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School Notes.

We live in the midst of changes.

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In November Mr. RUST obtained a commission in the Royal Garrison Artillery

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This Term we welcome Dr. B. MACDERMOT, LL.D., F.R. Hist. Soc., late Headmaster of Crewkerne Grammar School, who has come to the help of the School in the difficulties caused by the War calls on the Staff.

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Mr WALTON has undertaken to help us by taking charge of the Singing; he arranged a most enjoyable Concert for the end of Michaelmas Term.

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This Number contains a list, made up to December, 1915, of about 160 Old Boys who are serving in H.M. Forces. The list is varied, including Cavalry, Artillery, Line Regiments, Army Service Corps, Motor Transport, Dispatch Riders, Flying Corps, Anti-Aircraft, Wireless Telegraphy, &c.

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If readers of this Magazine will send to the Headmaster or to the Editors any names which have been omitted, they shall be inserted in the next list.

Seven Old Boys have died in the service of their country, including Lieutenant GEOFFREY NEEDHAM, who was awarded the Military Cross for his gallant conduct at the famous Lancashire Landing in Gallipoli; also Lieutenant J. T. LITTLE, killed in action.

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The Military Cross has also been awarded to Captain H. HASSALL (10th Manchesters). Lieutenant J. GREAVES also is "mentioned in despatches."

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HARRY NOBLE (Wireless Telegraphist) volunteered for the R.N.R., and was on special service in Serbia from the beginning of the War. He has been awarded the "Gold Medal for Valour" by H.M. the King of Serbia.

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W. K. SLATER has been elected Fellow of Manchester University. He is at present engaged on Government work in Chemical Research—partly on explosives, and partly on the discovery of German chemical secret processes.

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G. T. LEES, Scholar of St. John's College, Cambridge, got a First Class in Part I. of the Mathematical Tripos, at the end of his first year. He stood first in College Examinations, and we hear that the College has increased his Scholarship.

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Lees has now won the Adams Memorial Prize for an Essay on "The Solution of Differential Equations by means of Series."

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Captain C. C. GILL and Lieutenant S. S. HAMMERSLEY, both of King's College, Cambridge, have been granted the Degree of B.A. (Cambridge), having passed satisfying examinations, and being now on War Service.

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J. SWALES has taken the degree of B.Sc. (Manchester University) with Second Class Honours in the Mathematics School.

It is with the deepest regret that we announce the loss which the School has sustained by the death of Mr. RICHARD PYM. Mr. Pym joined the staff, under Mr. Andrew, when the School was started in May, 1895, giving up a private school in Werneth, of which most of the pupils entered the new School.

For over 20 years he has been a devoted and diligent Master of this School. For some time he took Junior and Middle School Classes in Mathematics and Science, but some years ago he became Senior English Master—a position for which he was particularly well qualified. In September, 1914, he accepted the invitation to become Head of the Junior School, the Board of Education having recommended that more importance should be attached to that position.

Mr. Pym was well adapted by temperament for this work, and he was very happy—and very enthusiastic—in it.



A Natural History Society was founded soon after Mr. Pickford came to Oldham, and Mr. Pym, who was a keen botanist, led many Rambles during the Summer months. He was also the Senior Librarian, and the Senior Editor of the School Magazine.

He had entered very fully into the life of Oldham, and his intimate knowledge of men and affairs was always willingly placed at the service of the School; in this direction, in fact, the loss to the School is greatest.



Mr. Pym's illness delayed the preparation of this Number of the HULMEIAN, and now the Editorship, which he has held so long, passes for ever from his hands. It was a great pleasure to Mr. Pym to find in the Magazine, the School Library, and the School Shakespeare plays opportunities for service to the School which he could not render in other directions, and they owe much to his fostering care.

Thus Mr. Pym felt that he was sharing in the work of making this School in every way worthy of the name of Public School, that it might hold the position proper to the Grammar School of Oldham. He was intensely proud of successes attained by Old Hulmeians at the Universities, and anxious that parents should see that the School offers a full and complete education of the best type.

He was a zealous Churchman with strong views, for which he was prepared to sacrifice many things; it was a source of peculiar pleasure to him that the School owes its foundation (though indirectly) to William Hulme, who holds a high place amongst Lancashire's lay Churchmen.

But to the School the dearest memory and the picture that will survive is Mr. Pym at a Natural History Tea or giving a Reading at a School Sing-Song.

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A Committee is being formed to collect money to found a "Richard Pym Scholarship." Subscriptions may be sent to the Headmaster.

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With deep regret we record the death, at the end of last Term, of a member of the Upper V. Form—VERNON SANKEY—after an operation for appendicitis. He was very popular in the School, especially amongst the quieter and more thoughtful section, and his brilliant course in School studies gave promise that he would have brought great honour to himself and to the School had he been spared.

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Older members of the Old Boys' Association will be sorry to hear of the death of ARTHUR JACKSON, a Life Member of the Association, and always a welcome visitor whenever he came to Oldham.

Extracts from the Diary of Lieut. J. Greaves, Lancashire Fusiliers.

WE left Southampton at midnight, in a boat that before the war was used for pleasure trips from the Clyde to Oban, and when day broke we were lying off Havre, surrounded by shipping of all kinds. The men were breaking open their tins of biscuits and cutting up bully beef. The novelty of the food added zest to a meal which a week or two later would cause no excitement, when a tin of biscuits would go untouched for hours, till men would come one at a time and put two or three in their pockets to munch while on "sentry go," perhaps as a substitute for tobacco. The meal was soon over, and shortly four hundred voices were proclaiming loudly, "Here we are, here we are, here we are again."

Few of those men knew that 500 years before, Henry V. had landed on that very spot as an enemy of France. The friendship of nations is a study that gives one food for much thought. At Minden, 1759, the Austrians, Prussians, and Hanoverians were our allies; the French and Saxons our enemies. Minden I mention because it was there that the XXth Foot, the Lancashire Fusiliers, was one of six battalions which turned a blunder into a victory. The order "Move forward on sound of drum" had been translated "Move forward with sound of drum," and immediately 6,000 infantry with drums beating and colours flying moved forward against 10,000 of the finest cavalry in Europe. Never before had infantry advanced to attack cavalry—and that half as strong again—but not only did they repulse three cavalry charges, but finally put the enemy to flight. As the long line of infantry advanced it passed through acres of rose gardens, and as they marched the men plucked blooms which were worn in the battle. Every year since then, on August 1st, the men of those six battalions are permitted to wear roses in their caps.

This year the regiment was, of course, in the field on Minden Day; and on that very day were due back in the trenches after a short period of rest. The regiment to be relieved—another Lancashire regiment, and sportsmen all—consented to our relieving them a day later, and so we celebrated Minden Day with sports and other festivities (over some of which a veil had best be drawn!) in a little village not two miles behind the firing line.

Next night I paraded my platoon for the trenches. The rain poured down, the sky was inky black, lit up at times by the flares from the front line trenches. Great guns dragged by huge tractors, lesser guns hauled by motor waggons were passing, and almost on you before you saw them. The men were still half asleep. Some came hurrying along at the last minute saying their rifles or packs were lost. At last they were ready. The guide arrived, and off we went—mud to the ankles—no smoking—past sentries who challenged in a whisper—past small bodies who had already been relieved. Soon we were out of the villages and going down a narrow lane darker than before. Occasionally a glimmer of light came through the chinks of an artillery "dug-out" or dressing station. Then we crossed a little railway line; a few yards away is—invisible and practically unheard—a railway engine and a waggon of stores being unloaded. Ahead is a great chattering and singing. They must be new troops. Perhaps their officer will take the hint when I turn to my men and whisper, "No singing or talking there." The men seem to understand. I hope they do. A flare light shows us we are entering a village. The ruined church, the roofless houses, the street barricades, and noiseless sentry are seen for an instant. Soon we enter the communication trench, find it up to the knees in water. As the last man enters we hear the pop—whiz—bang of a German battery as it lets off a salvo. We are just in time.

A Holiday Spent in Work on a Farm.

BEING under military age, and being imbued with a desire to help my country in its time of need, I thought that the best way of spending my summer holidays would be in helping to get the harvest in. Having some farmer friends who live in Wharfedale I wrote to them offering my services, such as they were, and, to my great joy, I received in answer to my letter a request to come as soon as I could.

I left home one Friday morning (Friday was chosen as, being market-day in the part of Yorkshire where I was going, my luggage could be conveyed to the farm in the market cart) and arrived safely at my destination just about noon, after losing myself once and only finding my way by remembering one of the landmarks.

After dinner I started work in the hayfield. There was nothing extraordinary in this hayfield; it was only an ordinary sort of hayfield, but yet it seemed to gladden my eyes to see the grass cut. Most of the implements used were merely types of those used the world over, though some there were peculiar to that district, such as "Blind Jane," "Sammer," etc. These will no doubt need explaining. The instrument named Blind Jane is one that I shall never forget; it is a long rake with a breadth of 5 feet. It has long, curved, iron teeth which pick up very cleanly all the loose grass which has scattered out of the horse-rake or off the cart. This rake is made for one man (or boy) to drag about; and this work is generally done before breakfast, just to get an appetite up. (You "Blind Jane" to get out of milking!) It makes one's feet very tired trudging up and down the field pulling the "man-killer" behind one, and not much is seen as a result of it. Nothing used to rile me more than being asked (in fun, though it was) at the end of a hard

day's work dragging a "Blind Jane" about, "what had I been doing all day?" Cases have been known of farmers being dissatisfied with a man after he had raked 11 or 12 acres in a day. Before horse-raking became general, all the land had to be raked by this method, and a very tedious job it was.

The "Sammer," or Sweep, is used to "sam" the hay up into heaps, ready for being loaded or for being made into cocks. The hay is raked up into big rows by the horse-rake, and then a horse is harnessed to the sweep and the sweep is placed at one end of one of the rows, and as the horse goes forward the hay is piled up on the sweep, which is held in position by a man behind, who, in fact, carries the hay all the time.

For five weeks on and off this haymaking continued, until finally, amid general rejoicings, the last load of hay was led home.

But besides haymaking there was other work to be done, especially when the weather was not good enough for haymaking, such as turnip-hoeing, thistle-mowing, sheep-mawking.

Turnip-hoeing is a back-aching job. You walk up and down the rows of turnips, knocking out by means of a turnip-hoe all (turnip) weeds, especially dodder.

Thistle-mowing is a job anyone can do who can be trusted not to cut his or anyone else's legs off with a scythe, for all that has to be done is to walk up and down the field mowing down all the thistles that are visible. But even in this job order is maintained. The three or four men who are thistle-mowing do not go straggling all over the fields; they go in a definite order, for all the fields have at one time been ploughed and the furrows are still visible, so each man mows all the thistles in a land—i.e., the distances between two furrows, and this continues till all the field is cleared.

Sheep-mawking is a Sunday job—i.e., a job that is always done on Sundays. I have spent whole Sundays at it. I used to have qualms of conscience with regard to it, but finally I decided that it was a work of mercy, and so it is, as the following will show:—During damp and close weather the hind quarters of sheep get fly-blown, and in time maggots hatch, and these soon form colonies which eat their way up the sheep's back, and, if not discovered in time, right into the intestines of it, causing it to die in extreme agony. This last summer was a bad one for the sheep, as many of them got maggoted. Those, however, that were shepherded well were found before this last stage came.

Mawked sheep can be very easily picked out, as they are continually wagging their tails in their endeavours to shake off the maggots. To free the sheep from these maggots the mawked sheep is caught, the affected parts well sprinkled with sheep dip (to fetch the maggots out); this is rubbed in, and the fleece then well shaken. The maggots fly off in all directions. This is repeated in all the affected places, and then quicklime is rubbed in to dry the wool, for the wool is always wet where maggots are, and this is another sign of their presence. To see the sheep run off after it has been treated makes one feel sure that good has been done.

But besides helping with the hay, I was also of some assistance in the harvest. Not much wheat is grown in Wharfedale, oats, rye and barley being the predominating crops. Not being of much use as a binder of sheaves—I could bind, but was not able to do it very fast—I was given the job of driver. With reference to binding sheaves, the perimeter of the field is divided into as many lengths as there are men to tie up, and each man is supposed to get his length tied up before the machine comes round. Sometimes it is decided that whoever is "caught" is fined, say 1d., for each

offence, all the money going to provide liquid refreshment for the workers. To the uninitiated it would seem a difficult thing to have to drive two horses, but it seemed to me that driving two was easier than driving one.

The most exciting part comes when there is only a narrow strip left standing, and the rabbits start popping out. As the reaper goes round and round the rabbits in the corn are driven in by its noise until finally there is only a narrow strip, and then when they can see light through the corn off they go, and most likely they are bowled over. The horses are generally very startled by the shots, and need much holding in.

When the whole field has been cut the sheaves are stacked into haddockes, or little stacks of eight sheaves, placed two and two together, forming a kind of roof, so that the wind can blow through and dry the ears.

Generally the corn is left in haddockes from 10-14 days, and then it is led and stacked. How this last is done I cannot say accurately as my stay was up before this operation took place, but on some future occasion I may be able more fully to describe life on a farm during harvest. A.M.C.



Cricket.

FIRST XI. v. A BOWDON COLLEGE XI.

PLAYED at Oldham on Saturday, July 10th.
 Result: 1st XI. won by 98 runs. Bowdon College brought an eleven consisting of five 1st XI. and six 2nd XI. members. Their captain really lost the match before it had begun by winning the toss and putting us in to bat. Carrington and Wallace made a good start, putting on 41 before Wallace was bowled. Taylor and Burnett failed to score, but Ashton helped his

captain to add another 41 runs. With the score at 96 Carrington was caught and bowled for an excellent innings of 70. He started very shakily and was badly missed twice; after that he made some very good strokes, scoring no fewer than eleven boundaries. Lees played well for 13 and Spencer made 9. The total finally reached 137. The Bowdon fielding was very poor. Taylor and Burnett had four of the Bowdon eleven out for 2 runs, and, aided by some keen fielding, the whole side was dismissed for 39.

Taylor was quite unplayable and obtained 5 wickets for 10 runs. Burnett bowled fairly well, but seems afraid to pitch the ball up. Cleverley kept wicket exceedingly well and only allowed the other side to score one bye. Lees made a very good catch in the long field. Nuttall might have made a good catch at square leg, but he was thinking about something else at the time. He made amends, however, by running out the batsman he had previously missed.

FIRST XI.—Carrington N. c and b Tabernacle 70; Wallace G. E. b Tabernacle 5; Taylor N. b Tabernacle 0; Burnett S. b Tabernacle 0; Webster T. c Smith b Tabernacle 4; Ashton H. b Faulkner 15; Lees N. st Smith b Faulkner 13; Nuttall G. b Faulkner 5; Spencer C. H. b Tabernacle 9; Eatough G. not out 4, Cleverley A. M. b Faulkner 0; extras 12; Total 137. Tabernacle took 6 wickets for 32 and Faulkner 4 for 33. Bowdon College scored 39.

The following 1st XI. colours were given after the match:—N. Carrington, N. Taylor, G. E. Wallace, A. M. Cleverley, S. Burnett, N. Lees.

1ST XI. v. STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI.

Played at Stockport on July 14th. Stockport won by 99 runs. The 1st XI. could do nothing right in this match: their fielding was poor, the bowling was erratic, and the batting bad.

1st XI. :—N. Carrington b Ellis 0; G. E. Wallace b Ellis 0; N. Taylor b Ellis 9; S. Burnett b Chadborn 9; H. Ashton b Ellis 8; T. Webster b Chadborn 0; N. Lees c Coburn b Ellis 1; F. Nuttall b Chadborn 0; C. H. Spencer b Ellis 1; G. Eatough not out 5; A. M. Cleverley c Coburn b Ellis 5; extra 1; Total 39. Ellis took 7 wickets for 14 runs. Stockport scored 138. N. Lees took 8 wickets for 61.

1st XI. v. OLD BOYS.

Played on Saturday, July 17th. Result: Old Boys won by 20 runs. The 1st XI. won the toss, but for some reason or other decided to put the Old Boys in to bat on a good wicket. Roseblade played a very good innings. The School fielding was quite good in both innings. The batting, as usual, was distinctly weak, although Carrington scored 20 and 21.

OLD BOYS.—C. Pollard b Burnett 6; H. Roseblade c G. Eatough b Taylor 56; W. H. Hall c and b Taylor 2; A. E. Scawthorn lbw b Taylor 0; F. Halliwell b Lees 5; E. Chadwick (sub.) c Eatough G. b Lees 0; D. H. Mellor b Lees 2; J. A. Schofield c Lees b Taylor 4; F. Stott b Taylor 14; W. Barratt b Lees 0; J. C. Wood (sub.) not out 0; extra 1; Total 90.

SECOND INNINGS.—C. Pollard c Taylor b Lees 8; A. E. Scawthorn lbw b Lees 0; F. Halliwell c Cleverley b Lees 10; E. Chadwick c Lees b Taylor 1; D. H. Mellor c Eatough R. b Taylor 0; J. A. Schofield c Cleverley b Lees 11; W. Barratt b Taylor 5; J. C. Wood not out 0; extras 7; Total for 7 wickets 42. Innings declared closed. H. Roseblade, W. H. Hall, and F. Stott did not bat.

Taylor took 8 wickets for 61 in the two innings. Lees took 8 wickets for 39 in the two innings.

1st XI.—N. Carrington b Scawthorn 20; G. E. Wallace b Roseblade 2; N. Taylor st Halliwell b Pollard 1; S.

Burnett b Roseblade 1; H. Ashton c Roseblade b Scawthorn 12; T. Webster c Schofield b Scawthorn 7; G. Eatough c Scawthorn b Pollard 0; R. Eatough not out 0; N. Lees c Pollard b Scawthorn 1; A. M. Cleverley b Scawthorn 0; E. Hardie c Pollard b Scawthorn 0; extras 6; Total 50.

SECOND INNINGS.—N. Carrington c Chadwick b Roseblade 21; G. E. Wallace c Barratt b Roseblade 13; N. Taylor c Hall b Roseblade 7; S. Burnett c Chadwick b Barratt 9; H. Ashton c Scawthorn b Barratt 2; T. Webster run out 0; G. Eatough not out 1; R. Eatough b Roseblade 3; N. Lees c Mellor b Barratt 2; A. M. Cleverley run out 0; E. Hardie c Roseblade b Barratt 0; extras 4; Total 62.

Scawthorn took 5 wickets for 3 runs in the 1st innings. Barratt took 4 wickets for 11 runs in the 2nd innings. Roseblade took 4 wickets for 13 runs in the 2nd innings.

FIRST XI. AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Innings	Times Not Out.	Runs.	Most in an Innings.	Average.
N. Carrington	8	0	150	70	18.75
N. Taylor	9	0	103	59	11.44
A. E. Whitehead	4	0	38	34	9.50
H. Ashton	4	0	37	15	9.25
S. Burnett	9	1	46	11	5.75
N. Lees	8	1	35	13	5.00
G. E. Wallace	9	0	36	13	4.00
C. H. Spencer	6	0	23	9	3.83
T. Webster	5	0	17	7	3.40
G. Eatough	9	4	16	5*	3.20
F. Nuttall	5	0	15	5	3.00
A. M. Cleverley	6	1	9	5	1.80
E. Hardie	4	1	4	2*	1.33

The following also batted:—J. Mills, 9, 0, 5; J. Noble, 5, 5*; R. Eatough, 0*, 3; and S. Marlor 0.

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
N. Taylor	112	33	237	52	4.56
A. E. Whitehead	24	6	60	13	4.62
N. Lees	57	13	161	21	7.67
S. Burnett	34	6	119	14	8.50

The following also bowled 4 overs each:—N. Carrington, 2 wickets for 3 runs; H. Ashton, 1 wicket for 7.

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1ST XI. CHARACTERS.

N. CARRINGTON. Has been a very popular captain. His batting has improved wonderfully, and his innings of 70 against Bowdon College was a very fine effort. Is always keen in the field, and can field well anywhere.

N. TAYLOR. Has been by far the best bowler, and has practically kept up one end throughout the season. Is a good field. His batting is disappointing, as he always looks as though he could make runs.

S. BURNETT. A very promising cricketer. Has a good style in batting, although he has not made many runs. A neat field, but not always safe with catches. Has bowled very well at times.

N. LEES. Would make a very good fast bowler if he would take a better run and not lose his step just before delivering the ball. Is a painstaking batsman, and can hit hard at times. His fielding in the deep is very good.

G. E. WALLACE. Has played some very useful innings for his side. Must practise playing "yorkers." Has improved very much in the field, and can bowl if required.

A. M. CLEVERLEY. Is not a polished batsman; he can hit the ball a long way sometimes. Is a very useful wicket-keeper.

G. EATOUGH. A batsman who ought to be very good in time, when he learns how to hit the loose balls. Has quite a good defence. Has kept his place in the eleven owing to his fielding at point, where he has made some excellent catches.

The following played several times, but did not receive their colours:—

T. WEBSTER. Has a very good idea of hitting loose bowling, but is rather too fond of hitting out. Has improved in his fielding, and can bowl if necessary.

C. H. SPENCER. Very disappointing. Made very few runs. His fielding was very poor.

F. NUTTALL. Another disappointing cricketer. Bowled very well for the 2nd XI. last season, but has been a failure this year. A poor batsman, and not very reliable in the field.

E. HARDIE. A very promising young cricketer. Has a good style, and ought to make plenty of runs next season. A plucky wicket-keeper and a fair change bowler.

SECOND XI. MATCHES.

2ND XI. v. STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XI.

Played at Oldham on July 14th. The 2nd XI. won by an innings and 42 runs. Kenworthy took 8 wickets for 9 runs in the first innings and kept a very good length. Stott and Noble, after a somewhat shaky start, hit the bowling about very freely.

2ND XI.—J. Noble b Brooks 33; R. E. Eatough b Deacon 0; J. Stott c — b Deacon 48; A. L. Hardie c and b Brooks 2; E. Chadwick c and b Deacon 3; E. Hardie c Gregory b Brooks 0; L. V. Lecomber b Brooks 0; F. Kenworthy not out 1; extras 6; Total for seven wickets 93. Innings declared closed. P. Brooks, D. E. G. Griffiths, and W. Brooks did not bat.

Stockport scored 15 and 36. Kenworthy obtained 12 wickets for 22 runs, and Stott six wickets for 20 runs, in the two innings.

2ND XI. v. MR. EDWARDS' XI.

Played on July 21st. Result: 2nd XI. lost by eight wickets, thanks chiefly to their bad fielding.

2ND XI.—H. Ashton run out 0; L. Nuttall st Mr. Edwards b Mr. Rust 2; G. Eatough b Mr. Rust 10; A. L. Hardie st Mr. Edwards b Mr. Rust 2; E. Hardie c Lees b Mr. Rust 6; F. Kenworthy run out 2; P. Brooks c Burnett b Mr. Edwards 1; D. E. Griffiths c Varley b Mr. Edwards 0; W. Brooks not out 1; A. Wallace st Mr. Edwards b Mr. Rust 0; T. Halliday run out 0; extra 1; Total 25.

SECOND INNINGS.—H. Ashton c Mr. Rust b Mr. Edwards 14; L. Nuttall c Lees b Mr. Rust 3; G. Eatough b Varley 18; A. L. Hardie b Mr. Rust 3; E. Hardie b Mr. Rust 0; F. Kenworthy b Mr. Edwards 0; P. Brooks c Varley b Mr. Edwards 0; D. E. Griffiths lbw b Burnett 9; W. Brooks c and b Burnett 2; A. Wallace c and b Burnett 0; T. Halliday not out 0; extra 0; Total 49.

Mr. Edwards' XI. scored 65 and 52 (for four wickets).

2ND XI. v. OLD BOYS' 2ND XI.

Played on July 24th. Result: 2nd XI. won by 21 runs. This was a very interesting game, and the 2nd XI. deserved to win on account of their keen fielding. E.

Hardie and Whitehead batted best for the School, while Hodgkinson soon knocked up 35, thanks to the bowlers who kept on bowling on the leg side to him. G. Eatough and Lecomber bowled best. F. Winterbottom took 4 wickets for 9 runs for the Old Boys.

2ND XI.—H. Ashton c Hudson b Middleton 17; L. Nuttall b Middleton 7; G. Eatough b Hudson 0; A. L. Hardie b Cheetham 13; E. Hardie b Winterbottom 11; F. Kenworthy c and b Winterbottom 5; L. V. Lecomber c Hodgkinson b Winterbottom 0; P. Brooks st Mills b Middleton 1; F. S. Whitehead not out 10; J. Walton c Cheetham b Middleton 2; J. E. T. Wrigley b Winterbottom 6; extras 2; Total 74.

The Old Boys' 2nd XI. scored 53 runs.

SECOND XI. AVERAGES.

BATTING.

	Innings.	Times Not Outs.	Runs.	Most in an Innings.	Average.
H. Ashton	7	0	87	28	12.43
J. Stott	5	0	61	48	12.20
A. L. Hardie	7	0	47	18	6.71
R. Eatough	5	0	25	14	5.00
E. Hardie	5	0	20	11	4.00
W. Brooks	6	1	20	7	4.00
P. Brooks	7	1	19	10*	3.17
D. E. Griffiths	6	1	15	9	3.00
E. Chadwick	5	1	12	5*	3.00
F. Kenworthy	8	1	13	5	1.86

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING.

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
F. Kenworthy	43	7	141	28	5.04
H. Ashton	33	6	114	20	5.70
J. Stott	32	3	101	14	7.21

FORM MATCHES.

3 B v. SIXTEEN OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL.

Played on July 9th. Result: Juniors won by six runs.

JUNIORS.—Ashworth c Lawton E. b Lawton W. 4; Singleton c Holden b Wallace 0; Halliday b Lawton W. 0; Winterbottom c Lawton E. b Wallace 0; Buckley c Coates b Wallace 2; Tipper b Stott 0; Sibbles c Schofield b Wallace 0; Taylor b Lawton W. 0; Wright W. b Wallace 4; Wright E. c and b Wallace 8; Spencer b Wallace 0; Brewer c Schofield b Wallace 0; Helm b Hirst 4; Eades not out 2; Rothwell b Hirst 0; Chapman b Wallace 0; extras 5; Total 29.

SECOND INNINGS.—Ashworth c Wallace b Schofield 1; Singleton b Hirst 2; Halliday c Wallace b Coates 0; Winterbottom c Wallace b Hirst 1; Buckley not out 27; Tipper b Clynes 2; Sibbles c and b Wallace 6; Taylor c Schofield b Hirst 1; Wright W. c and b Stott 1; Wright E. c Lawton E. b Coates 0; Spencer b Clynes 3; Brewer c Coates b Hirst 2; Helm c Stott b Hirst 0; Eades st Broster b Hirst 3; Rothwell st Broster b Wallace 0; Chapman did not bat; extras 7; Total 56. Innings declared closed.

3 B.—Stott c Taylor b Halliday 6; Wallace b Halliday 11; Broster b Halliday 0; Coates c — b Sibbles 2; Holden J. b Halliday 3; Holden J. G. b Sibbles 0; Lawton E. b Sibbles 7; Hirst b Sibbles 2; Schofield not out 7; Clynes b Halliday 0; Fielding b Halliday 0; extras 7; Total 45.

SECOND INNINGS.—Stott b Halliday 0; Wallace st Ashworth b Halliday 5; Broster run out 3; Coates run out 4; Holden J. b Halliday 4; Holden J. G. st Ashworth b Sibbles 4; Lawton E. b Halliday 4; Hirst b Halliday 6; Schofield c — b Sibbles 2; Clynes st Ashworth b Halliday 0; Fielding not out 0; extras 2; Total 34.

Wallace took 9 wickets for 13 in the 1st innings, and Hirst 6 for 16 in the 2nd innings. Halliday took 6 wickets for 21 in the 1st innings, and 6 for 12 in the 2nd innings. Sibbles took 4 wickets for 18 in the 1st innings.

Football.

SATURDAY, Oct. 2nd.—SCHOOL v. MR. EDWARDS' XI.—
 Owing to lack of practice, the team was wanting in combination, and had it not been for the smart goal-keeping of G. Eatough it would have suffered an even more crushing defeat than it did. Result: School 5, Mr. Edwards' XI. 10.

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Wednesday, Oct. 6th. SCHOOL v. STAND G.S.—
 Home. A decided improvement was shown by the team, and it held its own until the latter part of the game. The half-backs, however, were very weak, and the shooting of the inside forwards was extremely poor. Result: School 3, Stand G.S. 6.

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Saturday, Oct. 9th. SCHOOL v. MR. COCKELL'S XI.—
 The inside forwards were again weak, and the repeated centres from the right wing were turned to no advantage. Result: School 3, Mr. Cockell's XI. 6.

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Saturday, Oct. 16th. SCHOOL v. DR. POTTER'S XI.—
 The left wing was reconstructed for this match, and thereby the attack was greatly improved. Also the opposing team was not a strong one, and the School won easily. Result: School 7, Dr. Potter's XI. 1.

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Saturday, Oct. 23rd. SCHOOL v. BOWDON COLLEGE.—
 Home. The whole team played with great vigour and combination, but the success was largely due to the brilliance of Nuttall and Lees, all the goals being the result of play on the right wing. Lees especially was a continual source of trouble to the Bowdon backs. The half-backs also played much better than formerly, and the opposing forwards were well held. Result: School 7, Bowdon College 3.

Wednesday, Oct. 27th. SCHOOL v. STOCKPORT G. S.
 —Home. The forwards again combined well, but Stott
 threw away many chances by playing with the ball instead
 of centring when he had the opportunity. But, taken as a
 whole, the eleven played good football and had their oppo-
 nents well in hand. Result: School 4, Stockport G. S. 1.



Swimming.

THE Swimming Sports were held on Monday, 26th July,
 at the Central Baths, Union Street. The number of
 competitors was good, and some plucky swimming
 was witnessed, especially in the case of the Junior
 School competitors. An interesting break in the proceed-
 ings was made by some exhibition swimming by Messrs.
 Smith and Stott, Attendants at the Baths, which included
 Life Saving, Artificial Resuscitation, and Fancy Diving.
 Mr. Beattie, Superintendent of the Baths, took a great
 interest in the Sports.

The Handicap Events were keenly contested, several
 close finishes being seen. The results were:—I. Senior Handi-
 cap: 1 Chaloner, and 2 Gregg. II. Middle Handicap: 1 Varley,
 and 2 G. Eatough. III. Junior Handicap: 1 G. Wallace,
 and 2 Lecomber. IV. Junior School Handicap: 1 Single-
 ton, and 2 Ashworth. V. Long Dive: 1 Wadsworth, and 2
 Clynes; length, 30ft. 4in. VI. Balloon Race: 1 Chaloner,
 and 2 G. Eatough. VII. Neat Dive: 1 S. N. Taylor, and 2
 Ashworth. VIII. Life Saving: 1 G. Eatough, and 2
 Chaloner. IX. Squadron Race: The points obtained by the
 various Houses were:—Platt 24. Lees 21, and Assheton 17.

Last term the Baths Committee of the Oldham Cor-
 poration offered 20 free passes to the Baths for competition
 in the School. Only 15 names were given in as competitors.

and the race was swum on Nov. 2nd. As a result of the race, all were granted free passes. The names of the recipients of the passes are:—Over 14 (5 lengths): Carrington, G. Estough, Gregg, J. Stott, S. N. Taylor, G. E. Wallace, and Wadsworth. Under 14 (3 lengths): Clynes, Hayes, Humphreys, J. Jones, Lecomber, Singleton, and A. Wallace. Our sincere thanks are due to the Baths Committee for their generosity, and it is to be hoped that those who have received the passes will make good use of them.

Debating Society.

THE Society's Meetings have recommenced this term, the session being opened on Nov. 29th with an Impromptu Debate. The chair was taken by Jones, and the first motion was that: "Horses are better carriers than bullocks"—proposed by Hayes, and opposed by Rodgers. This indefinite motion produced no noteworthy speeches, but the following members spoke: Sankey, Hargreaves, Wallace G. E., Holden G. F., Platt, Wadsworth. The motion was carried, with one dissenter.

The next motion was that: "Conscription is an unnecessary evil." This was proposed by Cowen, and ably opposed by Wilson. The motion, which was keenly debated, was confirmed by 13 votes to eight, the speakers being Leachinsky, J. L. Bradbury, J. Stott. The meeting then broke up.

On Dec. 6th the Society assembled, Noble being in the chair, to discuss the motion: "A rigorous press censorship is in the interests of a nation at war." The proposer, J. Stott, showed that the Press could obtain news valuable to the enemy from many sources, and pointed out the importance of keeping up the spirits of a nation at war.

J. L. Bradbury, the opposer, spoke of the expense of such a censorship, and mentioned that it was likely to lead to corruption in the administration of a country.

After a very poor debate, in which only Mr. Smith and Leachinsky spoke, the meeting decided for the opposer by 13 votes to eight.

It is hoped that boys will show their interest in the Society, not only by frequent attendance, but also by frequent speaking at the debates. J.L.B., J.S.



The Library.

ALTHOUGH the Library is still in use as a Red Cross depôt the issue of books in the Lending Department has not been interfered with, and the Librarians have been kept busy every Tuesday issuing books. The number of borrowers has been large, although it is regrettable that it does not include many members of the Upper School. In the Middle and Lower Schools, however, most boys borrow books regularly. We have now a complete set of Dickens' Works, and our thanks are due to the Headmaster for completing the set. J.A.E.-J., J.L.B.

THE REFERENCE LIBRARY.—The Red Cross Comforts occupy a large space on the Reference Library shelves, so it has been necessary to place some books elsewhere. They have accordingly been transferred to different Class Rooms. Mr. Cockell has charge of the Classical Books, and Mr. Edwards of the books on Modern Languages. The books on other subjects remain in the Library. Boys in the Upper School have been regular borrowers from this library.

J.A.E.-J., J.S.

British and Foreign Bible Society.

ON Thursday, Oct. 28th, 1915, the School was honoured by the visit of the Rev. A. W. YOUNG (the Bible Society's representative in Calcutta) and of the District Secretary, the Rev. T. A. WOLFENDALE, M.A. Mr. Young had come to Oldham with the purpose of addressing the Annual Meeting at the Town Hall, and was good enough to spare an afternoon to visit the School.

Mr. Wolfendale, in addressing the School, urged upon the boys the necessity for helping the Society, pointing out the good work we have done in the past.

Mr. Young gave an address on the work in India. He spoke of the millions of inhabitants of his part of India, and of the languages and faiths and the spread of Christianity among them. He described how little by little portions of Scripture are translated by Missionaries, and how the Bible Society prints the translations sent to them. He made this all the more interesting by telling some of his personal experiences among the heathen natives of India.

At the close of the interesting address the Headmaster proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. A. W. Young, and it was heartily carried.

As a result of this visit we are pleased to be able to state that about fifty boys are engaged in collecting for the Bible Society. Mr. Young has said that for £10 we may cause the Testament to be printed in some new language, and so light another lamp in the dark heathen world. So we hope that, as a result of the work of collection which is going on, at least £10 will be realised.

J.A.E.-J.

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