



The Magazine of William Hulme's Grammar School

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Notes and News.

We welcome to the School Miss G. Taylor, B.Sc., who is teaching Mathematics and Physics, and Mr. J. P. Renny, who holds the Diploma in Physical Education and whose principal work is Physical Training.

J. S. Battersby, M.B., Ch.B., has taken the degrees of M.R.C.S. and L.R.C.P.

Manchester University Degrees :

Honours School of Chemistry, Class I. : C. H. W. Hirs.

Degree of B.Sc. : G. S. Alvey.

Arrangements are already in hand for the holding of Harvest Camps at Grange-over-Sands and in Worcestershire. The need for workers is greater than ever this year, and it is hoped that every boy who is able will make it his business to attend one or other of the camps for as long a period as possible.

G. Wilkinson has been elected Captain of Cricket, with E. P. Cosslett as Vice-Captain.

First Team Football Colours have been awarded to D. Watkins, I. A. Carter, N. Fletcher, A. M. Flett, W. G. Gibson, G. A. Anderson, G. Wilkinson.

First Team Lacrosse Colours : A. M. Flett, J. C. Unsworth, D. Watkins, N. Fletcher.

The School War Savings for the term amount to £366.

Calendar for Midsummer Term :—

The Term will begin on Tuesday, April 18th, at nine o'clock.

The Whitsuntide holidays will extend from Thursday, May 25th, at noon, to Thursday, June 8th, at nine o'clock.

Midsummer Term will end on Monday, July 24th, at four o'clock.

BIRTHS.

MITTON.—On October 14th, 1943, to Doris, wife of Lieutenant H. A. Mitton, R.C.S., C.M.F., a daughter.

GOODWIN.—On 19th January, 1944, to Mary, wife of C. L. Goodwin, a daughter.

COCKER.—On January 25th, at Lorna Lodge, to Margaret and Ralph Cocker, a son.

VLIES.—On February 8th, to Lilian, wife of Eric H. Vlies, a daughter.

ACKROYD.—On March 3rd, to Marjorie and Cyril B. Ackroyd, Intelligence Corps, a daughter.

MARK.—On March 5th, to Dorothy, wife of Flying Officer John Mark, R.A.F.V.R., a daughter.

WILLIAMSON.—On March 14th, at Royston Lodge, Whalley Range, to Jean and Win (R.A.M.C.), of 38, Ruskin Road, Manchester 16, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BARRETT—WHIPP.—On October 20th, 1943, Flying Officer WILLIAM THORPE BARRETT, R.A.F., elder son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Barrett, of Heald Green, Cheshire, to KATHLEEN WHIPP, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Whipp, of Blackley, Manchester.

TOOTH—JOHNSTON.—On December 14th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta, F/Lt. ALBERT TOOTH, R.A.F., only son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Tooth, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, to RUBY JOHNSTON, of Castlefinn, Co. Donegal.

ODBER—YEADON.—On January 1st, 1944, LESLIE FREDERICK, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Odber, of Chorlton-cum-Hardy, to KATHLEEN MARY, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. Yeadon, of Lindrick, Hamilton Road, Motherwell.

HADEN GUEST—MACQUEEN.—On January 10th, at Caxton Hall, Dr. L. HADEN GUEST, M.P., to Dr. EDITH E. MACQUEEN, of Braintree, Essex.

DAVIES—TENNANT.—On January 12th, Capt. JOHN HAYWARD DAVIES (R.A.S.C.), youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Davies, of Whalley Range, to MARJORIE, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tennant, of Whalley Range.

LINDLEY—McLAUGHLIN.—On March 17th, at St. Margaret's, Ilkley, by the Rev. Alban Wellington, Captain EDGAR LINDLEY, R.A., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lindley, of Whalley Range, Manchester, to LOIS EVELYN McLAUGHLIN, younger daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. H. W. McLaughlin, of Garsdale, Ilkley.

Roll of Honour.

JOSEPH VERNON SPRING (1939), R.A.F.V.R.

Old Hulmeians serving with H.M. Forces.

We are grateful to all Old Boys and friends who have sent us information about Old Hulmeians serving in the Forces. We feel, however, that our list is far from complete, and would again make an appeal to all who are interested for news.

We congratulate Colonel M. W. Lymer, D.S.O., M.B.E., on his promotion to the rank of Brigadier.

At a ceremony held recently in Rhodesia, J. E. Cannell (1939), R.A.F., was presented with a silver cup as being the best Cadet in training. He has since been appointed Under-Officer, and is now awaiting his commission.

The date given in brackets is the year of leaving School:—

Cloughley, P. (1942), Midshipman, R.N.V.R.
 Collier, E. (1942), Midshipman, R.N.V.R.
 Davy, E. (1929), Sergeant, R.A.
 Hubbert, E. (1940), Sergeant Navigator, R.A.F.V.R.
 Kendall, A. J. (1927), Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 Mallinson, W. A. (1940), Pilot Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 Mitton, H. A. (1927), Lieutenant, Royal Corps of Signals.
 Motley, J. L. (1941), R.E.M.E. (O.C.T.U.).
 Nesbitt, P. S. (1943), Sapper, R.E.
 Parker, C. H. (1917), R.A.O.C.
 Reynolds, P. G. (1942), Lance-Corporal, Scots Guards.
 Souter, S. R. (1942), R.A.F.V.R.
 Yates, T. A. (1937), Surgeon-Lieutenant, R.N.V.R.

PROMOTIONS.

Bullivant, N. G. (1943), to Second Lieutenant, Green Howards.
 Goodwin, C. L. (1927), to Flying Officer, R.A.F.V.R.
 Goodwin, P. D. (1934), to Captain and Adjutant, Reconnaissance Corps.
 Lymer, M. W. (1922), to Brigadier, R.A.S.C.
 Norris, G. A., to Lieut.-Colonel, R.A.O.C.
 Oddy, G. V. (1923), to Commander, Fleet Air Arm.
 Sampson, N. M. (1940), to Petty Officer, Radio, R.N.V.R.
 Vipond, J. M. (1937), to Staff Captain, Indian Army.
 Wood, M. F. (1941), to Sergeant, Intelligence Corps.

TRANSFERS.

Green, R. H. (1924), to Intelligence Corps, Canadian Army.
 Storry, J. G. (1940), Lieutenant, King's Own Royal Regiment, to Nigerian Regiment.
 Williams, P. P. (1937), Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, to Royal Corps of Signals.

Hulme Lads' Club Collection.

This year's total of £444 is the highest the School has ever achieved, and breaks by over £100 the old record of £337 19s. 0d. made in 1929. The larger numbers in the School and a measure of financial inflation have no doubt helped, but the main reason for the excellent result is the real effort made throughout the School. The form totals and averages show a general improvement.

Outstanding features are the collection of £52 10s. 4d. by the Preparatory School, which again breaks their record, and a total of £63 13s. 6d. by Form Lower I. Another new record goes to R. H. Balderstone, Lower I., who has collected from no less than 240 contributors. The highest previous number we have been able to trace is 168.

We have particularly welcomed the interest shown by some of the Sixth Forms, a number of whom spent an interesting evening in the Club, and saw some of the valuable work being done there.

Form.	Amount.		Average per head.	
	£	s. d.	s. d.	
6 C.M.U.	12	2 10	.....	13 6
6 S.U.	8	4 9	.....	11 0
6 C.M.L.	14	0 0	.....	16 6
6 S.L.	10	10 3	.....	9 2
5 A	17	8 6	.....	13 11
5 B	18	15 3	.....	13 11
5 C	4	12 11	.....	10 3
4 A	20	4 3	.....	16 10
4 B	10	1 9	.....	11 10
4 C	17	11 9	.....	13 6
3 A	20	8 6	.....	16 4
3 B	12	4 6	.....	11 1
3 C	15	13 2	.....	10 5
2 A	23	12 1	.....	13 6
2 B	21	8 0½	.....	12 3
2 C	20	15 0	.....	11 10
1 A	31	1 7	.....	17 9
1 B	17	12 6	.....	10 1
1 C	23	12 9½	.....	13 6
L 1	63	13 6	.....	1 16 5
Preparatory	52	10 4	.....	10 6

The following letter has been received by the Head Master from the President of the Club, Col. Sir Joseph Nall, D.S.O., M.P.

Dear Mr. Trevor Dennis,

When you were kind enough to second my election as President of the Hulme Lads' Club I had no idea that the duties of that office would be so pleasant. It is difficult to think of a job which could give me so much pleasure as the one I am now asked to do, but on the other hand it is difficult to find suitable words to convey our very deep gratitude for the magnificent result of this year's collection.

The total of £444 0s. 0d. (for which formal receipt is enclosed) is an increase of nearly 50 per cent. on last year's figure and is over £100 in excess of the School's previous record, made in 1929.

You will, of course, know which Forms are deserving of special commendation, but I shall be very glad if you will

convey to all concerned, which I am sure is every master and boy in the School, our very sincere thanks for their efforts.

I am told that the Club is, as a result, now solvent for probably the first time in its 58 years' career.

Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH NALL,
President.

Old Hulmeians Association.

With so many members in H.M. Forces, other members occupied in voluntary National Services and the restrictions that obtain, the Association has suspended all social gatherings, but the Lacrosse Section is still carrying on, in spite of many difficulties.

This does not mean that the Association is dead or anywhere near dying. Its chief activity at present, apart from Lacrosse, is keeping in touch with the members in H.M. Forces by the issue to them of "The Hulmeian," and many letters of appreciation have been received from these members. The cost of doing this absorbs most of the annual income, so that it is particularly gratifying that Honorary Members have so conscientiously kept up the payment of their subscriptions. Those who have forgotten or overlooked it would certainly make their payment if they could read some of the appreciative letters or learn the disappointment of those who, by the mischance of war, have not received their copy of "The Hulmeian."

One little point appears to cause some difficulty. The Committee decided that no subscriptions should be requested from members in H.M. Forces. This applies to members of the Association, but it has been construed as entitling any boy leaving School during the war years and joining H.M. Forces immediately to become a member without payment of any subscription and to be entitled to have "The Hulmeian."

The procedure is that a boy leaving School and joining H.M. Forces pays five shillings as an initial subscription on becoming a member, but any year thereafter, whilst he continues in H.M. Forces, no subscription is payable.

It would help, and avoid difficulties, if any member joining H.M. Forces would inform the Association Secretary as well as the School so that the Association records can be kept up to date and subscription notices will not be sent.

With the progress of the war many thoughts are turning to post-war planning, and members will, in

some of their quieter hours, think of the Association's future. The Hon. Secretary will be pleased to receive at any time suggestions for the welfare and future of the Association. S. W.

The Old Hulmeians Lacrosse.

We commenced the New Year with two excellent matches against the Old Mancunians, both of which we won easily. This was a good start, but, unfortunately, we lost the following match against Manchester University 5-7.

Since that defeat we have lost only one game, this being against the Old Mancunians, 6-11.

The team has played well together in spite of the ever-increasing difficulties, and we have had some very enjoyable matches.

At the time of writing we have played nine matches, of which we have won seven and lost two.

No more players have been called to the Forces, but we much regret that A. W. Orr has been transferred to Northern Ireland.

Some difficulty is now experienced in raising a team, and this year we have been able to play twelve-a-side on only one occasion. Fortunately it has been necessary to cancel only one match, and this was due to our opponents being unable to raise a team.

N. R. Coe has captained the team and has led the attack, being well supported by S. Gill and D. Buckland.

M. Hazell has played centre, proving himself to be a very useful player. C. A. Burnside has played some good games in goal, and the defence has been ably assisted by R. Astin, L. A. Angell, J. P. V. Woollam and T. Lawrence.

Several Old Boys have been home on leave, and the following have played:—J. Mark, G. Goddard, J. Buckland, F. G. Bray, C. H. Nesbitt and A. L. Dennis.

P. B. M.

RESULTS.

Jan. 1.—v. Old Mancunians	H Won 12-8
" 8.—v. Old Mancunians	H Won 13-8
" 15.—v. Manchester University	A Lost 5-7
" 22.—v. William Hulme's Grammar School ..	H Won 17-2
Feb. 19.—v. Stockport Sunday School	H Won 8-2
" 26.—v. Old Mancunians	H Lost 6-11
Mar. 4.—v. Manchester Grammar School	H Won 18-7
" 11.—v. Heaton Mersey	H Won 11-4
" 11.—v. Old Mancunians	A Won 13-11

J.T.C. Notes.

The Corps goes from strength to strength, and it would seem that new records are made only to be broken. Since September Mr. Gatley has been busy enrolling new members, and already 80 recruits have been added, bringing our total membership up to 246. Both figures are records. Throughout the term the chief work among the Seniors has been preparation for the Certificate A examination, which took place on Thursday and Friday, March 23rd and 24th, when 42 candidates for Part I. and 25 candidates for Part II. were presented. All the candidates were successful. The Juniors have, throughout, shown great keenness, even putting in extra parades, and, under their Platoon Commanders, have been doing good work. A drill competition between platoons five and six ended in a win for number five, though the result was very close.

The work of putting Cadets through their shooting practices has been going on steadily, but there are many who have still to fire their tests; these tests must be carried out next term.

It is hoped that before the end of the term it will be possible to arrange one or two field days. Apart from their training value, it is very important that every Cadet should be present at these outings as a Cadet must attend at least three such field days each year to qualify as efficient. At half-term some thirty Senior Cadets had an outing, when much useful work was done.

Next term promises to be a very busy time. On Friday, April 21st, three days after School resumes, an army cinema with some interesting films will visit the School and, later, at a date yet to be fixed, a special army unit will attend and give demonstrations. The main event, however, will be the annual War Office Inspection, which will be carried out on Monday, June 12th, by Major W. R. G. Smith, M.B.E., when, it is hoped, the Corps will make as brave a show as it did when Major Smith visited us last year. Some time in July there will be another Certificate A examination.

During the term the following Old Boys of the Corps now serving with H.M. Forces have attended while on leave and given lectures to some of the members of the Corps: Second Lieutenant N. G. Bullivant, Green Howards; Pilot Officer K. Dandeker, D.F.C., R.A.F.; Sub-Lieutenant D. F. E. Ginever, R.N.V.R.; and Lieutenant W. J. Onions, Royal Corps of Signals; at the end of last term Mr. E. S. Young gave two interesting lectures on "Gas" to post-Certificate A Cadets. We much appreciate this help.

Major Palmer, of the Manchester Regiment, has taken a keen interest in the Corps, and has sent Company Sergeant-Major Paxton to give us some help on Fridays, and occasionally on Wednesdays.

Major-General Campbell, D.S.O., Commanding the Lancashire and Border District, paid us an unofficial visit recently and expressed himself as well pleased with the work that was being done.

The following promotions have been made: To be Sergeants, Corporals F. T. Morley, T. H. Dakin; to be Corporals, Lance-Corporals G. A. Anderson, G. Wilkinson, J. R. Hooley, B. Mead, F. A. Spooner, B. C. Roberts, P. W. Watkins; to be Lance-Corporals, Cadets D. W. Bowett, D. Bickerton, G. Derbyshire, A. M. Flett, R. P. Handford, G. Lees, J. T. Norris, A. Ogilvy, P. Sanig, J. R. Valentine. F. A. Stone, who has been transferred from Dulwich College J.T.C. with the rank of Lance-Corporal, retains that rank.

The Library.

The number of boys using the Library for private study has increased, and, with the approach of the Higher School and School Certificate examinations, there will, no doubt, be an increase in the numbers of books taken out. To make life easier for the librarians we would ask all borrowers to be careful in recording the particulars of the books taken out. This term over 400 books have been borrowed, mainly by members of the Sixth Forms, but Fifth Form boys seem also to be taking advantage of the books at their disposal. Mr. Thomson's woodwork squad have made some inkstands for the Library; these are much appreciated and are fulfilling a very useful purpose. Some two dozen new books have recently been ordered, but, while some have already been placed on our shelves, others are a little more difficult to obtain. Recently G. A. Anderson and J. F. Kay have been appointed assistant librarians; others already acting in that capacity are M. Broady and G. T. Shirlin. Any boy having difficulty in his quest for any particular book should consult one of these boys.

The Entertainments.

It is pleasing to note that in the third series of war-time Tuesday afternoon entertainments, the quality of productions has not declined but rather improved. This has been reflected in the large attendances which have witnessed the two School plays, three form plays and one Brains Trust presented this season. In writing of these entertain-

ments we feel we must thank the stage staff, the prefects for their help and the dressers who have had to cope with the many war-time difficulties.

February 15th.—Play. Miss Green presented Form 6 C.M.L. in Arthur Eckersley's "A Collection will be made." This tale of Riviera intrigue before the war has the characters of an Oppenheim novel—villainous noblemen and accomplices, bluff English Colonel, with his dithering wife and a timid hero-by-accident. The villain schemes to delude the wife into giving him her jewels, but retires in confusion at the entrance of a tourist cleric, whom he believes to be a detective. Such is the familiar plot, and if 6 C.M.L. missed some opportunities in its development, they struggled manfully with its many difficulties. H. M. McKerlie gave an excellent sketch of the bewildered clergyman, and was well contrasted with those very competent rascals, E. G. Williams and J. N. Brookes. W. W. Marshall tripped and dithered through the part of Mrs. Anstruther most convincingly, supported by "her" husband (K. Z. Ord). Other parts were played by J. R. Valentine, who we feel has a future as an interpreter, D. W. Bowett as a stolid waiter, and P. M. Warburton as a page. Produced and dressed by Miss Green.

February 22nd.—Play. An excellent entertainment was presented in the form of two plays. First, "End Designed," by Keith Briant, presented by the Prefects. The modern age calls this "a psychological thriller," and the audience found it intriguing. The four undesirables were an unsuccessful poet turned commercial traveller, played by M. Broady, a man in the city, pompous and middle-aged (D. K. Partington), a young, handsome rake (F. T. Morley), and a business man with amorous inclinations (T. H. Dakin). They are contrasted with the frustrated genius, played by G. Wilkinson, who raved as a true genius should and died most realistically. P. H. Richards is to be commended for his impassive air as a butler. Following this 6 C.M.U. played "The Dear Departed," by Stanley Houghton. It is a comedy of family squabbles over the possessions of a dead grandfather who turns out to be very much alive. This rejuvenated relation was admirably played by M. Broady. The two daughters were more than competently portrayed by D. Watkins and J. W. N. Glover. G. S. Todd and A. G. Smith as husbands were sufficiently meek and unobtrusive to be convincing. M. C. Cousins played a young boy who complicates the situation by his "faux pas." Both plays were produced by G. Wilkinson.

March 7th.—Brains Trust. As the play scheduled for the afternoon could not be performed, a Brains Trust was hastily arranged to deal with questions sent in by the School. Despite the short notice it provided good entertainment for, amongst others, it dealt with many vital School matters, and we hope it did some good. Considerable frankness was

expressed in some of the answers. Members were: A. Ogilvy, G. Wilkinson, F. T. Morley, F. A. Spooner, B. Mead, W. G. Gibson and D. W. Bowett. The question master was M. Broady, who kept his lively team well under control. B. M.

The Christmas Plays.

This year's Christmas entertainments, which were given on Saturday and Monday, December 18th and 20th, charmed us with Milne and challenged us with Shaw. For "The Princess and the Woodcutter" Mr. Lowther assembled a cast of seasoned Juniors who have already distinguished themselves in a similar line of drama. Some of us perhaps felt that this one-acter is better suited to a small stage or large drawing-room; all the actors spoke their parts with vigour and incisiveness. B. T. Gibson as the unreticent Princess, and P. Milgate as the laconic Woodcutter, were well contrasted in character, colouring, and deportment. A. Morley's King was a startling little caricature, a shade overdrawn but full of invention and liveliness. Much credit is due to the producer for the wit of this part and for other touches, notably the cuckoo motif of the royal fanfare, with whose discords a section of the orchestra seemed peculiarly at ease. R. G. Cooper, in the exacting part of the Queen, conveyed sharply a sense of middle-aged, loud-toned fussiness. The Three Suitors (D. Ogden the blue prince, A. J. Benson the white, and G. N. Pearson the green) carried off the honours; they were strongly individualized and bore themselves with a conquering assurance. The School wardrobe clothed the whole cast regally and with considerable art—the females we could not recollect in their true state without recourse to our programme.

Bidding goodbye to one fairyland we immediately came to grips with another, this time Mr. Shaw's. "Androcles and the Lion" was the Senior's choice. The Lion's share was entrusted to J. R. Valentine: his vocal gifts were usefully employed, and his person concealed, beneath a port-wine rather than a tawny skin. L. T. P. Wood was well chosen as Androcles; at all times he was properly diffident and mild-mannered, sometimes, perhaps, too soft-voiced. We had no difficulty in recognising the females here and were glad to acclaim a Megaera in Miss Gill and a Lavinia in Miss Harris. Megaera filled her part with entire success, and we were sorry she was seen no more after the Prologue. With Act I. came a Centurion (W. W. Marshall), attendant soldiers and a band of cheerful Persil-washed Christian prisoners. We sympathised with the Captain who met them (G. Jones) in his having to speak at Shavian length in the attention position. With him as foil Miss Harris

expounded most of the philosophy of the play: we listened with strained respect, and they are to be complimented on a feat of memory and success in keeping us to the argument. The task of the three strongly contrasted Christians was easier—besides Androcles, Ferrovius (J. T. Norris) was conspicuous for height and voice, and the suggestion of latent strength despite a rather lethargic manner; and H. D. Ellenor gave us a wry Spintho. Lentulus (J. Midgley), and more particularly Metellus (J. M. Mather) were effective as unregenerate courtiers. It was the fault of Shaw, and not of Marshall, who gave a good Cockney-Roman performance, that the Centurion's curtain-line was a flop.

Act II. opened with the sprightly entry of P. Sanig as a call-boy and the departure into the arena of Retarius (J. N. Brookes) and Secutor (E. G. Williams), imposing in their virility. D. W. Bowett made an amusingly matter-of-fact Editor, and F. S. Jones an appropriately outraged and slangy Menagerie-keeper. G. A. Suley brought a Roman profile and genial manner to the part of Cæsar and reminded us all of the fallibility of monarchs. Soldiers, magnificently appointed, were played by E. P. Cosslett and B. A. Maguire, slaves by M. C. Cousins, J. F. Patrick and B. M. Wood, and Christians by D. A. Robertson, A. Wilkinson, P. I. F. Cunningham, and A. Wilson.

The Head Master produced the play.

Football, 1943-44.

We had a good chance this year of doing very well at football, but the team did not make full use of their undoubted capacity, with the result that we won only two School matches, drew one and lost seven.

RESULTS.

November 24th. v. ROSSALL SCHOOL 2ND XV. Away. Lost 0-3.

This match was played in very bad weather. Rain and sometimes sleet, accompanied by a strong wind, made it practically impossible to get the ball out to the three-quarters. In fact, it was entirely a forward game, where the forwards were very evenly matched. In the second half the Rossall forwards managed to break away and score the only try.

December 4th. v. KING'S SCHOOL, MACCLESFIELD. Home. Lost 3-23.

This game was undoubtedly the best of the season, due to the fact that Macclesfield had a combination that played good football. We were defeated by a better side that were faster and more accomplished.

We were, however, handicapped by the illness of a few of our regular team.

February 9th. *v.* MERCHANT TAYLORS' SCHOOL, at Crosby. Lost 5—25.

Apart from some forward rushes we showed little determination, and our opponents scored steadily throughout the game.

Team: P. H. Richards, I. A. Carter, P. Sanig, A. R. Hall, D. Watkins, N. Fletcher, E. G. Williams, D. K. Partington, A. M. Flett, G. S. Todd, G. A. Anderson, W. G. Gibson, E. P. Cosslett, G. Wilkinson, G. T. Shirlin.

UNDER 15.

The only match this term was played against Merchant Taylors' School, Crosby, on our own ground, on Wednesday, February 9th. In pouring rain the game developed largely into a struggle between the forwards; we had the heavier side and won by 22 points to 0.

In the whole season five matches were won and six lost.

Lacrosse, 1943-44.

FIRST TEAM.

This year's first team has been a little more successful than last season's, but 'crosse handling and passing are still our chief weaknesses. Not until we have got rid of the flat passing and throwing will the School be represented by a side in keeping with the School's tradition. A pass thrown with the 'crosse in a vertical position is much easier to take, and more accuracy can be obtained. The difference of a yard in a pass has often meant the loss of a goal to the team and a gain of one to our opponents.

We also seem to be raising a class of player who catches the ball left-handed and has to change over to right-handed to throw or shoot. This invariably results in the player being checked before he gets rid of the ball. Players should persevere with either right-handed or left-handed handling, and stick to the one that is the more natural. An experienced player ought to be able to pass and shoot with either hand.

January 22nd. *v.* OLD HULMEIANS. Away. Lost 2—17.

We came up against a much better team, and the result was to be expected. Hazell had left to join the R.A.F. We were still without Spooncer and Cosslett, Richards moving into goal. Our defence dealt with a clever and experienced attack surpris-

ingly well. The attack moved rather slowly and were afraid to beat their men—the shooting still remained poor.

January 29th. *v.* CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Home. Won 10—5.

In this game the team worked together as a whole and achieved their first success. We were still without Spooncer, but Richards moved back to the attack, Sanig playing in goal. The defence was steady, and the visitors had difficulty in keeping their attack alive. Our attack began to play good lacrosse, and the shooting was more accurate than usual. Passes were given and taken cleverly, and their defence at times became flustered. We should have scored more than we did, but a very good goalkeeper kept us out.

February 5th. *v.* OLD WACONIANS. Away. Won 7—6.

Our attack made many openings, but they were usually wasted. Richards was the most prominent member of a rather slow and unsteady attack. The defence held their men well, and Sanig played a good game in goal.

February 12th. *v.* M.G.S. Home. Lost 4—21.

This game was disappointing, as the result showed. Our defence went to pieces, with the result that Zimmern, the M.G.S. captain, did just as he pleased with the ball, to the discomfort of Sanig in goal. Their defence held our attack, which never looked like moving at any part of the game.

February 19th. *v.* CHEADLE HULME SCHOOL. Away. Lost 0—7.

Our attack was without Williams and the defence, without Spooncer and Sanig, but, nevertheless, the result was disappointing. The attack failed to beat their men, and the game soon became a stalemate, with our defence not as steady as usual. Dunn replaced Sanig in goal.

March 4th. *v.* M.G.S. Away. Lost 8—20.

This game soon became like the last M.G.S. game. Spooncer returned and we had a full team, Derbyshire replacing Darroch on the attack. After the first quarter M.G.S. were leading 7—1, but at half-time the score was 8—4. On resuming play our defence lost their grip, and M.G.S. took this opportunity to raise their score. The attack tried throughout the whole game, and were unlucky in not reaching double figures.

March 11th. *v.* UNIVERSITY. Away. Won 9—6.

We turned out a full team on this date and played quite good lacrosse. Cosslett and Spooncer backed up the attack extremely well. Richards and Williams proved a pair of dangerous wing attacks,

and only a good University goalkeeper stopped our score being doubled. Fletcher played his first game in goal and was outstanding.

March 25th. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
Home. Lost 7-12.

SECOND TEAM.

In spite of many changes the team has again won all its matches, but the handling has not improved as we had hoped. Only persistent and regular practice can bring real skill with a 'crosse, and, while it is admittedly difficult for senior boys to find much spare time in daylight during the season, much can be accomplished in odd moments. The value of a firm grip on the 'crosse with both hands can hardly be over-emphasised.

G. A. Anderson has been a very good captain, and has done a great deal to keep up the energy and keen spirit which have made the team successful.

The following have played this term:—G. A. Anderson (captain), G. Wilkinson, J. F. Kay, G. Jones, D. Bickerton, G. S. Todd, J. N. Brookes, G. J. Derbyshire, D. W. Bowett, I. M. B. Darroch, D. A. Robertson, N. Fletcher, P. B. Wightman, G. Lees, H. G. Brocklehurst, P. Harrison, H. W. Hall, N. I. Cross, C. F. F. Dunn.

RESULTS.

Jan. 22.—v. Manchester Grammar School	H Won 18-2
„ 29.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	H Won 12-2
Feb. 12.—v. Manchester Grammar School	A Won 5-4
„ 19.—v. Cheadle Hulme School	H Won 12-0
Mar. 4.—v. Manchester Grammar School	H Won 9-4
„ 25.—v. Manchester Grammar School	A Won 10-5

UNDER 15 TEAM.

The Colts team has had a very successful season so far as the results go. Every match has been won, and the team as a whole has shown great promise at times. There has also been a gratifying improvement in spirit, and at least one match was won by sheer determination more than by skilful 'crosse. This team, in fact, would be one of the best we have had, if all its members could be relied upon to catch the ball and to give an accurate pass.

This term we have had matches with Manchester Grammar School (19-1), Cheadle Hulme School (13-1 and 8-6), and Stockport School 1st XII. (11-5), and the team has usually been S. H. Burling, A. F. Crowther, A. A. C. Darroch, J. C. Edwards, P. W. Howard, B. A. Maguire, P. Milgate, A. G. Shuttleworth, A. J. Standring, K. H. Storry (captain), E. W. B. Ward, and A. Wilkinson. D. R. Gibson, A. Godson, and I. J. Lyons have also played.

House Games, 1944.

Lacrosse has been played on nineteen afternoons, and the weather has been very good considering the time of the year. The attendances of both seniors and juniors have been very satisfactory, and there has been no trouble in turning out full teams even when there were School games. Every Wednesday and Saturday afternoon there have been about 350 boys playing in the House games. Prefects and senior boys helped the staff to referee games, and their aid was very necessary as there are as many as fifteen games going on at the same time, all requiring referees. The increase in the numbers of the Lower School has made many more junior games necessary.

In the House League Dalton established a fine lead at the beginning of term, but now, with four matches to be played, Heywood and Whitworth are catching up and are bidding fair to snatch the 'Crosse Flags from the grasp of Dalton. At present the positions are:—1, Dalton (85 points); 2, Heywood (67 points); 3, Whitworth (65 points); 4, Fraser (47 points); 5, Byrom (40 points); 6, Gaskell (26 points).

Gaskell and Dalton, despite their many School players, were easily defeated in the second round of the "Knock-outs," due to a certain lack of combination shown by their players. In the final rounds of the "Knock-outs" Heywood seniors beat Whitworth in a very exciting game. Both teams showed great skill and keenness, and even though Heywood obtained six goals very early in the game, it looked at one time as if the game might still turn in Whitworth's favour. The final score was 8-7. Heywood juniors beat Dalton by their weight and enthusiasm, but, despite the handicap of being much smaller than their opponents, Dalton put up a hard fight, leaving the score 5-3.

Senior House Colours for Lacrosse have been awarded to the following:—

BYROM: P. M. Warburton, A. F. Crowther, E. B. Price, P. D. E. McClinton, K. H. Storry, P. Baxter, J. W. Appleby.

DALTON: W. S. Milne, M. C. Cousins, B. D. Etchells, C. G. Gregory, J. N. McManus, C. F. F. Dunn.

FRASER: H. Morgan, R. W. Crouchley, B. A. Maguire, F. M. Broadhurst, I. A. Carter.

GASKELL: L. T. P. Wood, B. M. Wood, S. H. Burling, P. Harrison, P. Webster.

HEYWOOD: J. M. Mather, J. R. Valentine, J. S. Robertson, E. G. Smith, N. I. Cross, D. A. Robertson.

WHITWORTH: B. Mead, A. J. Standring, M. R. M. Frayling, P. W. Howard, D. R. Gibson.

Juniors are reminded that Junior House Colours are awarded next term for proficiency and attendance at all games.
D. K. P.

Parents' Association.

The date of the Annual General Meeting will not be fixed until the next meeting of the Committee early in April, and all members will be notified by circular of the date, time and place.

The Committee would be glad if all the parents would make an effort to attend this meeting. It is recognised that we all have extra duties to perform in these times, but we feel that many parents could attend these Annual Meetings.

There is a large number of new boys attending the School this year, and the Committee feel it is not widely understood that the parents of any boy attending School automatically becomes a member of this Association under its Constitution. There is no fee or annual subscription to pay, as, up to the

present, the expenses of the Association have been met by voluntary subscriptions.

The chief business of the General Meeting is the appointment of Officers and members of the Committee for the ensuing year, and to transact any other business of the Association; there will also be a few proposals to be put before the meeting of interest to the parents.

There will be two vacancies on the Committee, caused by automatic retirements, and the Secretary would be glad to receive the names of any parent prepared to serve on the Committee which meets four times a year. Further, if any parent has any suggestions to make that would be of benefit to the School and the boys as a whole, the Secretary would be pleased to receive these at his address, 265, Withington Road, Manchester 21.

The Association will, prior to the General Meeting, invite all parents of Old Boys to attend, which will be done by a public announcement in the local papers.

Many parents may not be aware that at the last Annual Meeting a proposal was put forward that we should form an Old Members' Association.

W. H. GRANTHAM,
Hon. Secretary.



Flookburgh Harvest Camp Account.

AUGUST, 1943.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank, 30th November, 1942	0	2	3	By Food	138	0	7
„ Wages for Labour	230	5	0	„ Railway Fares	24	12	10
„ Grant from Lancashire War Agricultural Committee	66	4	0	„ Fuel	6	6	0
				„ Insurance	9	0	0
				„ Transport of Equipment	10	14	0
				„ Camp Expenses	16	3	4
				„ Purchase of Camp Equipment	3	3	10
				„ Sundry Expenses	4	14	2
				„ First Aid Requisites	1	18	6
				„ Keighley Education Committee (for use of Camp School)	10	10	0
				„ Bank Commission and Cheque Book, less Interest	0	17	7
				„ Payment to Boys at 7/6 per week	70	10	0
				„ Balance in Bank, 30th November, 1943	0	0	5
	<u>£296</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>£296</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>3</u>

Audited and found correct,
D. M. WILLIAMS.
November 30th, 1943.

J. A. BARBER.

Worcester Harvest Camp.

AUGUST, 1943.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank	9	7	1
" Wages for Labour	382	18	2
" Grant from Worcester Agricultural Committee—			
Transport	17	18	6
Fares	34	17	6
Mileage, Bicycles	1	10	0
Allowances, Bicycles	13	11	0
Allowances, Helpers	32	6	0
Hire Hall	12	0	0

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	£	s.	d.
By Food	243	11	8
" Fuel	11	8	2
" Insurance Premium	13	18	3
" Fares	65	7	9
" Transport	17	18	6
" Rent of Hall	12	0	0
" Wages	3	7	0
" Equipment	23	19	10
" Repair of Equipment	2	1	8
" Cleaning Materials	0	10	3
" First Aid	2	3	4
" Medical Attendance	5	7	10
" Postage	1	7	4
" Bank Commission and Cheque Books, less Interest	1	5	1
" Miscellaneous	2	8	0
" Distribution to Boys (Cycles) £1 10 0			
" Distribution to Boys (Cycles) 13 13 0			
" Distribution to Boys at 5/6 per week	78	18	6
	94	1	6
" Balance in Bank	3	12	1

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Audited and found correct,

J. A. BARBER,

14th March, 1944.

TREVOR DENNIS, *Treasurer.*

William Hulme's Grammar School Games Account.

Statement of Accounts for the Year ended December 31st, 1943.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1942	159	9	5
" Grant from Governors—			
Lent Term	102	18	0
Midsummer Term	106	1	0
Michaelmas Term	116	5	0
	325	4	0
" Sale of Colours	0	7	0

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	£	s.	d.
By Materials for Games	96	19	0
" Travelling Expenses of Teams	63	13	1
" Groundsman's Wages	78	0	0
" Repairs to Mowing Machines	50	4	0
" Petrol, Oil, Lime and Paint	10	6	8
" Stamps, Postages & Telephone Calls	1	15	9
" Teas to Visiting Teams	4	5	8
" General Expenses	1	12	0
" Bank Commission and Cheque Book, less Interest	0	8	3
" Invested in National Savings Certificates... £100 10 0			
" Balance in Bank, 31st December, 1943	77	6	0
	177	16	0

£485 0 5

Audited and found correct, 14th February, 1944.
W. M. STONE, *Chartered Accountant,*
Manchester.

J. A. BARBER, *Hon. Treasurer.*