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## School Notes.

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We congratulate the HEADMASTER most heartily upon the splendid recovery that he has made from his severe and protracted illness. We hope that he may long be spared to guide the School through the period of change that we are told it is about to enter.

This year seems to have marked a return to pre-war conditions in most respects. We have this year included Swimming events with the usual Athletic Sports. A more important event is the return to the old custom of "Speech Day." So long a period has elapsed since the last occasion of this kind that very few boys in the School remember it.

We wish to thank all Governors and friends who contributed to the Prize Fund, and thus helped to bring back the Prize Distribution to its pristine splendour.

The numbers of the School still continue to swell to such an extent that not only have all the Classrooms been filled, but all the available space offered by the Library, the manual room, and on occasion the Headmaster's study, has been utilised. We seem to have heard rumours about the commencement of building operations.

To meet the increase in the number of boys, the Staff has of necessity been augmented. Since the publication of the last Magazine, many changes have taken place.

We are very sorry to have lost Dr. MACDERMOTT, Mr. HERING and Mr. GREEN. The late Headmaster of the Junior School is now conducting a private school at Leamington.

To fill the vacancies thus created, besides those caused by the increased number of forms, the following Masters have joined the Staff:—Mr. A. J. BUTLER, B.A. (Belfast), Mr. F. M. PARSONS, B.A. (Oxon), Mr. R. H. ALBERY, M.Sc., LL.M. (Liverpool), and Mr. C. M. MARTIN, B.A. (London); whilst Mr. F. W. CAPE (late headmaster of Lipson School, Plymouth), Mr. F. H. REGAN (London), and Mr. H. B. JONES (Victoria) have charge of the Junior School.

May we be allowed to sympathise with Mr. CAPE upon an unfortunate accident which occurred to him during the Whitsun vacation, and wish him a speedy and complete recovery?

We are also very fortunate in having recovered Mr. COCKELL from the Army. Mr. Cockell has proved himself invaluable to the School, and is immensely popular with the boys. Besides his personal nature, this may be largely attributed to the unflagging interest which he always shows in every branch of School life. It is under his Editorship that this Magazine, with the exception of these Notes, has been compiled.

Last August took place an event which had been looked forward to for some time, viz.: the marriage of Mr. RIDOUT. We all wish Mr. and Mrs. Ridout all possible good luck and happiness.

Another marriage of special interest to Old Boys is that of J. A. BUNTING. Our best wishes to him and his bride for a long and happy married life.

While on the subject of marriages, there is a report that the time-honoured privilege of Leap Year has been exercised at the expense ["Expense" hardly seems the correct word—ED.] of one of the Staff.

Congratulations to LEES, WHITTAKER, COCKER, BRADBURY and GILL on their successes at Cambridge.

Lees has been placed in Class I. in the Law Tripos, Part II.; Whittaker in Class I. of the Theological Tripos, Part II.; Cocker in Class II., Div. II., of the Classical Tripos, Part I. (old regulations); Bradbury in Class II. in the Classical Tripos, Part I. (new regulations). Gill has passed Midwifery and Surgery for his Final M.B.

Results which reflect great credit on those concerned.

The series of successes of our Old Boys at the Universities, interrupted by the war, has been resumed with the least possible delay, and that most effectively.

In the Senior Local Examinations held last July, M. GREENWOOD obtained 1st class honours; T. BOARDMAN 2nd class honours; C. T. MILLS, J. SCHOFIELD, and J. M. TURNER 3rd class honours; whilst F. BUCKLEY, J. HOWARD and E. WRIGHT satisfied the examiners.

A. L. TAYLOR, who headed the School batting averages last season, now opens the innings for Ashton 1st XI. in the Lancashire and Cheshire League. He has played some excellent innings.

Congratulations to LECOMBER on his batting. At the time of going to press his average is, we believe, 123. We noticed him in the process of taking a hundred in a House match the other day.

Also to HOLT on a remarkable bowling performance v. Stockport G.S.

HAYES has left us somewhat abruptly in the heyday of his career; he has done some excellent work as a prefect, was a keen and sound full back, and took a leading part in the life of the School generally. We are sorry to lose him, and wish him all success.

Members of the Photographic Society would seem to have been quite put out of their stride by the recent beautiful weather. During the appalling weather earlier in the year a small but constant stream of pictures flowed in, while the air was rich with the promise of what was going to be done when the weather improved. Now the Secretary tells us he has in his possession one photograph

—and one only (and that a picture of a dark and stormy night)—the work of the latest unsuspecting recruit to the Society!

Very hearty, even if belated, congratulations to CALDWELL on his M.C. We have reliable information as to the excellent work he did with his Toc. Emmas.

We have noticed with pleasure the visits of several Old Boys to the School. Nothing is a clearer indication of the corporate life of the School.

We would call the attention of Boys, Old Boys, Parents, and all others interested in the School to the subscription list which has been opened to provide funds for the very necessary extensions to the School buildings.

Has anyone a spare cricket ground to present to the School?

We have noticed Mr. RIDOUT and Mr. PARSONS in good form on the Masters' Tennis Court, and have been told of a virile display by J. A. E. JONES and an amazing back-somersault through the bushes by the Editor.

The Librarian has requested us to insert a reminder to the boys about to leave the School of the ancient (but lately rather neglected) custom of presenting books to the School Library. It is nice to have some tangible reminder of former members of the School; and we do not know of a more desirable or convenient way of achieving this end.

The Editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of three numbers of "The Leodiensian."

### Speech Day.

**A**FTER an interval of 6 years, our annual Prize Distribution was held in the Big School on March 19. The occasion was memorable for the visit of Lord Robert Cecil, who honoured us by distributing the prizes. Lord Emmott presided, supported by Dame Lees, Lady Emmott, Mrs. Pickford, Mrs. Ingham, the Rev.

Canon Rountree, Alderman Middleton, J.P., Councillor Schofield, J.P., Dr. J. E. Taylor, and the Headmaster. The proceedings were opened by Lord EMMOTT, who prefaced his address by saying what a pleasure it gave them all to see the Headmaster there after his long and serious illness last year. He then went on to speak about the great increase in the numbers of the boys, and of the urgent need for extension of the School premises, and expressed the hope that the funds for the purpose would soon be forthcoming, in view of the exceedingly prosperous state of the staple trade of the town. A committee had already been formed for dealing with the matter.—Mrs. PICKFORD, on behalf of the ladies working for the Red Cross in the School Library during the War, in an eloquent speech, presented an illuminated address of thanks to be hung in the Library.—L. V. LECOMBER accepted the gift in a very spirited speech.—Mrs. INGHAM, on behalf of the Parents' Association, presented a number of exceedingly useful volumes to the School Library.—The Headmaster then presented his report. In pointing out how urgent was the necessary extension of the School, he stated that there were 313 boys on the books to-day as compared with 160 before the war. Large increases in numbers were taking place all over the country, but our numbers had increased by a much larger percentage than at the majority of schools. It had not been easy to obtain the masters necessary to meet the increase. However, he had succeeded in obtaining a Staff which was efficient both in the classroom and on the playing fields. It was possible to put a good Masters' XI. in the field both at cricket and at football. Advanced courses had recently been formed, to enable a boy who obtained "Recognition Standard" at the Cambridge Local Senior Examination in all the subjects required for Matriculation to obtain a more specialised knowledge of certain branches of study. In referring to the successes recently obtained by the School, Mr. Pickford aptly pointed out that many of those who could have been relied upon to win academic distinctions for the School had joined the Army as soon as they became eligible, and those who were fortunate enough to survive the war had only quite recently returned to their studies. Special reference was made to S. E. Buckley—who had recently been awarded a Leaving Exhibition of £40 a year for 3 years—as being one of the most efficient and conscientious head prefects that the School had ever had. Mr. Pickford remarked that he owed a deep debt

of gratitude to Dr. Potter, who had so successfully carried on the School during his illness. He praised the patriotic spirit which had prompted the boys on a recent occasion to offer to the Red Cross Society the subscriptions which had been collected from them for the sports prizes. In conclusion he spoke of the splendid spirit of self-sacrifice shown by the Old Boys who had served in the war. Many of them had fallen in Gallipoli and others in Flanders. As a mark of respect to them, he suggested that as soon as he stopped speaking there should be a minute's silence, during which everyone should stand. The whole audience then rose and paid their silent homage to the dead heroes. Before they sat down again the boys sang the first verse of "God of Our Fathers." Two part-songs—Drake's Drum and The Viking's Song (Coleridge Taylor)—were then rendered. Before the prize-giving, certain members of the VI. Form gave a very creditable performance of selected scenes from "Twelfth Night." Criticisms of the various characters will be found below.—Lord ROBERT CECIL, after distributing the prizes, spoke of the great improvement in the methods of teaching since he was a boy at School. Boys were now taught how to think for themselves, and thus to deduce their own facts instead of taking them on trust from others. Too much memory work stifled individuality. Many so-called well educated men had not learnt the art of thinking. The great aim of education was to bring out what was vital and essential in each individual character.—At the conclusion of a most successful Speech Day the boys sang "Old Glory," "La Marseillaise," and "God Save the King."

#### SCHOLARSHIPS AND PRIZES.

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FORM VI.—Latin Prize, English Prize, Leaving Exhibition of £40 a year for 3 years

S. E. BUCKLEY

Science Prize, presented by Sir G. W. Needham ..... L. V. LECOMBER

Mathematics Prize, presented by Sir G. W. Needham ..... C. UNDERWOOD

Leaving Exhibition, £20 a year for 3 years  
H. WHITTLE

- V.—First Prize, and Cambridge Senior Local Certificate, Class I. Honours...M. GREENWOOD  
 Second Prize, and Cambridge Senior Certificate, Class II. Honours .....T. BOARDMAN  
 Cambridge Senior Certificates: Class III. Honours: C. T. MILLS, J. SCHOFIELD, J. M. TURNER.  
 Cambridge Senior Certificates: Pass: F. BUCKLEY, J. HOWARD, E. WRIGHT.

- UPPER REMOVE—First Prize .....J. THEWLIS  
 Second Prize .....C. W. ROBERTS.  
 LOWER REMOVE—First Prize .....W. R. JOSLIN.  
 Second Prize .....J. K. HADFIELD.  
 UPPER IV.—First Prize .....G. LEES.  
 Second Prize .....T. KIRKHAM.  
 LOWER IV.—First Prize .....S. BAXTER.  
 Second Prize .....C. J. TITHER.  
 UPPER III.—First Prize .....R. N. HOLROYD.  
 Second Prize .....E. F. WRIGHT.  
 LOWER III.—First Prize .....B. DUNKERLEY.  
 Second Prize .....C. B. RODGERS.  
 FORM II.—First Prize .....H. S. CLIFF.  
 Second Prize .....J. MARSDEN.  
 FORM I.—First Prize .....T. L. HOLT.  
 Second Prize .....H. DAVIES.

### The Play.

**T**HIS year the English Play consisted of Scenes from Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." The cast of the characters was:—

- Malvolio (Steward to Olivia) .....M. GREENWOOD.  
 Sir Toby Belch (Uncle to Olivia) .....H. MELLOR.  
 Sir Andrew Aguecheek .....R. L. HOLT.  
 Fabian .....C. R. J. HAYES.  
 Feste, a Clown .....T. BOARDMAN.  
 Olivia .....A. WILLIAMSON.  
 Maria .....C. T. MILLS.

The scenes chosen for representation were the 2nd and 5th from Act 2, the 4th from Act 3, and a part of the 1st from Act 5.



M. GREENWOOD as MALVOLIO realized the character very clearly. The self-importance of the steward, his honesty in doing his duty, and his feeling of resentment at the indignities placed upon him by the plot of Maria were well portrayed. Since the interest of the scenes given was centred chiefly around the character of Malvolio, Greenwood's success in his rendering of the part contributed largely to the success of the whole play.

H. MELLOR as SIR TOBY had formed a good idea of the rather rollicking country squire, if he did not always make clear the shrewdness of Sir Toby's nature.

R. L. HOLT was a quite suitably heavy and slow-witted SIR ANDREW AGUECHEEK, and his presentation of the character was a good help to Mellor's Sir Toby.

C. R. J. HAYES as FANLAN and T. BOARDMAN as FESTE had not large parts, but they acquitted themselves creditably.

A. WILLIAMSON as OLIVIA had little to say or do in the scenes presented, but conveyed a good impression of the character of the lady of a great household.

C. T. MILLS as MARIA was creditably pert, if he did not always emphasise Maria's spiteful nature, as in her explanation of the trick she proposed to be played on Malvolio.

When it is considered that practically only a fortnight was given to the preparation of the play, there is little fault to be found in the representation. It was six years since the last English play (as a fact, few boys at present in the School had seen a play acted by the boys themselves), and a tradition had to be reconstructed. The success attained on this occasion was undoubtedly due to the keenness of all who, at short notice, had to learn and rehearse their parts. It was evident that the audience was not only interested, but appreciative. The experience of Mr. Albery was of great value in all the details of the stage management.

C.M.M.

## Athletic Sports.

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### Prize Winners.

Cricket Shield—PLATT HOUSE.

Football Shield—ASSHETON HOUSE.

### UPPER SCHOOL.

L. V. LECOMBER—Championship Cup. First in 220 yds., Quarter, Half-mile, Mile, High Jump, and 220 yds. hp., second in 100 yds. and Long Jump.

G. E. SHAW—First in 100 yds. and Long Jump. Second in 220 yds., Quarter, Half-mile.

J. Blacker, A. L. Taylor, C. H. Wild, R. L. Holt, E. Campbell, A. Williamson, F. A. Palmer.

Tug of War—Assheton House. Relay Race—Platt House.

House Championship—PLATT HOUSE.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL.

E. PARTINGTON—First in 220 yds., Quarter. Second in 100 yds.

O. E. Cowburn, F. C. Greig, F. Ashton, L. C. Jagger, D. Swallow, D. Whiteley, G. Lees, H. Watts, J. S. Carrie, C. S. Douglas, E. Taylor, J. Heywood, L. E. O. Vickers.

Relay Race—Gill House. Tug of War—Emmott House.

House Championship—EMMOTT HOUSE.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL.

J. MARSDEN—Mrs. Pickford's Cup. First in 100 yds., 100 yds. hp., Egg and Spoon Race.

J. Fletcher, I. Leach, V. M. Wood, E. F. Carrie, E. Wild, R. E. Harrison, J. S. Hilton, J. E. Dugdale, R. V. Elder.

### Swimming Prizes.

R. I. HOLT—First in Senior Handicap and Long Dive.

L. V. Lecomber, H. Humphreys, H. Mellor,  
C. S. Douglas, J. Horrobin.

## The Football Season, 1919-1920.

**T**HE appalling lack of talent this year caused much anxiety to those responsible for the football. The team was not very strong last year, and unfortunately more than 50 per cent. of the players left last July. Consequently the School's display on the football field has been very poor indeed. With but three exceptions, namely, Manchester Grammar School at home, Rochdale Secondary School at home, and Warrington Grammar School at home, we have lost, and hopelessly lost, every 1st XI. School match.

The School, it may be remarked, realized the situation, and many boys, who hitherto had not played the game, practised in real earnest.

It is to be hoped that this spirit will continue to be manifest. If so, although there is little hope for next season, the School should be able to put an excellent team in the field in 1921-22.

The 2nd XI. has played well, but fared little better than the 1st. L.V.L.

### 1ST XI. CRITIQUE.

**ELLIS** (Goal). Quite a good goalkeeper, but rather weak at clearing and subject to nervousness. Had to retire in the middle of the season owing to a heart attack.

**HAYES, C. R. J.** (Right Back). A very good player who thoroughly knows the game. Has a strong kick and feeds the forwards accurately and often. If only he could acquire a little more speed he would be a back any team might be proud of.

**FIELDING** (Left Back). Rather a small player, but possesses a wonderfully strong kick. Will take a chance but not risk his skin. Should learn to keep the ball as low as possible, and to avoid kicking into touch.

**GARTSIDE, J. G.** (Right Half). A young, fearless player, severely handicapped by lack of weight. Should make good next season.

**HOLT, R. L.** (Centre Half). A very good defender, and one who plays strongly throughout the whole game. Has had a tremendous amount of work to do, owing to the inability of the forward line. Should not make the forwards moody by grumbling. A kind word does far more good than a hasty one, and much depends on morale.

**WILLIAMSON, A.** (Left Half). A very good half-back. Feeds his forwards well. He might, however, be a little more energetic when the opposing forwards have got past him.

**ASHWORTH** (Right Outside). Plays a moderate game throughout. Never brilliant. Should concentrate on the game and not let his attention wander to the spectators.

**BLACKER** (Right Inside). Sometimes brilliant, but more often than not rather poor. Like Ashworth, he should be more interested in the game and less in the spectators.

**BOARDMAN, T.** (Centre Forward). A most energetic player, but only playing centre forward owing to the exigency of the circumstances. He should try to out-manceuvre the opposing backs and not walk over their prostrate bodies.

**MELLOR, H.** (Left Inside). A fearless player with plenty of inspiring dash in him. Shoots well at times, but should be more consistent. Ought to be the centre of attack next season.

**WILLIAMSON, J.** (Left Outside). A good, small player who works well with his inside man. Centres very well. Should be an acquisition next season.

**LECOMBER** (Captain). Played centre half until Christmas, after which he retired into goal, owing to the doctor's orders. As centre half he has played as well as anyone we have had at the School during the last twelve years. As goalkeeper he was generally very good, but not always; he is too fond of taking

flying kicks at the ball instead of picking it up. As captain he has been very popular both with the 1st XI. and the School in general. Some captains are good captains only when their side is winning. Lecomber is a good loser as well; he does not grumble or shout at his team when they are losing, and at times some of the members were very irritating.

#### INTERMITTENT PLAYERS.

TURNER, J. M. Plays right back. A strong but uncertain player. Lacks speed.

GREENWOOD, M. Plays centre half. An absolutely fearless player, and one who can be relied upon to look after the opposing centre forward. His kicking, however, is by no means accurate.

#### GENERAL REMARK.

Football is an art, and cannot be mastered in any great degree unless the player starts young and practises continuously.

#### FOOTBALL SEASON, 1919-20.

##### 1st XI.

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals	
				For.	Against.
16	5	1	10	41	67

Goals scored by:—

Boardman 8, Blacker 8, Ashworth 6, Mellor 6, Lecomber 3, Holt 2, Fielding 1, Norcross 1, Hayes 1.

##### 2ND XI. (UNDER 15 AND UNDER 14).

Played.	Won.	Drawn.	Lost.	Goals	
				For.	Against.
7	3	0	4	15	17

Goals scored by:—

Heywood W. 3, Singleton 2, Maley 2, Chadwick 2, Shaw 1, Halliwell 1, Letham 1, Dale 1, Belfield 1, Ashton 1.

## SENIOR HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

		Pld.	W.	D.	L.	— Goals —		Pts.	Total Pts.
						For.	Agst.		
Asshetou	1st XI.	8	6	2	0	37	12	70	96
	2nd XI.	8	6	1	1	79	21	26	
Platt ...	1st XI.	7	3	1	3	28	25	35	47
	2nd XI.	7	2	2	3	23	38	12	
Lees ...	1st XI.	7	0	1	6	10	38	5	11
	2nd XI.	7	1	1	5	21	64	6	

## MIDDLE SCHOOL HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

	Pld.	W.	D.	L.	— Goals —		Pts.
					For.	Agst.	
Gill .....	9	5	2	2	50	22	60
Booth .....	9	4	2	3	29	33	50
Emmott .....	9	3	2	4	23	34	40
Travis .....	9	2	2	5	19	32	30

## FOOTBALL MATCHES, 1919-20.

SATURDAY, Oct. 18th, 1919, v. M.H.G.S.—This match was played in delightful weather on our opponents' fine ground. The home team was considerably bigger, heavier, and more experienced than the somewhat light School team. However, in order that we might not be too disappointed, the Hulme centre half politely guided the ball through his own goal. Holt scored the other School goal. Result:—M.H.G.S., 14; School, 2.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 22, v. STAND G.S. (Away).—The weather was ideal; and Stand continued in their yearly custom by introducing us to a new ground, somewhat more level than some we have played on. During the first half the play on both sides was poor, many chances being missed. In the second half Stand played better and worked up quite a good combination. Several townspeople watched the game. Result:—Stand G.S., 7; School, 0.

WEDNESDAY, Oct. 29th, v. STOCKPORT G.S. (Home).—For this match the field was in worse condition than it had ever been this season. It was practically a sheet of water to begin with and the rain never abated throughout the game. Result:—Stockport, 5; School, 1.

SATURDAY, Dec. 6th, 1919, v. ROCHDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL (Away).—The team was severely weakened by the absence of L. V. Lecomber and H. Mellor. School attacked first, and soon scored through Blacker. Rochdale, however, quickly equalised. Towards half-time Boardman scored again for School, but Rochdale again drew level. In the second half School, playing uphill, could make no headway, Rochdale adding two more goals. Result:—Rochdale, 4; School, 2.

SATURDAY, Jan. 17th, 1920, v. ROCHDALE SECONDARY SCHOOL (Home).—For this match School were without Hayes. In the first half we attacked repeatedly, and Boardman scored twice. In the second half, within three minutes of the kick-off, by two fine combined rushes, we scored two goals through Blacker and Mellor. Before time Rochdale scored two, and thus School won by 4 goals to 2.

SATURDAY, Feb. 7th, 1920, v. M.H.G.S. (Home).—In the first half the School team did very well to hold their own against a far bigger and superior team. Boardman scored first from a penalty kick. Later, Lecomber, in goal, was kicked in the chest, and one of the Manchester forwards headed into the empty goal. Shortly after this Mellor scored, but before the interval Manchester scored twice. In the second half the superiority of the visitors shewed itself, and they overplayed our backs, scoring six times. Result:—M.H.G.S., 9; School, 2.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25th, v. STAND G.S. (Home).—Stand, 4; School, 1.

SATURDAY, Feb. 28th, v. M.G.S. 2ND XI. (Away).—The match was played on a heavy ground, and there was practically no wind. In the first few minutes of the game our opponents' forwards constantly attacked and soon scored a very easy goal. After this unfortunate incident the School team put more energy into the game and, had it not been for the bad shooting of the forwards, would have equalised before half-time. On changing round, the School forwards, ably fed by the half-backs, kept up a persistent attack, and about twenty minutes from time Mellor equalised with a good shot. The Manchester forwards then attacked and scored another goal three minutes from time. All through the game the School forward play was very weak, although they were

given many passes by the half-backs and backs. Result :—Manchester, 2; Oldham, 1.

SATURDAY, March 6th, v. WARRINGTON G.S. (Home).—Although a rain storm raged during the whole game, the School team played a better game than usual. Alterations were made in the team, Fielding going to full-back and Hayes playing centre-forward. Boardman played outside right and Ashworth outside left. This seemed to be a decided improvement. In the first half Mellor scored twice and Ashworth once; Ashworth and Hayes scored in the second half. Result:—Warrington G.S., 0; School, 5.

WEDNESDAY, March 10th, v. STOCKPORT G.S. (Away).—School scored first, Ashworth accurately finding the net from a corner-kick by Boardman placed directly on his foot. Then, when clearing up the field, the Stockport centre-half seemed surprised when the ball went into the net, Lecomber being very awkwardly placed. In the second half School were completely outplayed, and Stockport scored two more goals. Result:—Stockport, 3; School, 1.

#### OTHER 1st XI. MATCHES.

SATURDAY, Oct. 11th, 1919, v. DR. POTTER'S XI.  
—School lost by 3 goals to 5.

SATURDAY, Oct. 26th, 1919, v. MR. EDWARD'S XI.  
—School lost by 3 goals to 5.

SATURDAY, Nov. 22nd, 1919, v. MR. RIDOUT'S XI.  
—Drawn, 4—4.

SATURDAY, Nov. 29th, 1919, v. OLD BOYS.—  
Won, 4—2.

SATURDAY, Jan. 24th, 1919, v. MR. COCKELL'S XI.  
—Won, 5—0.

#### 2ND XI.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 25th, 1920, v. STAND G.S. 2ND XI. (Away).—Turner won the toss and elected to play with the slight breeze. Play in the first half was fairly even, but of a very low standard, the School forwards, in particular, showing a lamentable



lack of dash. In the second half the Stand forwards pressed heavily, Wilde being called upon to make repeated saves. Towards the end of the game, which had been chiefly remarkable for the number of miskicks, the Stand outside-right put in a good shot which gave the home team a deserved victory. Result:—Stand, 1; Oldham, 0.

SATURDAY, Feb. 28th, v. M.G.S. 4TH XI. (Home).—The School forwards showed good combination, Halliwell and Letham scoring in the first half with beautifully-placed shots. The Manchester forwards then broke loose, the outside right sending in a shot against which Heywood had no chance. In the second half the Manchester forwards made repeated attempts to break through the home defence, but were unsuccessful. Towards the end of the game the School's lead was increased by Singleton, as a result of fine play by Maillie, an appeal for offside against the former being disallowed. Result:—Manchester, 1; Oldham, 3.

### Cricket Prospects.

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LECOMBER will again be the Captain, and ought to make a lot of runs. He will keep wicket, and will no doubt be a vast improvement on some of our late "stumpers."

HOLT should again be a terror to the visiting teams, and will probably take most of the wickets.

HAYES always looks as though he ought to make runs, and so does MELLOR, but so far they have not troubled the scorers very much.

BOARDMAN, WILLIAMSON A. and WILLIAMSON J. can all make runs, but they seem to be in too great a hurry to score.

TURNER should be a useful bowler.

HALLIWELL was one of the best bowlers in the School last year, and ought to develop into something exceptionally good.

UNDERWOOD has a good defence.

FIELDING can make runs, and make them quickly too.  
His bowling was rather erratic last year.

LETHAM is a very promising young cricketer.

### 1ST XI. CRICKET SEASON, 1919.

Matches Played, 9; Won 6, Lost 3, Drawn 0.

#### BOWLING.

Name.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av'ge.
Holt .....	115.3	31	212	33	6.42
Lecomber .	93.1	19	302	35	8.63
Taylor .....	24.1	6	54	7	7.71

#### BATTING.

Name.	Times		Runs.	Most in	Av'ge.
	In'gs.	not out.		innings.	
Taylor .....	9	2	177	52*	25.29
Lecomber ....	9	0	210	63	23.33
Horrocks .....	9	0	97	23	10.78
Holt .....	9	1	77	23	9.63

\*Signifies "not out."

With the exception of Lecomber and Taylor, the batting was very poor. There were plenty of bowlers, but the Captain did not seem to have any confidence in the majority of them. The fielding was quite up to the usual standard: Lecomber and Taylor being quite brilliant at times. It is a pity that boys do not take up wicket-keeping more seriously, as the 1st XI. have not had anything except a sort of long-stop for several years.

#### HOUSE MATCHES.

"PLATT" beat "ASSHETON" in the final match with the greatest ease, thanks to Taylor, who, playing excellent cricket, beat all our School records by scoring 150 runs in just over an hour. Lecomber batted well for "Assheton."

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL.

- (1) "TRAVIS" (Captain, DOUGLAS).
- (2) "BOOTH" (Captain, WILLIAMSON S.).
- (3) "EMMOTT" (Captain, CHADWICK).
- (4) "GILL" (Captain, WHITELEY).

Several boys give promise of becoming quite good cricketers, and of these **HEYWOOD W.** should develop into a really good batsman, provided that he does not try to score too quickly.

I did not see anyone that looked like a "wicket-keeper."  
H.S.E.

1ST XI. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XI.

Played at Broughton on May 10th, 1919. Result:—1st XI. won by 34 runs.

1ST XI. v. MANCHESTER HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI.

At Oldham on May 17th, 1919. Result:—Manchester won by 39 runs.

1ST XI. v. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL 1ST XI.

At Whitefield on the 21st of May, 1919. Result:—School won by 4 wickets and 6 runs.

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

At Stockport on May 28th, 1919. Result:—School lost by 26 runs.

1ST XI. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XI.

At Oldham on June 30th, 1919. Result:—School won by 18 runs.

1ST XI. v. STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

At Oldham on July 2nd, 1919. Result:—School won by 4 wickets and 27 runs.

1ST XI. v. AN OLD BOYS' XI.

At Oldham on July 5th, 1919. Result:—School won by 6 runs.

AN OLD BOYS' XI. v. OLDHAM HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

At Oldham on July 5th, 1919. Result:—Old Boys lost by 6 runs.

1ST XI. v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

At Warrington on July 16th, 1919. Result:—School won by 93 runs.

1ST XI. v. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

At Oldham on July 26th, 1919. Result:—School lost by 9 wickets and 12 runs.

## Remarkable Bowling.

### Grammar School Boy's Six Wickets in Eight Balls for No Runs.

In the match between Hulme Grammar School and Stockport Grammar School, played at Stockport, R. Holt took the last six Stockport wickets in eight balls for no runs, taking two wickets with the last two balls of the next to the last over, and in the last over taking two wickets with the first two balls and two with the last two balls. In the same match L. V. Lecomber (the Hulme Grammar School captain) went in first and made 54 not out.

(From "Oldham Evening Chronicle.")

## Swimming Notes.

**T**HE number of boys who attended the Central Swimming Baths last year was much larger than usual, and many of them made considerable progress before the end of the Summer Term.

At the beginning of last term 26 boys were successful in passing the swimming tests for free passes to the Oldham Corporation Baths.

The Annual Sports were held on Monday, July 28 at the Central Baths, where the carrying out of an interesting programme was thoroughly enjoyed by both spectators and competitors. Punctually at 3 p.m. proceedings commenced with the Senior Handicap, followed by that for the Middle and Junior. Some close and exciting swimming was witnessed in the various heats, and the finals were won respectively by Holt, Douglas and Horrobin. The diving was interesting. Holt was successful in the Long Dive, while the Neat Dive was won by Douglas, after a close contest with Lecomber, who was a very good second.

Considerable enthusiasm was aroused by the Balloon Race, in which, after a good struggle, Lecomber was returned first and Holt second. The competitors in this race fully deserved the loud shouts of approval with which they were greeted by the interested audience, who greatly enjoyed this part of the performance.

Then followed the Swimming Under Water, in which Lecomber was the successful competitor.

The next event—the Squadron Race—was by far the most popular of the afternoon. For the first few lengths there was little to choose between the teams, but towards the end Platt House went ahead, whereupon the applause became deafening. They retained their lead to the end, a highly interesting race thus ending in their favour.

After the Life Saving Competition, which was won by Humphreys, came the Lighted Candle Race, a new departure for these meetings, and judging by its popularity, it is likely to become an annual event.

The winners of the various events were as follows:

Senior Handicap (five lengths).—1, Holt (2 min. 5 secs.); 2, Mellor.

Middle Handicap (three lengths).—1, Douglas (1 min. 29 secs.); 2, Campbell.

Junior Handicap (one length).—1, Horrobin (26 3-5 secs.); 2, Kirkman.

Long Dive.—1, Holt (32ft. 4in.); 2, Gee.

Balloon Race.—1, Lecomber; 2, Holt.

Neat Dive.—1, Douglas; 2, Lecomber.

Swimming Under Water.—1, Lecomber (64½ft.); 2, Ashworth.

Squadron Race, Senior School.—1, Platt; 2, Assheton.

Squadron Race, Middle School.—1, Travis.

Life Saving.—1, Humphreys; 2, Lecomber.

Lighted Candle Race.—1, Humphreys; 2, V. C. Gregg.

On adding up the marks gained by the various competitors throughout the sports, it was found that the order in the Individual Championship was as follows:—Senior School: 1, Lecomber, 18; 2, Holt, 11; 3, Humphreys, 10; 4, Graham and Ashworth; 6, Mellor and V. C. Gregg; 8, J. Schofield and Ramsden; 10, Gee and Heys;

12, Campbell and Milne; 14, Mottram. Middle School: 1, Douglas, 10; 2, Child, 7; 3, Thwaites, 5; 4, Horrobin; 5, Kirkman and F. Greig; 7, Taylor and Partington.

The following were the marks gained by the several Houses:—Senior School: Assheton, 43; Platt, 33; Lees, 27. Middle School: Travis, 30; Emmott, 6; Gill, 3; Booth, 2. A.J.B.

### Cured by a Caning.

I CAME to School a little lad  
Emerging from the Nursery;  
My habits were but weak and bad,  
My manners merely cursory.

My governess had never dared  
E'en to correct them with a slipper.  
The rod had all been too much spared,  
I was a wilful little nipper.

Unparalleled precocity  
Was thought at home to be my charm,  
Unused to all ferocity,  
No wonder that I came to harm.

I occupied a lowly form,  
I had been begged to do my best,  
I never shall forget the storm  
After the Master's first request.

"Tell me," said he, in accents glum,  
"What is the Latin for a plant."  
I calmly sucked a pensive thumb,  
Merely ejaculating "Shan't."

Let me curtail the painful scene,  
My dignity was sorely tried.  
That Master's hand had noted been  
To try the very toughest hide.

I wandered home a wiser boy,  
But still a little sore behind,  
Since then to wish you every joy,  
My manners have been most refined.

## Debating Society Notes.

### Report of the Meetings.

**N**OVEMBER 14, 1919.—The motion before the house on this date was that "One of the effects of Education is an increase in crime." The President of the Society, Mr. E. S. Ridout, occupied the chair. The proposer, Shaw G. E., commenced by remarking that the subject was not one for debate, as the truth of it was obvious. He went on to speak of pickpockets and murderers as educated people, hence—crime. He preferred ignorant superstition to moral education as a preventative to crime. The speech of the opposer, Underwood, consisted chiefly of extracts from Macaulay's speech on the Education Bill and of the statements of one of H. M. Inspectors of Prisons concerning education and crime. Mellor H. and Greenwood M. respectively seconded the proposer and opposer. Other than these only Lecomber ventured to speak. The votes resulted in 9 for the motion and 26 against.

**N**OVEMBER 21, 1919.—A meeting was held on this date, when Wall proposed and Palmer opposed the motion that "The Pen is mightier than the Sword." The proposer's speech was rather incoherent, but as some of the members present evidently heard the mention of Homer, Virgil, etc., and immediately gave vent to prolonged groans, his remarks were somewhat abruptly terminated. Palmer, in opposing, laid great stress on the probable result of our army going into battle armed only with pens. Joslin attempted to corroborate the proposer's remarks and Ramsden those of the opposer. The house was then treated to orations of a more or less eloquent nature from Underwood, Shaw G. E., Yates, Slater, Sutcliffe, Bancroft, Lecomber, Mellor, and Thewlis. Palmer then summed up, and Wall replied by remarking that "we do not write with pens but with our minds." Votes: pro, 37; con, 8.

**D**ECEMBER 1, 1919.—On this date Slater proposed and Mills R. A. opposed the motion that a "Channel Tunnel should be constructed." As soon as the unpleasant remarks which the energetic Assistant Secretary had unwittingly inserted in the minutes of the last meeting had

been erased therefrom, Slater gave us a very staid speech in defence of the motion. Mills R. A. brought forward several arguments concerning the cost of the scheme, which, he said, would be insurmountable; and concluded by the remarkable statement that "a smash in the tunnel would not be very pleasant." Sutcliffe and Singleton then respectively seconded Slater and Mills. The following members then spoke: Underwood, Wall, Hayes (the usual tirade against foreigners), Greenwood M., and Mr. Ridout. Result: pro, 15; con, 16.

DECEMBER 5, 1919.—"That cheap literature is injurious to young people" was respectively proposed and opposed by Hayes and Singleton on this date. The proposer gave us a highly interesting speech in which he argued that the time and energy devoted by many boys to "penny dreadfuls" might be employed in reading sensible literature such as Virgil and Cæsar. Singleton attempted to oppose the motion, but failed rather miserably. Lecomber ably seconded the proposer, whilst Wall corroborated the opposer's remarks. Underwood, Shaw and Greenwood then spoke. Singleton then summed up, and Hayes brilliantly replied. The members, who had evidently had experience on this subject, judging by the remarks which were floating about during the discussion, voted 35 for and 2 against.

DECEMBER 12, 1919.—The motion that "Life should be taken seriously rather than humorously" was, on this date, proposed by Lecomber and opposed by Shaw G. E. The speech of the proposer was chiefly remarkable for its poetical nature. The honourable member entered the meeting with some massive volumes under his arm. The house was rather startled, and was quite satisfied with the reading of three extracts from Longfellow and Milton. Shaw G. E., in opposing, commenced to pour sarcasm on several of the proposer's remarks, afterwards also invoking the aid of the poetic muse, but in a rather different form. Mills R. A. seconded the motion, and Hayes, in seconding the opposition, amused the house with some sarcastic comments on the seriousness and sobriety of the honourable proposer. Other speakers were Underwood, Mr. J. L. Bradbury (O.H., Cantab), and Yates. The motion was rejected by 15 votes to 12.

JANUARY 16, 1920.—No great interest was shown on this date when Mills R. A. proposed and Gartside E.



opposed the motion that "The European races of the present day are less intelligent than were the ancient races of Asia." The motion was rejected by 19 votes to 9.

JANUARY 23, 1920.—A meeting was held on this date when Hayes gave us a very interesting speech, in proposing that "Absolute prohibition of intoxicants would be detrimental to the welfare of the nation." He spoke exceedingly well upon the effects of Prohibition, citing America as an example. Greenwood M. delivered a no less excellent speech on the other side of the question. Campbell seconded the motion and Yates the opposition. Thewlis, Underwood, Shaw, Sutcliffe, Turner, Lecomber, Mills R. A. also spoke. Greenwood and Hayes ably summed up, and the motion was defeated by 19 votes to 18.

JANUARY 30, 1920.—Mills C. T. proposed and Turner opposed the motion that "Riches should be the principal aim in life," seconded by Wall and Bentley respectively. The most interesting portion of the discussion was the amusing performance of Lecomber, who acted the part of a "street-corner" orator with great success. The votes resulted in 21 for the motion and 18 against.

FEBRUARY 6, 1920.—The inevitable impromptu debate was held on this date. The motions were of a varied and, generally, frivolous character; typical examples:—"That herrings are better cured than otherwise," "That mothers-in-law are a public nuisance" (the Chairman was appealed to for his opinion on this question, but without avail), "That clergymen's sons are notoriously bad," "That black beetles should be bleached," and numerous others of the same calibre. The remarks of the various members upon these subjects were distinctly amusing, if not entirely logical.

FEBRUARY 13, 1920.—The motion before the house on this date was that "The present fashion in men's clothing ought to be more varied." Shaw G. E. proposed and Lecomber opposed. Mellor H., Underwood, Hayes also spoke. Upon the vote, the motion was unanimously rejected.

FEBRUARY 27, 1920.—The last meeting of the session was held on this date, when Beet proposed and Wall

opposed the motion that "Locomotives are superior to motor cars as a mode of transport." The proposer's speech was thoroughly good, dealing with the subject from a practical point of view. Wall, in opposing, brought to his aid several extracts from railway journals, etc. Lees W. R. P. seconded the proposer, and Halliwell M. then arose and, after a lengthy pause, upon the suggestion of the Chairman, declared his pleasure in seconding the opposition. Yates, Sutcliffe, Thewlis, Slater, Underwood also spoke. After the openers had summed up, the vote was taken, the motion being carried by 15 votes to 7.

It is rather to be regretted that more of the younger members do not take an active part in the debates. The speeches throughout the session have been confined to five or six of the senior members. We hope that next session the juniors will conquer their shyness and come forward more readily.

### The Library.

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THE Librarians certainly cannot complain of lack of work during the last few months. Boys from all parts of the School have borrowed books regularly, and we hope they will continue to do so. Several new books have been added to the Lending Library, and we wish to thank E. Fitton for Hall Caine's "The Deemster," and W. R. P. Lees for R. Haggard's "The Holy Flower." "Tales of the Great War" and "With Kitchener in the Soudan" are two other recent additions.

Turning to the Reference Library, we wish to acknowledge the much-appreciated present of a considerable number of very valuable volumes by the late Mr. Hesketh Booth, a former Governor of the School.

There is also a very interesting collection of geological specimens in the Reference Library cupboard, and Mr. Cockell is to be thanked for a startling exhibition of fuses, hand-grenades, etc., which are now on view in the Lending Library cupboard.

It may be interesting to know that the Library has joined the Society for the Promotion of Hellenic Studies. We have not yet made use of the privileges attached to the membership of this Society, but we hope to do so in due course, being now in a position to hire lantern-slides or books for use in the Library. C.U.

### Photographic Society.

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**R**EADERS will be pleased to hear of the revival of the Photographic Society, this time as a separate Society, and not as a branch of the Natural History Society, which unfortunately still remains unrevived.

The officials elected by the Society are:—President, The Headmaster; Vice-President, Mr. Albery; Treasurer, Mr. Cockell; Secretary, H. Mellor; the Committee consisting of the above and Underwood, Greenwood, Humphreys, Palmer F. A.

A scheme has been arranged to encourage Photography in the School. Members of the Society hand in photographs, their entire individual work, every fortnight, according to a programme arranged beforehand. Marks are assigned to them by judges, and the exhibitor with the highest total at the end of the term receives a prize.

We hope to establish a Library of Photographic Books, and also to preserve the best photographs in an album. As soon as it is convenient the Physics Laboratory Darkroom is to be placed at the disposal of the Society, and we hope to arrange Rambles during the summer months.

On Friday, 14th May, Mr. Albery gave a very interesting and instructive Lecture, illustrated by lantern slides, on the "Photography of Flying Bullets." He led up to the subject by speaking of instantaneous impressions of moving objects, and shewing slides of objects moving both parallel and vertical to the surface of the plate, showing that the latter give sharper impressions. He showed a revolving disc, painted black and white in

sectors, which, when illuminated by electric spark, appeared motionless, while with magnesium flash no definition at all was observed. He gave all the details of the apparatus used, with the latest improvements, by the different scientists. He showed slides, being photographs of bullets flying in air, which also showed the sound waves. The speed of a magazine rifle bullet being greater than that of a Martini Henri rifle, the sound waves on the former slide were the more inclined. Among the remainder of the slides were photographs of bullets illustrating the reflection of sound waves, also several photographs of the passage of a bullet through plate glass. He ended by saying that a bullet passing through a soap bubble was photographed at different intervals, and it was found that the bubble breaks, not when the bullet enters, but when it emerges.

A vote of thanks, proposed by H. Mellor and seconded by G. E. Shaw, was carried unanimously.

H.M.

**Oh! to be Librarian now that School is packed.**

**D**O I hear it whispered that the office of Librarian is an honorary one? Yes, there it is again, and so I must disillusion that enlightened person.

Did anyone ever witness a gory fight with single-sticks or gloves, that the victor might be Librarian? Or do we ever wait with baited breath and beating heart while the Headmaster ponders over our several merits before making his final decision and delivering into the eager hands of one of us the longed-for key, which alone makes us able to enter the inmost recesses of that almost sacred room, and scan at will an endless store of knowledge rendered immortal by Caxton's meritorious invention? Did we do anything like that this year?

No! let us be truthful, we did not. We were too modern, too logical and practical. We saw not the honour but in a dim light.

The Headmaster soon saw our disposition; saw too that he was no longer that all-mighty dispenser in this

matter as of old; pitied us; took the only course of suggesting to us that the School really could not carry on without a Librarian; did all this, I say, and was met with stony silence! Knew ye not, ye laggards, that one volunteer is worth two pressed men? Aye, you knew all right and yet you dared to let the matter rest!!! Did I say all? No, Caius Marcus Subsilva (glory be to him) was not so neglectful of duty as the rest of you. He rose to the occasion and humbly informed the Headmaster that he would do his best. Surely his name deserves, as certainly it is, to be indelibly scribed on the inside cover of many an illustrious volume.

Ah well! the truth is very hard sometimes, but I'm afraid there's no escape from it in this chronicle of solid fact. Caius Marcus appealed to us, flattered us, threatened us, but he could in no wise persuade anyone to help him in his self-imposed task. And yet his final phase of disposition, namely despair, begat him a helpmate, Antonius Ablativus, to whit.

These two manfully strove to rearrange the books, and in a fortnight they had completed their work and the Library was once more placed at the disposal of anyone who would obey the rules and borrow the books in an orderly and quiet manner.

They did their best, and managed very well too. But I ask you, with the Library converted into a form room and the desks practically filling up all the available space, can a Library be managed efficiently? No more, I say, than could an auction sale be successfully conducted on a raised platform amid London's densest traffic.

And yet we will continue to manage as best we can, as long as we are compelled to do so. We trust, however, that the time will not be far distant when the projected extension of the School's buildings will be complete, as our school life would then approach to something like or even better than its pristine self.

We here take the opportunity of earnestly thanking all those who have already contributed to the fund, which is now open, for the above purpose of extension, and we sincerely hope that more will help in this deserving cause.

L. V. L.

## Cambridge Letter.

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DEAR SIR,

**H**E who would write a Cambridge letter must approach his task in fear and trembling, mindful on the one hand of a high and well-beloved School tradition of the past, and a critical reader of the present; on the other hand, of a University that grows ever greater and greater in the eyes of its humble members.

No letter to-day would be complete without some reference to those various Old Hulmeians who spent a brief and most unacademic period of training in the war-time Cambridge, which combined in itself the rôles of a Staff College, a Sandhurst, and a Salisbury Plain. Yet the writer well remembers, on the evening of Armistice day, as the chimes that were prohibited in war-time stole through the quiet air, how it seemed that the gaunt buildings, so lifeless in all that martial clamour, would spring to life again at the touch of the spirit of the youth of the new age.

To mix the metaphor by introducing once more the inevitable resemblance to the Phoenix rising from the fires, here is Cambridge crowded with double her normal number of students, placing on equal footing every age and every grade of social standing. She is very busy too, and in deadly earnest over work or sport, yet there is a spontaneous and continued cheerfulness that is a mixture of undergraduate irresponsibility, and what Punch calls "that demobilised feeling"—cheerfulness that carries on in spite of minor privations, such as coal shortage, difficulties of accommodation, overcrowded lectures, and overworked lecturers.

In the midst of all this, where are the Old Hulmeians? In the words of the poet: "We are seven," and we take a certain pride in our generation that we are the largest number of Old Hulmeians in residence at one time: and it speaks well for a breadth of inspiration at School that among the seven, six different subjects are being studied. Though this has not made for convenience of attendance, there has always been a cheery gathering at the fortnightly Old Hulmeian teas, which

none who attended can ever forget. There we have been ready to discuss all and sundry, in the light of, and united by, the fellowship of schooldays.

Whittaker has ever shown the kindly fruits of a broad and long experience. Lees has added the sauce piquant of a legal exactitude in a variety of discussions. The classical studies of Cocker have made him a very Tacitus or Gibbon in epigram. Stopford and Parkes complain bitterly of the inhuman Cambridge climate, the one after a geographical survey on the Gogs, the other after an afternoon on the University Farm. To the writer falls the pleasant task of being the chronicler of others.

The 'Varsity Boat Race will be ancient history when this is ready for perusal, yet we would hope that, as the School is not represented at the other 'Varsity, its sympathies may be "Light Blue" in the field of sport.

Finally, it is hoped that the numbers of the Hulmeian Colony at Cambridge will be fully maintained by early and continued renewals. With which kindly hint we say to the School: "Ave atque Vale."

Peterhouse.

J. L. BRADBURY.

### London Letter.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON,  
KING'S COLLEGE.

To the Editor of the Oldham Hulmeian.

DEAR SIR,

IT is with a feeling of great humility that I take up my pen to write as a correspondent from London University, realising as I do that I am not only a very young "old boy," but also a "fresher" in University life. Still, what else can be done? I understand that the Old Hulmeians at Cambridge have a Hulme Society consisting of seven or eight members, which meets every fortnight or so for tea. At London we also have a Hulme Society which at present consists of one member, and meets at every meal. Therefore it is necessary for that sole member to write on behalf of the Society.

The usual course to adopt in writing to a Magazine as a representative of any Society is first of all to chronicle the doings of that Society, but modesty forbids a fellow to write about himself. Hence we will leave the Society, and talk of things in general. I fear I cannot write of London University as a whole, but I will deal with that part of it best known to me.

King's and Hulme are connected in a two-fold manner, for not only has Hulme sent a boy to King's, but King's has sent a master, in the person of Mr. Regan, to Hulme.

The College has not only returned to normal, but, like all such places, has attained abnormal strength, the numbers now being approximately 1,200. Not only does this mean renewed zeal in academic studies, but also renewed and increased activities in the non-academic spheres. The College, which, during the war, was possessed with a stillness as of death, has once more become the abode of revelry. Frequently indeed do the manifestations of rejoicing burst forth from the College and overflow into the Strand, where the traffic is held up while some faculty celebrates its footer victory, or the Union Society chairs its new president. Here may we see one sedate theological student in the guise of an eighteenth century pirate, and there another arrayed as a prehistoric man being chased by a tiger, which in reality is a camouflaged medical.

The "crowd" becomes even more apparent if one is attacked by the pangs of hunger and therefore pays a visit to the refectory. In order to get served in anything under three hours it is necessary not only to have a very good appetite, but also a knowledge of Rugger, in order to work one's way through the scrum which surrounds the waitresses at the serving table. Having got through the scrum, and obtained some food, one is inclined to think that the difficulties are over, but in reality they have only begun, for when the victor has obtained his soup he turns round, and, beholding the seeming hundreds around him, cries to them to make way. They, however, are too intent upon pushing their way in, so that it is with the greatest difficulty that the served one avoids pouring the contents of his soup plate over the pea green silk blouse of some damsel who has joined the fray.



The residents of Vincent Square, where the theological hostel is situated, in the words of the Review, 'have become aware that Bedlam has removed its headquarters to their neighbourhood. There are nights when passers-by are startled by unearthly cries for help, and are relieved—or disappointed—to know that it is "only them blokes as is going to be parsons."'

There is of course a more serious side to the life of the College, which, however, is only of mutual interest to the faculty deans and to the much-to-be-pitied student, who, if he works at all, is, Johnsonian-like, "lazy by nature, but industrious by character."

Now, Mr. Editor, I and my "Hulme" Waterman's (which, by the way, goes with me to all lectures, so forming another connection between King's and the School) will cease piffing.

Wishing the School the greatest success in all spheres,

I am, yours, etc.,

S. E. BUCKLEY.



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## Cambridge Successes.

### Oldham Grammar School Old Boys' Honours.

(From "Oldham Chronicle.")

Among the successes at Cambridge University just published are the following of Oldham Grammar School Old Boys:—

F. WHITTAKER, B.A., St. John's College, Cambridge, of 270, Rochdale Road, Oldham, has been placed in the First Class in the Theological Tripos (Part II.). He entered the Hulme Grammar School from Waterloo Council School as a Hulme Scholar in 1907. He was elected to a School Leaving Exhibition of £60 a year for three years in 1913. During the war he did important work for the Y.M.C.A. in India, receiving the B.A. degree in Classics during his absence, and returned to Cambridge last October to complete his course.

G. T. LEES, B.A., St. John's College, of 12, Hereford Street, Oldham, First Class in the Law Tripos (Part II.). He came from Stanley Road Council School as a Hulme Scholar in 1908. He gained an Open Mathematical Exhibition of £50 a year at St. John's College, Cambridge, and a C. E. Lees Leaving Scholarship from the School in 1914. He got a First Class in Part I. of the Mathematical Tripos in 1915, and gained the Adams Prize. In 1917 he obtained a Second Class in Part II. of the same Tripos.

T. B. COCKER, St. John's College, of 31, King Street, Royton, has obtained the degree of B.A. Cambridge with Second Class Honours in the Classical Tripos (Part I., old regulations). He came from Byron Street Council School, Royton, as a Hulme Scholar in 1910. He was elected to an Open Classical Exhibition at Cambridge of £50 a year, and a School Leaving Exhibition of £60 a year in 1916.

J. L. BRADBURY, Peterhouse College, of Platt Lane, Dobcross, Second Class in the Classical Tripos (Part I., new regulations). He entered the Hulme Gram-

mar School from Dobcross National School as a West Riding Scholar in 1910. He gained an Open Classical Exhibition at Peterhouse in 1918, also a School Leaving Exhibition of £60 a year and a West Riding Studentship of £40 a year.

**“ A Wise Old Owl.”**

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“ A wise old owl lived in an oak ;  
 The more he heard the less he spoke ;  
 The less he spoke the more he heard ;  
 Why can't we be like that wise old bird ? ”

**Id Latiné.**

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“ Longaeva et sapiens habitabat noctua quercum,  
 Quoque avis audivit plura, locuta minus 'st.  
 Quoque locuta minus 'st audivit plura, quid ergo ?  
 Nos sapientem illam si referamus avem ! ”

G.H.W.

[N.B.—The above has not been published with any special reference to certain Middle School Forms.—Ed.]

