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School Notes and News.

Manchester University Degrees and Examinations:—Diploma in Public Health: N. S. Craig, M.B., Ch. B. Second M.B. and Ch.B.: C. G. Eastwood, M. W. Smith. First M.B. and Ch. B., Part 1: D. Ll. Griffiths (Chemistry and Physics). Diploma in Dentistry: Second Examination: J. E. Ellis (Dental Metallurgy), R. Cocker (Zoology).

C. M. Mason, M.Sc., has been appointed by the Manchester University Council as their representative on the governing body of the Unitarian College.

J. C. Beggs, B.Sc., sailed on the 16th of March for Northern Nigeria, where he takes up a post as Superintendent of Arts and Crafts Schools.

Dr. Haden Guest (O.H.), who has resigned from the Labour Party, was defeated at the recent by-election at North Southwark. He had represented that constituency in Parliament since 1923.

Mr. C. H. Owen was ordained on Sunday, December 19th, 1926, and has been licensed to St. Luke's, Weaste.

J. P. V. Woollam was again selected this year to play for the North of England lacrosse team against the South. He has also found a place in the Lancashire team that is to contest the final of the County Championships.

K. W. Y. Fison and R. Y. Fison, Old Hulmeians, sons of Mr. K. G. Fison, who was a master at the school for 25 years, were awarded their hockey Blues at Cambridge this year, and both appeared in the team that played against Oxford.

Mr. Powell is again taking a party of senior boys to visit Paris this Easter.

Arrangements are being made by the School to run a special train to Southport on Wednesday, June 29th, to enable those desiring to do so, to view the total eclipse of the sun. The train will leave Victoria Station about 4 a.m.

The actual building work in connection with the new science block and gymnasium is now completed, and the inside work is going on apace. The work on the new hall is also advancing rapidly, and if expectations are realised, everything should be ready for use by September.

The work of levelling the school field is approaching completion. Already eighty-four per cent. of the area has been dealt with, and the two acres should be finished before the end of the year.

At a meeting of the Games Committee, H. Lowther was elected Captain of the 1st XI Cricket team for another year.

Last term there was a falling off in the number of boys in attendance on the school field on games afternoons, but, since the beginning of the year, there has been an improvement, the average number this term being 160.

In Football, an Honours Cap has been awarded to T. L. Brierley, and Colours to J. C. Ratcliffe, E. G. Widdows, G. Woodhouse and G. C. Willis.

The following lacrosse awards have been made: Honours Cap, W. B. Stansby; Colours, H. Lowther, T. L. Brierley, J. Ferguson, R. Baird, E. G. Widdows, A. R. Merchant, L. A. Walker.

Midsummer term begins on Tuesday, April 26th at 9 a.m.

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

BIRTHS.

DEHN.—To Cynthia, the wife of Curt G. Dehn, on the 24th November, 1926, a son.

NEEDHAM.—On the 13th January, at 12, Rocky Hill, Malabar Hill, Bombay, to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Needham, a son.

BROWN.—On the 11th February, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brown, Athol Road, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HUMPHRIES—FIRTH.—On the 12th inst., at Bethesda P.M. Church, Stockport, Norman S. A. Humphries, M.Sc., Tech., son of Professor Humphries, M.A., of Kensington Gardens, Hale, (and Hartley College, Manchester,) and Ellen Titterton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Firth, of South Reddish, Stockport.

DEATH.

HOWARD.—Accidentally killed on the 21st January, at Angul, India, Captain George Guest Howard, Indian Veterinary Service, son of the late Edwin and Hannah Howard, of Clifton House, Victoria Park, Manchester.

Captain George Guest Howard.

We record with great regret the tragic death in India of an Old Hulmeian in the person of Capt. G. G. Howard, of the Indian Veterinary Service. He had been out in a boat along with his wife, his sister and his

child, crocodile shooting, and on leaning forward to reach the child, his rifle, which had a faulty trigger, fell and went off, the bullet passing through his heart and killing him instantaneously.

Captain Howard came to the School in April, 1904, and left in July, 1905, when he proceeded to Liverpool University. After qualifying as a veterinary surgeon he received an appointment with a timber firm in India to doctor about 300 elephants. When war broke out in 1914 he resigned this post to join the army and served in France from 1914 to 1919, and afterwards in Germany and Ireland. On demobilisation he took a commission in the Indian Veterinary Service, and had been home on leave towards the end of last year.

The Hulme Lads' Club Collection, 1926.

In spite of many misgivings in the early stages of the collection, the total reached the record amount of £263 17s. 8d., being £10 0s. 11d. more than last year and £48 2s. 9d. more than in 1924.

Lower I, inspired by Mr. Williams, again raised the highest total amount and the highest amount per head.

While it has not been usual to refer to individual collections, some comment is called for in the case of J. M. Gibbons, of Science VI, who collected this year, £8 10s. from over 30 subscribers. During the eight years he has been at school, Gibbons has collected no less than £43 10s. 0d. for the Hulme Lads' Club, a record which will be very hard to beat.

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

A.L.P.

Form				Av'ge per head		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
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5A	25	3	2	0	14	9
5B	10	1	7	0	7	9
5C	20	3	0	0	12	7
4A	10	10	0	0	7	9
4B	9	11	4	0	7	4
4C	9	6	11	0	5	10
3A	12	0	11	0	9	4
3B	12	6	8	0	7	6
3C	8	4	3	0	5	1
2A	12	18	8	0	7	10
2B	9	9	9½	0	6	1
2C	13	14	0	0	8	7
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1B	8	13	9	0	6	5
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Staff	4	4	0			
Total	£263 17 8					

9th February, 1927.

Dear Mr. Dennis,

PROCTER GYMNASIUM AND HULME LADS' CLUB.

It is with great pleasure that I tender once more on behalf of the Committee of the Club, their warmest thanks to all those at your school who have again come to the help of the Club. We value very warmly the continued friendly interest which your boys display in the welfare of the boys of this club, and also we appreciate very much the substantial contribution of £263 17s. 8d. to the funds of the Club.

With very many thanks for the generous support from your school,

I am,

Yours faithfully,

C. T. NEEDHAM,

President.

Trevor Dennis, Esq.,
Hulme Grammar School,
Manchester.

A Night in Camp.

The last notes of "Lights Out" echo from the near-by woods and hills, and slowly die away. Silence has not yet fallen over the camp, however, for dim shapes can be seen moving among the tents. Loud slaps as leather meets canvas and commands enjoining silence within the tents are clearly heard in the stillness as the camp prepares for sleep.

The evening is magnificent. The sun has just set behind the hills, and the sky is coloured a fiery red. The small clouds are scarlet-tipped and the larger stars twinkle in the bright sky as they slowly overcome the failing light of the passing day.

Nature has not yet fallen asleep, however, for the birds are still heard in the bushes and in the wood close by, while gulls lazily wing over the deserted camp homeward bound.

The sea glitters and sparkles in the light of the dying day as the cool evening breeze ruffles its surface making each ripple a bar of gold.

Slowly night falls. The challenges of the guards become less frequent, and the familiar sounds of the day die away only to be superseded by those of the night.

Eerie rustles and squeaks issue from the tangled undergrowth to frighten the inexperienced, while the monotonous cry of the corncrake breaks the silence of the night. The cookhouse fire shines a bright red in the gloom, and the guard tent, lit inside by a lantern, looks like an abode of ghosts. Above, the stars shine brightly, giving a feeling of security and peace, while from the sea comes the murmur of the restless waves.

Slowly the moon appears, its white purity broken only by the swaying branches of a great oak. Higher it rises, the stars paling before its magnificence, until it hangs there, bathing the earth in subdued

light. Now and then it gleams with an evil light on the bayonet of a watchful sentry. The milky way stretches across the heavens like a band of bright silver.

How could people sleep when such wonders are abroad?

From various parts of the camp come incoherent sounds of people babbling in their sleep, and the alarming rumblings of the confirmed snorer, sounds which are not heard without some trepidation by the tender recruit as he paces along his beat.

Long before sunrise the birds awake and the bushes and undergrowth become alive with their sleepy chirps as they call to one another. Then a disturbance is heard in the direction of the refuse pits. On the greasy surface of one of these a dark shape can be vaguely seen darting from side to side. The noise, though slight, is clearly heard in the chilly silence by one of the guards who steps forward and lifts the object from its watery grave after a short struggle. It can be easily seen now to be a poor thrush which had awakened, and, still sleepy, had fallen unsuspectingly into the pit. It is set down near the warm cookhouse fire, and, having dried its feathers, hops into the night with a twitter of thanks.

Dawn approaches apace and soon the eastern horizon is tinted a pale pink.

Two owls flit past on soundless wings and disappear with ghostly cries into the deeper shadows after a night's hunting. The cry of the corncrake becomes less incessant and finally dies away.

The glow on the horizon increases and slowly spreads over the sky. The stars grow dim beneath the rays of the rising sun, and are finally put out one by one. The familiar objects about the camp become more distinct every minute as darkness departs. Indescribable colours cross the horizon, precedents of the glory to come; then a golden rim appears and

slowly the glorious Apollo mounts the heavens in his fiery chariot.

Nature awakens in all her glory at his touch. The grass is soaked with dew, which had fallen in the night. Soon there is a stir amongst the tents, and, with the sound of "Reveill  ," the camp comes to life again.

Another day has begun !

A. J.

The Entertainments.

With the fall of the curtain at the end of the play, on Tuesday, 5th March, another series of Tuesday evening entertainments came to an end. It has been a season on which all can look back with satisfaction, and not a little pleasure: the audiences have had an interesting variety of fare, and the performers have had full houses, with keen, appreciative and not over critical hearers. To all who help in the work of these entertainments, it must be very gratifying to find that their labours do not go unrewarded. The plays, "Captain Brassbound's Conversion," and "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure," have, of course, been the outstanding dramatic performances of the year. The present stage which was such an advance on the old is, in turn, to yield place to a new and larger structure when the new hall has been completed, and it is expected that with the rapid progress in the building work the new stage will be ready for next September. In speaking of the season's work we desire to offer our best thanks to Mr. Brierley for his excellent posters and his work in making up; to Mr. Bentley who, with the assistance of H. Hammond, has looked after the stage and properties throughout the season; to Mr. Adams for his work as lanternist, and to G. Woodhouse, J. E. Chatfield and D. G. Corrie, who, under the supervision of Mr. Davies, have looked after the lighting effects.

PROGRAMME :

CAROLS.—December 14th. A costume recital of Christmas Carols was given by Mr. Dennis, H. Lowther, B. M. Brook, P. H. Taylor, T. L. Brierley, J. I. Williams. Forms 2B and 1B also took part. Programme: A Virgin Unspotted (*Gilberts Carols*, 1822); The Seven Joys of Mary; God Rest You Merry Gentlemen (*16th Cent.*); Good King Wenceslas (*13th Cent. Melody*); The Cherry Tree Carol; To us is Born a Little Child (*J. S. Bach*); The First Nowell; Come all you True Good Christians (sung by Form 1B); The Holly and the Ivy (sung by Form 2B); In Dulci Jubilo (1570, *Pearsall*); The Wassail Song.

PLAY.—December 16th, 17th, 18th and 20th, at 7-30 p.m. "Captain Brassbound's Conversion," (*Bernard Shaw*).

LANTERN LECTURE.—January 18th. "Brasses of the 14th Century," by Mr. Dennis. By means of lantern slides and some interesting rubbings, the lecturer showed how the brasses illustrated the change from chain to plate armour. Rubbings of the only four surviving brasses of the crusading age were shown.

LANTERN LECTURE.—January 25th. Mr. Adams spoke on "The Eclipse of the Sun," and in the course of an instructive talk on this interesting phenomenon made special reference to the eclipse that is to take place on the 29th of June.

PLAYS.—February 1st. "Jack and the Beanstalk," a shadowgraph play in eight scenes, was presented by Form Lower I. Being the first performance of its kind at these Tuesday entertainments the play, which was well acted, roused much interest. Those taking part were: Jack (J. M. Bowers), Mother (P. W. S. Brown), The Farmer (J. B. Baird), The Giant (R. D. Sunderland), The Cow (J. Hammond and K. Johnson), Prisoners (B. C. K. Ballinger, A. Clarke, J. W. Bunting, D. G. Batty, H. V. Davies, J. Worrall, J. R. Kent,

T. F. Redman, M. Ballinger). The sausage machine was worked by P. R. Bradbury. Stage hands (T. H. Graham, A. R. Burns, H. G. Holland). Announcer (J. G. Roberts). Appropriate music was played by F. H. Puxty (VI. S.) Producer, Mr. Williams.

"The Old Hall" was written and cleverly performed by Form IB. Cast: Grandfather (T. S. Meehan), Grandmother (F. Luckman), Father (H. R. Hall), Mother (A. A. Cooper), Tom (F. Blyth), Joan (W. Edwards), Dorothy (D. A. Williams), Jack (J. H. Sweeney), Alice (F. Hodgkinson), The Lunatic (M. L. Macfarlane), Warders (P. R. Bradshaw and R. F. Peacock). Stage Manager (P. Snaddon). The play was produced by Mr. Williams.

PLAY.—February 8th. "The Little Man," a farcical morality in three scenes (*John Galsworthy*). The difficulties of staging this play which includes a scene in a compartment of a railway carriage were ingeniously overcome. Characters: The Little Man (N. B. Wilkinson), The American (Mr. Rayfield), The German (F. W. Drummond), The Englishman (J. B. Henshaw), The Englishwoman (E. Phillips), The Dutch Boy (S. N. Winson), The Waiter (D. L. Doff), The German Policeman (S. Sambrook), German Station Officials (J. L. W. Jordan, P. Hodgkinson), The Mother (J. Mark), The Porter (C. A. Burnside). The play was performed by Form IVB and produced by Mr. Rayfield.

PLAY.—February 15th. Form IV. A gave an excellent performance of "Maretta," a play with a pronounced Lancashire atmosphere. The name of the author, Sherragh Vane, hides the identity of Mr. Davies. The play, a comedy in two acts, proved very amusing. Characters: Mr. Smith (Mr. Davies), Mrs. Smith (W. S. Grimshaw), Maretta (G. Cocker), Augustus Silvertone (J. I. Williams), Harry Bannister (A. F. Mackay), Ted Reid (N. Stoddard), Sarah (D. Coe). Producer, Mr. Davies.

PLAY.—February 22nd. The play, "Augustus in Search of a Father" (*Harold Chapin*), is something in the nature of a character study of an old watchman, a policeman and a young "sport," and was performed by Form V.C. The characters were: The Night Watchman (D. O. Muth), Augustus (J. P. Moran), The Policeman (W. B. Stansby). Produced by Mr. Anderson.

PLAY.—February 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, at 7-30 p.m., "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure," an Arabian Nights' Fantasy, in three acts, by *Walter Hackett*.

LANTERN LECTURE.—March 1st. Mr. Gatley had as his subject, "The Rockies," and during an interesting talk showed us some beautiful slides of the Far West.

LANTERN LECTURE.—March 1st. Mr. James lectured to an interested audience on "The Greek Theatre." The speaker pointed out the chief characteristics of the theatre in Greece, and in comparing it with the modern theatre and its productions we were shown slides of plays enacted on our own school stage.

PLAY.—March 8th. This, the last play of the season, was played by Form V.B, who gave us a good performance of "No. 13 Simon Street," (*Wharton*). J. R. Fisher did very well in the leading part as William Lassen, and the other characters were: John Rutt (K. M. Wildig), Henry Carter (H. Barratt), Miss Raeburn (R. O. Venning). The play was produced by Mr. Gatley.

The Orchestra has been:—

Violins: G. C. Willis (Leader), Mrs. Dennis, Mr. Ginever, E. W. Forrest, R. Millner, L. L. Cooper, J. C. P. Besford, W. Peak, T. A. Broomhead, R. E. Higgins, H. R. Cayton, H. Dick, H. J. Widdows, J. M. Collins, K. W. Watts, L. Roberts, F. D. Williams C. L. Goodwin. *Viola*: Mrs. Bentley. *Cellos*: Mr. Williams, S. T. Harrison. *Bass*: F. M. Booth (O.H.). *Flute*: B. M. Mayo. *Oboe*: B. M. Brook.

Clarinets: Mr. Bentley, D. G. Corrie, B. J. Bentley. *Horn*: C. Wilkes. *Trumpet*: E. G. Widdows. *Trombone*: T. L. Brierley. *Drums*: W. R. Ault. *Pianoforte*: R. Judson, D. O. Muth, F. H. Puxty. *Conductor*: Mr. Dennis.

Captain Brassbound's Conversion.

The School has been nothing if not enterprising in its production of dramatic performances, and in taking up the play, "Captain Brassbound's Conversion," one of the less familiar of G. B. Shaw's works, Mr. Dennis was worthily maintaining the traditions which the School has already definitely established in these matters. The cast was well chosen and gave a spirited rendering of the play, and, when we remember the difficulties that must beset one producing a Shavian play with a cast composed largely of boys, the excellent performances given each evening gain much in merit. The first act of the play is not up to the high level of the other two, but even here, while things appeared at times to move somewhat slowly, the acting was always good, and interest never flagged.

Whilst several of the parts demanded much of the players, the characters of Lady Cicely Waynflete (W. H. G. Adams), and of Brassbound (Mr. Powell), owing to the transformations in their natures, seemed to call for greater effort in "the true performing." The change in the swashbuckling Brassbound was, by reason of his conversion, perhaps more profound and subtle than in the case of Lady Cicely, who, from being a somewhat frivolous individual in the early part of the play, becomes towards the end a woman of great tact and common sense, as shown in her power of managing men. Both players cleverly achieved all that the situation demanded. The talkative and amusing cockney ruffian, Drinkwater, was interestingly portrayed by Mr. Dennis,

whilst Mr. Rayfield played cleverly the part of Sir Howard Hallam. H. Lowther, who seems to specialise in these parts, and R. G. Gregory as Marzo and Johnson respectively, two murderous types, played well, and R. W. Lymer in the small part of Captain Kearney was good. G. Woodhouse, who took the long and trying part of Rankin, did very well, and there was nothing lacking in the villainy of Brassbound's evil looking mob of roughs. The play was well staged and well acted, and thoroughly deserved the encomiums and plaudits awarded it each evening.

Producer, Mr. Dennis.

Before the play and during the intervals the School Orchestra played Haydn's Oxford Symphony in G Minor. Conductor, F. H. Puxty.

Characters in order of their appearance: Rankin (G. Woodhouse), Drinkwater (Mr. Dennis), Hassan (C. J. Tuffen), Krooboy (A. K. F. Nicol, G. C. Evans), Lady Cicely Waynflete (W. H. G. Adams), Sir Howard Hallam (Mr. Rayfield), Muley (P. H. Taylor) Marzo (H. Lowther), Captain Brassbound (Mr. Powell), Redbrook (A. Wilkinson), Johnson (R. G. Gregory), Brassbound's men (T. W. M. Bland, J. Midgley, F. P. Harris, J. N. Wright, A. J. Kendall, E. B. Richards, J. G. Rickards), Osman Ali (L. L. Cooper), Sidi el Assif (R. S. C. Hadfield), Arabs (J. G. Dent, J. M. Gibbons, C. A. Hemmerdinger), The Cadi of Kintafi (J. C. Jarvis), Arabs (W. W. Simpson, A. V. Williams, R. M. Thorpe, M. G. Whitman, R. Astin, J. F. Caldwell, A. R. Kennedy, J. C. Scammell, H. L. Tonge, F. E. Goodwin, G. O. Holt, K. B. Williams, E. Allman, A. W. Stephens), Bluejacket (J. Ferguson), Captain Kearney (R. W. Lymer).

Scenery by Mr. Brierley and G. H. Platt.

Stage and electrical fittings by Mr. Bentley, C. A. Hemmerdinger, J. C. Scammell, J. E. Chatfield, G. Woodhouse, D. G. Corrie, D. L. Boothman, W. M. Garvie, H. Hammond, E. L. Pixton.

Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure.

When it was first proposed to produce "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventure" at the Lent half-term, it was realised by all who knew the play that, with our inadequate stage accessories and somewhat limited accommodation, many difficulties would meet the producer (Mr. Brierley). How completely these were overcome was shown on the first night of the performance when the play, opening with a well-staged and well rendered first act, went on from success to success, and at the drop of the final curtain was enthusiastically applauded. The play is a comedy with a direct, simple appeal, and depends for much of its success on broad effects and considerable gusto in presentation.

It is the story of Ambrose Applejohn, a man of model respectability and fixed habits, who, burning with a desire for adventure, by reason of a dream and through a rapid succession of alarming experiences, has his wish more than gratified. The second act (the dream) was very well played, and was enacted with such a refreshing abandon and such realism that it stirred the enthusiasm of all, and proved particularly thrilling to the younger members of the audience.

Mr. Brierley in the title role realised to the full all the possibilities of his difficult and varied part, whilst his acting in the pirate scene was particularly convincing. P. N. Cantrill as Anna Valeska, the Russian dancer, was called upon to play a part that would have severely tried one much more mature in years and experience than he. His was an excellent piece of acting for a boy of his years. Mr. Rayfield showed his versatility in the double role of Horace Pengard and the treacherous Chinaman. W. H. G. Adams as Poppy Faire was really clever with his archly girlish mannerisms, whilst H. Lowther as the villain, Ivan

Borolsky, and J. C. Jarvis as Lush, the butler, were well cast. R. G. Gregory as Agatha Whatcombe, J. C. P. Besford as Johnny Jason, J. M. Tillotson as Mrs. Pengard, and R. S. C. Hadfield as Dennet, were all good. A word of praise must be given the acting of the villainous pirate crew, who, by their looks and manner, did not belie the name "scum." Altogether the play was an excellent production, and was thoroughly enjoyed each evening by most appreciative audiences.

Producer: Mr. Brierley.

Before the play and during the intervals the School Orchestra, with Mr. Dennis as conductor, played Mozart Cassation No.1, in G.

Characters, in order of their appearance: Lush (J. C. Jarvis), Poppy Faire (W. H. G. Adams), Mrs. Agatha Whatcombe (R. G. Gregory), Ambrose Applejohn (Mr. Brierley), Anna Valeska (P. N. Cantrill), Mrs. Pengard (T. M. Tillotson), Horace Pengard (Mr. Rayfield), Ivan Borolsky (H. Lowther), Palmer (W. H. Gorton), Dennet (R. S. C. Hadfield), Johnny Jason (J. C. P. Besford), Characters in the Dream: R. Baird, L. L. Cooper, J. R. Fisher, J. B. Forsyth, F. E. Goodwin, J. M. Gibbons, F. P. Harris, D. O. Muth, J. C. Rickards, M. G. Whitman, J. N. Wright.

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

All the scenery and properties were made under Mr. Bentley's supervision by the following boys: H. Hammond, W. M. Garvie, J. C. Scammell, C. A. Hemmendinger, E. L. Pixton, H. Stephens, D. Flanagan.

We offer our best thanks to Mrs. Bentley who made the new setting for the play.

The furniture in the 1st and 3rd Acts was kindly lent by Messrs. J. & J. Shaw, Oxford Street, Manchester.

Stage Manager: H. Hammond.

A Glance at Venice.

We arrived at Venice rather late and, after wondering how to spend the evening, decided to make a quick tour of as much of the city as possible, hoping to see the various places in detail during the latter part of our stay.

Stepping out of the hotel we passed an open square or Piazza, as it is called, and on one side saw Saint Mark's, a cathedral that for sculpture and masonry passes all description: it is one mass of carvings and coloured marble inlays. On the Piazza directly in front of the cathedral are numerous flagstaffs around which countless pigeons constantly flutter.

The next place of interest we visited was the famous "Bridge of Sighs" which joins the prison to the rear part of the Doge's palace. Near by is another bridge with a less ominous name, of the arched stone type, over which passes a stream of pedestrians, many of whom, clearly visitors, stand rapt in admiration, whilst others gaze idly at the passing gondolas.

The prison is of a greenish-grey stone, not unartistically designed for what it is, but it appears very dull when compared with the exquisite stonework of the palace. We would much like to inspect its interior, but we lack the time, for, if we are to see anything more, we must pass on.

Soon we come to the entrance to Sainte Maria Della Salute, the actual doorway of which is not too large for such a building, but its surrounding structure, a masterpiece of stonework and architecture, gives it a gigantic look. There are four columns, two on each side of the doorway, between which are several stone figures, and on the outsides of each pair of columns, are two smaller sized doors, from which constant streams of gaily clad people pass

and repass. The ground in front is paved with red and white stone, and directly in front of the entrance passes the Grand Canal.

This canal is the greatest in Venice, being much wider than a wide street, and it is most improbable that it is ever without admirers on its banks. The opposite side finishes abruptly against gaily beflagged buildings. A never ending procession of gondolas passes, and in these, unless previously warned, the visitor will be disappointed, for having heard of the Venetian love of colour, to see a jet black gondola is, to say the least, rather a surprise. This, however, is enforced by law, as such competition used to arise between the various gondoliers that the boats were decorated beyond all necessity as an attraction to visitors.

Venice is a network of canals of the smaller variety, but this is its main road: the Grand Canal is to Venice as the Thames is to London. One can travel the whole length on a steam-boat for a small sum, but the novelty of the gondola appeals to us and we take a trip by the latter means.

Various types and sizes of gondolas pass us, each with its gay gondolier at the stern; nearly all of them have an uninterested, almost bored look on their faces, that seems to indicate that their only object in life is to keep the boat moving.

We turn aside and arrive presently at the Rialto Bridge, one somewhat similar to that near the "Bridge of Sighs"; it has the usual group of onlookers staring at the surrounding places from its slightly raised position. Here we disembark as it is getting rather late, and, staying a moment on the bridge, we take a look at the canal down which we have travelled, at the various types of inhabitants, and at the ever interesting buildings, before hastening to our hotel so as to arrive before nightfall.

E.S.B.

The Library.

Librarian: Mr. PERRATON.

The following books have been added to the library this term:

Vassari's Lives of the Painters, Sculptors and Architects. (4 Vols.)

Breasted. Ancient Times.

The remainder of the additional volumes to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

When the pressure of examinations has somewhat subsided, volunteers from the Upper Forms to write catalogue slips will be welcomed. About three thousand cards will have to be written. L.H.P.

The Scientific Society.

President: The Headmaster; *Vice-President:* F. Adams, M.A.; *Secretary:* H. Lowther; *Treasurer:* J. G. Dent; *Committee:* J. Ferguson, C. Wilkes, J. C. Jarvis.

The following lectures were given towards the end of the Michaelmas Term, so that detailed reports could not be included in the *Hulmeian* for December, 1926.

November 25th.—A lecture on "The Production of a Modern Newspaper" was given by C. Wilkes. After emphasising the development of newspaper printing, the lecturer introduced us to the "Daily News" buildings. We were shown some excellent slides of the actual processes involved in the printing of the newspaper, and the lecturer dealt particularly with the Linotype, Stereotype and Printing Departments.

December 2nd.—"Modern Locomotives" was the subject of a lecture by the Treasurer. He explained the propulsion of a locomotive

by steam pressure and then passed on to a survey of the various types of locomotives in common use on the Great Western and Great Central systems. The lecturer explained the methods of classification of locomotives, and showed how the essential differences in the construction of engines designed for different kinds of work increase their efficiency in performing their particular function.

December 9th.—The final lecture of the Michaelmas Term was given by J. M. Gibbons, on "Rubber." He explained the nature of the latex from which the rubber is derived, and described several methods of tapping the rubber tree in order to obtain this valuable product. We were informed by the lecturer that rubber is produced in a crude form by allowing the latex to coagulate in the air and that the preliminary stages of purification are carried out on the plantation itself by washing and rolling the crude rubber. The lecturer then described various processes through which the "plantation rubber" passes before attaining a pure state. Finally vulcanisation and over-vulcanisation were explained.

The following lectures have been given this term:—

January 13th.—The opening lecture of the Lent Term was given by J. Ferguson, and his subject was "Matchmaking." Before dealing with the actual process of matchmaking, the lecturer gave a most interesting history of fire-producing instruments. He commenced with the primitive method of producing fire by rubbing two pieces of wood together, and then passed on to the flint and steel and tinderbox, and to the cumbrous appliances of the early 19th century. In this way the discovery of the modern type of match by J. Walker, in 1826, was brought forward. The lecturer explained that the ignition of the modern match depends on chemical means and showed that the action caused by

rubbing the head was that of oxidising the phosphorus present. The actual process of matchmaking was then described with the help of lantern slides.

January 20th.—Mr. Harris lectured on "The Chemistry of the Colourbox" and commenced by explaining that the familiar small blocks of pigment are made by grinding the colouring matter into minute particles and binding these particles together with gum and saccharine. The lecturer's detailed discussion opened with the reds. The important part played by ferric oxide in the making of many of them by admixture with alumina was emphasised, as was the use of aluminium hydroxide as a mordant in the preparation of Lakes. The naturally occurring yellows—ochre and gamboge—were then introduced, and Cadmium and Chrome yellows were precipitated. Of the greens the lecturer dealt most fully with Emerald, which is copper aceto-arsenate. The familiar blues—Prussian, Cobalt and Ultramarine—were then made. In conclusion, the whites, browns, and blacks were briefly described. The chemical reactions involved in the production of all those colours which are artificially made were explained very clearly.

January 27th.—The lecturer was W. Elson, and his subject was "Coalmining." His opening remarks were devoted to the formation of coal from decayed vegetation, and several theories on the subject were expounded. With the aid of lantern slides the lecturer then described the actual mining of the coal. The pithead machinery and the propping of the underground passages were first dealt with. We were then shown the great difficulties under which the miner's work, and the various methods used by them for the extraction of the coal. The modes of transport from the workings to the shaft next came under consideration, and finally, the construction of the Davy lamp was explained to us.

February 3rd.—We were very pleased to have an Old Hulmeian, N. C. Vlies, as the speaker at this meeting. His subject was "Soap." The lecturer's opening remarks dealt with the history of soap—a commodity made before the destruction of Pompeii, and also mentioned in the Bible. We were then given a description of the various oils and fats used in making soap. A few slides of Lever Bros. works were shown and each was described minutely. The manufacture of floating soap then came under consideration, and the lecturer explained that the reason for its floating is the presence of a large number of air bubbles. This kind of soap is hence extremely wasteful.

February 10th.—Mr. Dennis spoke on "Relativity." The lecturer began by referring to a peculiarity in the motion of the planet Mercury, for which it is impossible to account by Newtonian mechanics. This seems to point to the need for a re-consideration of our ideas with regard to time and space. By an interesting illustration he showed the difficulty of defining simultaneity and that this depends on the position and motion of the observer. In other words time and space are not independent, and Einstein introduced the conception of space-time. By this means it is possible to account for the motion of Mercury, and Einstein also predicted that light should be bent in a gravitational field. This has been verified by observations taken during recent total eclipses of the sun.

The Fugitive.

He stumbled out from the blackness of a clump of trees into the pale light of a young moon, a dejected and pitiful figure. A tattered overcoat failed to shield him from a penetrating November drizzle, and an old cap was pulled down over his eyes. Pausing for a moment he peered furtively around,

as if expecting to find enemies on every side. All he could see, however, was a cluster of lights which came to an abrupt end at a patch of greater darkness. He shivered and drew the meagre covering closer about him, thrust his hands into the drooping pockets, and walked slowly on.

He was toiling up a slippery incline when the sudden immersion of his right foot in a puddle of muddy water wrung from his numbed lips a startled exclamation; again he looked uneasily about but the stillness reassured him. By stamping on the ground most of the outer covering of mud on his boot was shaken off, and the vagrant plodded on. Just then the familiar rattle of a railway signal broke the silence, and he knew that he was on a bridge over the railway. A train was approaching rapidly, and, as it passed, he had a fleeting vision of bright and comfortable carriages, of a luxurious dining car, and of the many passengers peacefully seated in warmth and security. The watcher laughed harshly and lurched on to the crest of the bridge. Raising his eyes from the ground, he saw before him a long panorama of lights stretching away to the left where they merged into a blurred glare, betokening the presence of a large town. What town, he did not know; how far off, he could not tell.

Suddenly, realising he could be seen from behind against the lights, the fugitive, for such he was, moved rapidly down the slope and found himself in a ploughed field. Evidently he had strayed from the footpath he had been following; the thought came to him that he might be trespassing and again he laughed. He stood still for a moment; to the left lay lights, exposure, imprisonment; to the right, a chance of freedom.

Crouching as the rain beat down heavily, he made off to the right and was lost in the shadows.

R.M.H.G.

Old Hulmeians Association.

The Annual Dinner was held on Saturday, February 5th, at Parker's Restaurant, St. Ann's Square. There were 67 present, the largest number for some years, and judging by the enthusiasm of the large proportion of younger members present, we should soon have a Dinner worthy of the Association.

Mr. F. E. Dehn, in a most amusing speech, proposed the toast of "The School" coupling with it the name of the Headmaster.

In his reply, Mr. Trevor Dennis spoke of the new buildings which are being erected by the firm of an Old Hulmeian, Mr. Walter Thorpe, and stated that it was practically certain that they would be in use by next September.

Mr. T. H. Harvey proposed "The Association" and referred to the purchase of the new grounds adjoining the War Memorial Ground.

The President, Mr. H. R. Classen, responded on behalf of the Association.

During the evening we were entertained by Mr. Bridge Peters, Mr. Stansfield, Mr. Davies and Mr. Rayfield. The best thanks of the Committee are due to these gentlemen for their kindness in providing the entertainment without cost to the Association.

Mr. Brice, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Hewlett, Mr. Kelsey and Mr. Morley have been elected Honorary Life Members of the Association. Dr. Hall and Mr. Dorrans are already Hon. Life Members.

The new grounds have been in use all this season, and the United Yeast Co., to whom the ground is leased in the summer, have put down a cricket square and two tennis courts and will have an excellent pavilion completed before the summer season begins.

Mr. J. A. W. Jones has been elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Old Hulmeians Playing Fields Ltd., in succession to Mr. H. Cardwell, who has resigned.

Mr. Cardwell's work in this capacity began with the original War Memorial Fund, and during the last eight years he has devoted a very large amount of time and trouble to the legal side of the matter. Probably few people outside of the various Committees concerned realise the great amount of work he has done.

The Committee of the Association are very grateful to him for all his work and for putting his legal knowledge and experience at their disposal in the way he has done.

The Musical and Dramatic Section presented the play "Grumpy" by Horace Hodges, at the West Didsbury Public Hall, on April 7th and 8th.

The play was produced by Mr. W. A. Brierley, and will receive a full notice in the next number of the "Hulmeian."

The Committee of the War Education Fund acknowledge with grateful thanks the donation of £5 from Mr. E. K. Brice.

Old Hulmeians Football.

The first month of the New Year did not bring any change in the fortunes of the Club, but since then a considerable improvement in the form of all three teams has taken place, although it has not been attended by any great increase in the points secured. However, the special feature has been the improvement in some of the younger members, and this, of course, makes the prospects for next season look much more hopeful.

The first eleven obtained their only success up to date against the Old Chorltonians, and they also did quite well to run the two Bolton teams as closely as they did; given

the slightest amount of luck, one point at least would have accrued from each of these games.

In the last few games a great improvement has been shown both in defence and attack, and, if this form is maintained, the remaining fixtures should bring some reward.

The second eleven have also improved considerably, and brought off their best performance against Bolton Wyresdale, when they won by three goals to two, after being two down at half-time. The same remarks apply to this team also, but greater steadiness in front of goal would have given their record a much different appearance.

The third eleven have not had quite as good a record this year as last, but during the season several players have shewn distinct promise, and have been moved up to the second, and on some occasions, to the first team. The chief object of the third team is, of course, to provide recruits for the senior teams, and those members who have been keen enough to turn out regularly will, in course of time, fill up the places of those who have to retire from one cause or another.

The game at School was very successful from our point of view, and another fixture has been arranged for later in the season. I hope that all available boys who are leaving School next summer will not forget the Football Section when next season comes along; there is no reason at all why four teams should not be run if we have only sufficient members.

F.A.

The results up to date are as follows:—

		1st XI	2nd XI
1926.			
Dec.	4—Heaton Moor	A 2-3 ... H	0-7
	11—Old Boltonians.....	Canc'led... H	2-5
	18—Bolton Wyresdale	H 1-5 ... A	1-3
1927.			
Jan.	1—Whalley Range ...	H 1-6 ... A	3-8
	8—Bury Amateurs ...	H 2-7 ... A	1-4
	15—Crumpsall	H 1-7 ... A	2-6
	22—Chorlton-c-H.	Canc'led... A	0-7
	29—Blackburn Tech.		
	College	H 2-6 ... A	0-12

		1st XI.	2nd XI.
Feb.	5—Man. Y.M.C.A.....A	3-7 ... H	2-12
	12—Stand .....H	0-4 ... A	0-7
	19—Old Chorltonians ...H	2-0 ... A	0-4
	26—Old Mancunians ...A	1-5 ... H	1-4
Mar.	5—Heaton Moor .....H	2-3 ... A	1-4
	10—H.G.S. ....A	5-2 ...	
	12—Old Boltonians.....H	0-2 ... A	1-3
	19—Bolton Wyresdale A	1-3 ... H	3-2

THIRD ELEVEN.

1926.			
Dec.	4—Man. University "A"	A	0-8
	11—Chorlton Presbyterians	Cancelled	
	18—Old Mancunians	Cancelled	
1927.			
Jan.	8—Crumpsall	H	0-10
	15—Moss Side Jun. Unionists	H	5-2
	22—St. James's, Moss Side	Cancelled	
	29—Whalley Range	A	1-6
Feb.	5—Royal Deaf and Dumb Sch. ...	H	0-5
	12—Bury Amateurs	H	0-8
	19—H.G.S., Oldham Old Boys	H	0-4
	26—Moss Side Jun. Unionists	H	1-2
Mar.	5—Manchester Y.M.C.A.	H	0-2
	12—H.G.S.	H	10-1
	19—Moss Side Jun. Unionists	H	3-1

Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

MARCH 26TH, 1927.

A survey of the first team matches this season reveals that out of a total of twenty four games played up to the present, the Old Boys have won 13, lost 10 and drawn 1. This may not, perhaps, appear to be a very brilliant record, but when the varying form of most of the first division clubs this year is considered, it should give the team quite a respectable position in the league table.

As is usually the case, the team has settled down since Christmas, and is playing together much better than it did in the first dozen matches of the season. It would appear that an arrangement of the team has been found which can be more

or less adhered to, and which should develop next season into a very sound combination. The chief difficulty experienced at the beginning of the year was the vacancy on the wing, caused by the retirement of R. Buckland. It has been partly solved by the introduction into the attack of N. R. Coe, who, after playing defence on the "A" team, is developing into a very useful attack, and though rather weak in his shooting, is a tremendous worker, and can play either centre or wing.

Payne is still the chief goal scorer on the team: he is a good, hard shot, and can generally be relied upon to make the most of an opportunity. N. A. Barber and Rains have both given him great assistance, and are rapidly becoming first class attacks.

The two outstanding matches during the second half of the season have been the Stockport and the Boardman fixtures, both of which teams had previously beaten the Old Boys. In the Stockport game, played at Cale Green, it was only by a gigantic effort on the part of the Cheshire team that they just managed to equalise before the whistle blew for time. The Boardman team, however, after leading by six goals to three, only managed to get one more in the second half, whilst the Old Boys added five, winning eight-seven. The Heaton Mersey and Albert Park matches were also hard fought games, with only one goal difference in the final scores.

The "A" team has won most of its matches since Christmas, but has not been successful against Boardman, Stockport, or Old Mancunians, and it remains to be seen whether the team does any better against the Heaton Mersey "A" which is probably the strongest team in the division.

The "B" team, which should be one of the strong sections of the club, has not had a very good ending to its season, and has won only two games in the last seven fixtures. There seems to be plenty of good

defence men on the team but there are no attack men who can shoot.

L.S.

FIRST TEAM RESULTS.

				F. A.
Dec.	4—Boardman, at Cale Green (2nd Rd. Sen. Flags)	—	Lost	2-7
"	11—South Manchester ...	H	Lost	5-7
"	18—Eccles	H	Won	13-6
Jan.	8—Disley	A	Lost	2-8
"	29—Stockport	A	Draw	6-6
Feb.	5—Cheadle Hulme	H	Won	8-2
"	8—Boardman	H	Won	8-7
"	19—Wacoboys.....	A	Won	12-2
"	26—South Manchester ...	A	Lost	7-8
Mar.	5—Heaton Mersey Guild.	A	Won	7-3
"	12—Heaton Mersey	A	Lost	5-6
"	26—Albert Park	H	Won	5-4

"A" TEAM RESULTS.

				F. A.
Dec.	4—Chorlton	H	Won	7-3
"	11—South Manchester ...	A	Draw	5-5
Jan.	8—Disley	H	Won	9-3
"	15—Old Mancunians	H	Lost	5-7
"	29—Stockport	H	Lost	2-6
Feb.	12—Boardman.....	A	Lost	1-6
"	19—Wacoboys.....	H	Won	11-3
"	26—South Manchester ...	H	Won	6-3
Mar.	19—Chorlton	A	Won	6-3

"B" TEAM RESULTS.

				F. A.
Dec.	4—South Manchester ...	A	Lost	1-9
"	11—Eccles	A	Won	12-1
Jan.	8—Disley	A	Lost	3-8
"	29—Old Mancunians	H	Lost	3-21
Feb.	12—Boardman.....	H	Won	8-7
Mar.	12—Heaton Mersey	A	Lost	2-7
"	19—Chorlton	H	Lost	1-3

"C" TEAM RESULTS.

				F. A.
Dec.	4—Heaton Mersey	A	Draw	4-4
"	11—South Manchester ...	H	Won	7-1
Jan.	8—Old Mancunians	H	Lost	10-11

Cadet Notes.

On Thursday, February 3rd, we had a visit from Lieut-General Sir Hugh S. Jeudwine, K.C.B., K.B.E., the Director General of the Territorial Army, who was accompanied by Captain Latter, M.C., and Colonel Moore. They spent about one hour watching the work of the unit, and seemed quite pleased with what they saw.

After the visit of the Director General, the most important item of news this term is the formation of a brass band. It consists of 2 Trumpets, 3 Trombones, 2 French Horns, 1 Euphonium, 1 Bombardon and 4 Clarinets. The instruments have been bought out of proceeds of the winter entertainments, and Mr. Harry Mortimer of the Hallé Orchestra is training the band on Friday afternoons. We hope that by Whitsuntide the band will be able to lead the Corps to Cartmel Priory.

Owing to better weather conditions on Friday afternoons, parades have been well attended this term and we are in a more efficient state than usual at this time of the year.

Our numbers are now ahead of those of last year, and by the time we go to camp, should be a record.

Whitsuntide arrangements for our Annual Camp at Grange-over-Sands are now practically completed, and we want every possible cadet present, as we are to have our Annual Inspection on Whit Thursday.

The Range has been only moderately attended this term, although Corporals Jarvis and Wilkinson, and Lance-Corporal Williams have given up plenty of time to it.

The following promotions have been made this term:—

To date from February 1st.

Cadets A. V. Williams and F. P. Harris to be Lance-Corporals.

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

Football, 1926-27.

The number of 1st XI matches cancelled on account of snow and frost has been unusually large this season. Both matches with the Manchester Grammar School were cancelled, one with St. Bede's College and one with Macclesfield Grammar School.

At times the team has played very well and with more practice might have developed into a really strong side. Though their shooting leaves something to be desired, the forwards are certainly better than we have had recently. Lowther has captained the team well and played at inside left with discrimination, feeding the rest of the line cleverly. Brierley, at centre forward shows good ball control, and has plenty of courage and energy. Widdows, (inside right) has been disappointing until recently. Stansby at outside right has improved considerably and is showing more energy. His footwork is always good. Winson at outside left has done some useful work, but is apt to put the ball into the side net instead of in front of the goal. Woodhouse, who has played several games, should be very useful next year if he will keep up the improvement he has shown.

The half-backs have been consistently good. Thorpe at centre-half plays vigorously and untiringly, and his absence owing to ankle trouble weakened the side very much.

Lymer, at left-half has always been safe, and has played excellent football. Cousins at right-half has played some very good games, but still lies too far back, though his speed makes up for this to some extent. Ratcliffe and Tonge have improved and are a useful pair of backs, while Mountain in goal has always been reliable.

The best game we have played was against St. Bede's, when the whole side showed dash and energy. On the form of that day we should probably not have lost a match this season.

REPORTS OF MATCHES.

v. MACCLESFIELD G.S.—Saturday, December 11th. Away. Lost 2-4. We were unlucky in having three of our side injured during the game, so that we had only eight effective players during the second half. Otherwise, the game would have been fairly even.

v. CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.—Wednesday, January 12th. Away. Lost 1-4. Owing to the state of the ground the game could not be played at the M.A.C. grounds, and took place on an adjoining field. At half-time we were losing 0-4, but during the second half, with a very strong wind in our favour, we were rarely out of our opponents' penalty area, and nothing but bad shooting lost us the match.

Team :—Mountain, G. T. ; Ratcliffe, J. C., Tonge, H. L. ; Cousins, N. D., Thorpe, R. M., Lymer, R. W. ; Stansby, W. B., Widdows, E. G., Brierley, T. L., Lowther, H., Winson, S. N.

v. THE BOLTON SCHOOL.—Wednesday, January 19th. Home. Won, 5-2. We did well in this match to reverse the score of the game at Bolton. The team as a whole played well, the half-backs being particularly good. Lowther and Brierley in the forwards showed a good understanding.

v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY 2nd.—Wednesday, January 26th. Home. Lost 0-6. A very strong wind straight down the field made football difficult. We were down 0-5 at half-time with the wind in our favour, and the defence did well to keep the score down to 0-6 against the wind.

The forwards were a negligible quantity, and except for an occasional breakaway did nothing.

v. HULME HALL.—Wednesday, February 2nd. Home. Won 4-3. Under better conditions, our play showed an improvement on the last game, and we managed to turn the defeat of the previous term into a victory.

Wilkinson, A., played instead of Thorpe, R. M.

v. MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY 2nd.—Wednesday, February 23rd. Home. Lost 0-5. The game was by no means so one-sided as in the previous match on January 26th, though this was partly due to our opponents having a somewhat weaker side. The pace was fast throughout. Our defence gave away a couple of goals, and the forwards missed several chances of scoring.

Marshall, F. H. and Wilkinson, A. played instead of Ratcliffe and Thorpe, R. M.

v. BURY G.S.—Wednesday, March 2nd. Home. Won 5-3. Our opponents were handicapped by being a man short, but they made a good fight. Team as for the last match except that Woodhouse, G. played instead of Widdows, E. G.

v. OLD HULMEIANS.—Thursday, March 10th. Home. Lost 2-5. The Old Boys had a strong side out, including most of their 1st XI, and they played a vigorous game. The School started strongly, and were at one time leading 2-0. The ground was greasy, and the Old Boys' superior weight proved too much for the school. It was a very enjoyable game, which should be repeated.

We had Thorpe, Ratcliffe and Widdows back in the side, Stansby being the only absentee.

v. ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE.—Saturday, March 12th. Home. Won 3-1. The game with the Old Boys seemed to have infused energy into the team, and whereas our opponents have usually been quicker to the ball, we showed to advantage in this respect. The whole side played well, and the forwards were very effective. Widdows at outside right showed a great improvement.

v. BARNES'S GRAMAR SCHOOL.—Wednesday, March 30th. Home. Won 4-0.

SECOND ELEVEN.

The Second Eleven have had a very successful time since the term began, as they have lost only one match to date and have scored freely in most of their games. The defence has all along been sound, but the forwards, though getting goals, have not always been happy in their combination. The half-back line has undoubtedly been the strong part of the team. Williams, A. V. has proved himself an excellent captain in every way, and by his enthusiasm and energy has been a stimulating example to the other members of the team.

Team :—A. V. Williams (Capt.), A. Wilkinson, J. G. Dent, A. R. Kennedy, G. C. Willis, F. H. Marshall, G. Woodhouse, J. R. Cameron, P. Hodgkinson, C. A. Burnside, B. M. Brook, R. Astin, E. Allman.

Also played :—C. E. Greatorex, D. D. Y. K. Merer.

Dec. 11—	Macclesfield G.S.	.....A	...Lost	0-2
Jan. 12—	The Cent. High School	...H	...Won	6-1
Jan. 19—	The Bolton School	.....A	...Won	7-2
Jan. 26—	Stretford Sec. Sch. 1st XI	H	...Lost	0-4
Feb. 2—	Alt'cham C.S. 1st XI	.....H	...Won	6-0
Mar. 2—	Bury G.S.	.....A	...Won	7-2
Mar. 12—	St. Bede's College	.....A	...Won	2-1
Mar. 30—	Barnes's Grammar School	A	...Won	5-4

THIRD ELEVEN.

Team :—R. Astin (Capt.), K. M. Wildig, A. Ward, L. Gunn, H. Dick, D. D. Y. K. Merer, C. E. Greatorex, F. E. Goodwin, R. Baird, A. Smith, J. P. Moran.

Also played :—J. L. Sleat, F. W. R. Holden, N. Stoddard, L. Kershaw.

Dec. 4—	Manchester G.S.	.....Away	3-3
Dec. 11—	St. Bede's College	.....Away	0-5
Jan. 26—	Stretford Sec. Sch. 2nd XI	...Away	2-3
Feb. 2—	Alt'cham C.S. 2nd XI	.....Away	4-4
Feb. 12—	Manchester G.S.	.....Cancelled	
Mar. 2—	Bury G.S.	.....Away	8-2
Mar. 12—	St. Bede's College	.....Away	2-0
Mar. 19—	Chorlton H.S. 1st XI	.....Away	0-1

UNDER 14.

Team :—F. W. Derbyshire, J. G. Whitman, C. W. F. Deakin, J. Mark, R. R. Farrell, G. R. Adams, H. Smith, H. B. Johnson, E. C. P. Butler, G. A. Clare, T. S. Meehan.

Also played :—R. F. Peacock, E. Dixon.

Dec. 4—	Manchester G.S.	..... H	...Lost	1-5
Dec. 8—	Swinton Schools	..... H	...Lost	3-6
Dec. 11—	St. Bede's College	..... A	...Lost	1-6
Jan. 19—	Bolton School	..... H	...Lost	3-5
Jan. 26—	Stretford Sec. Sch.	..... H	...Lost	0-3
Feb. 2—	Alt'ham C.S.	..... H	...Lost	0-4
Feb. 19—	S. Manchester School	..... H	...Draw	1-1
Mar. 2—	Bury G.S.	..... H	...Lost	0-5
Mar. 12—	St. Bede's College	..... H	...Lost	0-8
Mar. 14—	Cathedral School	..... H	...Lost	1-2

Lacrosse, 1926-27.

First Team results to March :—

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Goals For	Agst.
22	16	6	0	270	100

NOTES.

After reaching the Final for the North of England Juniors' Challenge Shield we regret to state that the team was not good enough to win the Shield for the third time.

We had an easy passage to the semi-final round when we had to play what we considered the best team in the competition, Old Mancunians "B". A good crowd of school-boy spectators, a fine day and a firm ground helped us to surprise both ourselves and our opponents by winning 7-5. The final was against the Manchester Grammar School, who, like ourselves, had been beaten by the Old Mancunians "B" earlier in the season, and we found them too good for us. Our defence played heroically during the greater part of the game but the attack work was poor. One star attack might have turned the scale, but, alas, not one of them rose above the ordinary. The game

produced some splendid lacrosse and we heartily congratulate the winners on their success.

The loss of the final seemed to upset the team and we lost our match against Woodhouse Grove on our ground by 7 goals to 9.

The results of the season are more than satisfactory considering the poor quality of the attack work. In some games the attack has worked well together and Mason, Baird and Walker have scored some good goals, but they have never been able to master a strong defence by combination. Lowther has worked hard and made great progress considering that this is his first season. Another year on the team and he will be first class; at present he lacks finish. Dent has not played up to last year's standard, but he has always been well marked. Thorpe has worthily filled Barnes's place at centre.

The defence has been splendid all through the season and Lymer and Midgley have found time to force the game and score some good goals. Ferguson, who came on the team owing to the absence of Stansby, has been of great assistance to the side, and Brierley has more than justified his selection. He has never let the team down wherever he has played. Jarvis has been a great help to the defence and his exhibition in the semi-final of the Shield was excellent. The team could not have had a better captain than Lymer.

The County match against Yorkshire was played on the Leeds University ground at Lawnswood, Headingley, on March 26th. We were represented by R. W. Lymer, J. C. Jarvis, H. H. Midgley, J. G. Dent, R. M. Thorpe and W. B. Stansby.

LACROSSE REPORTS.

v. COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY.—Wednesday, December 8th, Home. Won 18-5.
Team :—R. W. Lymer (Capt.), J. G. Dent (Vice-Capt.), J. C. Jarvis, H. H. Midgley,

N. D. Cousins, W. B. Stansby, H. Lowther, E. G. Widdows, R. Baird, T. L. Brierley, Mr. Barber, Mr. Williams.

Our opponents turned out a strong team, including four "Old Boys," but with Mr. Barber directing the attack we soon gained a substantial lead. The second half was more evenly contested than the first, but, if necessary, the attack could have scored many more goals. The game was very pleasant and hard fought throughout.

v. DISLEY "B"—Saturday, December 18th, Away. Won 22-0.

This was the second round of the Juniors' Challenge Shield, and we anticipated a keen struggle. Our opponents were not at full strength owing to calls made on them by other teams on account of sickness. We scored straight from the face and goals came easily throughout the game, which, however, was very pleasant and not as one-sided as the score would denote. R. M. Thorpe and A. R. Merchant resumed their places in the team.

v. HEYWOOD 1st.—Saturday, January 8th. Away. Won 8-4. Our opponents are a newly-founded club, and have not as yet had much experience of 'Crosse. Consequently the game was very scrappy, and, with a cold drizzle and slight mist to boot, was not very pleasant. Mr. Barber played in the place of R. Baird.

v. HEATON MERSEY "B."—Saturday, January 15th, Away. Won 13-3. We were late in starting and consequently played short time. The game began fairly evenly, but we soon gained the lead which we never looked like losing, and though at times they made determined efforts to break through, we finished up easy winners. R. Baird resumed his place in the team, which otherwise was the same as for the previous match.

v. BOARDMAN "B."—Saturday, January 29th, Away. Won 14-4. This was the third round of the Juniors' Challenge Shield, so we went determined to win and found our opponents equally determined. The ground was very poor and the light bad, and consequently we did not excel ourselves. The attack was shaky at first, but settled down to play better in the second half, and, though much good work was done, the play in parts was very scrappy; the bad ground was perhaps largely responsible for this.

v. HEATON MERSEY "B."—Saturday, February 5th, Home. Won 8-3. Our opponents turned out a full team and the game opened briskly. We scored first but they equalised and soon after added a second goal. The play was fairly even, but our attack played too close to goal, and several times failed to beat a good goalkeeper through not bouncing the ball. At half-time we were down 2-3. However, we scored early in the second half and goals then came at intervals. The attack played a better game, and the defence, though seldom hard pressed, was quite sound. We were without R. W. Lymer, H. Lowther, and E. G. Widdows, whose places were filled by J. Ferguson, L. A. Walker and G. Holt.

v. COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY, Wednesday, February 9th, Home. Won 10-3. Our opponents were one man short but otherwise had a strong team. The game opened in brisk manner, but from the first we held the upper hand, Mr. Barber again directing the attack. At half-time we were leading 5-0. The second half was slightly more even, our opponents managing to score three times by means of forceful play. We were without H. Lowther, E. G. Widdows and A. R. Merchant, whose places were taken by Mr. Barber, L. A. Walker and G. Holt.

v. WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL.—Wednesday February 16th, Away. Lost 10-12. We were favoured with a beautiful day, but the ground was very soft and treacherous, and was largely responsible for our defeat. Our opponents gained a substantial lead before we could adapt ourselves to the conditions, and at half-time we were down 5-8. The second half was very keenly contested and we managed to draw level at 10-10, but an unfortunate slip gave them a lead which they further increased just before time. Mr. Barber's place was taken by C. H. Jones, but otherwise the team remained the same as for the previous match.

JUNIORS' CHALLENGE SHIELD, SEMI-FINAL.

v. OLD MANCUNIAN "B."—Saturday, February 19th, Away. Won 7-5. The weather conditions were ideal and the ground, with the exception of the goal-mouths, was in good condition. All school games were cancelled in order to enable boys to watch the match, and consequently we had an enthusiastic crowd of supporters. We scored first but they equalised almost immediately, and shortly after added another goal, leading at half-time 2-1. In the second half our attack was more successful, and raised the score to 5-2 before they scored again, the defence remaining quite sound. We then further increased our lead, but as a result of continued efforts they scored two more goals. However, we proved winners by 7 goals to 5. The game was very hard-fought, fast, and clean throughout, and our opponents though they had suffered the first defeat of the season, congratulated us warmly on our victory. H. Lowther resumed his place in the team to the exclusion of C. H. Jones.

v. SOUTH MANCHESTER "B."—Saturday, February 26th, Away. Won 7-0. We arranged to play short time as our opponents were very weak on account of illness. The team played very poorly as a whole, and the combination was weak, otherwise the

score would have been much greater, but with no opposition and a very poor ground there was some excuse.

JUNIORS' CHALLENGE SHIELD—FINAL.

v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Saturday, March 5th. Played on the Old Hulmeians' Ground. Lost 4-10. The ground was very heavy and the weather conditions bad. We were without W. B. Stansby, but A. R. Merchant returned, and the team otherwise was unchanged. Manchester Grammar School started well and soon gained a lead, but we rallied and held them in check for some time. However, they further increased their lead, and we were down 2-5 at half-time. At the beginning of the second half we were completely outplayed, the defence getting no support from the attack, but we lasted better than they did, and though towards the end we scored two goals, we should have had many more as the balance of the play in the last twenty minutes was completely reversed. Our opponents were infinitely superior in 'Crosse handling and combination, and on the day's play fully deserved their victory.

v. WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL.—Wednesday, March 16th, Home. Lost 7-9. The ground, in contrast to the last match, was in perfect condition, and we entertained high hopes of winning, but again the poor finishing of the attack proved our downfall. The game was fought evenly and at a very fast pace, and the issue was not decided until the final whistle went. After a good start, whereby we gained the lead, we fell away and at half-time the scores were level at 4 all. Grove gained the lead early in the second half, and though we made repeated and strenuous efforts to regain it we just failed. The team was unchanged.

v. ALBERT PARK "B."—Saturday, March 19th, Away. Won 12-0. Our opponents had drawn the previous match with Old Mancunians, so we anticipated a good game.

However, we gained an early lead, and on account of the poor finishing of their attack they failed to score. At half-time we led 3-0. In the second half they fell away considerably, and goals came easily.

SECOND TEAM.

Played	Won	For	Goals	Agst.
15	15	230	...	47

This year's team is probably the strongest Second XII the school has ever turned out. We still suffer from the weakness of the opposition, which has a bad effect on the standard of our own play. Our best games have been against Manchester Grammar School and Cheadle Hulme "B."

There have been three changes in the team this term. Ferguson and Walker have been promoted to the First and have been replaced by Gibbons and Widdows, while Henshaw has come in for Astin. The defence remains sound throughout, though easy mastery of opposing attacks has led at times to the taking of unwarrantable liberties with stronger teams. Similarly, the attack has so often been able to score at will that its combined play has sometimes suffered.

Benson's play at wing attack has greatly improved and he is now generally dangerous, and Shaw is playing well at first home. Widdows and Henshaw have fitted in with the other attacks and both show promise. Andrew's speed is frequently useful, but against a strong defence does not make up for bad handling. Kendall has been a useful centre, but seldom takes his man's body. Harris is now much steadier, though his handling is far from perfect. Gibbons and Holt are safe wing defences, and the forcing of the latter is frequently very useful. Simpson, Jackson and Jones are playing splendid 'Crosse, and Simpson has been an excellent captain.

Results for this term :—

Jan. 15—Heaton Mersey "C"	...H	Won 14-4
Jan. 29—Cheadle Hulme "B"	...H	Won 6-5
Feb. 6—Heaton Mersey "C"	...A	Won 25-0
Feb. 16—M.G.S.	...H	Won 8-3
Feb. 26—S. Manchester "C"	...H	Won 13-3
Mar. 9—M.G.S.	...A	Won 6-5
Mar. 19—Heywood "A"	...A	Won 26-1

The team has been :—W. W. Simpson (Capt.), C. H. Jones, O. C. Jackson, G. Holt, F. P. Harris, E. S. Benson, E. R. Andrew, D. K. D. Shaw, J. M. Gibbons, J. B. Henshaw, E. G. Widdows, E. C. Kendall.

The following have also played :—R. Astin, L. C. Cooper, A. V. Williams, L. A. Walker.

THIRD TEAM.

Played	Won	Lost	Goals	Agst.
5	4	1	65	19

The 3rd XII has played only two matches this term, against Manchester Grammar School and Birch "C." Both were won. There has been a number of useful practices and promising form has been shown. Dick should become a useful goalkeeper if he plays with greater care and clears quickly to the wings instead of running with the ball. Chatfield, Woodhouse and Cooper are the best of a strong defence, and Sheppey, Kennedy and Mason of the attack.

Results for this term :—

Mar. 16—M.G.S.	...H	Won 10-1
Mar. 19—Birch "C"	...H	Won 13-2

During the season four matches have been played by mixed teams and one by a scratch "under 15" side. The results were two wins, two losses and one draw.

The 3rd XII has been chosen from :—A. R. Kennedy (Capt.), J. M. Gibbons, G. Woodhouse, J. E. Chatfield, T. M. Tillotson, C. W. Mason, E. Kirkland, R. Astin, E. L. Sheppey, L. L. Cooper, K. W. Watts, T. N. Hope, L. O. Mosley, H. S. Clune, J. L. W. Jordan, G. E. Compson, J. J. Bennett.

JUNIOR LACROSSE.

Lacrosse still maintains its popularity amongst the boys in the Lower and Middle School, and games have been arranged every half holiday for those who wished to play. Many of these players have developed into very useful handlers and will shortly

be well up to the standard required for our Senior teams.

One very important feature of our Junior Lacrosse is that it provides regular games throughout the season for all who wish to play. There is no danger that a boy will be "dropped" because he is not required or because he is over age.

The Hulme Grammar School Games Club.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31ST, 1926.

To Balance	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Invested in Savings						
Certificates	85	5	0			
Less due to Bank	57	4	11			
				28	0	1
„ Grant for Governors—						
Lent Term	102	10	0			
Midsummer Term.....	101	15	0			
Michaelmas Term.....	100	5	0			
				304	10	0
				£332	10	1

	£	s.	d.
By Materials for Games	51	1	3
„ Travelling Expenses of Teams	38	15	1
„ Groundsman's Wages	78	0	0
„ Upkeep of Horse for Mowing.....	29	8	10
„ Repairs to Mowing Machines.....	15	8	9
„ Oil, Paint, Lime, etc.	11	12	1
„ New Roller.....	23	8	0
„ Printing and Stationery	7	11	6
„ Athletic Sports Deficit (to be refunded)	8	12	2
„ Medals for Swimming Sports.....	1	14	0
„ Games Colours	18	15	8
„ Teas to Visiting Teams	8	2	7
„ Workshop Account	1	0	10
„ Stamps and Postages	1	5	2
„ General Expenses	0	12	8
„ Bank Commission and Cheque Book			
<i>less</i> Interest	0	9	10
„ Balance—			
Invested in Savings	£	s.	d.
Certificates.....	85	5	0
<i>Less</i> due to Bank.....	48	13	4
		36	11 8
	£332	10	1

Audited and found correct, 23rd March, 1927,
W. M. STONE, A.C.A.

J. A. BARBER,
Hon. Treasurer.