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EDITORIAL.

During the past year, which has been noteworthy for unprecedented unemployment, great depression in trade, the occupation of the Ruhr, important scientific discoveries, a Tariff Reform Election, and the formation of a Labour Government, we have gone steadily, and we hope efficiently on our way; the outstanding events in our smaller world having been the progress made with the extension and the vigorous "re-growth" of the Old Boys' Association under the energetic presidency of W. W. Brierley, and the enthusiasm of N. Taylor and J. Swailes. In our opinion an enthusiastic Old Boys' Association is the surest indication of the well being of the School.

We ask every boy to read, mark, and appreciate the thoughts expressed by Mr. Pickford, Colonel Newton, and Mr. Pardoe in their speeches at the Dinner reported elsewhere in the magazine. Then he cannot fail to realize that the "raison d' être" of the Association is something far higher and more important even than the holding of a dinner and a dance, delightful as these functions are. At the last Dinner the period 1916-1920 was the least well represented. We hope this will be altered in the near future.

We notice that C. Underwood was placed in Class II. Mathematical Tripos Part I., and is now working for the Science Tripos Part II.

A. L. Hardie is holding a Recital at Houldsworth Hall.

J. W. Noble has been appointed Senior House Surgeon at the Dental Hospital.

John Robertson has been appointed Town Clerk of Mansfield.

In Memoriam.

H. ROSEBLADE, Died December 3rd, 1923.
Aged 28.

A SCHOOL FELLOW WRITES—

I remember "Rosie" most distinctly as a half-kneeling figure, the body taut, the right leg vigorously shot forward, and the keen eyes watching the ball and the goal, watching anxiously—with the slightly imperial anxiety of a House Captain—and modestly, with his own distinctive modesty—the fate of a last determined attack in a House Football Match. Defeat he accepted almost with fatalism; victory he granted a short, staccato laugh, scarce more than a catch in his voice.

It was his easy tolerance, both of success and disappointment, that made those of us—I mean, of the "train" boys—who were younger than he was think so much of him. We felt he could do things when he chose, and we were proud of him as we would have been of an uncle. Often enough we teased him, for most "train" boys were in Platt House and he—in revenge of his scorn had always been perverse with him—was in Lees, and later Captain of the House. I daresay, sometimes, we were bitter and spiteful. But he seldom replied. He was too kind to be indifferent, too wise—with the wisdom of the country bred and the roughly nurtured—not to value both our pleasantries and our foolishness accurately. His equals may have found him hard: for determination is easily taken as harshness. Wisdom and tolerance make a good Prefect, and we were content.

Not that "Rosie" wore an halo. There was no one could hold his own better in the rough and tumble of a hard-fought game. But there was no vice in it. He robbed his opponent of the ball much as Robin Hood fleeced the rich to pay the poor: and, when moved, he could bandy words as efficiently as a bargee, or tell as good a story as anyone.

"Rosie" went out into the world-war soon after he had left school. He came back with a shrapnel wound in his head.

"Whom the gods love die young." Do not the gods encourage us rather to endure life with their promises of immortality : and where lies immortality, but in the fruit of our loins and our labours ?.....

Let it be : the light is gone. Why polish the tarnished vessel ? Aladdin is a myth, and there is no answering spirit of the Lamp. "Rosie" is of the past, and the past only is immortal. What have the gods to do with this ? We loved him and, though they take almost all, they can never rob us of the memory of his bitter, sweet smile until we too are past. And then we shall not care.

S.R.C.

THE LIBRARY.

The Librarians are pleased to report that a great interest is being taken in the Lending Department of the School Library by the Middle School Forms, especially by those boys who are new to the school this term.

On the other hand, there has not been a single borrower from the boys comprising the Upper Forms.

The Reference Library seems to have been rather more favoured by the older members of the school during the present year.

There have been many valuable additions to this latter department, the history section having been specially augmented.

The Librarians are indebted to Partington, E., for the presentation of "Rovering to Success," by Sir R. Baden-Powell, Bart.

A.D.A. W.H.C.

At the Old Boys' Dinner we were asked by several Old Boys what books were wanted for the Library. Hoping their intentions are still as good as then we append the following :—

BOOK	Author or Publisher.
Shakespeare—His Mind and Art	Dowden
Hours in a Library	Leslie Stephen
Virginibus Puerisque	Stevenson
Writers of Rome	Duff
The Selected Poems of John Masefield	Heinemann
Selections from Swinburne	
Poems of W. B. Yeats	Fisher Unwin
Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyám	

BOOK	Author or Publisher
Human Nature in Politics	Eraham Wallas
The Student's Modern Europe	Lodge
The French Revolution—a Study in Democracy.....	Mrs. Nesta Webster
The Great Adventure	A. Bennett
The Old Wives' Tale	A. Bennett
The Cathedral	Hugh Walpole
Mr. Perrin and Mr. Traill	Hugh Walpole
These Lynnechers	J. D. Beresford
The Prisoners of Hartling	J. D. Beresford
Puck of Pook's Hill	R. Kipling
Rewards and Fairies	R. Kipling
Dick	G. F. Bradley
The Lanchester Tradition	G. F. Bradley
The Country of the Blind	H. G. Wells
Outline of History	H. G. Wells
The Hill	Vachell
Godfrey, Martin, Schoolboy	Turle
The Harrovians.....	Arnold Lunn
Collected Plays	W. S. Gilbert
The Story of Hassan and how he made the Golden Journey to Samarkand...	J. Elroy Flecker
Literary Lapses.....	Stephen Leacock
College Days	Stephen Leacock
Art of Reading	Quiller Couch, 12/6
Art of Writing	Quiller Couch, 5/-
Studies in Literature, I. ...	Quiller Couch, 5/-
Studies in Literature, II....	Quiller Couch, 12/6
Poems of To-day, I.....	3/6
Poems of To-day, II.....	3/6
A Christmas Garland	Max Beerholm
Tricks of the Trade	J. C. Squire
Queen Victoria	Lytton Strachey
A Letter Book	G. Saintsbury
Abraham Lincoln.....	J. Drinkwater
Short History of England	Sidgwick & Jackson
Charles Dickens	G. K. Chesterton
St. Francis of Assissi	G. K. Chesterton
An English Course for Everybody.....	G. K. Chesterton
	S. P. B. Mais, 6/-,
	Grant Richards

} C.U.P.

} Sidgwick & Jackson

DEBATING SOCIETY.

At a General Meeting of the above Society held on Tuesday, October 30th, the following officers were elected:—President, the Headmaster; Vice-Presidents, Mr. R. A. H. Mayers, and Mr. L. R. Huxtable; Secretary, H. Sutcliffe; Assistant Secretary, A. D. Ainley; the other members of the Committee being W. R. Joslin, E. Partington and W. H. Corser; E. Partington again filling that arduous position of Sergeant-at-Arms. Owing to the sudden departure of the Secretary, H. Sutcliffe, several alterations had to be made in the above Committee, A. D. Ainley being appointed Secretary, W. R. Joslin Assistant Secretary, and R. E. Clough a member of the Committee.

REPORT OF THE MEETINGS.

The first meeting of the Session was held on Friday, November 9th, 1923, Partington, E. proposing the motion that "The Boy Scout Movement has exerted and continues to exert a beneficial influence on the physical, mental and moral attributes of the Nation." The proposer in his opening speech gave the House some very interesting remarks concerning the formation, continuation and influence of the Scout Movement, and concluded by reciting some of the oaths to which every Scout must swear to be loyal. Mr. Huxtable in opposing the motion adopted a genial tone of banter. After ridiculing the proposer and his seconder, Corser, finally affirmed that the movement when analysed was essentially militaristic, and hence was not to be advocated in a peace loving country. The respective seconds, Corser and Joslin, were more or less to the point, the latter making a special effort to be sarcastic. On the debate being declared open for discussion the following members spoke—Clough, Duckworth, Sutcliffe, H., Kershaw, J., Rodgers and Clegg. The opposer and proposer having summed up, and after the Chairman (Mr. R. A. H. Mayers) had given a brief resumé of the speeches, the motion was rejected by 22 votes against 19.

On the 16th November, Rodgers proposed the motion that "The Wearing of Fancy Socks is a sign of Effeminacy." He mentioned that they were originally worn by a lady, and at that time greatly despised by her intimate associates, finally resorting to that ever-popular idea of ridiculing certain members who were, shall we say, brave enough to wear such effeminate articles

of clothing. Ainley, in opposing the motion, mentioned the fancy socks worn by Highlanders; further stating that since the cost of such articles was very little greater than of the plain variety, why not contribute to a "Brighter Oldham" Movement and wear fancy socks?

Partington, in support of Rodgers, affirmed that fancy socks were worn with the object of attracting the fair sex, and preventing them from too close a scrutiny of their faces. Hadfield, in seconding the opposition, said that trying to attract ladies was not a definition of effeminacy.

On the debate being declared open for discussion the following members spoke—Palmer, Mr. Mayers, Duckworth, Sutcliffe, N. (who has evidently rather a Futuristic idea of things), Joslin, Kershaw, J., Abbott and Corser.

Ainley and Rodgers then summed up and on the vote being taken 6 voted for, and 43 against the motion.

"That Country Life is preferable to Town Life" was the subject to be discussed on Friday, November 23rd, 1923. Partington, in support of this, said that the answer was at once obvious, or why do we find our early ancestors living in scattered bands all over the country and not crowded together in towns. If town life is preferable to country life why do we have the formation of walking clubs, cycling clubs, &c.? Duckworth, in opposition to Partington, said that the competition which is present in town life generally tended to increase the tidiness and alertness of every self respecting citizen. The methods of transit in towns were far superior to those in the country, and the former could offer many more conveniences to its inhabitants than the latter. Garnett, J. H., and Stansfield were the respective seconds.

On the debate being thrown open the following members spoke—Sykes, A., Sutcliffe, N., Clegg, Walton, Mr. Mayers, Garnett, A. J., Fountain, Letham, Joslin, Kershaw, J., Rodgers, Allen and Davies, H.

Duckworth and Garnett, J. H. (for Partington) then summed up, and on the vote being taken the motion was carried by 32 votes to 18.

December 7th, 1923. Before the business of the meeting commenced a vote of condolence, proposed by Ainley and seconded by Joslin, was passed with Partington, who had recently sustained the loss of his brother.

"That Crime should be regarded as a Disease for Treatment rather than an Offence for Punishment was now proposed by Garnett, J. H., and opposed by Corser. The proposer stated that the chief cause of crime was insanity, the extreme measures resorted to in olden times had been a lamentable failure, and that the environment of a person greatly influences the behaviour of that individual. Corser, in opposition to Garnett, J. H., informed us that the vast majority of criminals took up crime professionally and contended that the only cure for cold-blooded criminals was severe punishment. Kershaw, J. and Walton supported Garnett, J. H. and Corser. The following members spoke—Sutcliffe, N., Brankin, Denton, Clegg (a great advocate of Pelmanism), Mr. Huxtable, Stansfield, Ainley, Joslin, Rodgers. The motion was rejected by 28 votes to 8.

On December 14th, 1923, one of the ever-famous but not widely popular Impromptu Debates was held. There were a great variety of subjects discussed, some of these being more or less humorous. "That I am a fool" was very ably proposed by Corser who had, of course, to agree with the motion. Sutcliffe, N. in opposing the motion seemed to have rather great difficulty in convincing the House about the truth of the statement. The motion was carried unanimously by 22 votes to 4.

"Rhubarb is the only Tree in which Elephants' Nests are found." Parry in support of this was rather bewildered at the complexity of the statement and finally resorted to quoting a very obscure piece of famous poetry. Palmer, too, is rather perplexed and asks the Society if such wonderful animals as elephants can lay eggs. The assembled members are convinced of the truth of the statement, 21 voting for and 4 against the motion.

"That it would be very beneficial." Taylor tried to secure the good-will of the members by addressing them as "Dear Fellows," and later thought that his absence would be very beneficial. Denton wished he was absent, but nevertheless wanted to know what was very beneficial. Votes pro. 20, con. 5.

"That Kippers should be provided with Birth Certificates" was proposed by Ainley, who stated that it was a matter of national importance. Rodgers now asked why? especially when the nation was in such financial stress. Votes pro. 20, con. 6.

"That Baldheaded Men should form a Union." Joslin states that the qualification should be entire baldness in order to qualify for the possible free beer. Mr. Huxtable affirmed that it would impair the loyalty of members of other unions, and also that men so afflicted would glory in their baldness. Votes pro. 13, con. 14.

"That Vesuvius is the Highest Mountain in Italy except one in Africa, and that is not so High," was proposed by Garnett, J. H., who being rather surprised exclaimed "Impossible!" "How can it?" And yet there is no doubt as to the truth of the statement. Gilbert was firmly convinced that it was not, at the same time drawing our attention to a map of the world hung upon the wall. Votes pro. 17, con. 9.

"That the possession of Large Feet is Deplorable," was proposed by Longbottom, who drew our attention to the expense of even small boots at the present time. Foster would make good use of large feet, for instance, as a garden roller, finally stating that all policemen could be consulted. Votes pro. 8, con. 19.

"That one should Rarely if Ever," Jackson was very undecided about this statement, but finally thought "one should." Walton seemed to be similarly placed to Jackson. On the vote being taken, 18 voted for and 6 against the motion.

"That Excessive Consumption of Food is Praiseworthy," Mr. Mayers is undoubtedly convinced of the continued truth of the statement, but Mr. Huxtable is completely indifferent with regard to the matter and thinks it to be of negligible importance. The assembled members have other opinions. Votes pro. 15, con. 11.

"That the most disturbing factor in the economic condition of modern Europe is the lamentable shortage of Bananas." Brankin agreed that it was very disturbing, and the small proportion of bananas to other fruit was lamentable. Hadfield thought otherwise, asserting that there were tons of bananas. Votes pro. 10, con. 15.

"That to admit Archimedes Principle is to undermine the whole fabric of Civilization." This was ably supported by Lees, G., who agreed that it was very important, the honorary member having a vague idea that the importance varies as the square of the distance. Clegg did not care to make his private opinions on the matter known. Votes pro. 20, con. 4.

"That the Government Blue Book is a Romance." Abbott had a rather confused idea of the matter, ending by asking if it was a cigarette card or something nearly related to it. Fairfoull did not care to enlighten the Society. The Society as a whole were also undecided as to the truth of the statement.

"That the Futility of the House has Increased, is Increasing and ought to Diminish." Joslin was called upon to support this motion. He said, it must be, it is futile to argue otherwise. Mr. Huxtable, rising for the third time said, that such a matter could not be decided by considering any short period of time, we must go back to the beginning of things. Votes pro. 5, con. 22.

A.D.A.

THE PRODUCTION OF A NEWSPAPER.

The production of the modern newspaper is one of the phenomenal developments of recent times. Comparatively few years ago the newspaper only found its way into the houses of the wealthy, but now, owing to the great strides made in the methods of communication, and to the introduction of improved printing machinery, there is scarcely a family in the country that does not receive its morning paper with its morning meal. The methods of production that enable such a state of things to be brought about are naturally of great interest, and I gladly availed myself of an opportunity of visiting the printing works of the Manchester Edition of the "Daily Mail." From these works alone no less than 750,000 copies are printed nightly.

We were first shewn the room in which the news is received. A "Ribbon Machine" is worked by the telegraph somewhat on the following lines: a piece of paper-ribbon is fed into the machine which, actuated by the telegraph, punches small holes in it, those on one side representing "dots," those on the other "dashes"; a space is left between two letters, and a larger space between two words. The ribbon is now introduced into another machine, worked by compressed air, which "translates" the Morse; a ribbon comes out on which the message has been automatically printed. This ribbon is divided into sections and stuck on to a kind of blotting-paper, which is then placed on a shelf: presently, along comes an automatic messenger and carries it to the Editor's desk where it drops it. If the message is approved of it is here expanded or condensed and sent to the Linotype room, which we were next shewn.

The Linotype is provided with a keyboard, something like that of the typewriter. On pressing the keys the line is set up in small moulds (named matrices) which are automatically spaced. Molten metal runs into these moulds, which are replaced afterwards by a long metal arm. The "line of type" in metal is thus obtained by merely pressing the requisite keys.

When a paragraph has been set up it is tested (i.e. printed from) on a small hand-worked machine. If the spelling and English are correct, it is put into its appointed place in the metal page.

All advertisements, capital letters and similar types are set up by hand, though italics are printed by the Linotype.

The metal pages, mentioned above, are now taken to another room, where we were shown how the curved plates, which fit on the rollers of the printing machine, are prepared. A piece of cardboard of the same size as the page is first laid over it. The page and cardboard are now passed between heavy rollers, with the result that the letters are all impressed on the cardboard which thus becomes a sort of mould. After the edges have been trimmed the cardboard is placed in a hot, hollow cylinder, which is then made to whirl rapidly round. It is thus shaped and dried simultaneously, after which it is used as a mould. One workman places it in the inside of a hollow vertical cylinder, he then pulls a handle and a small concentric half-cylinder revolves until the mould is completely covered. Presumably molten metal is now run in, for when the workman again pulls the lever the half-cylinder, completing its revolution, carries a curved metal plate with it; another workman, armed with holders of some non-conducting material, conveys this to another portion of the room where it is trimmed and its inner side made perfectly round by a powerful automatic knife.

The last machine we were shewn was perhaps the most remarkable of all. It was apparently a relation of the one in Chicago, into which pigs are driven at one end and ham-sandwiches come out at the other, for blank paper goes in at one end and folded newspapers come out at the other. Forty-eight thousand copies are printed every hour, during which time eighty miles of paper are used. So great is the speed at which the paper travels through the machine that the eye cannot follow even the full-page advertisements, for which, by the way, the advertiser is charged well over one thousand pounds per day.

The Irish Edition, which is despatched about 10-30 p.m., is the first to be printed, followed at intervals by other editions, the last being the Liverpool and local issues, which does not leave till about 6 o'clock in the morning.

W.R.J. (VI.A)

VERY URGENT.

"A Mark Book labelled U 7 X, the property of Mr. has been missing since Wednesday morning last. If his colleagues will kindly make a diligent search in the neighbourhood of there (their?) desk (desks?) for the said mark book they will greatly oblige its owner."

The above Notice has so far elicited the following replies. Can any reader throw any further light on the unfortunate disappearance?

Mr. A..... presents his compliments, and will make a very diligent search among all his property during the week-end. What is the reward?

Am telephoning police as soon as I can leave a very important class. H.2.S.

You have my very deepest sympathy. Shall search diligently. M.

Sunt qui non habeant: est qui non curat habere. POLYGLOT.

Back my three-year-olds next season and recover your loss. THE AGA KHAN.

The only solution is an appeal to the country. BALDWIN.

Mark Book should be restored. A definite infraction of Clause 1745, Section 152 of Treaty of Versailles. No sanction for occupation granted under terms of Treaty. D. LL. G.

Wait and see if it turns up. H. H. A.

Deplore loss. Deleterious affect on standard
of Geographical knowledge in Lancashire inevitable.
DERBY.

Suggest, as compensation for your loss, a
substantial increase in my salary scale. BURNHAM.

Have you applied Theory of Relativity?
EINSTEIN.

Another little drink wouldn't do you any harm.
ROBY.

Will continue my Campaign for "Protection."
BIRKENHEAD.

I last saw it in your hand. Have you looked
there?
LARRY LYNX.

Am sending Watson to make preliminary report.
HOLMES.

Have made particulars known to my friend
Sherlock Holmes. WATSON.

Am communicating with the Foreign Office and
all other leading Government Departments. Should
the document materialize, I will at once inform
the Chinese Ambassador who can be relied on—
at a price—to take suitable steps. SUN YAT SEN.

Will enquire at Ashton, Denton, Woodley,
Stockport, Hazelgrove, Disley and New Mills on
the way home. DOE.

If asked to form a Cabinet, can be relied on to
use all the resources of the Empire to minimise this
national calamity. R.MCD.

Suggest a Mark Book Levy. J. W. TOUT.

Try Georges Carpentier.

J. B.

Why not make use of our Agony Column?
Also I would call your attention to the unique
advantages offered by our Free Insurance Scheme.
ASSOCIATED NEWSPAPERS.

Your implication renders you open to an action
for libel. ALFRED DOUGLAS.

Suggest, in the interests of the "Entente," that
you do not press the matter. POINCARÉ.

Am convening meeting of "League of Nations."
CECIL.

We cannot admit your contention that this loss
should not affect your pension. A. M. A.

Think I saw it in your digs, wrapped in bath
towel. It probably fell down the stairs. VERDANT G.

Assure you it is not in my possession. AUTOYCUS.

Have found a niblick very useful for bad lies.
VARDON.

Crawshay obviously at work again. Bunny and
I on our way. A. J. RAFFLES.

Socialistische Arbeiter Internationale have
ordered the immediate Nationalisation of Mark
Books. FRANK HODGES.

Deeply regret tragedy, but "If Winter comes,
can Spring be far behind?" A. S. M. HUTCHINSON.

Say three times every four hours—in lime
juice—"I am growing more and more certain every
minute that it has never left my desk." COUE.

If your marks are entered to date in "Black
Book," the loss is negligible.
CUNCTA SUPERCILIO MOVENS.

SWIMMING.

During the summer months the usual Swimming Classes have been held at the Central Baths, under the instruction of Mr. Walsh, who has taken the place of Mr. T. Schofield.

On Monday, October 22nd, 1923, the Annual Swimming Gala was held. The spectators were not quite as numerous as in previous years.

The afternoon began with the Junior Handicap, in which great enthusiasm was shown. In the other handicaps, as in the Balloon and Candle Race, good racing was also seen.

Abbott again won the long dive and also the neat dive in great form. Partington, on the other hand, disappointed, being completely off form.

Hulme House again supplied the champion, namely, Davies, A. Assheton House won the Relay Race from Platt House. The results are as follows:—

- Senior Handicap—1, Davies, A.; 2, Abbott; 3, Kirkman, T.
 Middle Handicap—1, Hague; 2, Davis, H.; 3, Davies, H.
 Junior Handicap—1, Appleyard; 2, Holden; 3, Grey.
 Breast Stroke Handicap—1, Davies, A.; 2, Partington;
 3, Bentley.
 Neat Dive—1, Abbott; 2, Bentley; 3, Grey.
 Long Dive—1, Abbott, 36' 2"; 2, Grey, 35' 8"; 3, Wyatt, H. K.
 Balloon Race—1, Stansfield; 2, Davis.
 Lighted Candle Race—Davies, A.
 Middle Squadron Race—1, Emmott; 2, Travis; 3, Gill.
 Senior Squadron Race—1, Assheton; 2, Platt; 3, Lees;
 4, Hulme.

The individual championship resulted as follows:—

- 1, Davies, A., 18 points; 2, Abbott, 16 points.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Butler for the interest he shows in, and the trouble he takes over the School Swimming, and also the other Masters who lent their aid on the occasion of the sports.

CRICKET, 1923.**FIRST ELEVEN, 1923.**

1st XI. v. Mr. COCKELL'S XI., played on April 28th.

1st XI.

	RUNS
Tither, c. & b. Crawshaw	27
Williamson, c. Huxtable, b. Parsons.....	52
Kirkman, T., c. Cockell, b. Crawshaw	0
Longbottom, b. Crawshaw	5
Letham, c. Huxtable, b. Stott	16
Hardman, F., not out	23
Hardman, A., b. Cockell	5
Potter.....	} did not bat.
Spencer	
Ainley.....	
Moore	
Extras	7

135 for 6 wkts.

Mr. Cockell's XI. made 89 (M. Halliwell, 39).
Kirkman took 5 wickets for 30.

1st XI. v. MANCHESTER G. S. 2nd XI.

Played at Manchester on May 2nd.

1st XI. made 72 (Hardman, F., 42 ; Ainley, 16).
Manchester made 47 (Williamson, 3 for 6 ;
Kirkman, 3 for 17 ; Letham, 4 for 10).

1st XI. v. BURY G. S.

Played at Oldham on May 9th.

1st XI. made 27 (Spencer, 12).
Bury scored 180 for 6 wickets.

1st XI. v. WARRINGTON G. S.

Played at Warrington on June 13th.

1st XI. made 71 for 8 wickets (Williamson, 29 ;
Hardman, F., 17).

Warrington 91 (Williamson, 9 for 28).

Match Drawn.

1st XI. v. STAND G. S.

Played at Oldham on June 27th.

1st XI. made 69 (Hardman, F., 48).

Stand 41 (Williamson, 6 for 12 ; Kirkman,
4 for 28).

1st XI. v. OLD BOYS.

Played on June 16th.

1st XI. 74 (Hardman, F., 32 ; Longbottom, 19).
Old Boys, 186.

1st XI. v. MANCHESTER G. S. 2nd XI.

Played at Oldham on June 30th.

1st XI. 108 (Tither, 45 ; Longbottom, 34 ;
Potter, W. B., not out, 11).

Manchester 90 (Kirkman, 6 for 35).

1st XI. v. STOCKPORT G. S.

Played at Oldham on July 7th.

1st XI. 70 (Letham, 29 ; Spencer, 12).

Stockport 69 (Lees, W. R. P., 4 for 20 ; Hard-
man, F., 5 for 15).

1st XI. v. STOCKPORT G. S.

Played at Stockport on July 14th.

1st XI. 40 (Letham, 15).

Stockport, 67 for 3 wickets.

1st XI. v. MASTERS,
Played on July 21st.

Longbottom, b. Cockell	1	c. Mayers, b. Stott	9
Tither, b. Taylor	0	c. Stott, b. Kirkman, F. .	5
Williamson, b. Cockell.....	2	c. Huxtable, b. Albery .	64
Hardman, F., c. Huxtable, b. Cockell	4	c. Kirkman, F., b. Cockell	16
Sutcliffe, N., c. Elischer, b. Cockell.	1	not out	6
Letham, c. Taylor, b. Cockell	4	not out	30
Kirkman, b. Cockell.....	10	run out	7
Spencer, c. & b. Taylor	3	did not bat	—
Watts, b. Taylor	1	did not bat	—
Potter, W. B., not out	0	run out ..	0
Lees, W. R. P., b. Taylor	2	did not bat ..	—
Extras	7	Extras	14
	—		—
	35		151

(for 6)

Mr. Cockell, 6 for 15 ; Mr. Taylor, 4 for 13.

MASTERS made 96 (Mr. Taylor, 27 ; Mr. Parsons,
25 ; Mr. Huxtable, 12 ; Denton, 11 ; Mr.
Edwards, 10).

Williamson took 5 for 33 ; Kirkman, T., 3 for 28.

FIRST ELEVEN, 1923.

BATTING AVERAGES :

	No. of Innings	Times Not Out	Highest Score	Total	Average
Hardman, F. .	11	1	48	200	20.00
Williamson, J.	8	0	64	151	18.87
Letham.....	11	1	30	107	10.70
Tither	11	0	45	92	8.27
Longbottom...	11	0	34	85	7.73
Spencer.....	9	1	12	43	5.37
Ainley.....	7	1	16	25	4.16
Kirkman, T. .	11	0	10	39	3.54

BOWLING :

	Overs	Maidens	Runs	Wickets	Average		
Williamson ...	59	16	184	28	6.57		
Kirkman	69	13	265	23	11.52		
Letham.....	48.5	13	160	13	12.31		
Hardman, F. .	36.1	10	130	9	14.44		
Matches Played	10	Won	5	Lost	4	Drawn	1

SECOND ELEVEN, 1923.

2nd XI. v. BURY G. S. 2nd XI.

Played at Bury on May 9th.

2nd XI. 52 (Watts, H., not out, 23).

Bury 64 (Sutcliffe, H., 6 for 14).

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2nd XI. v. MANCHESTER G. S. 4th XI.

Played at Manchester on June 16th.

2nd XI. 21.

Manchester 105 (for 5).

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2nd XI. v. STAND G. S. 2nd XI.

Played at Stand on June 27th.

2nd XI. 22.

Stand 84 (Howard, 4 for 21 ; Howarth, 2 for 12 ;

Partington, 2 for 5).

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2nd XI. v. MANCHESTER G. S. 4th XI.

Played at Oldham on July 14th.

2nd XI. 49 (Denton, 12).

Manchester 52 (Partington, 4 for 25).

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Matches Played, 4 ; Won, 0 ; Lost, 4 ; Drawn, 0.

Watts, H. had an average of 19, but the less said about the others the better.

In bowling Howard and Sutcliffe, H. each took 8 wickets and Partington 7.

UNDER 15 v. WATERLOO H.S.C.

Under 15, 43 (Gilbert, 16).

Waterloo, 40 (Kirkman, F., 6 for 25 ; Gilbert, 2 for 6).

UNDER 15 v. CASTLETON HALL.

Under 15, 60 (Garnett, A. J., 13 ; Foster, 11).

Castleton Hall, 21 (Denton, 6 for 12 ; Kirkman, F., 3 for 8).

UNDER 15 v. CASTLETON HALL.

Under 15, 70 for 5 (Garnett, 13 ; Slater, 12 ;

Kirkman, F., 11 (not out) ; Gilbert, 11).

Castleton Hall, 65 (Kirkman, F., 9 for 34).

UNDER 15 v. WATERLOO H.S.C.

Under 15, 67 (Gilbert, 25 ; Slater, 19).

Waterloo, 99 (Kirkman, F., 6 for 46).

Matches Played, 4 ; Won, 3 ; Lost, 1 ; Drawn, 0.

BATTING AVERAGES : Gilbert, 14.50 ; Slater, 11.66 ; Kirkman, F., 7.33 ; Garnett, A. J., 6.75 ; Denton, 5.75.

BOWLING : Kirkman, F. took 24 wickets, average 4.70 ; Denton took 10 wickets, average 7.70.

HOUSE MATCHES (UPPER SCHOOL).

	W.	L.	PTS.	
Assheton 1st	3	0	36	} 50
Assheton 2nd	1	2	6	
Booth 1st	1	2	4	
Booth 2nd	2	1	4	
Lees 1st	2	1	24	} 46
Lees 2nd	1	2	6	
Emmott 1st	3	0	12	
Emmott 2nd	2	1	4	} 28
Platt 1st	1	2	12	
Platt 2nd	2	1	12	
Gill 1st	1	2	4	
Gill 2nd	0	3	0	} 20
Hulme 1st	0	3	0	
Hulme 2nd	2	1	12	
Travis 1st	1	2	4	
Travis 2nd	2	1	4	

HULME V. ASSHETON, Wednesday, April 18th.

Assheton won by 9 wickets.

Hulme.

Assheton.

	RUNS		RUNS
Latham	13	Tither, not out	13
Moore	0	Kirkman, T.....	0
Corser	0	Williamson, J., not out ...	24
Royle, H.	12		
Partington, E.....	0		
Joslin	0		
Howarth	1		
Brown, E. R.	0		
Foster, not out	0		
Palmer	3		
Hempstock	0		
Extras	6	Extra	1
Total.....	35	Total	38

Williamson took 5 wickets for 14 runs; Royle took 1 wicket for 10 runs; Kirkman took 3 wickets for 15 runs.

LEES v. ASSHETON, Wednesday, June 6th.
Assheton won by 36 runs.

Assheton.	RUNS	Lees.	RUNS
Tither	2	Hardman, F.	2
Kirkman, T.	31	Earnshaw, A. J.	1
Williamson, J.	0	Ainley	19
Sutcliffe, H.	1	Watts, H.	1
Shepherd, T. B.	7	Spencer, H.	6
Gregg, V. C.	14	Hadfield	3
Stott, G.	3	Hinchcliffe	0
Eason	8	Clough	4
Brankin, not out	12	Amblet	0
Swann	1	Greenhalgh, G., not out...	0
Sim	0	Mellor, J.	0
Extras	3	Extras	10
Total.....	82	Total	46

Hardman took 4 wickets for 26 runs ; Kirkman took 6 wickets for 10 runs ; Hadfield took 4 wickets for 28 runs ; Williamson took 4 wickets for 26 runs ; Ainley took 2 wickets for 25 runs.

PLATT v. HULME, Wednesday, June 20th.
Platt won by 3 runs.

Platt.	RUNS	Hulme.	RUNS
Longbottom	9	Moore	9
Sutcliffe, N.	2	Royle	4
Potter, W. B.	1	Letham	1
Holroyd	4	Hempstock	4
Howard, P.	0	Partington	8
Gilbert	1	Brown, E. R.	0
Kirkman, F.	6	Corser	0
Watts, F.	0	Joslin	2
Lees, J. A.	5	Garnett, A.	2
Graham	0	Woolstencroft, not out ...	0
Hardman, A., not out	2	Foster	0
Extras	5	Extras	2
Total.....	35	Total	32

Letham took 9 wickets for 16 runs ; Hardman took 1 wicket for 10 runs ; Partington took 1 wicket for 14 runs ; Longbottom took 1 wicket for 12 runs ; Howard took 6 wickets for 4 runs ; Holroyd took 2 wickets for 4 runs.

ASSHETON v. PLATT, Wednesday, July 4th.

Assheton won by 9 wickets.

Platt.		Assheton.	
	RUNS		RUNS
Longbottom	19	Tither	49
Howard, P.	0	Kirkman, T.	1
Potter, W. B.	7	Sutcliffe, H., not out	16
Holroyd	0		
Lees, W. R. P.	0		
Gilbert	1		
Kirkman, F.	2		
Watts, F.	0		
Hartley	4		
Slater, not out	0		
Abbot	5		
Extras	12	Extras	10
Total.....	50	Total	76

Kirkman, T. took 6 wickets for 31 runs ; Howard, P. took 2 wickets for 19 runs ; Sutcliffe, H. took 1 wicket for 7 runs.

LEES v. HULME, Wednesday, July 11th.

Lees won by 50 runs.

Lees.		Hulme.	
	RUNS		RUNS
Hardman, F.	48	Letham	5
Ainley	0	Moore	0
Spencer, H.	0	Blanchard.....	0
Watts, H.	0	Royle	10
Denton	0	Hempstock	1
Hadfield	1	Garnett, J. H.	1
Earnshaw, A. J.	0	Corser	0
Clough	0	Partington, E.	1
Hinchcliffe	5	Joslin	0
Jackson	15	Brown, E. R.	6
Amblet, not out	0	Howarth, not out	2
Extras	9	Extras	2
Total.....	78	Total	28

Howarth took 3 wickets for 9 runs ; Ainley took 6 wickets for 15 runs ; Partington took 5 wickets for 36 runs ; Hardman took 3 wickets for 11 runs ; Letham took 1 wicket for 24 runs.

PLATT V. LEES, Wednesday, July 18th.

Lees won by 6 wickets.

Platt.	RUNS	Lees.	RUNS
Longbottom	3	Hardman, F.	12
Sutcliffe, N.	15	Denton	4
Potter, W. B.	1	Earnshaw, A. J.	22
Hardman, A.	7	Ainley	2
Holroyd	0	Spencer, H., not out	4
Lees, W. R. P.	1	Watts, H., not out	0
Howard, P.	4		
Kirkman, F.	0		
Gilbert	19		
Lees, J. A.	0		
Hartley, not out	0		
Extras	1	Extras	8
Total.....	51	Total	52

Ainley took 3 wickets for 12 runs ; Howard took 2 wickets for 6 runs ; Clough took 3 wickets for 15 runs ; Lees, W. R. P. took 2 wickets for 23 runs ; Hardman, F. took 3 wickets for 17 runs.

POINTS.

	1st XI.	2nd XI.	TOTAL.
1 Emmott	12	4	16
2 } Booth	4	4	8
} Travis	4	4	8
4 Gill	4	0	4

For the winners Partington, Read and Gregory did well. Partington making a 73 in one match (v. Gill), and on other occasions taking 4 wickets for 18 runs, and 6 wickets for 6 runs. Read took 5 wickets for 14 runs (v. Booth), and 4 wickets for 17 runs (v. Travis). Gregory made 29 runs (v. Booth). Smith did well with the bat for Gill.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HOUSE MATCHES.

FIRST ELEVEN.

Booth beat Travis by 73 runs to 55 runs.			
Emmott .. Gill ..	149	..	47 ..
Emmott .. Booth ..	57	..	38 ..
Travis .. Gill ..	72	..	42 ..
Gill .. Booth ..	94 (5w.)		20 ..
Emmott .. Travis ..	38	..	24 ..

SECOND ELEVEN.

Booth beat Travis.	
Emmott .. Gill.	
Emmott .. Booth.	
Travis .. Gill.	
Booth .. Gill.	
Travis .. Emmott.	

FOOTBALL.

FIRST ELEVEN.

Although we have not had a very successful season so far, the First Eleven is hopeful of success in the Easter Term. Against Stand Grammar School and Stockport Grammar School we were very unlucky, and the scores in other matches suggest defeats more overwhelming than was actually the case. Goals have been scored by Spencer, 7; Holroyd, 3; Shepherd, 3; Tither, 3; Corser, 1; and Wilson, 1.

SECOND ELEVEN.

The Second Eleven is to be congratulated on its late successes. The recent display of good form has come as a pleasant surprise considering the failure of last year's Second Eleven to record a single victory. We see amongst their numbers promising material for future First Eleves.

1st ELEVEN v. MR. COCKELL'S XI., September 29th.

In an even game Mr. Cockell's XI. won. Spencer 2, and Tither scored for the School. Score: School 3, Mr. Cockell's XI. 5.

1st XI. v. MANCHESTER G. S. 2nd XI., October 6th, Home.

The School forwards missed easy chances of scoring in the first half, but in the second half the defence collapsed and the Manchester forwards scored 6 goals. Corser and Holroyd scored for the School. Score : School 2, Manchester 8.

1st XI. v. HULME G. S., MANCHESTER, October 24th, Home.

In this match the defence had a gruelling time, but it was not until the closing stages that they gave way under the constant strain. Score : School 0, Manchester 5.

1st XI. v. Mr. EDWARDS' XI., October 27th.

This match was evenly contested, and each side in turn had the advantage of a strong wind. Holroyd and Shepherd scored for the School. Score : School 2, Mr. Edwards' XI. 0.

1st XI. v. STAND G. S., November 7th, Away.

Losing the toss the School had to play uphill, facing a strong breeze and powerful sun. At half-time the score was 4-1 in Stand's favour, but in the second-half, when the wind had dropped and the strength of the sun diminished, the School made a fine rally and made the scores equal. Holroyd, Shepherd, Tither and Wilson scored for the School. Score : School 4, Stand 4.

1st XI. v. STOCKPORT G. S., November 24th, Home.

The School was very unlucky in this match. The defence played well and the forwards did everything but score. Spencer scored for the School. Score : School 1, Stockport G. S. 3.

1st XI. v. OLD BOYS, December 8th.

The ground was in an awful condition and both defences made mistakes. Spencer (4), Shepherd and Tither scored for School. Score : School 6, Old Boys 7.

OLD BOYS' DINNER.

The Annual Dinner of the Old Boys' Association was held in the School on the 11th January. The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. W. W. Brierley, who had on his right Mr. R. H. Pardoe, the guest of the evening, an old Master of the School. There were eighty-one persons present, which easily constitutes a record. After the toast of the King had been drunk, everyone stood for a minute in silence in memory of the Old Boys' who fell in the war.

The toast of the School was proposed by Lieutenant-Colonel Newton, who spoke of the importance of maintaining the right spirit in the School. The Masters, he said, had a great responsibility, not only in the generally accepted field of class teaching, but also in that greater and wider field, the formation of moral character and mental balance in which are the foundations of good citizenship. In conclusion, Colonel Newton urged all the Old Boys to undertake some voluntary service to the community, no matter what it was, and so demonstrate that the spirit of the School was a vital factor in the life of the town.

The Headmaster in replying, said that he wished first of all to congratulate the Association on having an Old Boy again in the chair. Referring to the presence of Mr. Pardoe, the Headmaster said that during the time that Mr. Pardoe had been at the School he had done much to build up the spirit of the School, in fact the games of the School and the spirit in which they were played to-day was due very largely indeed to his efforts. Continuing, Mr. Pickford referred to the great changes which had taken place in the material side of the School, as exemplified by the increased numbers, the crowded classrooms, the rapidly growing extension, and the larger number of Masters required. But, said Mr. Pickford, the School was the same in essence as it had always been. Boys worked and boys slacked; there was still a cane in the study which was occasionally used, but there was also the same love for the School and its traditions, the same pride in the achievements of the Old Boys and the success of the School. In conclusion, Mr. Pickford urged the Association as a whole never to betray the faith which the School had in them, for this faith was the greatest help the staff had in keeping up the traditions and the spirit of the School.

Mr. Pardoe, who was received with loud applause, proposed the toast of the Association in a speech which impressed greatly every one present. He spoke with great feeling of the sacred duty of keeping alive the friendships of boyhood, and pointed out the manifold possibilities of intercourse provided by the Association, which it was the duty of the members to utilise to the full by extending the social activities to the widest possible limits. But that, continued Mr. Pardoe, was only the inward form of activity, there was an outward and perhaps greater activity. An Association such as that should be a powerful force in the town, standing for all that was meant by humanistic education, and expressing a united opinion on questions of policy affecting the School. Education at the present time tended more and more to become centralised and specialised, and in standing for education as a process of moral and mental development rather than as a purely technical training the Old Boys would be rendering the greatest possible service to the community.

In replying to the toast, Mr. N. Taylor thanked Mr. Pardoe for coming from Birmingham to attend the dinner and to deliver his inspiring speech. Mr. Taylor urged all the Old Boys present to try to bring in their friends to share in the Association's activities, and in bringing in their friends not to forget to come themselves. He concluded by giving a brief sketch of the proposed programme of the Association.

After the more serious business of the evening had been concluded, Mr. Fred Dixon entertained the company with some excellent stories and a song or two. Mr. Scholes kept us amused by his wit, whilst he made us doubt the evidence of our senses with his card manipulation. Mr. Hardy surprised those who did not know that we had such a brilliant pianist amongst us by his pianoforte solo: and one or two of the Old Boys remembered a story they had heard. It was good to see A.S.M. again on the menu cards. The Dinner was a great success, and as nothing succeeds like success the Council are expecting at least 162 people at the next Dinner.

OLDHAM HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION.

REPORT OF COUNCIL.

The Annual General Meeting was held at the School on Monday, December 11th, 1923, thirty members being present. It was reported that the activities of the Society had increased during the past year, and the total number of Old Boys who

had paid subscriptions was eight-four. Such a number is far too small, and Old Boys are reminded that the first step towards the obtaining of a really active Association is the prompt payment of subscriptions, since such a step enables the Council to realise what support they may expect in any undertaking. The President, Mr. R. Barlow, resigned his position and Mr. W. W. Brierley was elected President and has already shown himself to be very enthusiastic. Mr. J. Swales and Mr. N. Taylor were reappointed Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary respectively.

The Annual Dinner was held at the School on Wednesday, January 9th, 1924, a report of which appears in another portion of the magazine.

A Dance will be held jointly with the Old Girls' Association, on March 7th, at Chadderton Town Hall, and every member is asked not only to attend himself but also to induce at least one other Old Boy to be present.

In order to keep the activities of the Association before the School, one of the Old Boys' Cricket Matches will be held this year on a specially arranged half-holiday for the School. A large attendance would arouse considerable enthusiasm, and Old Boys who cannot be present during the afternoon are requested to come as soon as possible. Tea will be provided after the match thus rendering possible an informal meeting of Old Boys.

The Association invites Old Boys to send in contributions to the magazine in order to increase its interest to members of the Association.

THE ASSISTANT MASTER.

(TO BE SUNG TO THE TUNE OF THE "HEAVY DRAGOON").

If you want a receipt for that popular mystery,
Known to the world as the Hulme Grammar School,
Take all the remarkable people in History,
Lump them all into a composite pool.

The fire of Lloyd George, the Prime Minister's bon homie,
Eye of an EDW.....DS who holes out in one,
Zeal of Gallileo studying astronomy,
Grace of a P...RSONS in stealing a run.

Emotional depth and sublime pertinacity,
Shown by a GR.....N when discoursing on surds;
ELLI...HER'S more than bi-lingual capacity,
T.....LOR'S late cut and his knowledge of birds,

Methuselah's skill in intensive longevity,
 C.....E'S penetration and some of his brevity,
 J...NE'S understanding of valves thermionical,
 B.....LER'S account of progressions harmonical,
 A...ERY'S poetry—(mass, bulk and weight),
 M.....ER'S frown in conducting debate.

Take of these elements all that are fusible,
 Melt 'em all down in a battered old crucible ;
 Set them to simmer and take off the scum,
 And the Hulme Grammar School is the Residu—um.

Now listen again and I'll tell with veracity,
 What are its secrets—there's more to tell yet ;
 Analyse Huxtable's learned loquacity
 On sanctions pragmatic and national debt.

Think of the odours—those perfumes satanical—
 Wafted from PO.....ER'S deplorable den ;
 B.....KLEY'S devotion to transport mechanical,
 C.....KELL'S detentions that LAST until 10.

R.....AN'S retorts, his expression sardonical,
 GR.....N'S definition of what isn't conical ;
 Varied opinions on matters scholastical,
 Not ALWAYS couched in a diction monastical ;
 Hear the impassioned orations of B...TES
 Grimly dissecting municipal rates.

Take of these elements all that are fusible,
 Melt 'em all down in a battered old crucible ;
 Set them to simmer and take off the scum,
 And the Hulme Grammar School

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THE SEASONS.

THE LITTLE WAYS OF MAY.

DEAR Cyril, look, the fields with new-born shoots
 Smile, and your favourites, yokels of the country,
 (Perspiring gents weighed down with hob-nailed boots)
 Turn up with spades the clods that promise bounty.

But here in town, straw-hatted through the street,
 The worthy city-father puffing passes ;
 Trying to guard against the glittering heat,
 And drown his thirst with draughts from cooling-glasses.

Cold is the stove, where mice squeak in profusion :
 Soon you would think the cloudless summer days
 Have really come to stay : ah, rain, delusion !
 Soon you will see their sneaking little ways.

Already the prophetic glass is falling,
 Already gathering clouds the storm denote ;
 It looks like rain : the city-father's calling,
 He's going out and wants his overcoat.

The hail now beats the streets with icy blows,
 Turned into muddy slush the fields and fens are ;
 The city-father's snorting through the nose,
 And shivers in the toils of influenza.

He thinks a stiff hot-toddy now is best,
 No more for cooling lemon-squashes caring,
 And, with a porous plaster on his chest,
 Tucked up in bed he lies morosely swearing. M.H.E.

ODE TO SUMMER IN OLDHAM.

(WITH APOLOGIES TO JOHN KEATS).

SEASON of mists and clinging frightfulness,
 Rarely disturbed by the intruding sun,
 Conspiring ever (not without success),
 To see that scarlet-runners shall not run ;
 To gnarl the hoary bark of any trees
 That happen to survive the winter's blast,
 Shivel the fruit and kill unwelcome flowers,
 To blight more shrubs than ever in the past,
 To nip the budding beans and podded peas
 Until we think thy reign will never cease :
 (For never a summer was equal to ours).

Where are thy songs of Spring ? Ay—tell me that !
 Think not of them—thou hast thy music too ;
 While sudden gusts remove the unwary hat
 Unless it's fixed—remorselessly—with glue.
 Then with an angry snort the owner puffs
 Along the puddled pavement—breathing loud,
 Until he can regain his battered tile,
 And wipe the speckled surface of his cuffs.
 Meantime, the clammy, fog-envelop'd crowd
 Proclaim the season's joy in accents proud,
 And scorn the smallest shadow of a smile.

CAMBRIDGE LETTER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OLDHAM HULMEIAN.

Dear Sir,

The Cambridge letter in the last issue of the "OLDHAM HULMEIAN" opened, I think, with a quite reasonable apology based on the fact that the writer at that time had been in Cambridge only four weeks. Now, obviously, that excuse will not serve again; yet I am tempted to say that by reason of, and not in spite of my having been in Cambridge now for one year and four weeks, I find it very difficult to contribute anything that will be of interest to your readers.

I could, of course, relate how ninety per cent. of Cambridge residents turned out on November 5th to see a "rag" that never materialised; how the Centenary of Rugby Football was celebrated with due accord in the Market Square; how, on November 10th, the burning of a Queens' Boat filled with fireworks, tar, &c., and saturated with petrol, served to commemorate (in part) the Armistice; and lastly, how Zev beat Papyrus on Kings' Parade, even though the loser was replenished at frequent intervals with refreshing stimulant, administered by a kind-hearted policeman.

All this may appear interesting and diverting, but it seems to the writer that such a contribution as this should attempt to do rather more than intensify the impression (already far too generally accepted as being true) that frivolity and amusement are the end and aim of Cambridge life.

There is another side to the question, which may be subdivided into two further sections:—

Firstly, there is the Cambridge of "Trips" which, peculiarly enough, seen at its height side by side with the Cambridge of frolic and fun in the May term. All your readers will be fully acquainted with joys and sorrows of examinations, so I will say no more on this subject other than a remark on the surprising facility with which people seem to combine a passionate indulgence in tennis, cricket, rowing, &c., with really serious hard work.

The other point with which I was particularly impressed is that the majority of people up here have stowed away somewhere in their minds (it may be a long way down, but it is there in nine cases out of ten) a full realisation that there is, at bottom, something serious in life. It appeared to the writer one of the most

marked differences between school and university life. People do not generally look upon life as serious at school (I remember a comparatively recent meeting of the O.H.G.S. Debating Society when this matter was more or less discussed); one does not expect it, and the writer must confess that he did not expect it up here, at any rate to so great an extent as really is the case.

It sounds rather like a sermon all this, but it is not intended to be such, and your readers must grant their indulgence to one who is merely attempting to outline some of the salient features of university life.

Has Cambridge changed since October, 1922? Well, actually, I suppose it has changed very little. We have lost the Naval men who went down at the end of the Lent term; rollicking, enthusiastic fellows they were, too, and splendid assets to the College in every branch of sport. From the point of view of the undergrad, though, Cambridge 1923 is probably considerably different from Cambridge 1922, for freshmen do not see through quite the same spectacles as Seniors. In one's second year, there are familiar faces to meet and familiar places to visit. "Familiarity breeds contempt"—to a certain extent—and the place has lost perhaps a little of its fascination in some ways, though on the other hand, there is that sense of comfort and "at-home-ness" which takes quite a year to develop fully. Dons now appear quite human, and even the dreaded Proctors have lost some of their dignity and capacity for inspiring awe and respect. B.A.'s and 3rd year men are now quite ordinary people, and then those freshers, of course, who must be asked in to tea and consoled (poor beggars!) with meringues and chocolate éclairs!

Then, again, there is the additional excitement of "keeping" in College, where a little scientific knowledge, e.g., as to the whereabouts of the centre of gravity of a frying-pan and the specific heat of toasted crumpets, is of extreme practical use. However, I will not enter into the thrilling details but will leave it to the imagination of your readers, in the hope that some of them, will very soon have the chance of experiencing all the varied phases of this wonderful galaxy of animated humanity.

It seems that I have occupied a great deal of your valuable space in talking about nothing in particular, therefore I will impose no further test of patience upon your already probably over-wearied readers.

Yours sincerely,

CYRIL UNDERWOOD.

Peterhouse,
Cambridge, 18/xi/23.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY LETTER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OLDHAM HULMEIAN.

Dear Sir,

The chronicler of the activities of the colony of Old Hulmeians at this seat of learning is faced with a task before which a Boswell must quail. So varied are our pursuits, and so infrequent is our respite from labour, that the encounter of one Hulmeian with another is attended by great rejoicing. On such occasions as we do come together recognition is not facilitated by the mode of attire we are wont to adopt. It is difficult, for instance, for the traditional school bearing to percolate through the shrouds of the order of *klu klux klan* or the frills of a ballet dancer, and it is only where the personal element looms large (as in the case of an admirably proportioned African chief, height 6' 5", clad in little beyond black paint, suspenders and a top hat) that identification is possible.

It is with regret, therefore, that we have said good-bye to our chemists (Lecomber, Shaw and Watson) who, working hand in hand, have always formed a concrete Old Hulmeian Society.

C. R. J. Hayes, who is, I believe, School's recognised oldest inhabitant, joins us this year as a pharmacist, and he is heartily welcomed by a motley crew of four medicals, two chemists, one physicist, one engineer, and one research student in physiology.

Those who are sordid enough to enquire after the work we are doing will probably be pleased to hear that three of our number are negotiating Finals this year. Our Final Medical (H. Whittle) is distinguished by his "bed-side" manner, which seems to descend suddenly on a man in his fifth and last year, whilst our Scientists (T. Boardman, Hons. Engineering, and A. Horrocks, Hons. Chemistry) are characterised by an air of abstraction and total indifference to worldly affairs. Of more interest to the masses at large will be the news that R. L. Holt was awarded his cricket colours last term.

The most important of this term's social functions has been the installation of the Earl of Crawford as Chancellor. Certain of us who assisted as demonstrators at a *Conversazione* held on that occasion displayed unwonted energy in the production of explosions

and flashes, and the indispensable accompaniment of smells. It was not one of us, however, who imparted to the head chemist of a large alkali works the invaluable information that "ordinary washing soda or sodium carbonate is obtained from common salt, which we call sodium chloride."

In concluding we would like to express the hope that next year will bring more than one recruit to our ranks. Our maximum strength has been eighteen, and there seems no reason why this number should not be eclipsed in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

M. GREENWOOD.

The University,
Manchester, 29 xi 23.

CHESTER COLLEGE LETTER.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE OLDHAM HULMEIAN.

Dear Sir,

I turn from the rather strenuous task of editing our College magazine to fulfill my promise to send something for the "OLDHAM HULMEIAN," and you will probably agree with me that whatever its worldly prizes, journalism is an undoubtedly overrated profession for the amateur.

Training College life has certain very distinguishing features, prominent among which is the wide variety of the calls on one's time. One may do six different things in one evening, from taking a rehearsal to criticising a lesson on personal pronouns or auditing a sport's club's finances.

We are a College 150 strong....."young barbarians".....just emancipated from Grammar or Secondary School, dignified with the title of men, and walking sometimes strangely, sometimes with rather reckless tread in their new found course of manhood. We pride ourselves on our sport, as we run both footballs—the rigger team having beaten Bangor University College for two years in succession—and hockey, as well as swimming and boxing

Very young men are critical as well, and the Staff are fair game —their doings, and idiosyncracies of manner and talk. The College, too, as befits the oldest Diocesan Training College, and one where College loyalty is very strong, is full of ritual and traditions, the accretions of nearly a century, in the shape of initiatory ceremonies, songs and war-cries.

Lastly there is our yearly "Rag," when we, as the nearest thing to a University in Chester, emulate the higher, if not always older, seats of learning after the customary and well-known manner of a "Rag," and spoil the Egyptians in the shape of the people of Chester by any high-handed and unscrupulous means that youthful levity will excuse for the sake of various charities. £200 in one day was the result of our exactions last year.

We have already had one Old Hulmeian of recent years, who has become a Cestrian, A. Williamson, who is now at Liverpool University. For those thinking of becoming teachers, there can be no better College to which to come for two full but happy student years.

Believe me,

Yours sincerely,

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