C. E. Bryans lbw. b Tomkinson ...	...	...	13
B. MacNab c. Bannister b Layfield ...	...	...	20
B. M. Oakes b. Tomkinson ...	...	...	3
J. N. Clarke lbw. b. Tomkinson ...	...	...	0
D. G. Robertson b. Tomkinson ...	...	...	4
C. A. Beswick c. Bannister b. Allen ...	...	...	5
E. A. Royle c. Bannister b. Layfield ...	...	...	0
R. N. Colling run out ...	...	...	2
J. Delany not out ...	...	...	0
D. W. Archer b. Layfield ...	...	...	0
Extras ...	...	...	5

Total 52

Bowling: Layfield 4 for 21, Tomkinson 4 for 20, Allen 1 for 6.

CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL			
P. Tomkinson c. Archer b. Colling ...	...	...	0
J. Cudworth retired hurt ...	...	...	51
D. Watson lbw. b. Bryans ...	...	...	10
K. Broadbridge c. Archer b. Gee ...	...	...	28
D. G. Layfield not out ...	...	...	4
N. Davis not out ...	...	...	1
Extras ...	...	...	4

Total (for 3 wickets) 98

E. Bannister, G. Couzen, D. Mitchell, C. McCrossen, and P. B. Allen did not bat.

Bowling: Colling 1 for 21, Bryans 1 for 33, Gee 1 for 3.

June 10th v. WHALLEY RANGE C.C. Away. Match Drawn.

Clarke had left during the holidays, and our new captain, D. G. Robertson, celebrated his appointment by winning the toss, so that we went in first on an easy wicket. Gee and Bryans gave us a good start by scoring 64 for the first wicket, but against good club bowling and a well-set field, we found it difficult to score quickly. We declared at 123 for 4, and Whalley Range, of course, went for the runs. Our bowlers did not succeed in keeping a length, especially to J. Buckland, who was hitting very hard; but the fielding was good, and some excellent catches were held. A boundary off the last ball of the game made the scores level, a suitable end to an enjoyable and exciting match.

B. A. Craven came into the side in place of Clarke, and N. Hopwood played instead of Oakes, who was ill.

SCHOOL			
C. Gee lbw. b. Glover ...	...	...	38
C. E. Bryans b. Glover ...	...	...	30
B. McNab b. Widdows ...	...	...	37
J. N. Hopwood run out ...	...	...	7
D. G. Robertson not out ...	...	...	4
Extras ...	...	...	7

Total (for 4 wickets declared) 123

Bowling: Glover 2 for 27, Widdows 1 for 15.

WHALLEY RANGE C.C.

E. Withington c. Collinge b. MacNab ...	...	...	15
J. G. Edwards c. Archer b. Colling ...	...	...	0
D. J. Price c. Robertson b. Colling ...	...	...	17
J. Buckland not out ...	...	...	44
W. B. Stansby b. MacNab ...	...	...	3
D. Buckland lbw. b. MacNab ...	...	...	11
E. G. Widdows c. Archer b. Colling ...	...	...	13
D. R. Dennis c. Delany b. Bryans ...	...	...	2
G. Brooks not out ...	...	...	6
Extras ...	...	...	12

Total (for 7 wickets) 123

J. K. Glover and E. Young did not bat.

Bowling: Colling 3 for 36, MacNab 3 for 27, Bryans 1 for 30.

June 13th v. THE KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Away. Lost by 7 wickets.

They won the toss and our innings started under difficult conditions. Heavy clouds made the light poor, and a fine drizzle made the wicket difficult, while a slow outfield reduced the value of our shots. They had a good fast bowler, and the ball came through at varying heights, often lifting awkwardly. Our earlier batsmen defended stubbornly, but could score only very slowly, and we had 5 wickets down for 29. As the clouds cleared and the rain stopped, the wicket became slow and easy, but our later batsmen failed to profit from the changed conditions. Two wickets were thrown away by foolish run-outs and a third by a wild hit which gave an easy stumping chance.

We got one of their wickets quickly, but our bowlers again failed to keep a length against hard hitting, and a good left-handed bat who was not afraid to hit the ball in the air made short work of them. Bryans was unable to bowl owing to an injury received while batting, and when Archer had to retire with a muscle injury, Oakes kept wicket quite capably.

SCHOOL

C. Gee c. Lomas b. Yates	...	...	...	9
C. E. Bryans lbw. b. Yates	...	...	...	5
B. McNab c. Lomas b. Yates	...	...	...	8
B. M. Oakes run out	...	...	...	13
D. G. Robertson c. Lomas b. Yates	...	...	...	0
C. A. Beswick st. Lomas b. Faulkner	...	...	...	1
B. A. Craven c. Warrington b. Bickerton	...	...	...	13
E. A. Royle c. Holland b. Warrington	...	...	...	10
R. N. Colling run out	...	...	...	0
J. Delany not out	...	...	...	6
D. W. Archer c. and b. Warrington	...	...	...	1
Extras	...	...	...	10
Total				76

Bowling: Yates 4 for 15, Warrington 2 for 19, Faulkner 1 for 12, Bickerton 1 for 20.

THE KING'S SCHOOL

M. C. Bradshaw c. Archer b. Colling	...	...	...	3
C. Chester lbw. b. Gee	...	...	...	10
R. Faulkner not out	...	...	...	52
M. L. Booth lbw. b. MacNab	...	...	...	10
P. R. Smirles not out	...	...	...	3
Extras	...	...	...	6

Total (for 3 wickets) 84

D. Ridyard, M. P. Holland, J. D. Lomas, G. Bickerton, J. R. Yates, and C. Warrington did not bat.

Bowling: Colling 1 for 12, MacNab 1 for 30, Gee 1 for 14.

SECOND XI

This year the 2nd XI has taken great delight in hitting the ball hard. In this, their captain, Hopwood, has set a lively example, but the inspiration of the side has probably been Gibson: planting his feet immovably at a great distance from the ball, he tries to punch half the balls he receives for sixes over mid-wicket's head. Not until our most recent match (that against Merchant Taylor's, Crosby) has he gained much success, but other batsmen have profited from his mistakes, and while agreeing with his general intention of hitting the ball as hard as possible, have applied rather more science to the problem. Robertson, for instance, favours the practice of getting his feet to the pitch of the ball, and scored a fine 43 against Cheadle Hulme in an innings which included some delightful straight drives. Watson, too, is now playing very well; he is timing the ball beautifully, and appears

more likely to run himself out than be out in any other way. Craven, one of our most successful batsmen, who scored a fine 64 not out against Manchester Grammar School, has been promoted to the 1st XI. Greenwood plays a very straight bat, Kilbey hits the ball very hard, and Ramsdale and Greenhalgh have both proved useful in emergencies. If this galaxy of batting stars should fail to shine, there is always hope that Rushworth will emulate his achievement against Bolton when, unrestrained by much knowledge of batting technique, he hit up 25.

Unfortunately this ability to get runs was not supported at the beginning of the season by much ability on the part of the bowlers to hit the stumps. Although Selman could work up a phenomenal speed, and Rushworth could move the ball strangely in the air these powers did not compensate for their inaccuracy, but both have improved a lot and in the match against Merchant Taylor's Selman's 6 for 22 was a fine performance. Robertson, Greenwood and Greenhalgh are experimenting with various kinds of spin, and backed up by a very keen side, they should provide a hostile attack.

Colours have been re-awarded to Hopwood (captain) and Robertson (vice-captain), and awarded to Craven.

RESULTS

May 9th v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2nd XI at Home. School 2nd XI 125 for 7 declared (Craven 64 not out). Manchester Grammar School 2nd XI 100 for 7. Match Drawn.

May 13th v. BOLTON SCHOOL 2nd XI at Bolton. School 2nd XI 102 (Rushworth 25); Bolton 2nd XI 103 for 9 (Selman 5 for 37). Lost by 1 wicket.

May 16th v. TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT at Home. Town Clerk's Department 133 for 5 declared; School 2nd XI 134 for 5 (Hopwood 44, Watson 37). Won by 5 wickets.

May 20th v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL 2nd XI at Home. Cheadle Hulme 2nd XI 137 for 9 declared; School 2nd XI 124 (Robertson 43). Lost by 13 runs.

June 13th v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD 2nd XI at Home. King's School 2nd XI 76 (Robertson 6 for 29); School 2nd XI 78 for 6. Won by 4 wickets.

June 20th v. MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL 2nd XI at Home. Merchant Taylor's 2nd XI 95 (Selman 6 for 22); School 2nd XI 87 (Gibson 35). Lost by 8 runs.

UNDER 15 XI

The side is young but very promising and has so far had a successful season. In the opening match at Manchester Grammar School we lost seven wickets for 34 runs, but were able to declare at 101 for nine wickets, and the last M.G.S. wicket fell in the last over of the match. Against Merchant Taylor's School we scored quickly, but although two wickets fell in the last over, the match was drawn. Each side batted for two hours. The Cheadle Hulme side was older and physically stronger and was able to win by force rather than skill. In this game also we lost seven wickets for 40 runs, but scored 88 all out. T. W. Warnes has scored most runs and taken most wickets, although until the last two matches his bowling has not been as accurate as it was last year. K. S. Williams has been a very useful all-round cricketer and H. Bibby has been a sound stock bowler. The fielding generally has been good. Caps have been awarded to T. W. Warnes, J. D. E. Rayman, M. Lord and R. E. Williams (old colours) and to J. D. Marsden, K. S. Williams and H. Bibby. The following have also played: G. S. Phillips, G. W. Francis, J. M. Temperley, J. D. Hague, J. S. Hilland, E. W. Dickinson, N. V. Barber and J. Davis.

RESULTS

Saturday, May 9th v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL. Away. Won by 47 runs. School 101 for 9 wickets declared (J. D. Marsden 46 not out, K. S. Williams 15); M.G.S. 57 (K. S. Williams 4 for 4, T. W. Warnes 6 for 13).

Wednesday, May 13th v. BOLTON SCHOOL. Home. Won by 8 wickets. Bolton 131 (K. S. Williams 3 for 30, T. W. Warnes 3 for 38); School 142 for 2 wickets (T. W. Warnes 86 not out).

Saturday, May 16th v. MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL. Home. Match Drawn. School 148 for 9 wickets declared (T. W. Warnes 30, M. Lord 35, R. E. Williams 28); M.T.S. 73 for 9 (H. Bibby 4 for 12).

Wednesday, May 20th v. CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Lost by 35 runs. Cheadle Hulme School 123 for 8 wickets declared (G. S. Phillips 2 for 4); School 88 (J. D. Hague 35, K. S. Williams 14 not out).

Saturday, June 13th v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Away. Won by 6 wickets. Macclesfield 70 (K. S. Williams 3 for 12, N. V. Barber 2 for 6); School 71 for 4 wickets (T. W. Warnes 41 not out, J. D. E. Rayman 16).

Thursday, June 18th v. THE HULME LAD'S CLUB. Home. An evening game, one hour batting each side. Lost. School 48 for 6 wickets (J. D. E. Rayman 19, R. E. Williams 10); H.L.C. 49 for 6 wickets (T. W. Warnes 4 for 12).

Saturday, June 20th v. MERCHANT TAYLOR'S SCHOOL. Away. Match Drawn. (Rain). School 87 (R. E. Williams 39, G. W. Francis 11); M.T.S. 20 for 6 wickets (K. S. Williams 4 for 9, T. W. Warnes 2 for 2).

House Games.

Although the weather has been quite fine we have not played the number of games usually played by this time in the term. This is the result of a threat of smallpox earlier in the term. As a precaution, almost the whole School was vaccinated, and excuses from games were so numerous that games had to be suspended until normal conditions prevailed again.

The abolition of the Senior Pick-Up has meant that distances between pitches have been increased, and this has already resulted in a better standard of play on some games. At the time of writing, the positions in the House League are:—

Byrom	42
Gaskell	42
Heywood	36
Fraser	34
Whitworth	33
Dalton	21

The first round of the "Knock-Outs" was played on June 6th, the results being:—

SENIORS: Whitworth 57, Dalton 52
Gaskell 73, Byrom 73
Bye: Fraser and Heywood.

JUNIORS: Fraser 44, Gaskell 39
Byrom 60 for 6, Dalton 57
Bye: Heywood and Whitworth.

The next round is as follows:—

SENIORS: Fraser v. Whitworth
Heywood v. Gaskell or Byrom
JUNIORS: Fraser v. Byrom
Heywood v. Whitworth

Finally, I should like to thank those Masters who have controlled games on Wednesdays and Saturdays and also those Prefects who have co-operated with me so that the games were run efficiently.

T. OLIVER.

Rugby Football Fixtures

The following 1st XV fixtures for the 1953/4 season have been arranged:—

Sept. 31st—L. H. Watkins Esq. XV	Home
Oct. 10th—Sale R.U.F.C. Schools XV	Home
Oct. 14th—The King's School, Macclesfield ..	Home
Oct. 24th—Cheadle Hulme School	Away
Nov. 4th—King Edward VII School, Lytham	Home
Nov. 7th—Merchant Taylor's School, Crosby	Away
Nov. 11th—Queen Elizabeth's G.S. Wakefield	Home
Nov. 21st—Wallasey G.S.	Home
Nov. 25th—Birkenhead School	Away
Nov. 28th—Manchester University Freshmen's XV	Home
Dec. 2nd—Broughton Park R.U.F.C.	Home

Long Live the Queen

When Spenser first our tongue adorned
The Faerie Queene to praise,
And Sidney's fate at Zutphen mourned,
And shepherd strains did raise,
Our Queen was then Eizabeth.

When Burbage trod our English stage,
And Marlowe penned his line,
Our drama had its brightest page,
For Shakespeare's star did shine.
Our Queen was then Eizabeth.

When Francis Drake sailed round the world
Upon the "Golden Hind",
When Frobisher the North-West way
To India sought to find,
Our Queen was then Elizabeth.

Our England then alone withstood,
The might and power of Spain;
But glorious, long upon the throne,
In majesty did reign
The Tudor Queen, Elizabeth.

And now the greatest height is scaled,
That long withstood our race;
And jet-driven 'planes have outstripped sound
And given us pride of place,
Our Queen's again Elizabeth.

Long may she live. We wish her well,
That happy she may reign.
In other spheres we must excel
That honour we may gain
For our new Queen Elizabeth.

Winter Sports at Zermatt

We returned to School last term too early in January for it to be possible for boys to be at home for Christmas, enjoy a worth-while winter sports holiday abroad and get back home in time for the beginning of term. Accordingly the trip was postponed till Easter. As that is somewhat late in the season, Zermatt, a village 5,000 feet up in the heart of the Pennine Alps in Switzerland, was chosen as its location.

On the way out we experienced a rather rough Channel crossing, but as no ill-effects were suffered it was generally enjoyed. Soon the shores of France were in sight. After a tiring twelve-hour journey through France we arrived at Bâle, just inside the Swiss border. Here we changed trains for Brigue. On this train we encountered a new experience, the "Speisewagen", in which we had our first Continental breakfast.

At Brigue, where we changed trains for the last time, began the most enjoyable and scenic part of the journey. We followed the Visp valley all the way up to Zermatt. As the train plodded wearily up the valley, huge snow-capped mountains towered up on either side of us while the Visp hurtled down to join the Rhône. We felt like ants walking down through an alley with huge warehouses on either side as these mountains stretched up around us. Finally, at the end of this huge winding valley we reached the end of the cul-de-sac, for the valley is completely blocked up by a mountain barrier, beyond which lies Italy.

Excitedly we clambered out of the train to see the village which was to be our home for ten days. From the station we had a beautiful panorama of mountains, some already showing that it was Spring with their green slopes covered with crocuses and only their peaks capped with brilliant white. Others like the Matterhorn itself were completely draped in snow. We were to see much of these when we went ski-ing. On the right was the Weisshorn, after which the hotel where we stayed was named; in the centre, the pyramidal Matterhorn, which was first scaled ninety years ago, looked defiantly down, and in the far distance the peaks of Monte Rosa, the second highest mountain in Switzerland, were visible.

To reach our hotel we had to walk the length of the village, along the main street. We were amazed at the beautiful shops, worthy of a city. The camera and watch shops attracted most interest, but the ski shops and the novelties displayed were not unnoticed. We also learned that many of the

hotels, like our own, were named after neighbouring mountains, such as Mont Cervin, Breithorn, Rothorn, and Weisshorn. After lunch we collected our skis and made a closer examination of the village. We were very impressed by the friendliness of the villagers, for we very soon had made several friends. Gradually we realised that there was something missing in Zermatt and we remembered that since Zermatt could only be reached by rail there were no cars there. How pleasant it was to stroll nonchalantly down the street without any fear of having to suddenly leap out of the way of a vehicle.

The next day we took the Gornergrat-Bahn, a rack and pinion railway which climbs to a height of 10,000 feet, in order to reach the ski-ing slopes. There were four stations between Zermatt and Gornergrat. At first we practised on the gentler slopes and although some of us had used skis before we were all equally excited. There was no snow below 5,000 feet and after Riffelalp, the lowest station on the line, came Riffelberg, where we started our ski-ing lessons. The train journey gave us many opportunities for seeing different views of the Matterhorn as it towers like a king over tiny Zermatt far below. It gave the impression of a shepherd carefully guarding his flock.

The sun was shining brilliantly and despite this the snow was several feet deep as we later found when we tried to walk without skis for it was also soft and it is rather difficult to make progress waist-deep in snow. We must thank Toni and Ambrose, the ski-ing instructors, for their careful tuition, and the fun we shared with them. Toni was our special instructor and we had many amusing experiences with him. He had just demonstrated a turn and called on us to follow him. We should have liked to have done so, but he had disappeared! We looked up and saw that a huge cloud had planted itself on the slopes and obliterated all view. We had often wished to be in a cloud, but we were quite disappointed. It was just like Manchester fog.

Our first experience of the Gorner glacier was when we skied down from Gornergrat. We had to do a sharp turn just before going under the railway bridge. We had a path three yards wide to turn on, on one side was the bridge, on the other side—a 2,000 feet drop on to the glacier. Quite encouraging for any would-be skiers! The glacier itself was like a huge length of white silk, unrolled from the top of the mountain and thrown down its side.

Perhaps the climax of our holiday was the last day when we entered for the Bronze badge and, a few of us, the Silver badge. For the Bronze, we

had to do stem turns and stops and side slipping. Everyone competing passed, but in the Silver, which was much more difficult, nobody was successful. However, everybody had enjoyed it and the fun involved made the holiday more enjoyable.

Finally, after this wonderful holiday of sport, fun, interest and scenery, the sad day of our return came and we said goodbye to our many friends. Again we enjoyed the beautiful scenery of the Visp valley and watched the Matterhorn as it gradually grew smaller and finally disappeared behind some much smaller mountains. This journey down was much quicker and the villages receded from view behind a twist in the valley. Many of us had missed the Saas Fée valley coming and now we saw it as it branches off the Visp valley like a road junction. At the station we saw the mules which are the only means, other than walking, of reaching Saas Fée. From Brigue we went to Basle where, as we had a few hours to spare, we took the opportunity to visit the Rhine and cross into the German part of Bâle.

After the twelve-hour journey from midnight to noon through France we arrived at Calais where we boarded the boat. It was rather a blowy crossing, but not quite so rough as before, and soon our native country was in sight. The last part of the journey passed quickly and soon we were telling our parents and friends about our great holiday.

Finally, we must thank Mr. Jecny and Mr. Morgan for so ably arranging and conducting so excellent a holiday. We all hope they enjoyed the holiday as much as we did.

P. J. RICHARDS, 6.L.L.

Out of this Dawn

It was not pity taught me tears
Beyond the heart's first wish to know
Another sorrow than its own;
I did not find my peace in prayers,
Nor could my heart wait to deny
My mind's advance; to learn

The painful singleness of life,
To seek the comfort never found
And hide true fear in false delight,
So sudden dead, was no relief;
Some beauty fled, some peace profaned
Only remained, in the tame night.

Each day revealed the emptiness
That filled the empty days behind;
Dream-feathered hope and young surprise
Grow sweet on shadows, only to pass
When new pains tease the waking mind,
New sorrows tremble silent eyes.

Now in this dawn that spills the night
The clouds that clothed the limping hour
Laugh and relent, while blue eyes frown
Into the sudden sun; the note
Of a new song is born,

Oh hear

The music break, out of this dawn.

E. G. L. COLLINS, 6.CL.

June Evening

The bird-wing poplar leaves in ceaseless rustle,
Green screen against a blue-bright sky
Fading pale-washed to shallows, where
The white-pink cloud-boats dawdle.
A lone swallow planing across the main
High up: below the flip and plummet swoop
of sparrows to the eaves.

And everywhere the roses: blooms crimson,
salmon, carmine, gold.

The tea rose, creamy buds with curving cheek,
Near full blown petals dropped like a torn up
letter.

And look! the bursting stars of the white mock
orange darken the privet green beyond.

The music fits the stage.

Staccato children's voices: sparrows strum and
melody the blackbird's perfectly responding
choir.

W. R. ESSON, 6.IIIS.

Faith

"We are such stuff as dreams are made on;
and our little life is rounded with a sleep".

The little old lady sat upright, her gloved hands
folded, her back straight, her eyes, which had
long gone without the spectacles they needed, very
faint. She looked old, though nothing but the
years had aged her. All through the summer she
had sat there on the promenade, whenever it was
fine, peaceful amid the nervous stream of holiday-
makers. Each week strangers became friends, and
then again departed to the distant towns she did
not now remember. Never alone for long, she
seemed able to absorb the personality of each

acquaintance in turn, questioning, advising and
sympathising. Tired children turned thankfully to
the quiet presence, seeking the peace that she alone
possessed. Their parents, too, would feel that
strange attraction; the passers-by would answer the
sweet smile; the other residents would stop to talk
with her. Nobody could slip past those watchful
eyes, that seemed to stare beyond the crowded sands
to the dark line that marked the distant sea.

The war was now forgotten. She did not now
remember the day ten years ago when the War
Office had informed the next-of-kin of the pre-
sumed fate of Captain Moore, on active service in
Burma. Missing, believed killed, was the official
verdict. If he lived, it was as a prisoner-of-war.
That was the alternative, the one hope. They had
all hoped. But she had believed.

The time had come when even her sister, his
mother, had ceased to hope. But she had still
believed.

She lived alone, a permanent resident in a
superior private hotel. She had done so ever since
she had been persuaded to leave London at the
beginning of the war. She did not remember
London now. Her friends knew what had happened
that day ten years ago. They had hoped with her
as long as they were able. But one by one they
had ceased to talk of it. Only the Reverend Martin
Page, M.A., still tested that faith with incredulous
regularity.

"And have you any news of your nephew, Miss
Carroll?" he would ask from time to time.

"Not yet, Vicar", she would reply.

"Oh dear! I am so sorry", he would say.

"But there will be soon. I'm quite sure that
Michael will come back . . ."

That was what she had always said.

At first he had told her that with God all things
were possible; or that He was merciful; or that He
would reward her faith. But now it did not seem
right to say such things.

"Extraordinary faith that woman has", he would
say to the next person he met. "It seems incredible,
but she still believes that boy will come back. Oh
well, the faith that moves mountains, you know".
She had inspired many a sermon.

Her sister had learnt to bear the cheerful, hopeful
letters she received. Edith had always been
obstinate; and she did not mean to be unkind.

Her nephew Michael would by now have been
forty, if he had lived. She still thought of him,
however, as he had been on his last leave, a
young schoolmaster of twenty-nine, whose potential
success was the only belief common to his mother

and her elder sister, who would not realise that the gap between sixty and fifty is much smaller than that between sixteen and six. At an early age she had developed a liking for living other people's lives for them at a very exciting intellectual and moral level. When her younger sister, who for a long time had encouraged this tendency with her acquiescence, had married, she had diverted her attentions to her nephew. She chose his school and his university. She advised him on his choice of a career. She had worked out for him a suitable scheme of promotion in her mind, culminating in the headmastership of a large public school. She had not finally decided which school this should be, when all her plans were threatened by an event she had not foreseen.

For ten years she had lived with the one idea fixed for ever in her mind, that Michael was coming back. Gradually, all other thoughts and all other knowledge had grown faint within her, fading into a background of which she was no longer aware. She did not know now why Michael had ever gone, or where he had gone. Once she had known. But now she only knew that he was coming back. The facts had been so long denied that they were now forgotten. It was a peaceful and a happy world that she had created for herself, and her circumstances were such that nothing need disturb it. From the weakness that was within her, from the grief of an old woman who had no children of her own, she had failed to face reality and turned instead to dreams. She lived a life within herself. And she knew, faintly, subconsciously, that the source and basis of that perfect life was her belief that Michael would come back. So she believed and was at peace; while those who came in contact with her left her refreshed by such a peace as the world cannot give. For she was no longer of this world.

But though she had altered the very climate of her existence and had guarded against every danger that might threaten her vulnerable peace, there was yet one enemy she could not conquer. She could protect her perfect life only as long as she might live. Time could not be altered by her dreams.

One day, while the late-summer sun still played upon the green-painted seats through the occasional canopy of leaves and the sea retreated as usual from the sands which men had made their own, while the crowd still trod the sunlight and the gulls still spun across the promenade, the old lady was missing from her familiar seat, where she had watched the foreign world go by. And the Reverend Martin Page, M.A., told his friends, one by one, "Miss Carroll passed away last night. The old, dear lady is at peace".

But, sometimes, in the weeks that followed before the slow summer ended, some tired child would turn and stare at the low green seat where an old lady would sit gazing out across the sea, knowing now that Michael would never have come back. The child steps forward. But she does not see him nor hear him. His parents, who see nothing, call him on. She sits unseen and silently, her substance the shadow of a dream.

E. G. L. COLLINS, 6.CL.

The Examination

You must wake and call me early, call me early,
mother dear;
Tomorrow'll be the saddest day of all this frightful
year;
Of all this frightful year, mother, in which I've
had to cram;
For I'm going to take the exam., mother, I'm
going to take the exam.
Now the Latin will be horrid, most unpleasant,
mother dear;
And as for the Maths. and Chemy, there's no hope
left I fear;
There's not one single hope, mother, they won't
fall for my sham;
And I'm going to take the exam., mother, I'm
going to take the exam.
Have you ever studied Physics? No, you haven't
mother dear,
Or else you would not ask me why I'm shedding
tear on tear;
I've cried so long and loud, mother, I've drowned
the radiogram;
But I've still to take the exam., mother, I've still
to take the exam.
Yesterday I had a headache—very painful, mother
dear,
And I think it's coming on again, this time too
bad to bear;
I'm feeling very sick, mother, I've some spots like
poor old Sam,
Who's too ill to take the exam., mother, too ill to
take the exam.
Please don't call me in the morning, call the doctor,
mother dear:
I could not walk a single step, I'd simply faint,
I fear;
It's such a pity, mother, I'll send a telegram,
For I'm sure I'd have passed the exam., mother,
I'm sure I'd have passed the exam.

R. K. GIBSON, 6.CL.

The Open Road

I reached out for my socks that were hanging on the prickly hedge, and pulled them onto my much loved feet.

Oh! what a sight they were. All holes, with a bit of thread hanging on here and there. Well, it didn't matter, I might be able to pick some up somewhere along the road.

With a great effort I pulled on my well-worn boots. I could probably have got them on more easily through the bottom. There were hardly any soles! I stood up, being rather stiff with my night out under a hedge, and shook off the dew from my tattered jacket and trousers. I heaved my belongings on to my shoulder and with a sigh, left a resting place which I shall probably never see again. My belongings consisted of an old gnarled stick, a red and green spotted handkerchief, a crust of bread, a lump of cheese, and the clothes I was wearing.

I found that by walking on the side of the road, on the grass, it was "easy going". After about an hour I sighted a handful of houses on the horizon.

"Might be a village", I pondered.

I felt quite embarrassed when I passed one cottage when the old woman there jeered at me, and the small children laughed and joked at me.

It did not stop at that. As I passed another small cottage, a young man cleaning a brass door-knocker, shouted at me, "'Ark at 'im. Come from't stone age t'visit 'is fore-fathers, 'e 'as".

I quickened my pace and was soon away from the scattered cottages. An old van passed me on the well-worn road and I stuck my thumb out for a lift, but I was unlucky.

Round a bend in the road I sighted a red brick house with a neatly thatched roof.

As I walked up to look at it, I thought of asking for a drink of milk, as my throat was feeling rather parched with dust from the road. A large notice on the gate attracted my eye, and I stopped to peer at it. It read (as I at least found out later), "Very vicious dog, BEWARE"! I did not bother about it as I had had no education and could not read.

Boldly I walked up the gravel path and banged on the wooden door. Rat-a-tat-tat.

Grrrrrrrr!! A long low growl reached my ears and I nearly jumped out of my skin as a huge

bulldog charged at me from round the corner of the house. It came at me like a whirlwind, barking and gnashing its teeth in seething fury. I ran up the path as quick as a gunshot, and cleared the four feet gate with ease. As I leapt over, there was a long, ripping sound. The bulldog had procured a trophy for its boldness. Half of my trousers! If you could call them trousers.

There I was, left, embarrassed and bewildered with only half a pair of trousers on me.

The next day I found an old pair of trousers in a back garden of a cottage. So I pinched them!

Well, wouldn't you, if you'd only had half a pair of trousers on you for a day or two? That occurrence did not worry me. The afternoon found me having a peaceful "forty winks", and fishing with a string line attached to my big toe.

It's the life of the open road for me!

D. S. ARMSTRONG, 3a.

Consolation

From field to house-room comes a lad,
Whose countenance looks rather sad,
For though he dearly loves his cricket,
His joy disperses at the wicket!

The reason is not far to seek,
For on the score-card, week by week,
A large duck's egg, so smooth and round,
Inscribed against his name is found.

He tries so hard, but all in vain,
He practises, he tries to train,
And though his fielding's smart and snappy,
Each games day makes him less
"bat-happy".

Parents and masters try to tell
That character is built up well
By walking out, intent on match,
"Stand firm, straight bat, no easy catch"!

But, ah! The Test results we see,
Our friend is in good company.
He'll do his best—no praise, no blame—
The great can only do the same!

D. W. L. BURNHAM, 2 Y.

A Trip to York

During the Whitsun holidays Mr. Pentelow, Mr. Woolfenden and Mr. Renny took a party of boys, of which I was a member, to York.

We left School at about 8.40 and arrived at York, passing through the old city walls at about lunch-time.

Having parked our coach near Clifford's Tower we walked through several quaint old streets, like Stonegate and the Shambles, to York Minster. We were at once impressed by the size of the building and particularly the tower.

Going in, we were met by our guide, who proceeded to take us round. First we saw a very old window called "The Five Sisters", and later the second largest stained-glass window in the world, which has one million pieces of glass. We also saw the crypt and we were shown the original level of the Roman road, which is considerably lower than the present-day one.

Having eaten our packed lunches we visited the castle museum. Here, the most interesting part came at the end when we found ourselves in a Georgian street. Everything seemed very real, including the horses!

Next, some of us took quite a long walk along the walls to the railway museum, while others visited York Station. The rest of the time was fully occupied. Some of us went rowing and others walked round the city.

At 5.45 we all assembled in the coach, and, strangely enough, no one was missing! Passing over the Pennines, we returned to School after a very enjoyable day.

G. E. BARNES, 2c.

The Battle

Although the sun was shining brightly, the atmosphere was tense. The battle was nearly over, and Tony Marston could give his cause victory; but he could also fail, and he prayed that this would not happen. This was his last chance. The enemy were closing in and he could see four of them, their jaws set, their eyes fixed and their hands outstretched as if they were waiting for him to

make the mistake which would allow them to snatch his life. There was no escape now. A tense whisper ran through the watching ranks, and then all was silent; even the insects were silent.

Behind him was the objective of the enemy, and this he had to guard. Tony looked at his weapon and was not encouraged, for it seemed so frail.

Someone gave a sharp word of command, and looking about him, Tony was dismayed to see a tall, lean figure thundering towards him. Suddenly, like a bolt from the blue, a blurred missile hurtled towards him. He stepped forward, lifted his weapon and, praying that he might hit it, he "let out" with all his might. There was a sharp crack, a shudder ran up Tony's arms—and a roar swelled from the crowd.

Tony was carried away, and as his friends put him down he said to himself, "What a wonderful game cricket is!"

G. CROSS, 2Y.

Old Hulmeians Notes and News

On Saturday, 25th April, at the Masonic Temple, Manchester, Mr. S. Whittingham was installed as Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year. The Installing Master was his predecessor, Mr. Alec Allman. The Past Masters of and in the Lodge assisted in the rendering of the ceremony.

C. S. Smith has played cricket for the Army, the Combined Forces and Lancashire. He took a conspicuous part in the Lancashire v. Yorkshire match.

D. L. Swann (Sergeant-Major) and S. B. Foulds (Staff-Sergeant) had the honour of inclusion in the Coronation Procession as representatives of Manchester University Training Corps.

As University Examination results are only beginning to come in as we go to Press, we are not including them in this issue. We hope, however, to give a full list in next term's magazine. The co-operation of all interested in the matter is earnestly requested, as it is exceedingly difficult to trace some results. We are glad, however, already to have heard that D. M. Schlapp (Pembroke) and A. B. Wilkinson (St. Catharine's) have been awarded firsts in the Natural Sciences, Tripos, Part II, and English Tripos, Part I, respectively.

BIRTHS

WORTHINGTON.—On March 12th, to Ernest T. and Pat (née Crump) a son.

McGHEE.—On March 15th, to Kenneth and Brenda (née Jones), a son.

AMOS.—On March 16th, to Harold and Beryl, a daughter.

JOULES.—On April 5th, to Stanley and Norah, a daughter.

GILL.—On April 13th, to Stanley and Sylvia, a son.

BATEMAN.—On April 29th, to William E. and Phyllis (née Atkinson), a son.

ROBINSON.—On May 4th, to Jean, wife of Alan I. Robinson, a son.

ODBER.—On May 12th, to Alan and Sylvia (née Darrocott), a daughter.

WHARTON.—On June 7th, to John and Joan (née Houldsworth), a daughter.

MARRIAGES

MAIR-VAUGHAN.—On April 9th, Richard Bellhouse Mair, B.Sc. to Margaret Rees Vaughan.

DAVIES-KAY.—On April 14th, Roderick Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Davies, to Hilda Myra, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Kay.

BURT-BALL.—On April 18th, John Arthur, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Burt, to Honor Mary, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ball.

HARRISON-SKERRATT.—On May 23rd, Colin David, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrison, to Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Skerratt.

CROUCHLEY-BRYON.—On June 13th, Robert William, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. G. Crouchley, to Maureen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Bryon.

DEATH

SCOTT-TAGGART.—On May 13th, suddenly, Dr. Norman Scott-Taggart, of Eastholme, Heaton Chapel.

Old Hulmeians Association

Over 100 Old Boys and their guests attended the Annual Dinner at the Midland Hotel on March 7th, and while individually the speeches were well up to the usual high standard, one felt collectively that they had perhaps gone on a little too long. Nevertheless, everyone who attended appeared to enjoy himself and found many old friends with whom to talk over the past. The same room at the Midland Hotel has been booked again for Saturday, March 13th, 1954.

The Annual Golf Tournament was once again arranged by Mr. J. A. Barber on May 14th, 1953, this year at the Cheadle Golf Club. H. W. Andrew, J. Mawdsley and N. Hodson won the Bradbury, Vlies and Merchant Cups respectively.

The Senior Lacrosse team made good our disappointment at their failure to win the Senior Flags by winning the First Division Championship for the third year in succession and the Referees' Trophy for the second year in succession.

Our congratulations are due to Mr. S. R. Best on his appointment to the Board of Governors of the School, and we are certain that this body will benefit by his advice and experience.

All boys leaving school at the end of this term will be very welcome in the Association as a whole, and both the Lacrosse and Rugby Sections are in need of playing members who can be certain of regular games throughout the season. It should be remembered that many of the players in the Old Boys' teams at the moment have not played on any of the School teams in the past.

Mr. A. O. Gatley, M.A., who joined the School in September, 1916, is retiring in July of this year. He will be remembered by Old Boys not only as a Master but also for his never-failing interest in all other activities of the School. He was, for instance, a most efficient Quartermaster in the Cadet Corps and helped to run the Camps at Grange-over-Sands for many years. Mr. Gatley has always been keenly interested in the game of Lacrosse and did much to help its progress at the School.

He will also be remembered as the President of the Association in 1948/49 and has served on the General Committee for several years, representing the School Staff.

Our best wishes for a long and happy retirement are offered to him.

It is proposed to make a presentation to Mr. Gatley from the Association at the Annual General Meeting in September, and in this connection donations should be sent to the Hon. Treasurer as soon as possible.

E. B.

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse

The past season has been another successful one for the Section and for the third time in succession the 1st team has won the North of England League Championship, with the loss of only two points. This excellent record was marred by a disappointing performance against Old Waconians in the Senior Flags Final which we unexpectedly, but deservedly, lost 4-8. The team's defeat was hard to understand, as it had twice defeated its opponents in League games and later defeated them convincingly in the Referees' Trophy match by 6 goals to 2.

By conceding fewer goals than any other club in the League, the defence has shown a consistency unequalled in the post-war period. The outstanding defenders have been McClinton and C. A. Smith, both playing with greater steadiness, and they should form the backbone of the defence for many years to come. On attack, Stanley Gill has been in his brightest form, whilst John Buckland has frequently shown what an excellent feeder he can be. Mention must be made of Norman Barber, who has shed his years and produced his best form since the war. However, more attacks of First Division standard are needed.

The First team's league record is:—

Goals						
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	PTS.
22	21	1	0	282	87	42

The "A" team repeated its performance of last season by finishing in third place in the Second Division. It failed to beat only one of its opponents at least once during the season and at the close had scored more goals than any other club in the Division. Much of the credit for this is due to the skilful play of Norman Coe, who has disproved the theory that a defence man cannot play attack. Not only has he been successful himself but he has contributed to the improved play of I. R. Duncan and G. C. Martin. The defence, ably led by the Captain, Alan Jones, is the second strongest in the Division and the improved play of G. B. Appleby makes him a strong candidate for a regular place in the First team.

The team's league record is:—

Goals						
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	PTS.
22	16	6	0	214	102	32

The Extra "A" team's record is not such a successful one as in the previous season due mainly to increased calls on its players by the Senior teams. They failed to retain the Lancashire Junior Cup but

fortunately this was won by the School. Nevertheless, the team finished third in the Third Division and the Section are again greatly indebted to the captain, E. S. Thelwall, for his services, even though he has been suspected of boasting when reporting on his play against Old Mancunians "A"! R. Heywood, R. B. Herbert and A. H. C. Ratcliff have been the soundest defenders and it is much regretted that his duties have taken Ratcliff away from Manchester. On attack, W. A. Jackson and J. Fleming have continued to improve and D. A. Hilton can look back with satisfaction on his first season with the Section.

When available, D. M. Archer has been a first-class goalkeeper and but for his display we might well have lost to Purley, the Southern Senior Flag winners, who visited us on Easter Saturday.

The Extra "A" team's league record is:—

Goals						
P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	PTS.
20	13	6	1	197	148	27

At the section's annual general meeting the following officials were elected for next season:—

Chairman, J. A. Barber; Vice-Chairman, E. Barnes; Hon. Secretary, H. A. Whatley; Hon. Team's Secretary, N. A. Barber; Hon. Treasurer, D. B. Flunder; First Team Captain, B. C. K. Ballinger; First Team Vice-Captain, S. Gill; "A" Team Captain, A. Jones; "A" Team Vice-Captain, W. T. Curtis; Extra "A" Team Captain, E. S. Thelwall; Extra "A" Team Vice-Captain, R. Heywood; Committee, J. Buckland, J. T. Emery and R. B. Herbert.

This year, the section celebrates its Diamond Jubilee and November 20th, 1953, has provisionally been fixed as the date for the Jubilee dinner. Further details will be announced later.

Boys who will be leaving School at the end of the present term are reminded that they are needed to replace the older players who will be retiring and to maintain the section's fine record in recent seasons.

RESULTS

FIRST TEAM

1953

Feb. 28—v. Mellor	A	W	12-8
Mar. 14—v. Old Mancunians	H	W	12-4
Mar. 28—v. Old Waconians (Final Senior Flags at Cale Green)	L		4-8
Apr. 3—v. Heaton Mersey	A	W	18-5
Apr. 18—v. Cheadle	H	W	11-4
Apr. 24—v. Old Waconians (Referees' Trophy match at Cale Green)	W		6-2

"A" TEAM

1953

Feb. 28—v. Heaton Mersey Guild	H	W	14-1
Mar. 14—v. Ashton	A	L	4-11
Mar. 21—v. Wm. Hulme's Grammar School	A	W	14-7
Apr. 18—v. Old Stopfordians	A	W	13-7

EXTRA "A" TEAM

1953

Feb. 28—v. Urmston "A"	H	L	0-9
Mar. 14—v. Ashton "A"	H	W	17-4
Mar. 21—v. Man. University "A"	H	W	11-5
Apr. 11—v. South Manchester & Wythenshawe "A"	A	W	21-4
Apr. 18—v. Boardman & Eccles "A"	A	W	7-3
Apr. 25—v. Offerton "A"	A	W	9-8

Old Hulmeians Rugby

The closing weeks of the season brought some hard grounds and, at times, almost sub-tropical weather. One or two of our injured players returned to action and our final results are not too bad. We have still a lot to learn before we can face experienced opponents without the danger of being outgeneralled owing to our hands and feet playing with more effect than our heads.

In a pleasant representative match on our ground, N. Fletcher, P. Harrison and G. Todd played for the South Manchester XV v. Gordon Whittaker's XV. As a result of this match which is arranged annually, a cheque for £3 3s. has been sent to the Hulme Lads' Club.

The 1st XV came through the season with 204 points for, and 200 against, the "A" XV 300 for, and 255 against; the Extra "A" on paper scored 105 for, and had 433 against, but owing to various teams—not always ours—being below strength, these figures cannot be regarded as being of great significance. The 1st XV was well and truly beaten by the height, weight and skill of Manchester "A", and the absence of some of our injured players spoiled our chances against Old Aldwinians. But we were a shade unlucky to go under at Burnage, for on an atrocious pitch the forwards fought back with such spirit in the second half that Burnage probably were glad to hear the final whistle. In the Seven-a-Side Competitions we were knocked out in the first round of the Manchester Sevens by Leigh

Technical College, but a week later we had our revenge in the Toc H Sevens, eliminating Leigh in the first round, and losing the third round because Alan Morley dropped over our opponents' line with the ball so tightly clasped to his midriff that the referee felt unable to rule that he had "touched it down" and so scored a try!

The "A" XV had one of its best seasons since the War. Against Manchester Extra "A" a slender lead was retained with some spirited Rugby—our visitors were run off their feet in the second half and looked more tired than we did when "No side" blew. But we blotted our copy-book sadly against Fylde Extra "A" by refusing to tackle anybody who was actually running with the ball. The Fylde team contained a large number of schoolboys on Easter vacation. They played fast, open rugby, very much like we ourselves play on our good days, but infinitely superior to anything we produced on the afternoon in question. Lots of tries are scored by fast, open, Rugby; we should do well to remember it.

Our ground and Clubhouse are now yielding real benefits, and those who have worked away for hours a season at them are now reaping their reward. Two good pitches and a well-found changing room and Clubhouse, although a big job to maintain and keep in condition, are a very worth-while possession nowadays.

Meanwhile the end of another School year is here and the hard fact remains that our prospects for the season 1953/54 are as good the boys who are leaving School care to make them. Given twenty new members we can go ahead to better fixtures year by year; without them, our hands are tied. The Hon. Secretary, or any member of the Section will be glad to give details to any boy who is interested. As a first step, intending members will be welcome at the Annual General Meeting to be held at the Clubhouse on Monday, August 10th, at 8.0 p.m. "Le coeur a ses raisons que la raison ne connaît point".

J. H. P. S.

RESULTS**FIRST TEAM**

Mar. 7—v. Manchester "A"	A	L	0-28
14—v. Old Aldwinians	H	L	3-19
21—v. Kersal "A"	H	W	19-0
28—v. Ashton-on-Mersey	A	D	3-3
Apr. 4—v. Prestwich	H	W	16-8
6—v. Burnage	A	L	3-11
11—v. Old Saliens	H	W	13-8
18—v. de la Salle College	H	Cancelled	

"A" TEAM

Mar.	7—v. Manchester Ex. "A"	H	W	5-3
	14—v. Old Aldwinians "A"	A	L	0-15
	21—v. Kersal "B"	A	W	16-11
	28—v. Ashton-on-Mersey "A" ...	H	W	35-6
Apr.	4—v. Prestwich "A"	H	L	3-5
	6—v. Sale Ex. "A"	H	L	0-11
	11—v. Davenport Ex. "A"	A	W	12-9
	18—v. Fylde Ex. "A"	H	L	3-40

EXTRA "A" TEAM

Mar.	7—v. Cheadle Hulme "B"	A	L	3-12
	14—v. Toc H Ex. "A"	A	L	3-33

Old Hulmeians Golf

This year's Competition was held on the Cheadle Golf Club by the kind permission of the Captain and the Committee of the Club. There were fewer competitors this year owing to the date clashing with an important tennis match at Whalley Range, but the twenty-three members who took out cards had a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. We were very pleased to have the company of the President, Mr. J. Malcolm Walker, who presented the Cups to the winners.

The winners were:—

Bradbury Cup: H. W. Andrews, 84—17=67.

Vlies Cup: J. Mawdsley, 73—5=68.

Merchant Cup: N. Hodson, 87—18=69.

Old Hulmeians at Oxford.

For most undergraduates, Oxford in the Trinity term must be synonymous with a short spell in heaven. Few dream of working, except those cursed by finals, and those who do conceal their studies from the public eye as much as possible. It is the term for punting along the meandering Isis on a timeless evening, for watching cricket: a term for nothing more energetic than a game of tennis, or a stroll through the parks or meadows.

The Undergraduate reticence on the subject of his activities is astonishing and most of the Old Hulmeians, when asked what they had been doing, gave a non-committal "Nothing" in reply.

H. Davidson (B.N.C.), however, was more informative. He has been playing the piano and tennis and "nothing else that is printable". A. C. Day (B.N.C.) has been indulging in the odd pastime of Scottish dancing. He has also learnt how to punt, an essential feature of an Oxford education, and judging from the chemical smell that surrounds him he has been doing odder things in the laboratories. J. Ginger (B.N.C.) continues to study far too conscientiously, but can be seen on Sunday mornings propping himself up against the ancient walls outside Merton College reading "*The Observer*". Inside Merton, M. Green (now, alas, clean-shaven) has rightly concentrated on having a good time. H. Baker (B.N.C.) must be one of the few undergraduates who have not been punting. He has been sordidly immersed in the theatre the whole term, playing Hotspur, an Idiot (with great ease), designing innumerable productions and rushing madly to and from the Playhouse, leaving a train of hair behind him.

A. W. Sedgwick (B.N.C.) is as sociable as ever. He not only punts, but also yachts, and was honoured by an invitation to accompany an Italian princess to the Oxford Union.

Other Old Hulmeians with examinations looming before them have been rarely seen. One hopes they have done as well in Schools as they expected. A. Wilkinson (B.N.C.) looks remarkably fit, despite the fact that when last seen he was awaiting news of the class of his degree. B. Wood (B.N.C.) continues, he says, to "plod on". K. Carter (B.N.C.) looks far too cheerful for a Schools-year man. D. Reid (Univ.) has, we understand, been doing research on Peterloo, a study that has brought him near to home.

It has been good to welcome Hulmeians this last term, and we sincerely hope that more will try to come up and sample Oxford life.

In conclusion, may we congratulate those whose examination successes enable them to come into residence next term, and extend our best wishes to those with examinations ahead.

H. B.

Old Hulmeians at Cambridge

There are times when the facts offered by the the imagination may be livelier than those of daily life. And there are times when it is not only more pleasant, but also necessary and desirable, to write

in terms of the imagination rather than in those of the statistical report. (Initially, we are prepared to admit that statistics may offer a dull catalogue of "truth", and that the errors are imported by the interpreter). No less a judge than Dr. Johnson has declared, that a dull record of events is unrewarding. If any good reason has ever been given, for making this column as dull as may usually be expected, it has never come to our attention. So perhaps the opinion of the Doctor may serve as an excuse—if any be needed—to refuse the catalogue.

We are Old Hulmeians at Cambridge University: everyone likely to read this column knows that—and who we are, is a matter of detail known to some. To others (and they are many) our names are mere symbols—not even that, for we have the power of stimulating very little. There are those at School who have never seen us: and who are year by year, encouraged to swell our number in the future—by parents, staff, and by sundry hootings on this printed page. But the power of our individual names is little, to assist in such a chorus. If the life we lead at Cambridge presents a glorious mystery to any at School who wish to take our places here, perhaps it would be better to leave the enchantment undisturbed. This may prove the best encouragement of all! In any case, it is impossible to say here what we do, and how; and to convey in the telling, any useful notion of the life. The present writer hopes he has become neither old nor stupid: he knows he is not what he was when he came here. The first night "in residence" is enough to show what a magazine column cannot.

Lest these remarks contain an apparent note of valediction, the writer hastens to say his firm belief that an account of Cambridge activities will appear in future issues of *The Hulmeian*.

To those who hoped or expected to find here, some record of The Old Hulmeians at Cambridge in the summer of 1953, the writer can only apologise. Remarkable events may be found in the "Notes and News", anyway. He hopes, for the rest, that he has successfully evaded a performance of duty-reporting, without giving too much offence. In fact, for a whole university term, he has seen almost nothing of his fellows from Manchester: and has not the slightest idea what they have been up to. He hopes they will not all disapprove of his presentation. Possibly, too, this column may provide to readers a welcome oasis of plain print, in an area of the magazine all too tastefully and frequently sprinkled with proper names and society resolutions—by the correspondents of other universities. There may even be readers.

M. E. C.

Old Hulmeians at Manchester

For most of us in the University the Summer Term brings examinations, and after Easter, frantic efforts are made to cram into a few weeks what should have been a year's work. "Caf" and the Union are deserted in favour of the quieter, if less stimulating atmosphere of the Christie and Arts Libraries. Many Old Boys, however, appear to have discovered perfect hiding-places in which to pursue their thirst for knowledge, and despite an extended search by the present scribe, their whereabouts remains a mystery. The few Old Boys who have been cornered were, as usual, very reluctant to tell of their activities, and they frequently made off at high speed after explaining that they had to get back to their books. We trust that this devotion to work will be revealed in the examination results.

Old Boys, perhaps discouraged by the recent weather, seem, for the present at least, to have retired from the field of sports. E. A. G. Hamilton, however, reports that he has joined the University Yacht Club, while the name of D. D. Hilton continues to appear on the Mountaineering Club notice-board, although nobody claims to have seen that gentleman since early last term.

Of the doings of other Old Boys there is little to report, although in the interests of public safety mention must be made of the fact that B. B. Taylor is now the owner of a small three-wheeled machine which he has the audacity to call a car. We understand that J. H. Cairns at Tech. was observed in a similar vehicle early last year, but neither the car nor its owner has been seen for some time.

Of the other Old Boys at Tech. we know almost nothing, although we frequently see G. E. Cusick at Owens in the company of R. M. Bale. G. B. Lawson, who also continues his studies at Tech., appears to have acquired a tandem, which he rides through the streets of the city at high speed.

Many Old Boys who have completed their courses will be going down for the last time this June, and to them we extend our best wishes for their future careers. The remainder of us will spend the summer in various ways, ranging from bus conducting to navying, while no doubt others will enjoy three months relaxation until October, when we look forward to welcoming the usual large contingent of freshers from School.

G. L. D.

Parents' Association Notes

Our Parents'/Staff Social Evening at the Fallowfield Hotel on Friday, March 13th, was certainly one of the most enjoyable events yet. We must repeat along the same lines.

The 13th Annual General Meeting took place at the School on Wednesday, May 13th. About sixty members were present. The chairman, Mr. E. A. Mowl, reviewed the activities of the past year and felt that in many ways it was the most successful we had yet seen. In making reference to committee meetings, he was of the opinion that they were one of the joys in serving the Association and always of a most happy character. He regretted that he would have to relinquish his chair.

Subsequent to dealing with the various reports and balance sheets came the election of officers and committee for the ensuing year. Mrs. J. Green, for five years a committee member, Mr. E. A. Mowl, this year's chairman, also a committee member for five years, Mr. I. S. Hilton, late Hon. Sec. and committee member of the old brigade, all retired: their work will be long remembered, and our best thanks go with them.

Mrs. L. Stockdale was elected Chairman; Mr. E. Morris, Vice-Chairman; Mr. L. Selman, Hon. Treasurer; Mr. S. V. Hickling, Hon. Secretary, in place of Mr. M. Archer, who reluctantly felt he must not stand for that office owing to heavy business commitments. The Committee remaining: Mrs. F. L. Aked, Mrs. E. H. Tredwell, Messrs. M.

Archer, A. Lilley and R. A. Palmer, were re-elected, and three new committee members elected in Mrs. M. Heath, Mrs. J. B. McCallum and Dr. D. L. Cooke, to whom we give a cordial welcome.

Thanks were also given to the Auditors, Messrs. Broomhead and Foxall. Mr. Gabbott volunteered and was elected to stand in place of Mr. Foxall, who was no longer available.

A discussion then followed, and many points of view expressed and aims visualised. We doubt not that the fruit of these opinions will be seen in due course.

The annual Cricket Matches will have taken place when these notes appear. Our thanks must be rendered to Mr. Morley for his most helpful co-operation and to Mr. I. S. Hilton, who has done the work on the parents' side.

The next season's activities are still under consideration, the only firm date we have is the Annual Dance and Supper at the Fallowfield Hotel on Thursday, October 29th. Will you note that date? We shall be letting you know about the Headmaster's September meeting in due course. Your son should have a notification, but it would be a good idea to jog his memory. There are usually three such notifications, in early September, February and May.

We are looking forward to a very interesting and active year ahead, and would very much appreciate your company, co-operation and interest.

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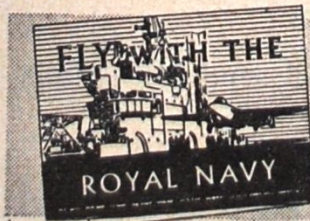
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