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EDITORIAL.

Congratulations to Messrs. C. N. Walton and E. S. Jones on the birth of a son and daughter respectively, on December 7th and 29th, 1925.

H. Marsden, B.A., B.D., Manchester (Hulme Grammar School 1907-1910). Writing from Tingchow, Mr. Hughes, of the London Missionary Society, says in his report :—"During the year welcome was given to a recruit, Mr. Marsden, whose presence on the Staff began to make a difference from the first."

A DEMOCRATIC CONSERVATIVE.

(From "The Sphere," Dec. 26th, 1925).

To few men is accorded the distinction achieved by Mr. S. S. Hammersley, M.P. for Stockport, of having an introduction to their first book written by the Prime Minister. That is what Mr. Baldwin has done for "Industrial Leadership," in which Mr. Hammersley has suggested a method by which the burden of taxation could be reduced, and so the whole of our industries could be benefited. A cotton spinner, who has taken a prominent part in investigating the problems of that trade, Mr. Hammersley contends that if the employer class in other industries could see their way to give the fuller knowledge to their employees accorded by the cotton masters, so that they could have really an economic knowledge of their industry, we should be on a much more secure foundation for industrial prosperity. Like many other Conservatives, Mr. Hammersley began his political life at the other extreme, and was an ardent Socialist. In justifying his change of opinion, and being only thirty-two years of age, he has had to adapt a famous phrase of a famous Frenchman in order to assure his constituents that "Any man under twenty, who is not a Socialist, has no heart; and any man over thirty, who is a Socialist, has no head."

THE NEW ACCOMMODATION.

The Oldham Hulme Grammar School has been in existence 30 years; during that time under the able direction of its principals good work has been done, and a considerable reputation has been built up. About 20 years ago the boys' end of the School was remodelled and new chemical and physical laboratories were erected. Since that time the number of scholars has constantly increased, so that the available accommodation became seriously overtaxed, and it was necessary to consider enlargement. Various schemes were prepared, consideration of which resulted in the decision to erect new and complete premises for the girls, and to hand over the existing premises to the boys. The great generosity of many friends, and the handsome help received from many local Companies and Associations, enabled the Governors to start building operations. These have now been completed, and will be formally opened by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, K.T., on Thursday afternoon.

When erected the School as designed by the late Mr. J. W. Firth, particularly in regard to its plan, possessed a good deal of originality, and was in every way a good and outstanding school building. In the present enlargements of the School care has been taken to keep the original building intact, and to make the new portion a completion rather than an alteration. Owing to the limited size of the site available and its levels, it has been necessary to make the extension more than one storey in height.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The Main Corridor of the old School has been continued through the new School, large open stairs are provided at each end, giving access to the three floors. The stairs are thoroughly lighted and are placed convenient to the School Entrances. On the ground floor, at the right of the corridor, and on the southerly side of the School, there are four classrooms each for 30 girls. On the left hand side of the corridor there is, first, a domestic room or sewing room, which is in size 35 ft. \times 25 ft., and has in addition a small store. Next, there is the girls' assembly room, 60 ft. \times 30 ft., which has also been fitted up so that it will serve as a gymnasium. At the end of the corridor, parallel with College Road, is placed the physics laboratory with dark room and store. The laboratory has been furnished in the best way, and is replete with the latest and most up-to-date appliances. At the end of the physics laboratory, and next to the stairs, a fifth classroom—also for 30 girls—is provided. Large rooms have been provided for the Assistant Mistresses and for the Secretary near to the Head Mistress's room.

On the first floor there is a repetition of the classrooms below. Ten classrooms in all are provided, all of them well lighted, designed so that they get sunshine when available during school hours. All the windows are arranged to open at top and bottom, and by means of inner glazed screens draughts can be prevented while fresh air is being admitted. Each classroom has a fireplace with oak mantel and suitable tiled surround, also a large blackboard on the wall and a large cupboard. On the opposite side of the corridor is the art room. It is splendidly lighted by means of large windows on the north-easterly side; it is 35 ft. x 25 ft., and has, in addition, a small store room. At the end of the corridor over the physics laboratory, the chemical laboratory with its preparation room is placed. The chemical laboratory is also furnished and fitted in the best and most up-to-date way. There are few schools, if any, which have laboratories to compare with those provided for boys and girls at the Hulme Grammar School. On the first floor there is a doctor's room with waiting-room, and also a room for piano practice and a store room.

In the basement, but with windows above the ground, are the girls' lavatories, tiled part way up the walls. All the basins are supplied with both hot and cold water. Adjoining are the cloak-rooms, all the hooks so arranged that the cloaks hang over hot pipes. Seats with boot racks are also provided. Directly opposite the stairs is the entrance which gives access from the basement to the playfields. At the opposite end near to the other stairs is another entrance which serves the ground floor. At the end of the corridor in the basement there is a large dining-room, 60 ft. x 24 ft., 3 in., which is also available as a play room in inclement weather. Adjoining the dining-room is the kitchen, fitted with large coal range, gas range, pudding boiler, steamer, carving table, hot closets, rapid water generator, &c. The walls are tiled part way up. Large dressers and cupboards are provided, also pantry and store. Lavatory accommodation for the staff is also provided. There is a large heating chamber on this floor, with storage for coal and coke, and a hoist to convey coal, &c., to each floor.

The whole of the rooms for teaching purposes have wood wainscoting, polished wood block floors, and the walls have been simply and suitably decorated. Every part of the building is well lighted.

In the carrying out of the scheme a large hockey field has been made in front of the School, constructed in such a way that it recovers rapidly and is fit to play on in about an hour after rain. It possesses a fine green turf.

BOYS' SCHOOL.

The scheme allows of the whole of the original accommodation being handed over to the boys. In addition advanced laboratories have been built for both chemistry and physics, under which there is a storage for bicycles. New latrines have been built for the boys with dressing rooms over all, fitted with hot and cold water. The expense incurred in the latter has been met by the generosity of the Old Boys' Association, who have now provided a much-needed accommodation. New accommodation for manual instruction has been provided in the old building. The old dining-room and the kitchen have been remodelled.

The School, as it stands to-day, is one of the finest and most replete in the country, and is one Oldham can be proud of. Owing to the greatly increased cost of building, nothing of a costly nature could be attempted in the elevations; they are simple and dignified, harmonising with the existing buildings. The work has been carried out in the best manner by the following contractors:—

Excavating, concreting and bricklaying, Messrs. J. & J. Blunn, Ashton Road; masons' work, Messrs. Hughes & Wagg, Glodwick Road; carpenters' and joiners' work, Messrs. Squire Ashton & Sons, Cheapside; slating, Messrs. W. Henshall & Sons, Barker Street; plumbing, &c., Mr. Winterbottom, Market Place; plastering, Mr. Isaac Pogson, Shaw; painting and decorating, Messrs. Frank Pearce & Son, Chamber Road; heating, Messrs. Scanlon & Kershaw, Westwood; electric lighting, Messrs. Starkie & Sparkes, George Street; tiling, Mr. J. Burley, George Street; mantels and grates, Messrs. Duncan, Union Street; ironwork, Mr. Bowman, Glodwick Road.

The whole has been carried out from plans and quantities and under the supervision of Messrs. Winder & Taylor, Architects, assisted by Mr. Friar, Clerk of Works.

EXTENSIONS TO BUILDING OPENED BY LORD CRAWFORD.

THE AIM OF EDUCATION.

(From the "Oldham Evening Chronicle").

The New Extension of the Hulme Grammar School was officially opened on Thursday afternoon by the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, the ceremony being performed before a large assembly with a golden key handed to him by Dame Sarah Lees,

L.L.D., and the gift of the Architects, Messrs. Winder & Taylor, Oldham. Dame Lees, who wore academic scarlet robes, with hood and velvet University cap, and carried a beautiful bouquet of roses, was accompanied by a number of distinguished guests.

In presenting the key to the Earl of Crawford, Dame Lees remarked that the School had done good work in the past, and hoped for better results in the future. She had the honour of asking him to accept the key.

The key is a handsome one, with the School crest in blue and gold enamel upon it.

The girls of the School were gathered in the gymnasium, and received the company of distinguished guests with enthusiasm.

Lord Emmott, who acted as Chairman at this and subsequent proceedings, referred to the way in which the girls of the School had been harried from room to room. He hoped now that the winter of their discontent was over. They had now adequate rooms, and would be freed from the regrettable overlapping with the boys' side.

GREAT PROGRESS.

Lord Crawford, addressing the girls, said they were the most important part of the audience. They little knew how difficult it was in hard times like the present to collect large sums of money which were necessary to make extensions and equip a school, to make education as pleasant as it might and should be. They were really making a new start. Twenty-five years ago the girls' section of the School could only accommodate 28 girls, while to-day they had accommodation for 300. That was great progress. He urged them to take the greatest possible advantage of their years at school, because the influence of them upon their lives would be very great. They had much better chance than their mothers, and still better than their grandmothers.

It was not long since Oldham was very much behind in education. A Parliamentary report half a century ago stated, referring to Oldham Grammar School, that "there was not a hedge (i.e., country) school in England worse than this. This Grammar School, of an important place like Oldham, had a Head Master "who supplemented his stipend by collecting rents on Saturday "mornings. The scholars paid 4d. a week, 6d. if they were "taught writing as well as reading." He need not say how much progress had been made since those days. He congratulated the Staff and Governors who had worked so hard to bring this great enterprise to a successful conclusion, and wished all happiness and success.

The proceedings was then transferred to the large Assembly Hall, where the company on the platform, besides Lord Crawford, Lord and Lady Emmott and Dame Lees, included the Mayor and Mayoress of Oldham (Alderman and Mrs. F. Broadbent), Sir George Needham, Dr. Phoebe Sheavyn (Manchester), Councillor Marjory Lees, Councillor William Greenwood, M.P., Mr. Herbert Wilde, Mr. Harold Cliffe, Canon Rountree, Mr. J. E. Taylor, Mrs. Newton, Mr. James Middleton, Councillor W. Schofield, Councillor John Gartside, Miss Start, Mr. Slater, Mr. Herbert Booth, Miss Limebeer, Miss Caress, Miss Whale, Miss Neild, Miss Bailey, M.Sc., Head Mistress of the School, and Mr. Pickford, M.A., M.Sc., Head Master,

There was a very large attendance of parents and friends.

LORD EMMOTT'S APPEAL.

Lord Emmott, Chairman of the Board of Governors, said that was one of the greatest days in the history of the Oldham Grammar School. About 30 years ago the then Lord Spencer opened the original school. Ten years later Lord Crewe opened the new laboratory, and now they had Lord Crawford, Chancellor of the Manchester University, a Lancashire man as well as a Scotsman, opening the large extension of the new building. They were indebted to Lord Crawford for the kind and ready way in which he responded to Lancashire claims in connection with educational work.

Now at last both Schools were free to develop. Some £28,000 had been spent on the new building, which formed a standing memorial to the local patriotism of Oldham people.

Lord Emmott said that he wanted to appeal for generosity towards the School from public sources. In 1922 the two Schools, boys and girls, received from the Borough Authorities in Oldham £1,500, half of which they were recouped by the Board of Education. As a result of the Geddes economy campaign, the grants made by the Board of Education for purposes of this kind had been cut down. Instead of the old 50 per cent. they were paying an amount decreasing by 10 per cent. every year, and in 1928, unless plans were altered, the Board of Education would cease to contribute to the fund at all.

Unfortunately, not only the Board of Education but the Local Authority was decreasing its grants, and last year for the two Schools only something less than £700 was forthcoming. The Board of Education was constantly chopping and changing, and he wished they would get some settled policy, and let them

know where they stood. He supposed that during the last 20 years there had not been an education grant on the same principle from one year to another. In 1917 they increased from £5 to £7 per student. Then followed the Burnham scale for Teachers, which was paid all through these Schools, but instead of increasing its grant they had not paid a penny towards those increased salaries. Therefore the Governors had had to increase the fees to 18 guineas per year per child. The cost of each child worked out at £28, and, therefore, the parents were paying this increased amount to more than two-thirds of the cost of education in the School. In 1916 the cost per child was £20, and the average fee paid by parents was £9 10s. 6d., or a little less than half.

WRONG WAY TO PRODUCE ECONOMY.

The three Local Authorities who gave grants were Oldham Borough, the Lancashire County Council and the West Riding County Council. These found that owing to the affairs of the School being managed with great prudence and economy there was a small surplus at the end of the year and cut down the grant for the future. That was the wrong way to produce economy. It was an incitement to overspending. He felt it was unfair, though the Local Authorities certainly did not mean it to be, and the sense of that unfairness must exist in the minds of those connected with the School.

The Oldham Municipal Secondary School cost £14,500 per annum, and the cost of technical education in the town was £12,000 per annum. He contrasted that with the £700 granted to Hulme Grammar School. Seeing that the cost of this extension had been borne without help from public sources, the Local Authorities might see to it that it was to their interest to provide a few hundred pounds when required. He had been a Governor for 30 years, and was intensely interested in the School. He, therefore, felt entitled to speak on this matter of finance.

Mr. Herbert Wilde, Treasurer of the building fund, and Chairman of the Building Committee, then gave detailed figures, and thanked all those who had been generous donors. The cost had been £28,000, of which £2,000 was still required. He hoped to get it within a few weeks.

LORD CRAWFORD'S COUNSEL.

Lord Crawford said there were few Schools in Lancashire better equipped for their work than this one. They had a zealous Staff and Governors, and that insured that the work would be of the first quality.

He hoped no one thought that learning by itself was the sole aim and object of education. True education was the direction of the child towards good citizenship. Learning for learning's sake, like art for art's sake, he supposed did exist, but in an industrial community like Oldham the fundamental aim of Education must be good citizenship.

Above all, he urged, they should continue the process of education as long as possible. In his opinion persons in the 15th year of life benefited more from education than in the 13th or 14th years put together; in the 16th their education was equal in value to the previous three years, in the 17th year the value became almost incalculable, for it was a cumulative value. All too often the process was stopped just when it had gathered real momentum, and much that had been acquired was lost; things which if continued a little longer would have been brought to their full fruition.

His counsel might seem one of perfection and rather quixotic in these difficult times, but he was convinced of its value. In industry they knew the value of machinery and of how necessary it was to get maximum output from it and to keep it efficient. The youth of their country was ten thousand times more valuable than all the capital in Britain, and they ought to do their best to foster and develop it in good times or bad.

AN ERRONEOUS IDEA.

Finally, he spoke of Ashbourne Hall, Manchester, the largest Women's Hostel in the country, which was opened on Wednesday, and of its immense potentialities. The idea that University education was only for the select few was a wrong idea. Its ambitions and possibilities stretched much further than appeared at first sight. He hoped that as Hulme Grammar School developed the link between it and the University would be strengthened, and that the connection between all branches of higher learning in Lancashire would become more and more united.

Dr. Phoebe Sheavyn, formerly Warden of Ashbourne Hall and now Senior Women's Tutor of the University of Manchester, spoke of the pleasure it gave her to see Miss Doris Bailey in control of the new School. This was the age of the discovery of woman, and she thought to historians of the future it would be known as the woman's age. Before long the nation would find that it was worth while to educate the girls and throw all avenues of occupation open to them.

The vote of thanks to Lord Crawford was moved by the Mayor of Oldham and seconded by Councillor William Greenwood, M.P., who said that Lord Crawford was an idealist, and did not tell them when they ought to leave School. There was a danger of educationists thinking that industrialists had not sufficient regard for education. In Oldham there were few juveniles leaving School without there being a job for them to go to.

Mr. Harold Cliffe supported the vote of thanks.

HEAD MASTER'S REPORT.

SPEECH DAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1925.

Lady Emmott, Mr. Duff Cooper, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Before presenting my Report I should like to say, for myself and for the School, Lady Emmott, how pleased we are to see you in the Chair. We all realise—none more than I—how much and how freely Lord Emmott gives of his time and attention to the affairs of these Schools, and we regret that important affairs have demanded his presence elsewhere: when you kindly consented to take his place we felt more honoured still.

As the guest of the evening we have with us Mr. Duff Cooper, last but not least of a long line of distinguished men who have represented this town in the affairs of the nation. His skill in foreign affairs is well known: his scholarship makes it very appropriate that he should take the place of honour on our Speech Day, and I am sure that the prizes will have an added value when, in time to come, the winner may say "This I received "at the hand of Mr. Duff Cooper."

This year has seen the completion of a great task—the enlargement of our Schools. If in that connection we refer especially to the great labours of one who has pursued that work with so much enthusiasm and unabated zeal, our Vice-Chairman, Mr. Herbert Wilde—we would not forget the debt of gratitude we owe to all those Governors who have so willingly served the School in this and in many other directions.

A list of all that we owe to them might be larger than that of Hercules. It is good for the School that there are Governors who have served it for long years: it is good that new Governors are coming in with enthusiasm, who shall keep up the traditions for years to come.

As the Wars of the Roses were followed by the Great Revival of Learning, so the recent European War brought about a Revival of Learning here, and we in this School strained our accommodation to its utmost limit to find room for those who desired knowledge. We put classes into every available corner, and even erected a wooden hut of more utility than beauty, so that we may be glad that it has not lasted for ever.

Now, thanks to the generosity of our friends, and with some reliance on their future generosity to complete the paying of the necessary cost, we have obtained an adequate building equalled by few, excelled by none for the purpose.

The first plan was to provide an additional wing for each School, and we have cause to be grateful to the School Architects (Messrs. Winder & Taylor) who urged the erection of a larger wing—practically a new School—for the girls, with a transfer to our School of most of the older buildings. (With the strong argument that the cost would be less).

We may envy the Girls' School in that all their rooms are new and modern, but we have gained the full tale of classrooms round this Hall, the sole use of our science laboratories, gymnasium and kitchen.

We have got advanced laboratories for the senior boys, and in fact our science wing is one of the best equipped in the kingdom. (This is the second building extension which has improved our laboratory accommodation in my 23 years of office), and we are rather proud of the fact that the laboratories designed here on a new plan 20 years ago still serve as a model for other Schools.

Under pressure our library became a classroom, but is now restored to its proper uses. The manual work has had a suitable place provided for it, and we have sufficient classrooms to find suitable rooms specially equipped for drawing and singing.

We have, at last, got a comfortable dining-room, and our kitchen is generally admired by the ladies.

I must not omit the pavilion and dressing rooms for games, erected by the Old Boys as a memorial to the glorious memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War.

One result of our greater spaciousness—attracting the notice of most visitors—is the quietude during School hours: I need not say how much this contributes to successful study.

The labours of the last two or three years are justified by the results. Those who have given us their help may rest assured that we have no uncertain mind as to the gain in efficiency.

There are two or three practical points to which I wish to direct the attention of parents.

One of these is homework. We give one preparation of 30 minutes to Form I. ; two, each 20 minutes, to Upper II. ; three, each 30 minutes, to the Middle School Forms ; three, each 40 minutes, to the Upper School Forms. These pieces of work are always set, and it will be a great help to us (and a great benefit to the boy) if parents will see that the allotted times are given to these lessons—the time, the whole time and no more than the time.

Another point is the reduction of fees for Juniors. It is a great asset for a boy to have grown up in the School : further, when a boy gets past the age of eight he is better with boys and under Masters.

The Governors have decided to try the experiment of reducing the Fees for all boys up to the age of eleven, from eighteen guineas to twelve guineas a year, and it will be a great help if parents and friends of the School will make this known as widely as possible.

Of the year's work in studies, I may say that it has been marked by a high level of steady progress throughout the School.

The list of the winners of prizes, certificates and scholarships is before you. There was a certain amount of foreboding—which I did not share—about the Cambridge School Examination : in the result we obtained a percentage of passes very considerably above the average, especially in the number of Honours and Matriculation Exemptions. Five distinctions were gained in Chemistry, on which we congratulate Dr. Potter.

The Mathematics, English and Drawing showed very good results, and there was a very high percentage of Passes (and good Passes too) in Mr. Cockell's subject—Latin.

I suppose that we are called a Grammar School, because in the Old Grammar School boys had to learn Latin in order to be able to read the learned books which were all written in that language. As of old, some boys shirk Latin because they find it difficult : I did. The value—even from a commercial point of view—of the training in careful, detailed accuracy is great : it gives the best foundation for the study of Modern Languages : it is invaluable for the formation of good English.

Five boys have been elected to Leaving Exhibitions—and deservedly. Two are taking Medical Courses, one Chemistry, and one Mathematics at Manchester, and Joslin has gone up to Cambridge. Joslin gained the C. E. LEES' LEAVING SCHOLARSHIP, and also gained a Lancashire County Council Scholarship. He also won a Beckwith Entrance Scholarship at Manchester, which he resigned. He also gets the School English Prize given by one who was for many years a true and faithful Governor and friend of the School, the late Mr. Alderman Middleton.

Ainley, the second on the list, also received J. West's Prize for Public Spirit and Service, earned by a constant willingness to do whatever he could for the School. I thank him for his invaluable services as the Senior Prefect. Jack West, the donor, now a House Master at Reading School, was the champion athlete—and record maker—in my early years here, over 20 years since, and worthily maintained the credit of the School at the University.

We congratulate M. Greenwood on his First Class Honours in Chemistry, and J. Thewlis on his First in Physics at Manchester University, whilst C. Underwood, who took a First Class in Part I. of the Mathematical Tripos in 1923, has now got a First Class in Part II. of the Natural Science Tripos.

To this list we may add that R. L. Holt has just taken his M.B., Ch.B., Manchester, with First Class Honours, and distinctions in Medicine and Forensic Medicine.

There is a well known portion of the Apocrypha which we read as a lesson when we commemorate our Founders and Benefactors and on other Special occasions. It begins "Let us praise famous men," after reciting great deeds it continues, "and some there be which have no memorial, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten." In the same way, having recited the names of those whose successes are recorded on the printed pages before you, I should like to say a word about the many boys, whom I have seen steadily progressing with their allotted tasks—in spite of temptations. At times, too, I have noticed some boy not highly placed in the fortnightly lists, by habit or by temperament not accustomed to serious work, and I have seen such an one, stirred by some influence, overcoming his drawbacks and attaining some measure of comparative success. Then my pride has been stirred, I have felt that the School is doing something worthy, for there is more pleasure to the true Schoolmaster when he makes something of a careless or dull boy than in many Scholars tutored to an expected and inevitable success.

SPEECH DAY.

MR. A. DUFF COOPER AT THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

EDUCATION WEAPONS.

Appreciative references to the splendid work being done at Hulme Grammar School, Oldham, were made at the Speech Day for the boys held at the School last evening. Lady Emmott was in the Chair, in the absence of Lord Emmott, who had an important engagement elsewhere. The Prizes were distributed by Mr. A. Duff Cooper, M.P.

The proceedings commenced with the singing of the School hymn, followed by the playing of a selection by the School Orchestra, whose contributions during the evening were one of the attractive features of the entertainment. The School Choir are also deserving of much praise for their efforts. They had been well trained by Mr. Walton who, owing to indisposition, was unable to be present.

BUILDING EXCELLED BY NONE.

Mr. A. G. Pickford, the Head Master, in presenting his Report, welcomed Lady Emmott and Mr. Duff Cooper, and mentioned the valuable assistance given to the School by Lord Emmott. The year had seen the completion of the enlargement of the School, and in carrying out of the scheme the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Herbert Wilde, had shown great enthusiasm and unabated zeal. As the War of the Roses was followed by a great revival of learning so the last war produced a similar effect locally, and they had to extend the accommodation to the utmost limits to provide room for those who desired knowledge. They even erected a wooden hut, which was more useful than beautiful.

Thanks to the generosity of their friends, upon whom they placed some reliance in the future to pay the necessary cost, they had obtained an adequate building equalled by few and excelled by none. The first plan was to provide additional wings for each School. They were grateful to the School Architects, Messrs. Winder & Taylor, who urged the erection of a larger wing—practically a new School for the girls. Now most of the older building had been transferred to the boys' School. Their science wing was one of the best equipped in the kingdom. As a memorial to those who gave their lives in the Great War the Old Boys had erected a Pavilion and Dressing-rooms for Games.

As an experiment the Governors had decided to reduce the Fees charged for boys up to the age of eleven years. The year's work had been marked by a high level of steady progress throughout the School. In the Cambridge School Examinations they obtained a percentage of Passes very considerably above the average. Five boys had received Leaving Exhibitions. Two were taking Medical Courses, and the others were taking Chemistry and Mathematics, while one had gone to Cambridge. W. R. Joslin had gained the C. E. Lees' Leaving Scholarship, a Lancashire County Council Scholarship, and also the English Prize given by one who was for many years a faithful Governor, the late Mr. James Middleton.

THE PRIZE-WINNERS.

The Prize-Winners were:—

Lower II. and I. : K. Kershaw and J. O. Lees.

Upper II. : T. Partington and E. Hargreaves.

Form III. : B. Byram and B. S. Halliwell.

Lower IV. b : G. Greenall and J. Mills.

Lower IV. a : J. Platt and A. Ormrod.

Upper IV. b : J. L. Mellodew and G. Wood.

Upper IV. a : W. A. Kirkman and J. W. Lord.

Remove : A. B. Ashton and C. Tetlow.

Lower V. b : F. Buckley and W. Garlick.

Lower V. a : O. Mills and A. S. Lees.

Modern V. : J. Allen and R. Woolstencroft.

Cambridge School Certificate, with Honours : E. Winterbottom, H. Potter, A. Greenhalgh, J. R. Fountain, F. Newton, R. Blanchard.

Cambridge School Certificate Pass (with Matriculation exemption) : E. Howard, N. H. Watson, E. Rhodes, D. S. Benson, H. Davies, F. Shaw, F. Newby.

Pass Certificates : E. Haslam, H. B. Walkden, R. Jackson, F. M. Wyatt, J. B. White, O. Taylor.

Upper V. : E. Winterbottom, H. Potter, A. Greenhalgh.
School Drawing Prize : E. Rhodes.

Lower VI. : L. Slater, M. Gilbert, J. G. Swailes.

Joint Matriculation Board Higher School Certificate Examination.—Letters of credit : J. H. Garnett, W. B. Potter, C. J. Tither, H. Longbottom (also Leaving Exhibition, £25 a year for three years), J. K. Hadfield (Exhibition, £25 a year for three years).

Higher School Certificate, Upper VI.: First Prize, W. R. Joslin (C. E. Lees' Leaving Scholarship of £60 a year for three years), who also took the late Mr. Middleton's Prize for English, a Lancashire County Scholarship, and a Beckwith Scholarship: Second Prize, A. D. Ainley (Leaving Exhibition of £50 a year for three years), who also took Mr. J. West's Prize for Public Spirit and Service: Third Prize, B. Dunkerley (Leaving Exhibition of £25 a year for three years).

Scenes from "Twelfth Night" were also creditably presented, followed by the singing of carols.

EDUCATION STAND.

Lady Emmott said they all regretted the death of Mr. James Middleton, knowing what a wonderful friend he was of education. He was always ready to go out of his way to give a helping hand when it was wanted. She congratulated Mr. A. Duff Cooper on his courageous speech in the House against that horrible circular issued by the Board of Education. They owed him a debt of gratitude for taking action against anything which might have the effect of lowering the standard of education in this country.

Mr. Duff Cooper said they had been recently discussing education in the House. As Lady Emmott had told them he took a small part in the debate. He took the line which was not an easy one to take for a new Member, by differing from the policy of the Government of which he was otherwise a firm supporter. He did that because education was such an important subject that they who believed in it should not allow anything to be done which might even spread the feeling that we were not determined to go forward and make progress in the great cause. The future of our people and the future success of this country in the competition of the world was going to depend upon the character, ability and efficiency of the men and women of the next generation.

We were passing slowly out of the period in which the power and prosperity of the country had depended upon the strength of armaments by sea and land. We who had lived through the most terrible ordeal and seen the horror, degredation, and shame of war, were determined that that catastrophe should not, by their help, occur again in their day. Those in the Schools that day were being equipped for the struggle in life, and they must make sure that the weapons now being supplied to them were kept bright and ready for use.

WORST KIND OF ECONOMY.

It was the worst kind of economy that any country could possibly pursue to economise in the spending of money on what was going to be the means of production of their future wealth. To economise in education was as if a farmer were to economise in the seeds which he planted in the land. That was a kind of economy that no sane farmer could pursue, and it was equally insane to economise in education. He hoped that the policy which the Government were pursuing was not likely to produce the evil effect that some people foretold. In any case it must do harm to create among those responsible for the great work of education, the education authorities and the teachers, a feeling of lack of confidence and a feeling of discouragement that must interfere with the cause that those present were supporting.

There was much that they could congratulate themselves upon with regard to the general outlook. They could congratulate themselves on what had been done for the promotion of the cause of peace. A great step had been made in the direction of universal peace. They had laid the foundation at any rate of real and lasting peace.

SPEECH DAY.

On Friday evening, December 18th, the Annual Speech Day and Prize Distribution was held. Lady Emmott was in the Chair, and Mr. A. Duff Cooper (the Member for Oldham) distributed the Prizes.

After the singing of the School hymn the Orchestra played a selection of pieces, and Mr. Pickford gave his Report. The Prizes were then distributed by Mr. Duff Cooper, who afterwards spoke about the policy which the Government was pursuing at the present time in regard to education. The Choir and Orchestra then gave us some more selections, and then scenes from "Twelfth Night" were acted. Slater, as Sir Toby Belch, and Greenhalgh were especially good, the former excelling in his good-humoured drunkenness, and the latter in his imitation of all Sir Toby did. Garlick made a very good girl in the person of Maria. The chief part of Malvolio was taken by Winterbottom, E., who performed his part very cleverly.

The Caste was as follows :—

Orsino, Duke of Illyria.....	V. S. BOTTOMS
Sir Toby Belch, Uncle to Olivia ...	L. SLATER
Sir Andrew Aguecheek.....	A. GREENHALGH
Malvolio, Steward to Olivia.....	E. WINTERBOTTOM
Fabian, Servant to Olivia.....	J. H. GARNETT
Feste, a Clown.....	H. J. WRIGHT
Olivia	E. R. TAYLOR
Maria, Olivia's Woman	W. GARLICK

The proceedings closed with the singing of carols and the customary cheers.

The School Choir was conducted by Mr. Mayers, in the absence of Mr. Walton, and their singing was appreciated very much. The Orchestra, which was assisted by M. Greenwood, one of our Old Boys, was perhaps the great feature of the evening. It has been steadily improving during the last few years under the leadership of Mr. Albery, and it is now exceedingly good for a School.

J.H.G.

FOOTBALL, 1924-25.

FIRST ELEVEN.

The 1st XI. showed very inconsistent form during the season. Although all school teams visiting Oldham were defeated, only one match was won away from home.

H. H. Spencer proved a great loss, and it was not until the last match that a good centre-forward was found. The forwards rarely touched their best form in the second half of the season, although they played well in the match against Bury. Whilst they generally combined well in mid-field, their shooting was often bad.

The defence was not reliable. On a dry ground they were good, but when the ground was in bad condition they did not play well.

O. H. G. S. 1st XI. v. STAND G. S.

Played at Stand on Wednesday, December 3rd, Stand G. S. winning by 8 goals to none.

The ground was very bad, and rain fell during most of the game. Stand displayed the correct football for such a ground, and quite overplayed the opposition. Little can be said about

the visitors, for they failed to adapt themselves to the conditions, and were soundly beaten. It is evident that, whilst they are a good team on a dry ground, they do not play well on a heavy ground. In this match they ought to have made a better show, because the Stand players were much smaller than the visitors.

1st XI. :—Palmer ; Walkden, H. B., Watts ; Marner, Brankin, Longbottom, H. ; Hadfield, J. K., Wilson, Spencer, H. H., Potter, H., and Tither.

O. H. G. S. 1st XI. v. " OLD BOYS."

Played on Saturday, December 6th, resulting in a victory for the "Old Boys" by 1 goal to none.

The game was not so even as the score represents. The "Old Boys" were attacking almost all the game, and it was rather surprising that their only goal should be a lucky one. Burnett scored from a mix-up in front of the goal. The best part of the home team was the defence. The alterations in the forward line were not a success.

"Old Boys" :—E. Chadwick ; F. Hardman, E. Williamson ; L. V. Lecomber, W. Mottram, T. Kirkman ; L. Ashworth, T. B. Shepherd, S. Burnett, R. N. Holroyd, and G. Ramsden.

1st XI. :—E. Palmer ; H. B. Walkden and W. H. Corser ; J. Marner, J. Brankin, H. Longbottom ; J. K. Hadfield, G. Wilson, H. H. Spencer, C. J. Tither, and A. J. Garnett.

1st XI. v. STOCKPORT G. S.

Played at Stockport on Wednesday, February 4th, the home team winning by 5 goals to none.

Although the score was so large, the visitors' defence was unlucky. One or two of the goals being "gifts." The visitors did not play badly, but lacked finish. Several shots were very near the mark. In the first half, play was in Stockport's favour, but soon after the change of ends Oldham attacked strongly but without success.

1st XI. :—Mills, O. ; Walkden, H. B., Watts ; Marner, Brankin, Longbottom, H. ; Hadfield, J. K., Wilson, Smith, J. W., Potter, H., Tither.

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

Played at Manchester on Saturday, February 7th. Result :—Manchester, 8 ; School, 2.

The home side were much better on the heavy ground than their opponents. The ground was in a terrible condition, being a sea of mud. The visitors never looked like winning, and Manchester were soon leading. Walkden scored for the 1st XI., whilst one of the Manchester full-backs put through his own goal, following a corner-kick.

1st XI.:—Mills, O.; Corser, Watts; Marner, Brankin, Longbottom, H.; Slater, L., Hadfield, J. K., Walkden, H. B., Wilson, Tither.

1st XI. v. WARRINGTON G.S.

Played at Warrington on Wednesday, February 18th, and resulting in a victory for the visitors by 3 goals to 1.

After a succession of defeats the 1st XI. at last won a match. There is no doubt that they deserved to win, because they played much better football than Warrington. The home team were rarely dangerous, although Mills made one or two good saves. The forwards should have got more than three goals. The scorers were Hadfield and Tither, (2).

1st XI.:—Mills, O.; Longbottom, H., Watts; Marner, Wilson, Jackson; Slater, L., Hadfield, J. K., Walkden, H. B., Potter, H., Tither.

1st XI. v. "OLD BOYS."

Played on Saturday, March 7th, the visitors winning by 10 goals to 2.

Played for the most part in heavy rain on a water-covered pitch. After taking an early lead through Hadfield, the School XI. were outplayed. This was mainly due to the play of the visiting inside forwards, who combined excellently. The "Old Boys" were the heavier team and played the right kind of football for such a ground, swinging the ball about with much more freedom than their opponents. Hadfield was the pick of the School forwards, whilst Brankin played a splendid game at centre-half. Jackson scored the second goal.

1st XI.:—Mills, O.; Longbottom, H., Corser; Marner, Brankin, Wilson; Hadfield, J. K., Jackson, R., Walkden, Potter, H., and Tither.

"Old Boys":—Briggs; Scawthorne, E. Wright; Barnes, Bradley, Batley; Burnett, Shepherd, T. B., Halliwell, E. Taylor, Denton.

1st XI, v. BURY G. S.

At home on Wednesday, March 11th; resulting in a victory for the home team by 8 goals to 1.

This victory, with such a big margin in the favour of the home team, was unexpected. The visitors were almost continually defending. As in the previous match, the ground was in a terrible condition.

The whole of the Eleven played well, although the backs were not severely pressed. The heavy going proved to be very much to Kirkman's liking, for he was responsible for seven of the goals, Slater scoring the other. Mills played a much improved game, saving a penalty. It is a pity that the Eleven did not show the same form in the other matches.

1st XI. :—Mills, O.; Walkden, Watts; Marner, Wilson, Longbottom, H.; Slater, L., Hadfield, J. K., Kirkman, F., Potter, H., and Tither.

SECOND ELEVEN.

SEASON, 1924-25.

The season just ended has been a highly successful one for the 2nd XI., as the results show; and there is no doubt but that it would have been better if the original team could have been kept together throughout the season.

The goal-keeping, both when in the charge of Sim and Mills, has been of a high standard. The backs have been fairly good, although the clearances have not been as good as the tackling. The halves have been the best part of the team. Gilbert is very good, although his thirst for goals sometimes leads him too far up the field. Lees, A. S., puts in a good deal of work and is a very useful player. The goals against bear witness to the fact that the defence has been very steady, except possibly for the lapse against Bury.

The forwards have been like the curate's egg. The midfield play has been quite good, but the shooting has in most matches been wretched.

Porter and Davies (A.) are quite good on the respective wings.

As far as can be seen from the records in old Magazines the team has a better record than any 2nd XI. which has represented the School since the war.

PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	GOALS	
				FOR	AGAINST
6	4	0	2	27	8

Goals have been scored by:—Smith, J. W., 5; Jackson, 5; Hartley, E., 3; Gilbert, 3; Brankin, 2; Kirkman, F., 2; Potter, H., 2; Hensor, 2; Walker, 1; Garnett, A. G., 1.

A Bury player put through his own goal.

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

Played at Oldham; result—Oldham, 0; Stand, 0.

The sides were evenly matched, and although play was often ragged it was nevertheless keen. The home forwards were very weak, and could hardly raise a shot among them. The right wing showed a lamentable tendency to try and weave too many patterns, and should have realised that an excess of such is undesirable, even when moderately successful, and it could not be said that the attempts were successful to any degree. Stand were very weak in their passing, and thus unable to have many shots at goal. Hensor had the only shot of the game saved in the closing stages. The home halves were the best part of the team, for although the backs tackled well they were apt to miskick. Once again Sutcliffe kept too far up the field.

Team:—Sim, F.; Woolstencroft, R., Sutcliffe, N.; Gilbert, Potter, W. B., Lees, A. S.; Davies, H., Read, Hensor, Potter, H., Porter.

2nd XI. v. STAND 2nd XI.

Played at Stand on Wednesday, February 25th, 1925.

The following played for School:—Sim, F.; Woolstencroft, R., Lees, A. S.; Gilbert, Potter, W. B., Jackson; Davies, A., Hensor, Kirkman, F., Blanchard, Hetherington.

The game was played in a rain-storm. Kirkman gave Oldham the lead, following a solo effort. Stand gained the lead in the second half with shots which gave Sim no chance. Kirkman equalised after another solo effort.

Sim was quite safe in goal, and was covered by two steady full-backs. The halves were good in attack and defence, and all three gave many good passes to the forwards. The attackers with the exception of Kirkman, who gave a splendid exhibition, were poor and gave the centre little help.

Result:—Stand, 2; Oldham, 2.

2nd XI, v. BURY G. S.

Played at Bury, Wednesday, March 11th.

The following team played for School:—Sim, F.; Woolstencroft, R., Sutcliffe, N.; Gilbert, Potter, W. B., Lees, A. S.; Davies, A., Read, Hensor, Mellor, H. R., Porter.

The ground was heavy but School monopolised play throughout, the backs and goal-keeper having an easy afternoon. The forwards were kept well supplied with the ball by the halves, but the inside men were very weak, and missed several easy chances. Indeed, the only blameless forward was Porter, who, when he had overcome his preliminary shyness, played very well. Sim had only about three shots to save, and played steadily throughout. Woolstencroft was better than Sutcliffe as back, as the latter kept too far up the field. The halves, as usual, were good, keeping a steady grip on the opposing attack. Hensor scored two, and a Bury man put through his own goal. Gilbert also scored with a clever hook shot.

Result:—Oldham, 4; Bury, 0.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP.

FOOTBALL, 1924-5.

		Pts.	
1	ASSHETON 1st XI.	48	99 Points
	ASSHETON 2nd XI.	24	
	BOOTH.....	27	
2	LEES 1st XI.	36	81 Points
	LEES 2nd XI.	30	
	EMMOTT	15	
3	HULME 1st XI.....	24	57 Points
	HULME 2nd XI.	18	
	TRAVIS	15	
4	PLATT 1st XI.....	36	51 Points
	PLATT 2nd XI.	0	
	GILL	15	

1st XI.—Count 12 points for a win.

2nd XI.—Count 6 points for a win.

Middle School.—Count 6 points for a win.

MIDDLE SCHOOL.

	PLAYED	WON	LOST	DRAWN	GOALS		POINTS
					FOR	AGAINST	
BOOTH	6	4	1	1	30	11	27
TRAVIS	6	1	2	3	22	26	15
EMMOTT	6	2	3	1	17	24	15
GILL	6	2	3	1	17	25	15

CHIEF GOAL SCORERS—

Holden, B. C.....	10
Bottoms, C. E.	8
Chadderton, Firth	7
Schofield, F.	6
Cromar, Marshall, Wolstencroft	5
Mills, J., Newton, S.....	4
Ashton, J., Harrison, Kirkman, W. A. ...	3

A win counts 6 point.

A draw counts 3 points.

H.S.E.

ASSHETON.

Thanks to a recovery in the second half of the season, Assheton House finished as champions. Up to Christmas the 1st XI. had only won one match, losing the other two, but after that time they secured maximum points. Apart from defeating Platt rather luckily, the rest of the victories were well deserved.

On the whole the defence was safe, but there was a weakness at wing-half. This caused the inside-forwards to drop back and then be unable to be in readiness when play was near the opponents' goal. Sim, in goal, was excellent, whilst the full-backs were reliable. W. B. Potter was the pick of the half-back line.

F. Kirkman was excellent at centre-forward, and the other inside-forwards were moderate. A Davies and Porter were good on the wings, although the latter was liable to part with the ball too soon.

The 2nd XI. also had a successful season, winning four out of the six matches, whilst Booth gave good assistance by being the champion House in the Middle School.

C. J. TITHER.

HULME HOUSE.

Hulme House has done a great deal better this season, winning two matches and thus ending the unbroken series of defeats, which it has experienced ever since the House was formed.

The team has played very well on the whole, and has worked hard, and combined excellently.

In losing Palmer at Christmas, we lost the best goal-keeper in the School, and, naturally, it made a difference in the later matches.

The full-backs have played very well, not only in defence but in feeding the forwards.

The halves have been very good in this latter respect and in attack, almost too good sometimes, to the detriment of the defence.

Still the opposing forwards have not often broken right away. Indeed many of the goals against us have been scored after mêlées in the goal mouth.

The forwards, though somewhat lacking in weight, have combined very well, and in midfield their play has been clever; but in front of goal they could do everything but score, due sometimes to bad shooting and at other times to bad luck.

In the match against Assheton in particular, it was only the excellence of Sim in goal that prevented Hulme scoring two or three goals in the first half.

The 2nd XI. have played well, winning most of their matches and generally turning up to the games.

Their winning has materially helped to raise the position of the House in the table.

Altogether the House has striven hard to improve its place; and its success is no more than it deserves.

L. SLATER.

LEES HOUSE.

We were all very sorry that Lees had to be content with second place in the House Championship. In the first half of the season, as our unbeaten record warranted, we felt sure of the Shield, but the loss of Spencer (H. H.) at Christmas played sad havoc. The team had to be re-arranged, and the forward line, which had been the strongest part, could not discover again the form near goal of the matches before Christmas.

Hulme, Platt, and Assheton all avenged their defeats, though Hulme and Assheton only won by narrow margins.

Great praise is due to our 2nd XI., who did their utmost, and to the whole of the House for reducing the number of detentions.

In the future we hope to justify our existence as a House at the Sports and during the Cricket season.

J. K. HADFIELD.

PLATT HOUSE.

We have only had a moderate season. The 1st XI. has gained half the possible points, but the 2nd XI. has given some very poor performances, and has lost every match. There are a few boys who should constitute the 2nd XI. who are either in detention or have an appointment with the dentist.

Although the 1st XI. forward line was a light one, it has held its own with the opposing defences, especially the right wing (Read and Hensor).

The defence also has played very well.

Our best game was against Assheton when, with two of the regular half-backs off, we won. On that occasion our forwards gave the Assheton backs a gruelling time.

We were distinctly unlucky in two of our defeats, but we hope to make a better show at cricket.

I must thank the Vice-Captain, and other members of the team, who have given their valuable assistance to uphold the prestige of Platt House.

G. WILSON.

1ST XI. HOUSE MATCHES.

CHIEF GOAL SCORERS—	GOALS
Spencer, H.	15
Kirkman, F.	13
Tither.....	7
Smith, J. W.....	6
Mellor, H. R.	5
Potter, H.....	5
Slater.....	4
Blanchard.....	3
Hartley	3
Hensor	3

2ND XI. HOUSE MATCHES.

CHIEF GOAL SCORERS—	GOALS
Newby.....	15
Halliday.....	11
Blanchard.....	10
Davies, H.....	9
Hirst, C.....	9
Shaw, J. R. H.....	9
Bentley.....	8
Stott, L. K.....	6
Hall, G.....	5
Shaw, F.....	4
Hargreaves, J. W.....	4
Schofield, E. M.....	4
Taylor, E. R.....	4
Bottoms, V. S.....	4
Kershaw, T.....	3
Barlow.....	3
Roberts.....	3
Dornan.....	3

BOOTH.

Booth House played very well throughout the season, their forwards being particularly good. Bottoms, C. E., was a good Captain, and was top goal scorer for his House, having eight goals to his credit. Spencer, K., outside-right, and Chadderton, inside-right, played well together. Cromar, at centre-forward, was rather erratic, but he played very well in some of the matches. Bottoms, C. E., was the best player in the half-back line, and Longbottom played very well at full-back.

The goal scorers were :—Bottoms, C. E., 8; Chadderton, 7; Schofield, F., 6; Cromar, 5; Ashton, J., 3; Sim, A. B., 1.

Booth played 6 matches, winning 4, drawing 1, and losing 1. The House has had a very successful season.

EMMOTT.

Emmott have played 6 matches during the football season, winning 2, drawing 1, and losing 3; with 17 goals for and 24 goals against.

We had 1 win and 1 loss against Gill; 1 win and 1 draw against Travis; and 2 losses against Booth.

In the forward line, B. C. Holden, as centre-forward, was a great success, scoring 10 out of the 17 goals. The attacking line would have been much better if it had been stronger and quicker. For the defence the backs, Grey and Herbert, were very satisfactory, and Hurst was a very capable goalkeeper.

B. C. Holden, 10 ; Harrison, 3 ; Grey, 2 ; and Young, 2.

GILL HOUSE.

Although we finished third in the table we did not have an unfavourable season.

Firth was an excellent centre-forward, and was well supported by Thornton at left-outside ; Wright, F. W., Barlow and Marsland, were half-backs who could both defend and attack ; Thomas and Mills, J., were good backs ; but throughout the season we lacked a good goalkeeper.

We won 2, lost 2, and drew 1.

TRAVIS.

After losing the first match by 5 goals to 2, Travis played fairly well throughout the season. Their one win was at the expense of Gill, who were beaten easily by 8 goals to 3. The defence, which consisted of Wade, Shackleton and Dale, played well, as also did the half-back line, with Butterworth (S.) at centre-half, who was the outstanding player. The forward line played quite well, with Kirkman (W. A.), the Captain, at centre-forward. Wolstencroft and Marshall played well on the left and right wings respectively.

The goal scorers were :—Marshall, 5 ; Wolstencroft, 5 ; Newton, S., 4 ; Kirkman, W. A., 3 ; Brooks, 1 ; Phillips, 1 ; Butterworth, S., 1.

MIDDLE SCHOOL.

GOAL SCORERS—	GOALS
Holden, B. C.....	10
Bottoms, C. E.	8
Chadderton.....	7
Firth	7
Schofield, F.....	6
Cromar.....	5
Marshall.....	5
Wolstencroft	5
Mills, J.....	4
Newton, S.	4
Ashton, J.	3
Harrison	3
Kirkman, W. A.	3

FOOTBALL, 1925.

O. H. G. S. UNDER 15 v. BURY UNDER 15.

At Bury, October 24th.

In the first half we started with a slight wind to our backs. We had most of the play, and our forwards passed splendidly. The backs had very little to do, and Hurst was called upon to save a few shots which he did most effectively, excepting on one occasion, when he slipped and, whilst he was on the ground, Bury scored after the ball had rebounded from Hibbert into the goal. About a quarter of an hour afterwards Schofield scored with a ground shot.

The forwards were backed up very well by the half-backs, especially Bottoms, who worked most effectively among the Bury forwards. Hibbert was rather frightened, and did not pass much to his wing man, Chadderton.

The backs were very steady, and the forwards made the best of a greasy pitch. Late in the second half Kirkman scored from a close range.

Bury began to have most of the play and pressed heavily on the backs. Five minutes from the end Bury scored with a good shot from close range. This second goal came as a result of Hurst being unable to kick out properly after receiving a kick on the hip.

O. H. G. S. 2nd XI. v. MANCHESTER 3rd XI.

At Manchester on Saturday, October 3rd, 1925.

The following played for the School:—Abbot; Woolstencroft, R., Lees, A. S.; Beard, Potter, W. B., Gilbert; Sutcliffe, N., Read, Holden, B. C., Walker, J., Porter.

The defence was steady throughout the game, but the forward line, apart from Porter, seemed to lack the fire which should have been visible in their play. Apart from one mistake which, unfortunately, cost a goal, Abbot played very well and was covered by two steady backs in Woolstencroft and Lees. The halves were steady, and occasionally opened out the game in splendid fashion for the forwards. The inside men seemed unable to make headway against a moderately good opposing defence, and Porter had to make the best of the few passes he received from the other forwards. Most of his passes came from Gilbert. Sutcliffe, at times, played foolishly. Walker scored 3 goals; Read scored the other with the best shot of the match. Manchester were unlucky on two occasions when they hit the upright.

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

Played at Oldham on Wednesday, November 11th, 1925.

The following turned out for the School:—Abbott; Hague, Lees, A. S.; Garnett, J. H., Potter, W. B., Gilbert; Kirkman, W. A., Chadderton, Holden, B. C., Bottoms, C. E. Grey.

The team gave one of the most miserable displays of football seen at the School for some time. The Bury men seemed bigger and faster and, in addition, were better as a team. Abbott was poor in goal, and should have stopped at least one scoring shot. Hague was a clumsy back, who was not as good as his partner. Garnett seemed afraid to use his left foot when kicking, and was too easily beaten. Gilbert gave a moderate display behind forwards who made poor use of what chances they had. Kirkman and Bottoms were too small in stature, and have played much better football. Holden was up against the best man on the field in the Bury centre-half, and Chadderton was easily the best of the home forwards; he gave quite a creditable display. Grey occasionally showed dash, but had no ball control and could not centre. Potter (W. B.) missed a penalty, being nearer the corner flag than the goal with his shot from the spot. Bury missed many easy chances in front of goal, and ought to have had at least three more goals. In the last ten minutes Gilbert went inside-left and Potter centre-forward, but although the attack seemed to play better the defence conceded another goal.

Members of the 2nd XI. should not try to play in boots with missing studs except on very hard grounds, and should replace all worn studs.

Result:—Bury, 5; Oldham, 2.

Chadderton, with a good shot, and Holden scored for Oldham.

CRICKET.

SEASON, 1925.

The School has had a most successful season—probably the most successful it has ever had. Not a single match was lost by the 1st XI. or the 2nd XI., or the "Under 15" teams.

Unfortunately, several matches had to be cancelled owing to the alterations and improvements that were being made to the ground before Whitsuntide.

FIRST ELEVEN.

Saturday, May 16th, v. Bury G. S. at Bury.....	Won
Saturday, May 23rd, v. Warrington G. S. at Warrington...	Drawn
Wednesday, June 24th, v. Stand G. S. at home.....	Drawn
Saturday, June 27th, v. Warrington G. S. at home.....	Won
Thursday, July 2nd, v. Old Boys at home.....	Won
Saturday, July 4th, v. Mr. Cockell's XI. at home.....	Won
Saturday, July 11th, v. Stockport G. S. at home.....	Won
Saturday, July 18th, v. Old Boys at home.....	Won
Saturday, July 25th, v. Stockport G. S. at Stockport....	Drawn

Played 9. Won 6. Drawn 3. Lost 0.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Saturday, May 16th, v. Bury G. S. 2nd XI. at Bury.....	Won
Wednesday, June 24th, v. Stand G. S. 2nd XI. at Stand.....	Won

" UNDER 15."

Saturday, June 27th, v. Bury G. S. "Under 15" at Bury.....	Won
Saturday, July 25th, v. Waterloo H. S. C. at home.....	Won

FIRST ELEVEN MATCHES.

1st XI. v. WARRINGTON, May 13th, at Latchford.

Result—Match drawn.

	RUNS
1st XI.	
Longbottom, run out.....	7
Tither, c. Haslehurst, b. Chadwick	23
Potter, H. B., c. Berry, b. Clarke III.	6
Smith, J. W., b. Clarke III.	18
Sutcliffe, c. Murray, b. Clarke II.	11
Kirkman, F., b. Glover	12
Ainley, c. Fletcher, b. Clarke II.	0
Garnett, A. J., c. Fletcher, b. Clarke II. .	0
Slater, L., lbw., b. Glover.....	7
Hadfield, b. Glover	4
Woolstencroft, not out	2
Extras	6
Total.....	96

Warrington did not bat.

1st XI. v. BURY G. S., May 16th, at Bury.

Result—School won by 26 runs.

1st XI.		RUNS
Longbottom, b. Makin		12
Tither, b. Makin.....		10
Potter, W. B., lbw., b. Tripper		12
Smith, J. W., c. Singleton, b. Tripper		28
Sutcliffe, lbw., b. Tripper		2
Kirkman, F., c. Warburton, b. Tripper ...		4
Ainley, b. Tripper		0
Garnett, A. J., b. Buxton.....		2
Slater, L., b. Buxton		0
Hadfield, J. K., lbw., b. Buxton		0
Woolstencroft, not out		1
Extras		10
		—
Total.....		81

Tripper, of Bury, took 5 wickets for 3 runs.

Bury made 55 runs.

Kirkman took 6 wickets for 18 runs.

Hadfield took 2 wickets for 13 runs.

Woolstencroft took 2 wickets for 1 run.

1st XI. v. STAND G. S., June 24th, at Oldham.

Result—Match drawn.

1st XI.		RUNS
Tither, b. Wesley		24
Longbottom, b. Wesley.....		2
Potter, W. B., lbw., b. Wesley.....		0
Smith, J. W., b. Wesley		0
Sutcliffe, c. Johnson, A. E., b. Wesley....		9
Kirkman, F., not out.....		10
Bentley, c. Kirkman, b. Whittaker.....		7
Ainley, not out		0
Extras		6
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Total for 6 wickets.....		58

Slater, Hadfield and Woolstencroft did not bat.

Stand made 95 for 8 wickets—declaring.

Kirkman took 6 wickets for 29 runs.

1st XI. v. WARRINGTON G. S., June 27th, at Oldham.

1st XI.	RUNS
Tither, b. Glover	5
Longbottom, run out.....	6
Potter, W. B., b. Clarke II.	13
Smith, lbw., b. Clark II.	0
Stott, not out	20
Kirkman, F., b. Glover	5
Sutcliffe, not out	9
Extras	4
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Total for 5 wickets.....	62
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Bentley, Slater, Hadfield and Woolstencroft did not bat.

Warrington made 52.

Kirkman took 6 wickets for 26 runs.

1st XI. v. OLD BOYS, July 2nd, at Oldham.

Result—School won on first innings by 2 runs

1st XI	RUNS
Tither, lbw., b. Ashton	5
Longbottom, c. Lecomber, b. Kirkman, T.	1
Potter, W. B., b. Kirkman, T.....	1
Smith, J. W., c. Hartley, b. Halliday.....	10
Stott, b. Kirkman, T.	2
Kirkman, T., c. Roebuck, b. Hartley.....	7
Bentley, b. Halliday	0
Sutcliffe, c. Thewlis, b. Halliday	0
Potter, H., b. Hartley	6
Slater, lbw., b. Howard.....	5
Hadfield, b. Howard	3
Woolstencroft, not out	1
Extras	31
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Total.....	72
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OLD BOYS		RUNS
J. Thewlis, b. Kirkman, F.....		1
H. Ashton, b. Kirkman, F.		5
L. V. Lecomber, lbw., b. Kirkman, F.		3
H. M. Fort, b. Hadfield.....		0
T. Kirkman, b. Kirkman, F.		30
E. Hartley, b. Kirkman, F.		1
T. B. Shepherd, b. Woolstencroft		5
C. Underwood, b. Woolstencroft		1
P. Howard, not out		8
T. W. Halliday, run out		1
W. H. Roebuck, c. Smith, b. Bentley ...		0
E. B. Palmer, c. Sutcliffe, b. Bentley.....		1
Extras		14
Total.....		70

Kirkman, F., took 5 wickets for 25 runs
 Bentley took 2 wickets for 0 runs

SECOND INNINGS—

School made 52 runs for 4 wickets (Potter, W. B.,
 22 not out).

Old Boys made 34 for 5 wickets (T. W. Halliday
 23 not out).

1st XI. v. Mr. COCKELL'S XI., July 4th, at Oldham.
 Result—School won by 13 runs.

1st XI.		RUNS
Tither, st. Mr. Stott, b. Mr. Cockell		25
Longbottom, b. Mr. Wood.....		2
Potter, W. B., b. Mr. Whitehead.....		12
Smith, J. W., b. Mr. Whitehead		6
Stott, c. Mr. Wood, b. Mr. Whitehead		0
Kirkman, F., c. Mr. Wood, b. Mr. Cockell		2
Bentley, c. Mr. Wood, b. Mr. Parsons		3
Sutcliffe, hit wicket, b. Brooks		15
Potter, H., c. Mr. Wood, b. Mr. Cottam...		0
Slater, b. Mr. Cottam		0
Hadfield, not out		4
Woolstencroft, c. Mr. Whitehead, b. Mr. Cottam.....		0
Extras		21
Total.....		90

Mr. Cockell's XI. made 77 (Mr. Stott made 27).
 Kirkman took 7 wickets for 23 runs.

1st XI. v. STOCKPORT G. S., July 11th, at Oldham.

Result—School won by 36 runs.

1st XI.	RUNS
Tither, c. Wright, b. Tomlinson.....	1
Potter, W. B., b. Kay	0
Longbottom, b. Tomlinson	0
Smith, J. W., b. Hall.....	31
Stott, b. Chambers.....	10
Kirkman, F., c. Steele, b. Helm	16
Sutcliffe, b. Hall	3
Potter, H., c. Kay, b. Tomlinson	9
Slater, run out	2
Hadfield, b. Kay	0
Woolstencroft, not out	2
Extras	14
Total.....	88

Stockport made 52.

Kirkman took 5 wickets for 13 runs.

Woolstencroft took 5 wickets for 8 runs.

1st XI. v. OLD BOYS, July 18th, at Oldham.

Result—School won by 137 runs.

1st XI.	RUNS
Tither, C. J., b. Letham	7
Longbottom, H., lbw., b. Denton	45
Potter, W. B., c. Barber, b. Letham	23
Smith, J. W., b. Lees, W. R. P.	22
Stott, L. K., run out	17
Kirkman, F., not out.....	44
Bentley, C., c. Denton, b. Lees, W. R. P.	4
Sutcliffe, b. Taylor.....	6
Potter, H., c. & b. Lees, W. R. P.	6
Slater, L., lbw., b. Wrigley.....	11
Hadfield, J. K., run out	7
Extras	20
Total.....	212

OLD BOYS	RUNS
P. M. Barber, c. Stott, b. Bentley	27
E. Denton, b. Kirkman.....	1
R. Letham, b. Kirkman	5
N. Taylor, run out	3
C. W. Bentley, b. Bentley	9
W. R. P. Lees, lbw., c. Bentley.....	0
H. Watts, b. Bentley.....	0
G. Ramsden, lbw., b. Bentley	0
W. Howarth, not out.....	9
R. D. Wrigley, c. Longbottom, b. Stott...	10
J. Mellor, b. Stott	0
Extras	11
Total.....	75

Bentley took 5 wickets for 30 runs.

1st XI. v. STOCKPORT, July 25th, at Stockport.

Result—Match drawn.

1st XI.	RUNS
Tither, c. Wright, b. Kay	24
Longbottom, c. Steele, b. Hoe	10
Potter, W. B., lbw., b. Kay	0
Smith, J. W., c. Oldfield, b. Edge.....	18
Stott, L. K., b. Kay	0
Kirkman, F., not out.....	24
Bentley, c. Edge, b. Hall	9
Sutcliffe, b. Chambers	1
Potter, H., not out.....	1
Slater, did not bat	—
Hadfield, did not bat.....	—
Extras	5
Total for 7 wickets.....	92

Stockport made 80 for 7 wickets.

Kirkman, F., took 6 wickets for 20 runs.

1st XI. AVERAGES.

BATTING :

Name.	No. of Innings.	Times not out.	Total Runs.	Most in an Innings.	Average
Kirkman, F.	10	4	133	44*	22.13
Smith, J. W. ...	10	0	141	31	14.1
Tither, C. J.	10	0	124	25	12.4
Potter, W. B.	10	1	89	23	9.88
Longbottom, H. .	10	0	89	45	8.9
Stott, L. K.....	7	1	50	20*	8.33
Sutcliffe, N.....	9	1	56	15	7.
Woolstencroft, R.	5	4	6	2*	6.
Potter, H.....	5	1	22	9	3.5
Bentley, C.	5	0	23	9	4.6
Slater, L.	6	0	25	11	4.16
Hadfield, J. K. ...	6	1	19	7	3.8
Garnett, R. J. ...	2	0	2	2	1.
Ainley, A. D.....	3	1	0	0	0

* Not Out.

BOWLING :

Name.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wkts.	Aver.
Woolstencroft, R.	30	11	52	13	4.
Kirkman, F.	89.1	31	180	43	4.18
Hadfield, J. K. ...	35	10	83	9	9.22
Bentley	28.4	5	103	8	12.81
Stott, L. K.....	9.4	1	41	3	13.66
Longbottom, H. .	1	0	1	0	—

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

SECOND ELEVEN.

2nd XI. v. BURY G. S. 2nd XI., May 16th, at Bury.

Result :—O. H. G. S. 2nd XI. won by 25 runs.

	RUNS
Potter, H., b. Heyes	7
Hensor, b. Heyes	1
Stott, L. K., b. Taylor	14
Gilbert, b. Ashworth	2
Walker, b. Ashworth	0
Bentley, not out.....	17
Swales, lbw., Vose.....	4
Broadbent, c. Heyes, b. Vose.....	1
Walkden, b. Ashworth	4
Blanchard, b. Ashworth.....	0
Haslam, b. Ashworth.....	0
Extras	1
Total.....	51

Bury G. S. 2nd XI. made 26 runs.

Bentley took 5 wickets for 11 runs.

Walker took 5 wickets for 9 runs.

2nd XI. v. STAND G. S. 2nd XI., June 24th, at Stand.

Result :—O. H. G. S. 2nd XI. won by 49 runs.

	RUNS
Potter, H., b. Webb	19
Garnett, A. J., b. Schofield	7
Stott, b. Webb	17
Gilbert, c. & b. Webb	0
Walker, lbw. Webb	0
Swales, b. Bradshaw.....	10
Hensor, run out	4
Read, not out	27
Blanchard, c. & b. Webb	3
Walkden, b. Orrell	9
Reece, c. & b. Stanhope	0
Total.....	96

Stand G. S. 2nd XI. made 47 runs.

Stott took 8 wickets for 13 runs.

Gilbert took 2 wickets for 9 runs.

" UNDER 15."

UNDER 15 v. BURY UNDER 15.

School won by 2 wickets.

Bury made 88 runs.

(Brooks took 6 wickets for 27 runs).

Under 15 made 89 runs for 8 wickets.

(Bottoms, C. E., 30 ; Holden, 18 ; Hensor, 19).

UNDER 15 v. WATERLOO H. S. C.

School won by 58 runs.

Waterloo H. S. C. made 39 runs.

(Brooks took 6 wickets for 11 runs ; Holden, B. C., took 2 wickets for 0 runs).

School made 98 runs.

(Firth, 22 ; Schofield, 13 ; Kirkman, W. A., 12 ; Ashton, 11 ; Brooks, 12 ; Sim, A. B., 11).

HOUSE MATCHES.

ASSHETON v. LEES, July 1st.

Result—Assheton won by 3 wickets.

	LEES	RUNS
Gilbert, b. Stott		9
Sutcliffe, lbw. Stott		6
Hadfield, b. Stott.....		7
Abbott, b. Kirkman		2
Shaw, F., b. Kirkman		4
Schofield, L. K., b. Kirkman		0
Reece, b. Kirkman.....		6
Hodson, b. Kirkman		4
Allen, c. Stott, b. Ainley.....		5
Caton, not out		0
Hirst, b. Kirkman		0
Extras		13
Total.....		56

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Av'ge runs per w'ket.
Kirkman	15.5	6	25	6	4.16
Stott.....	13	9	18	3	6.00
Ainley.....	1	1	0	1	—

ASSHETON	RUNS
Tither, b. Hadfield	2
Longbottom, b. Hadfield	8
Potter, W. B., lbw. Abbott	13
Stott, b. Abbott	6
Garnett, A. J., run out	13
Kirkman, c. Reece, b. Hadfield	5
Ainley, not out	4
Fountain, b. Hadfield.....	0
Broadbent	—
Ashton, A. B.	—
Joslin	—
Extras	9
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Total for 7 wickets.....	60
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	Overs	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Ave'ge runs per w'ket.
Hadfield.....	9	4	23	4	5.75
Abbott	8	2	28	2	14.00

MIDDLE SCHOOL—HOUSE MATCHES.

GILL v. BOOTH.

Result—Gill won by 20 runs.

Gill made 45 runs.

(Longbottom, 12). Sheppherd took 5 Gill wickets for 12 runs.

Booth made 25 runs.

Schofield took 6 wickets for 8 runs, and

Bottoms 4 wickets for 10 runs.

GILL v. EMMOTT, July 21st.

Result—Gill won by 31 runs.

Gill made 59 runs.

(Grey, 11 ; Harrison, 14 ; Leicester, 18).

Shepherd took 4 wickets for 14 runs.

Emmott made 28 runs.

(Shepherd not out 13).

Herbert took 6 wickets for 10 runs in 6 overs.

FORM MATCHES.

L. IV. (a) v. III. AND L. IV. (b).

Result—L. IV. (a) won by 54 runs.

L. IV. (a) made 80 runs.

(Wolstencroft, J., 23 ; extras, 19).

Forms III. and L. IV. (b) made 26 runs.

Brooks took 7 wickets for 5 runs in 4.4 overs.

Shepherd took 3 wickets for 10 runs.

L. IV. (b) v. III.

Result—III. won by 55 runs.

L. IV. (b) made 18 runs.

Longbottom took 5 wickets for 8 runs.

Spencer took 4 wickets for 6 runs.

III. made 73 runs.

(Longbottom, 15 ; Davies, 17).

Ashton took 5 wickets for 16 runs.