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In Memoriam.

The loss the School has sustained by the death of the Chairman of the Board of Governors, Lord Emmott, G.C.M.G., G.B.E., Baron Emmott of Oldham, was intensified by the suddenness and unexpectedness of his end. His sterling personality came home to us through the enthusiasm and interest which he displayed in matters that vitally concerned our comfort and well being. Even the youngest members of the School, who would scarcely in the nature of things know anything about his great services to the State, realised during these last years what a great part his influence played in helping on the good work of the expansion of the School. The Staff, and indeed the whole teaching profession, owe him a debt of gratitude for clearing up the situation which arose out of the first Burnham Award, and for giving much of his valuable time to the question of laying a foundation for any future legislation with regard to superannuation. His grasp of the essential facts arising out of a variety of circumstances, together with the Englishman's love of fair play, constituted him a popular Chairman.

When we saw him on Speech days we felt that behind the quiet unassuming, genial manner of our distinguished Chairman lay a personality, unbending perhaps in some respects, but whole-hearted in everything that concerned the School. Even when the claims of business were most pressing, there was always a corner of his mind reserved for vital facts concerning the welfare of the School which he was always ready to discuss.

In offering our heartfelt sympathy to Lady Emmott and those members of the family whose lives are now overshadowed with loss, we would like to enshrine our appreciation of the facts of his life in the beautiful lines:—

Crush that life, and behold its wine running! each deed thou
hast done
Dies, revives, goes to work in the world.

In Memoriam.

JOSEPH CLIFFORD COOPER,
OF
6, Crime View, Woodhouses.

Died 13th March, 1926,
In his 19th Year.

ROBERT MERRALL ROBINSON,
OF
178, Egerton Street, Oldham.

Died 4th November, 1926,
In his 19th Year.

THE GAMES COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Games Committee was held on Monday, November 21st, 1926. The following members were present:—The Headmaster, Mr. Cockell, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Mayers, Mr. Butler, A. Greenhalgh (Head of School), H. B. Walkden (Captain of Football), H. Potter, J. Hensor, J. J. Read (House Captains).

The following additional members were elected:—Hague, J. (for Assheton House); Taylor, E. R. (for Lees House); Wrigley, L. (for Platt House); and Bottoms, V. S. (for Hulme House). The Head Master announced that Mr. Green and Mr. Parsons had also been appointed members.

The Sub-Committees were elected as follows:—

FOOTBALL COMMITTEE: Mr. Mayers, H. B. Walkden, H. Potter, J. Hensor and J. J. Read.

CRICKET COMMITTEE: Mr. Edwards and the four Cricket Captains as soon as they shall be elected.

INDOOR GAMES COMMITTEE: Dr. Potter, A. Greenhalgh, E. R. Taylor, L. Wrigley, V. S. Bottoms.

SWIMMING COMMITTEE: Mr. Butler, H. Potter, J. Hague, J. J. Read.

SPORTS COMMITTEE: Mr. Cockell and four members to be elected later.

THE LIBRARY.

Full advantage is again being taken of the Library this year, the number of borrowers increasing weekly, especially in the Upper School; the total has, during the winter months, even exceeded last year's.

There are, however, only a very few members in the Junior School, owing, no doubt, to the formation of a Library of their own. The Lower Forms of the Middle School, too, have not provided many borrowers, although there has been a further increase in the number of adventure books.

The Reference Library, which is being continually augmented, is in great use by the older boys. The Librarians must, however, appeal for more tidiness; the place for books after use is **not** down the back of the shelf, as this is apt to leave a little confusion amongst the other volumes.

Mr. Mayers has shown his interest in the Library by presenting a complete set of Henry Irving "Shakespeare's (14 volumes). This gift was greatly appreciated, as the Library, strange to say, did not contain Shakespeare's complete works.

E.W.

J.D.H.

On leaving School boys often desire to present a book to the Library, but make the complaint that they do not know what books are desirable. Appended is a list of books that will be gratefully received:—

BOOK	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER
Romanticism.....	Lascalles Abercrombie	(Martin Secker)
Idea of Great Poetry	" "	" "
Recent Essays	W. A. L. Archibald	...(Longmans)
Reflections from Shakespeare	Ashwell	(Hutchinson)
Essays on Literature and Life	Brock	(Methuen)
Poems of Rupert Brooke	Rupert Brooke	(Sidgwick & Jackson)
Letters from America	" "	" "
The Dancing Floor ...	John Buchan	...(H. & S.)
The Three Hostages... ..	" "	...(Nelson)
The Dangerfield Talisman	Connington.....	(Fisher Unwin)
The Lost World	Conan Doyle	(Nash)
The Hound of the Baskervilles	" "	" "
The Story of Phil- osophy	Will Durant	(Ernest Benn)
Galahad	John Erskine	(Nash & Grayson)
The High Adventure	Farnol	(Sampson Low)
The Forsyte Saga ...	Galsworthy.....	(Heinemann)
The Silver Spoon	"	" "
Keats	Garrod	(Oxford Univ.)
The Treasure of the Lake	Haggard	(Hutchinson)
The Mayor of Caster- bridge	Hardy	(Macmillan)
Far from the Madding Crowd.....	"	" "
Poems	"	" "
Half-a-Sovereign	Ian Hay	(H. & S.)
Sea Whispers	W. W. Jacobs	" "
Poetry and the Poets	Johnson	(Faber & Gwyer)

BOOK	AUTHOR	PUBLISHER
Debits and Credits ...	Kipling	(Macmillan)
The Three Students .	Haldane Macfall	(Knopf)
Essays on English ...	Brander Matthews ...	(Scribner)
Studies Green and Grey	Newbolt	(Nelson)
Art of Story Writing .	Perry	(Bell)
Word of Honour	"Sapper"	(H. & S.)
Robert Louis Stevenson	John A. Stewart	(Sampson Low)
Kidnapped	R. L. Stevenson.....	(Nash)
Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde	"	"
The Northing Tramp	Edgar Wallace	(H. & S.)
Harmer John: an Unworldly Story ...	Hugh Walpole	(Macmillan)
Words Ancient and Modern	Weekley	(Murray)
A Study of Swinburne	Earle Welby	(Faber & Gwyer)
Some Great English Novels	Orlo Williams	(Macmillan)
The Pigeon House ...	Valentine Williams ...	(H. & S.)
Autobiographies : Reveries over Child- hood and Youth, and the Trembling Veil	W. B. Yeats	(Macmillan)
Great Short Stories of the World	(Heinemann)

DEBATING SOCIETY NOTES, 1926.

As the Debating Society has only held three meetings to date these notes are necessarily somewhat small.

At the General Meeting held on Friday, October 22nd, the following Officers were elected:—President, the Head Master; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Mayers, Mr. Huxtable and Mr. Buckley; Secretary, A. Greenhalgh; Assistant Secretary, W. Garlick; Treasurer, J. Hensor; Committee, V. S. Bottoms and E. R. Taylor; Sergeant-at-Arms, N. L. Reece.

It was resolved to ask the sanction of the President to a new rule:—

"That members arriving more than five minutes after the commencement of a Debate, be allowed to take an active part in the Debate, but shall not be allowed to vote."

which was proposed by A. Greenhalgh on the ground that, as the offenders not only interrupted the Debate, but also were unable to form a true opinion on the subject, having missed a major portion of opening speech.

It was also decided to hold an additional Debate on January 14th, 1927, this being the first Friday after the Christmas Holidays.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5th, 1926.

The above date marked the first Debate of the Session, considering which the attendance was very poor.

Mr. Huxtable, who occupied the chair, called upon J. Hirst to propose the motion:—"That the camera has greater potentialities in art than the painter's brush."

The proposer said that painting was quite slow and inaccurate compared with photography, which was far cheaper and wider in its application to art.

V. S. Bottoms, the opposer, in an emotional speech, described the camera by reference to "his friend, the dictionary," as a vault, ceiling, or camera obscura. He then subtly disposed of each as having no artistic connection. He went on to say that the camera was limited to realities, and lacked the personality of a painting.

E. H. Ellis, seconding Hirst, said that the camera was comparatively new and had greater possibilities. With lively anticipation he informed us that he could use his camera after death, whereas a brush would be singed.

N. L. Reece, seconding the opposition, based his arguments on the assumption that art required more skill than photography.

Many interesting points were raised in the casual speeches, perhaps the best being that by F. Buckley, who stated that most cameras were bought for taking photographs of relatives, which was certainly not art.

The following spoke in favour of the motion:—A. Greenhalgh (who engaged constantly in wordy warfare with Mr. Mayers), W. Garlick, V. T. Lees and G. Cheetham; while Mr. Mayers, E. R. Taylor and F. Buckley favoured the opposition.

After Bottoms (who held a rather more optimistic view of his post-earthly destination than Ellis) and Hirst had summed up, the vote was taken, resulting in a win for the opposition by 15 votes to 10.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12th, 1926.

On this date Mr. Huxtable again occupied the chair and, before a good attendance, called upon A. Greenhalgh to propose the motion:—"That poetry serves no useful purpose in the modern world."

Greenhalgh began with a verbose oration in which he described poetry as a literary cancer, and poets as irresponsibles suffering from a disease which had a detrimental effect on their sanity. After quoting us some "home-made" poetry, he attempted, amidst roars of laughter, to show that ideals were a thing of the past, and that, therefore, poetry, being dependent on them, was also out of date.

F. Buckley, in opposing, told us that Greenhalgh viewed the subject from a typical schoolboy standpoint. He urged us to forget our prejudices and our extreme youthfulness, and remember that some people derived pleasure from poetry.

P. N. Hadfield, in seconding Greenhalgh, said that poetry was not essential because prose was as good, if not better. He said that poetry was obscure in sense and uninteresting to read.

L. Whiteley, seconding the opposition, suggested that there was the poetry of motion, the poetry of the sculptor and painter, as well as poetry proper. He thought that all beautiful language whether rhythmic or otherwise was poetry.

The following members then spoke:—E. R. Taylor (con), V. S. Bottoms (con), W. Garlick (con), Heginbottom (pro) (who called attention on point of order to Greenhalgh's poetry), Mr. Buckley (con), (who moved a vote of condolence to Greenhalgh upon the said poetry), V. Hirst (pro), Mr. Mayers (con), G. Cheetham (pro), J. Hensor (con) and S. Halliday (con).

F. Buckley then summed up for the opposition, his words being punctuated by outbursts on Greenhalgh's speech. The latter then summed up his arguments, attempting to obscure the issue by the description of a lurid, sensational, and, we may hope, terrifying dream.

His ruse, however, was only partially successful, for after Mr. Huxtable's summing up the motion was defeated by 23 votes to 13.

W.G.

CHESS CLUB.

During the last School year a Chess Club was instituted. Five sets of Chessmen and two new Boards were obtained, one of the sets of Chessmen being the gift of Mrs. L. W. Taylor. E. R. Taylor was appointed Secretary. The game was taken up enthusiastically and, in addition to those who could play previously, many learners were soon playing in the Library, which was often thronged during the dinner hour and after school with enthusiasts from all Upper School Forms. Though Middle School boys were limited to Wednesday evenings and Tuesday afternoons for playing in the Library, most Middle School Forms bought their own sets, and thus spread the game throughout that part of the School.

The enthusiasm for the game cooled during the fine summer months and up to the present time it has not recovered all its lost popularity, but it is to be hoped that it will soon return to favour with the School in general.

It has been suggested that competitions should be held, and, as soon as sufficient keenness is shown, the organisation of tournaments and matches will be undertaken.

E. R. TAYLOR.

O. H. G. S. WIRELESS SOCIETY.

President : The Head Master. Vice-President : Mr. E. S. Jones.
 Secretary : Lees, V. T. Treasurer : Greenhalgh, A.
 In charge of Equipment : Ogden. Librarian : Watson, R.

At the first meeting of the Society a three valve set constructed by Lees, V. T., was demonstrated. Atmospheric were somewhat disturbing but Radio-Paris and one or two other foreign stations were received on the Loud Speaker.

The School set was demonstrated at the second meeting. The local station was received at good strength on the indoor aerial. Mr. Jones thought that a larger high tension battery than was used would considerably improve reception.

The three valve set owned by Lees was again used at the third meeting. On this occasion several of the members began constructing sets for themselves in the Manual Room. Later on in the evening Mr. Jones said that he thought the funds of the Society would be well employed in buying a high tension battery, and suggested that one of the "Wet Leclanche" type should be bought. His suggestion was approved of by the members present.

It was then decided that the Society should pay a visit to the Wireless Exhibition at the City Hall, Manchester. Friday, October 29th, being half term holiday, was thought a convenient date.

THE WIRELESS EXHIBITION.

At the Exhibition, prominence was given to slow-motion controls for square-law and straight line frequency condensers. Huge "show models" of these being on view. Messrs. Radions, valve manufacturers, had at their stand a valve, hanging by a cotton thread, which was lit without any visible connections. This novelty attracted a large crowd of people. At another stall a machine might be seen, winding low frequency transformer coils. One was struck by the number of manufacturers exhibiting high tension accumulators, the majority being very reasonably priced. At the stand of the Mullard Valve Co. an interesting display of valves was to be seen, including valves as used at the Manchester and Daventry Stations. Another interesting exhibit was that of the sets as used in the Army. One of the receiving sets was working and the strains of the band playing but a few yards away in the Concert Hall could be heard. Owing to the great speed at which wireless waves travel, as compared with sound waves, the sounds issuing from the loud speaker would be heard a fraction of a second before those coming from the band itself, could be heard by the people in the room—about 100 feet off.

On the gallery could be seen the sets constructed by amateurs for the competitions. The multi-valve sets were constructed mostly on the American Style of cabinet, and simplicity of controls was aimed at. Among the novelty sets some very ingenious designs were to be found. At the other end of the gallery was the "Radio House." This model house was furnished in the most modern style by Lewis's of Manchester. Wireless sets supplied by various makers were working in the different rooms. Some of these sets were offered as prizes for the winner in a ballot who guessed the number of people viewing the Radio House during the Exhibition.

The Wireless Exhibition, on the whole, was similar to the previous ones. The components demonstrated, however, were superior in design and manufacture to those of last year.

At the most recent meeting of the Society on November 12th, Ogden, J., demonstrated a one valve set which was similar to one on view at the Exhibition. Using one hundred volts high tension and a power valve it worked the loud speaker with sufficient volume for a small room.

The Society has at its disposal various components which are lent out to members who wish to try circuits before buying the parts themselves. It has also a number of magazines, both American and English, and a volume of the Wireless Encyclopædia.

The subscription is 2/6, membership being open to boys from the Upper School and from the Middle School on special application.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL.

SUMMER TERM, 1926.

The three outstanding events of this term were :—The Picnic, the Cricket Match between the Junior School and the Lower Third Form, and the Athletic Sports.

A detailed account of the Picnic has been written for this magazine by a member of the Junior School, so that I am thereby relieved from the onus of recording the events of a very pleasant day.

It only remains for me to voice the gratitude we all feel to the Head Master and Mrs. Pickford for contributing so much to the interest, pleasure, and general success of the outing.

CRICKET.

The most important match of the season was that between the Junior School XV. and an XI. of the Lower Third (Middle School). The match was played on the 1st XI. ground. About 40 parents who witnessed a most exciting contest were entertained to tea by Mrs. Pickford on the terrace of the new pavilion.

The Junior School gave an excellent account of itself, beating the Lower III by no less than 30 runs.

The Juniors batted first, and knocked up 69 runs, of which Shaw, J., made 18. Lees, J. O., batted in good style, although he only made 8 runs.

The Lower III crumpled up badly before the combined attack of Shaw, J., and Marsden, and were all out for 39 runs!

The former was the hero of the match, for he not only made the highest individual score, but also took the most wickets (5). He bowled with great effect, and none of the Third Form faced him with any confidence. Marsden also bowled successfully,

and took 4 wickets. The Juniors fielded surprisingly well. Excellent catches were made by Wright, J. A., Lees, J. O., and Higham. (Wright's was a real beauty!) Nield, J. D., made a very plucky attempt to catch a fierce off-drive.

Cummings and Torkington were the top scorers for Lower III, each making 11 runs.

THE ATHLETIC SPORTS.

Details are given elsewhere.

Cummings is to be congratulated on carrying off the Silver Cup kindly presented by Mrs. Pickford to the winner of the 100 yards.

WINTER TERM, 1926.

The Junior School welcomes 20 new arrivals this term, in addition to the 12 others who came last Easter. We are always very glad to see new faces, as we firmly believe in the old adage, "the more, the merrier."

The most important event that has taken place so far this term was the Football Match between the Junior School and the Lower III (Middle School). This was played on the Middle School ground a few weeks ago, and resulted in a win for Lower III by 3 goals to 1. The score stood at 1 goal each five minutes from full-time, which proves that the game was a very even one. Most of the Juniors gave a good account of themselves when facing bigger and older opponents; the most praiseworthy efforts being made by Wright, J. A., at left full-back, Partington, H. H., at half, and Ferguson, G. R., at inside left. The last-named scored the only goal for the Juniors, but it was a really good one. The goal scorers for the Lower III were Taylor, T. (2), and Lees, J. O., (1).

A Junior School Library has been started this term, and the number of books already exceeds 100. The co-operation of all our members is earnestly sought in order to make the Library a continued success.

Bagot is proving a most energetic and efficient Librarian, and he is ably assisted by Hirst, S.

The plot of ground behind the Chemistry Laboratory has lately been the scene of much juvenile activity; in fact, so intensive was the zeal of these youthful gardeners that the Head Master and the Head of the Junior School Department were reported to have been actively infected by the prevailing enthusiasm.

F.M.P.

FOOTBALL, 1925-26.

1st XI. v. MR. EDWARDS' XI.

Played on September 26th.

The game was fairly brisk in the first half, but the School fell to pieces in the second half. Our forwards had hard luck several times, but the defence could not hold out against the speed of the opposing forwards. The 1st XI. missed two penalties. Smith and Kirkman scored.

Result:—1st XI., 3 goals ; Mr. Edwards' XI., 6.

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

Played at Oldham on October 3rd.

The 1st XI. had evidently profited by the previous match, as early in the game Smith, Potter, H., and Kirkman scored, but in the second half Manchester were the better side.

Kirkman scored two more goals after the interval.

Result:—1st XI., 5 goals ; Manchester G.S., 5 goals.

1st XI. v. WARRINGTON G.S.

Played at Oldham on October 10th.

This game was surprisingly fast, considering the treacherous state of the ground, and the 1st XI. soon had four goals to their credit, but they again fell away in the second half.

Kirkman scored 2 goals, and Slater and Smith one each.

Result:—1st XI., 4 goals ; Warrington, 3 goals.

1st XI. v. STOCKPORT G.S.

Played at Oldham on October 17th.

The players were badly handicapped by the heavy state of the ground, and both sides missed many chances of scoring. Kirkman played very well and scored all the goals.

Result:—1st XI., 3 goals ; Stockport, 0.

1st XI. v. MR. COCKELL'S XI.

Played on October 24th.

Although both sides showed a singular lack of scientific play, the play was keen and fairly interesting. The School defence played very well. Goals were scored by Slater and Smith.

Result :—1st XI., 2 goals ; Mr. Cockell's XI., 2 goals.

1st XI. v. MR. PARSON'S XI.

The Clerk of the weather must disapprove of this match, as it has been postponed three times.

1st XI. v. STAND G. S.

Played at Stand on November 4th.

The 1st XI. were handicapped by the size of the ground, yet Stand were a better side and deserved their victory. Kirkman was unable to play, but Read filled his place very ably.

Goals were scored by Smith, Read and Hensor.

Result :—1st XI., 3 goals ; Stand, 5 goals.

1st XI. v. BURY G. S.

Played at Bury on November 11th.

The School lost by four goals, but the play was much more even than the score indicates. Whitworth played very well and scored two goals. Potter, H., also scored.

Result :—1st XI., 3 goals ; Bury, 7 goals.

1st XI. v. OLD BOYS.

Played on December 5th.

In this match the forwards were feeble, while the defence was quite sound. Read scored our only goal.

Result :—1st XI., 1 goal ; Old Boys, 2 goals.

Sat., Jan. 30	v. Stockport G.S.	Away	Lost	1—4
Sat., Feb. 6	v. Manchester G.S. 2nd XI.	Away	Won	5—3
Sat., Feb. 20	v. Mr. Parson's XI.	Home	Won	11—0
Wed. Mar. 3	v. Stand G. S.	Home	Lost	2—5
Sat., Mar. 6	v. Old Boys	Home	Won	5—2
Wed., Mar. 17	v. Warrington G. S.	Away	Lost	4—6

Played 14, Won 5, Lost 7, and 2 were drawn.

The following represented the 1st XI. during the season :—
 J. R. Marner, I. Slater, F. Kirkman, H. Potter, H. B. Walkden,
 W. B. Potter, R. Woolstencroft, J. Hensor, J. Read, J. W. Smith,
 N. L. Reece, R. Whitworth, and O. Mills.

FOOTBALL 1925-26,

(SPRING TERM).

1st XI. v. STOCKPORT G. S.

Played at Stockport on January 30th, and lost by 4 goals to 1.

The forwards seemed to be lost on a ground which was much larger than their own, and they never worked together properly.

1st XI. :—Mills, O ; Walkden and Woolstencroft ; Potter, W. B. ; Wilson and Lees, A. S. ; Whitworth, Slater, Read, Potter, H. ; and Hensor.

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

Played at Manchester, on February 6th, and resulting in a win for the 1st XI, by 5 goals to 3.

The scorers were Hensor 3, Potter, H., 1, and Whitworth 1.

1st XI. :—Mills, O. ; Sutcliffe and Woolstencroft ; Potter, W. B., Wilson and Lees, A. S. ; Whitworth, Slater, Potter, H., Hensor and Porter.

1st XI. v. MR. PARSON'S XI.

Played at Oldham, on February 20th. 1st XI. won by 11 goals to 0.

The ground was in a very bad condition and the game was very one-sided. The scorers were Slater 4, Potter, H., 2, Read 2, Whitworth, Wilson and Walkden, one each.

1st XI. :—Mills, O. ; Walkden and Woolstencroft ; Potter, W. B., Wilson and Lees, A. S. ; Whitworth, Slater, Potter, H., Read and Hensor.

1st XI. v. STAND G.S.

Played at Oldham, on March 3rd. 1st XI. lost by 2 goals to 5.

This match was played in a gale and as Stand won the toss they had a distinct advantage. At half-time our defence was exhausted and could do little to help the forwards.

We were unfortunate in being deprived of the services of Walkden who was absent from School.

Our goals were scored by Read and Whitworth.

1st XI. :—Reece ; Woolstencroft and Hague ; Beard, Potter, W. B. and Lees, A. S. ; Whitworth, Slater, Potter, H., Read and Hensor.

1st XI. v. OLD BOYS.

Played on March 6th. 1st XI. won by 5 goals to 2.

The Old Boys' Captain has been kind enough to write the following account of the match :—

The game opened with the Old Boys playing towards College Road, the wind and sun in their favour. The early stages were rather puzzling. We certainly had most of the play and yet we seemed merely to be making a show of our advantage. The School, on the other hand, pursued the right tactics from the beginning, keeping the ball low and always in combination with a minimum amount of individual effort. Fewer though their onslaughts were, they opened the score after about 20 minutes' play. This seemed to spur us on and we monopolised even more of the play than before, yet we had done no better than equalise when half-time came.

After the resumption, conditions were changed and we had much ado to hold our own. With 15 minutes to go the School were leading by 3 goals to 1. A rally on the part of the Old Boys then changed the score to 3—2. Feeling now began to run high round the touch-line, but unfortunately the response was ineffective. During the remainder of the game we were hopelessly at sea and the School added another two goals, making the final score 5—2. Potter, H., 3, Read 1, and Whitworth 1, netted for the School, and Taylor and Mottram for the Old Boys.

I think all will agree that the School XI. has steadily improved during the last two seasons and now plays a really thoughtful combination game. There is only one thing obviously lacking and that is opportunism on the part of the forwards in completing the good work which everyone does in mid-field. The team is uniformly efficient and well-balanced, but if limited individual criticism be permitted one might say that Potter, H., in spite of his diminutive stature, is remarkably sturdy and persistent, and always seems to be on the ball just that vital fraction of a second before his opponent.

With the Old Boys, as was to be expected, individualism was the order of the day. The conditions, however, could scarcely have been more unfavourable to its success, for a high wind and an exceedingly treacherous surface rendered ball control well-nigh impossible. The more artistic we tried to be the, more sullen were the ball's movements by comparison, and the further removed our experiences from our expectations.

Still, we quite enjoyed it, and, though we lost the ashes, as it were, we can now promise ourselves a double pleasure which our unshattered confidence leads us to anticipate.

L.V.L.

1st XI. :—Reece ; Woolstencroft and Sutcliffe ; Beard, Potter, W. B., and Lees, A. S. ; Whitworth, Slater, Potter, H., Read and Hensor.

Old Boys :—Ramsden ; Partington and Thwaites ; Lecomber, Brankin and Marner ; Davies, Fielden, Mottram, Taylor, B., and Hetherington.

1st XI. v. WARRINGTON G. S.

Played at Warrington, on March 17th. Warrington won by 6 goals to 4.

Warrington scored twice in the last few minutes and won deservedly.

1st XI. :—Reece ; Woolstencroft and Hague ; Gilbert, Potter, W. B., and Lees, A. S. ; Whitworth, Slater, Potter, H., Read and Hensor.

The play of the School this season was rather erratic. Sometimes they played very well and worked together, while at other times the team was very disjointed.

L.S.

SECOND ELEVEN.

1925-26.

The 2nd XI. played five matches, two of which were won, two lost, and one was drawn.

Sat., Oct. 3	v. MANCHESTER G. S. 3rd XI.	Away Won	4—1
Wed., Nov. 4	v. STAND G. S. 2nd XI.	Home Won	8—3
Wed., Nov. 11	v. BURY G. S. 2nd XI.	Home Lost	2—5
Wed., Mar. 3	v. STAND G. S. 2nd XI.	Away Drawn	1—1
Wed., Mar. 10	v. BURY G. S. 2nd XI.	Away Lost	2—7

UNDER 15.

The "Under 15" team played two matches against Bury G. S.
 "Under 15" :—

Sat., Oct. 24	Away.....	Drawn.....	2—2.
Sat., Jan. 30	Home	Drawn.....	4—4.

HOUSES MATCHES.

Owing to the miserable weather after Christmas it was impossible to play all the House Matches. After a spell of several lean years "Hulme" at last asserted themselves and won most of their matches.

Some of the 2nd XI. matches were a farce.

		1st XI.	2nd XI.
Sept. 30	"Assheton" v. "Hulme" ...	3—9	9—5
Oct. 7	"Lees" v. "Platt"	8—0	31—1
Oct. 14	"Assheton" v. "Lees"	11—6	4—5
Oct. 21	"Hulme" v. "Platt"	3—2	4—3
Oct. 28	"Platt" v. "Assheton"	4—6	3—15
Nov. 18	"Lees" v. "Hulme"	1—3	4—8
Nov. 25	"Hulme" v. "Assheton"	6—2	not played
Dec. 2	"Platt" v. "Lees"	not played.	
Jan. 20	"Lees" v. "Assheton"	4—6	5—33
Jan. 27	"Platt" v. "Hulme"	3—9	12—16
Feb. 3	"Hulme" v. "Lees"	1—3	not played
Feb. 10	"Assheton" v. "Platt"	9—1	not played

The chief scorers were for	Assheton 1st XI. :	F. Kirkman.
"	"	2nd XI. : Hopkinson.
"	"	Hulme 1st XI. : Read.
"	"	" 2nd XI. : J. R. H. Shaw.
"	"	Lees 1st XI. : Smith and
"	"	B. C. Holden.
"	"	" 2nd XI. : H. Barlow and
"	"	Kenworthy.
"	"	Platt 1st XI. : Hensor.

"HULME" HOUSE.

(Captain—L. SLATER).

We have had a very successful season and have won the Championship, having lost one match only. In the match against "Lees" we were deprived of the services of Read—our chief scorer.

A few weeks later, however, we had our revenge. Reece in goal, and the backs, Woolstencroft, Watts (who left at Christmas) and J. R. H. Shaw, have always done their work very well. The halves, Hibbert, V. S. Bottoms and Halliday, though somewhat light, defended very well, although at times their passes to the forwards might have been more accurate. The forwards, led by Read, have played good football, the only weakness being on the right wing. Garlick, on the other wing, though playing in an unaccustomed position, has done very well. Read scored nearly 20 goals and has been a great success. Slater (the Captain) helped his side in no small degree.

The 2nd XI. also played very keenly and met with considerable success.

"LEES" HOUSE.

"Lees" did quite well until Christmas, but failed afterwards owing to the loss of several very useful players. H. Potter was a good Captain and tried to put some enthusiasm into his House.

The forwards were rather poor, with the exception of Thornton and Potter. The backs and half-backs were quite useful and so were both Abbott (before Christmas) and Greenhalgh in goal.

"PLATT" HOUSE.

This House lost their Captain, J. R. Marner, at Christmas, and his loss was very greatly felt. The chief weakness in the team was the half-back line; the backs were distinctly good. Mills, the Captain after Christmas, played well in goal, but the forwards were poor, Hensor alone being an exception.

The 2nd XI. could not hope to meet with much success as they never had a full side.

"ASSHETON" HOUSE.

"Assheton" possessed several very useful players, among whom F. Kirkman was an exceedingly good forward and a very prolific scorer. The most prominent of the others were H. B. Walkden, W. B. Potter, L. K. Stott, Porter, Hague and C. E. Bottoms. The 1st XI. did not do at all badly, but they ought to have won the Championship with such a powerful side. Kirkman was Captain before Christmas and Walkden after Christmas.

MIDDLE SCHOOL.

The weather was just as unkind to the Middle School on Tuesdays as it was to the Upper School on Wednesdays, and several matches had to be postponed from time to time.

The following is a complete list of the results, together with the names of the scorers:—

Sept. 29	{ Booth (3) Brookes, Hurst L., Davies, F., one each. Travis (3) Rhodes, Whitworth and Shackleton one each.
Oct. 6	{ Gill (6) Firth 3, Spencer 2, and Halliwell 1. Emmott (2) Burton and Ashton, J., one each.
Oct. 13	{ Booth (3) Brookes, Davies, F., and Partington, T., one each. Emmott (3) Burton 2 and Ashton, A., one
Oct. 20	{ Travis (2) Barlow, H., and Edwards one each. Gill (0)
Oct. 27	{ Gill (0) Booth (0)
Nov. 17	{ Emmott (5) Burton 3, Walkden, F., and Newton, one each. Travis (1) Barlow, H.
Jan. 26	{ Travis (4) Shackleton and Rhodes 2 each. Booth (2) Shepherd, J., and Davies, F., one each.
Feb. 2	{ Gill (4) Firth 4. Emmott (1) Walkden F.

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CRICKET.

SEASON, 1926.

The 1st XI. lost one match by the narrowest margin and although they won only two matches, they were unlucky not to win more; the remaining five matches were drawn.

W. B. Potter made an excellent Captain—one of the best we have had for twenty years. The side played very well under his Captaincy. Potter was not too proud to ask for advice. The fielding was rather above the average, most of the batting was distinctly good, but the bowling was rather weak.

We ought to have another very good season in 1927, if the following do not leave before then:—H. Potter (an excellent batsman with a sound defence and several very pretty strokes), Woolstencroft (a fairly fast bowler, very deadly at times, but inclined to be erratic), Read, Hensor and L. K. Stott (all three very useful all-round players), Reece (quite above the average as a wicket-keeper), F. Schofield and C. E. Bottoms (young players of much promise).

FIRST ELEVEN.
BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inns.	Times not out.	Runs.	Most in an Inns.	Avg.
H. Potter	8	0	220	91	27.50
F. Schofield	4	3	25	9*	25.00
M. Gilbert	4	0	68	27	17.00
J. Read	8	2	88	24	14.33
N. Sutcliffe	5	0	66	31	13.20
W. B. Potter.....	6	0	70	23	11.70
L. Slater	6	2	43	24	10.75
J. Hensor	7	3	38	15	9.50
N. L. Reece	5	1	38	18	9.50
L. K. Stott	6	0	39	16	6.50
R. Woolstencroft ...	5	1	8	6*	2.00

* Signifies not out.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

(8 Wickets or more).

	Overs	Mdns.	Runs	Wkts.	Avg.
Woolstencroft ...	73.4	23	175	31	5.70
Read	68.1	28	132	19	6.90
Potter, W. B. ...	25	6	65	9	7.20

Catches were made by:—Reece 5, Read 4, Woolstencroft 3, Schofield 2, and one each by Hensor, H. Potter, Slater and Stott.

1st XI. v. STOCKPORT G. S.

Played at Oldham, on June 19th. Drawn.

Stockport made 85 (of which Wright made 35).

Woolstencroft 4 for 36 and Read 3 for 11.

1st XI.	RUNS
Potter, H., c. Wright, b. Edge	25
Potter, W. B., run out	23
Sutcliffe, run out	14
Slater, not out	2
Stott, run out	6
Read; b. Edge	5
Hensor, not out	2
Woolstencroft, c. and b. Edge	0
Extras	5
Total for 6 wickets.....	82

1st XI. v. WARRINGTON G. S.

Played at Oldham on June 26th. Drawn.

Warrington declared at 71 for 7 (Clarke, R., 35, Clarke, K., 21).

Read 3 for 14 and Potter, W. B., 2 for 6.

1st XI.		RUNS
Potter, W. B., lbw., b. Povey		14
Potter, H., run out		18
Sutcliffe, lbw., b. Clarke, R.		6
Stott, c. Newton, b. Clarke, R.		4
Read, c. Dendy, b. Clarke, R.		15
Hensor, not out		0
Slater, not out		0
Extras		4
Total for 5 wickets.....		61

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

Played at Oldham on June 30th, resulting in a draw very much in our favour after a somewhat unpleasant match—unpleasant owing to the action of the visiting Captain in going out to umpire so that he might be able to no-ball Woolstencroft, who was bowling (not throwing) very well indeed. The visiting Captain could very easily have appealed to one of the Masters present, if he saw, or thought he saw, anything wrong with the bowling.

1st XI.		RUNS
Potter, W. B., run out		5
Potter, H., c. and b. Smith		40
Slater, b. Renshaw		5
Stott, L. K., c. Robinson, b. Renshaw ...		16
Gilbert, run out		27
Read, b. Clarke		24
Hensor, c. Toft, b. Clarke		0
Reece, b. Robinson		1
Walkden, lbw., b. Robinson		0
Schofield, F., not out		7
Woolstencroft, b. Clarke		0
Extras		5
Total		130

Manchester G. S. scored 74 for 7 wickets.

Woolstencroft 4 for 15.

1st XII. v. OLD BOYS (12 a-side).

Played on July 1st and won by 26 runs.

OLD BOYS.	RUNS
Anderson, b. Woolstencroft	15
Barber, b. Woolstencroft	4
Lecomber, c. Schofield, b. Potter, W. B.	51
Roebuck, b. Woolstencroft	4
Warhurst, b. Read	6
Shaw, c. Stott, b. Potter, W. B.	5
Ashton, b. Read	1
Singleton, b. Read	0
Shepherd, b. Potter, W. B.	0
Dale, run out	3
Wright, not out	0
Hadfield, b. Potter, W. B.	4
Extras	5
Total	98

Woolstencroft 3 for 16, Potter, W. B., 4 for 16,
and Read 3 for 26.

1st XII.	RUNS
Potter, H., lbw., b. Anderson	15
Potter, W. B., b. Warhurst	3
Slater, c. and b. Dale	12
Stott, L. K., c. and b. Dale	8
Gilbert, lbw., b. Hadfield	20
Read, lbw., b. Barber	18
Hensor, c. and b. Barber	14
Reece, b. Ashton	8
Schofield, F., not out	3
Walkden, b. Ashton.....	0
Bottoms, C. E., b. Ashton	7
Woolstencroft, c. Shepherd, b. Ashton ...	1
Extras	15
Total	124

Ashton 4 for 8, Barber 2 for 24, and Dale 2 for 9,
were the most successful bowlers.

If Ashton had been put on to bowl earlier the
result would probably have been different.

1st XI. v. STOCKPORT G. S.

Played at Stockport on July 3rd. Drawn.

1st XI.	RUNS
Potter, W. B., retired hurt	17
Potter, H., b. Edge	17
Slater, b. Edge	0
Stott, L. K., b. Edge	1
Gilbert, c. Hall, b. Wright	20
Read, b. Hall	1
Hensor, c. Wright, b. Hall	7
Reece, c. Cunane, b. Wright	18
Schofield, F., b. Hall	6
Walkden, lbw., b. Wright	0
Woolstencroft, not out	6
Extras	28
Total	121

Stockport scored 106 for 7. (Briggs 56).

Woolstencroft 5 for 24.

1st XI. v. STAND G. S.

Played at Stand and lost by 1 run ; the 1st XI.
were without Potter, W. B., Slater and
Gilbert.

Stand scored 96.

Woolstencroft 6 for 25, Read 3 for 22.

1st XI.	RUNS
Potter, H., lbw., b. Wood.....	14
Sutcliffe, c. Kirkman, b. Wood	31
Stott, L. K., c. Entwistle, b. Wood	4
Read, b. Wood	1
Hensor, c. Mathers, b. Ridings	15
Reece, c. Kirkman, b. Wood	11
Schofield, F., not out	9
Bottoms, C. E., lbw., b. Wood	0
Woolstencroft, b. Ridings	1
Walkden, lbw., b. Ridings	0
Kirkman, W. A., run out	2
Extras	7
Total	95

1st XI. v. WARRINGTON G. S.

Played at Warrington on July 10th. Drawn.

Warrington scored 66 for 9 (declared).

Woolstencroft 6 for 20, Read 2 for 11.

1st XI.	RUNS
Potter, H., lbw., b. Clarke	0
Sutcliffe, c. and b. R. Clarke	11
Gray, run out	14
Read, not out	3
Reece, not out	0
Extras	2
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Total for 3 wickets.....	30

Potter, W. B., Stott, Hensor, Gilbert, Schofield,
and Woolstencroft did not bat.

1st XII. v. OLD BOYS (12 a-side).

Played on July 17th, and resulting in a win for
the School by over 90 runs, thanks mainly
to a very fine innings of 91 by H. Potter,
and also to the good bowling by Read,
Hensor and Woolstencroft.

OLD BOYS.	RUNS
Whitehead, c. Reece, b. Woolstencroft ...	0
Latham, c. Reece, b. Woolstencroft	1
Taylor, N., hit wicket, b. Hensor	8
Bentley, C. W., run out	18
Bentley, C., b. Gilbert	13
Lecomber, c. Read, b. Hensor	14
Denton, b. Hensor,	7
Horrobin, c. Schofield, b. Read	11
Lees, J. A., b. Read.....	0
Lees, W. R. P., not out	1
Partington, c. Reece, b. Read	0
Brierley, J. A., c. Hensor, b. Read	1
Extras	5
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Total	79

Read 4 for 10, Hensor 3 for 24, and Woolsten-
croft 2 for 13.

1st XII.	RUNS
Potter, H., c. Lees, J. A., b. Bentley, C. ...	91
Potter, W. B., lbw., b. Denton	8
Sutcliffe, c. Whitehead, b. Bentley, C. ...	4
Slater, b. Taylor.....	24
Gilbert, b. Taylor	1
Read, not out	21
Hensor, not out	0
Extras	22

Total for 5 wickets (declared)... 171

Gray, Stott, Reece, Schofield and Woolstencroft did not bat.

Eleven of the Old Boys bowled; Bentley, C., took 2 for 19, Taylor 2 for 41, and Denton 1 for 9.

The Old Boys scored 60 for 4 wickets in their second innings, Brierley being undefeated after a very good innings of over 30.

Thus ended a very successful season.

The only fault to be found in the team was the rather foolish way some of the players ran themselves out. The fielding was always very keen and very pleasing to me.

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The 2nd XI. and the "Under 15" teams were not successful in winning any matches.

2nd XI.—90. Manchester G. S. 3rd XI.—95.

2nd XI.—104. Stand G. S. 2nd XI.—109 (for 8).

All the other matches were scratched owing mostly to the bad weather.

"Under 15," 27.

Bury G. S. "Under 15," 60.
(Brooks 4 for 15).

HOUSES MATCHES.

It was impossible to play more than three House Matches, and in these the bowling was always too good for the batting.

"Assheton" 22 (for 5)	"Lees" 20
"Hulme" 48	"Platt" 39
"Assheton" 33 (for 6)	"Platt" 16

Both "Assheton" and "Hulme" were undefeated.

UPPER SCHOOL.

Notable performances were achieved by the following:—

Grey, 101 (not out) in a Practice Game.	
Buckley, A., 53 in a Practice Game.	
Ashton, A. B., 51 (not out) "Under 15" v. Middle School.	
Kirkman 36.	
Ward, N., 36.	
Grey, 31, 2nd XI. v. Stand G. S. 2nd XI.	
Kirkman, 29, 2nd XI. v. Manchester G. S. 3rd XI.	
Kirkman, 22, "Under 15" v. Middle School.	
Taylor, E. R., 20, 2nd XI. v. Manchester G. S. 3rd XI.	
Stott, L. K.5 wickets for 9	"Assheton" v. "Lees"
Bottoms, C. E. .4	" "
Bottoms, C. E. .4	8 "Assheton" v. "Platt."
Stott, L. K.4	7 " "
Shepherd, J.4	12 "Platt" v. "Assheton."
Bottoms, C. E. .4	22 2nd XI. v. Manchester G. S. 3rd XI.
Ashton, A. B.4	22 "Under 15" v. Middle School.
Marsland6	12 In a Practice Game.

MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Longbottom, 48, "Booth" v. "Gill."	
Firth, 39, Practice Game.	
Torkington, A. G., 34, "Booth v. "Emmott."	
Firth, 25, "Gill" v. "Emmott."	
Burton, 24, "Emmott" v. "Booth."	
Longbottom, 24, "Booth" v. "Gill."	
Leach, 24, "Travis" v. "Gill."	
Tankard, 21, Middle School v. "Under 15."	
Walkden, F., 21, Middle School v. "Under 15."	
Wright, F. W., 21 (not out), "Booth" v. "Travis."	
Spencer, 20 (not out), "Booth" v. "Gill."	
Firth.....9 for 12	"Gill" v. "Emmott."
Brooks8	3 "Travis" v. "Emmott."
Wolfenden8	32
Firth.....7	7
Longbottom ..7	25 "Booth" v. "Emmott."
Longbottom ..6	9 "Booth" v. "Gill."
Torkington A. G.6	5 Lower III v. Junior School.
Hague6	14 Lower III v. Junior School.
Whitworth R. R.6	22 Lower IV. v. Upper III.

Firth.....	5 for 13	"Gill" v. "Booth."
Cummings	5 ,, 12	Lower III v. Junior School.
Whitworth R. R.	5 ,, 1	
Brooks	5 ,, 11	U. IVa v. Rest of Middle School.
Brooks	4 ,, 6	"Travis" v. "Gill."
Brooks	4 ,, 15	"Under 15" v. Bury G. S. "Under 15."

MIDDLE SCHOOL—HOUSES MATCHES.

"BOOTH" v. "GILL."

"Booth" 94 for 7.

Longbottom scored 48.

Whittaker 4 wickets for 26.

"Gill" 14.

Longbottom 6 wickets for 9.

"TRAVIS" v. "EMMOTT."

"Travis" 12.

Ashton 5 for 3, Taylor, L., 5 for 3.

"Emmott" 31.

Brooks 8 for 3.

UPPER IVA v. "REST OF MIDDLE SCHOOL."

"Rest of Middle School" 36.

Brooks 5 for 11, Spencer 2 for 6.

Upper IVA 43.

Longbottom 4 for 8, Stanley 2 for 5.

Torkington 2 for 5, Ashton 2 for 15.

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ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1926.

These were held on Wednesday, July 28th, and proved a great attraction. The ground had been well prepared and roped in, and we expected good results, but unfortunately a slight drizzle in the morning made the ground rather slippery.

The Heats, of course, had been run off beforehand, and to-day the finals promised many closely contested races, which proved to be the case.

Slater, L., by his fine racing, carried off the Championship Cup, as everyone had expected.

The Relay Race was keenly contested in the Upper School Division and was won by "Lees" House, but "Assheton" were revenged in the Tug-of-War, where they pulled all-comers over the line. Still in the end, the House Championship was won by "Hulme," thanks to the efforts of Slater, Read and Woolstencroft.

Two events had been dispatched previously, (1) throwing the cricket ball, and (2) the Open Mile.

No descriptions of mine, however vivid, could adequately depict the excitement and thrills of that historic occasion. Suffice it, therefore, that I append a list of the happy winners, together with the Final House Championship Table. M.G.

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

UPPER SCHOOL :

Hulme	82	points.
Lees	70	"
Assheton	36	"
Platt	15	"

MIDDLE SCHOOL :

Gill	34	"
Booth	28	"
Emmott	23	"
Travis	9	"

SPORTS—WINNERS.

Throwing the Cricket Ball : 1st, Woolstencroft (74 yds. 1 ft.) ; 2nd, Reece.

One Mile Scratch : 1st, Greenhalgh ; 2nd, Slater. Time—5 min. 57 $\frac{1}{5}$ sec.

Long Jump—Upper School : 1st, Read (16 ft. 0 in.) ; 2nd, Lees, A. S. (15 ft. 2 in.)

Long Jump—Middle School : 1st, Dunkerley (14 ft. 7 in.) ; 2nd, Pulver (13 ft. 8 in.)

Half Mile—Upper School : 1st, Read ; 2nd, Slater. Time—2 min. 29 secs.

Quarter Mile—Middle School : 1st, Dicken ; 2nd, Spenser. Time—1 min. 10 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.

Quarter Mile Handicap—Upper School (over 15) : 1st, Woolstencroft ; 2nd, Whitworth.

Quarter Mile Handicap—Upper School (under 15) : 1st, Stott, L. K. ; 2nd, Pemberton

100 Yards Scratch—Upper School : 1st, Ward, N. ; 2nd, Slater, L. Time—12 secs.

100 Yards Scratch—Middle School : 1st, Allen ; 2nd, Walkden, M. B. Time—13 secs.

220 Yards Handicap—Upper School (over 15) : 1st, Ward N. ; 2nd, Slater, L.

220 Yards Handicap—Upper School (under 15) : 1st, Stott, L. K. ; 2nd Pemberton.

Relay Race—Upper School : 1st, "Lees" ; 2nd, "Assheton."

Relay Race—Middle School : 1st, "Gill" ; 2nd, "Emmott."

High Jump—Upper School : 1st, Reece (4 ft. 9½ in.) ; 2nd, Tie—Hensor and Beard.

High Jump—Middle School : 1st, Burton (3 ft. 9½ in.) ; 2nd, Firth (3 ft. 8 in.)

Quarter Mile Scratch—Upper School : 1st, Slater, 2nd, Whiteley, L. Time—1 min. 5 secs.

220 Yards Scratch—Middle School : 1st, Allen ; 2nd, Burton. Time—36 2/5 secs.

100 Yards Handicap—Upper School: 1st, Ward, N.; 2nd, Slater.

100 Yards Handicap—Middle School : 1st, Pemberton ; 2nd, Beard.

Tug-of-War—Middle School : "Travis."

Tug-of-War—Upper School : "Assheton."

House Squadron Race—Upper School : 1st, "Assheton" House (58 secs.) ; 2nd, "Lees" House.

House Squadron Race—Middle School : 1st, "Booth" House (72 secs.) ; 2nd, "Gill" House.

THE SWIMMING SPORTS.

OCTOBER 18th, 1926.

The Swimming Sports of 1926 were conducted by Mr. S. Beattie of the Central Baths. Several of the Masters were present, and the balconies on either side of the Bath were crowded with boys.

There were many competitors for the various races and some had entered for several; Hague, for instance, obtained two first places and one second; Schofield obtained three second places; whilst Taylor, K., also got three second places.

In the first race, i.e., the Senior Handicap, F. Kershaw had 26 seconds start on Hague and Whiteley. The latter two, however, picked up well. In the Scratch Race Whiteley, L., led off at a good pace, but failed to keep it up.

Mellodew, trying for the neat dive, made a very fine dive with hardly a splash. Hague, J., in the long dive made a very good dive, but failed to beat Abbott's record of last year.

Senior Handicap (3 lengths): 1st, T. Kershaw (76 secs.); 2nd, J. Mellodew.

Middle Handicap (2 lengths): 1st, G. Platt (52 $\frac{4}{5}$ secs.); 2nd, K. Taylor.

Neat Dive: 1st, J. Mellodew; 2nd, F. Schofield.

Long Dive: 1st, J. Hague (35 ft.); 2nd, K. Taylor (33 ft. 1 ins.)

Breast Stroke (4 lengths): 1st, W. Garlick (91 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs.) 2nd, J. Hague.

Balloon Race: 1st, T. Burton; 2nd, K. Taylor.

Lighted Candle Race: 1st, T. Burton; 2nd, F. Schofield.

SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st, J. Hague, with 14 points.

2nd, F. Schofield, with 6 points.

3rd, J. Mellodew and W. Garlick, each with 5 points.

5th, K. Taylor,

HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Upper School—"Assheton," 34 points.

Middle School—"Booth," 14 points.

FOOTBALL, 1926.**1st XI. v. MANCHESTER G. S. 2nd XI.**

Played at Oldham on October 2nd, resulting in a win for the School by 5 goals to 2.

Our first match was played in beautiful weather and the pitch was in perfect condition. We had most of the game in the early stages, but the forwards could not shoot very straight until Hensor scored with a beautiful shot. Manchester scored before half-time and did most of the attacking for quite a long time after the change of end and were leading with only 15 minutes to play. An extraordinary change came over the game and goals were scored in rapid succession by Hensor (2) and Chadderton (2).

About 20 boys watched this match. It seems strange that most boys prefer to watch a second class professional team than to watch their own School playing a clean and sportsman-like game.

1st XI. v. WARRINGTON G. S.

Played at Oldham on October 9th. 1st XI. lost by 2 goals to 1.

This game was played in heavy rain with a gale blowing. We won the toss and Warrington soon took up the attack and were only prevented from scoring owing to the very resolute defence. Our forwards missed many good opportunities before half-time.

In the second half Warrington were the better team, although we were the first to score through Chadderton. Warrington soon equalised and scored the winning goal shortly afterwards.

1st XI. :—Reece ; Walkden, H. B. (Capt.) and Hague ; Bottoms, C. E., Beard and Stott, L. K. ; Ward, Chadderton, Read, Potter and Hensor.

1st XI. v. STOCKPORT G. S.

Played at Oldham on October 16th. 1st XI. won by 4 goals to 1.

We kicked off and our forwards soon settled down to some good combined work, but it was not until the game had been in progress for half an hour that we scored our first goal from a penalty kick. Stockport equalised before half-time, but afterwards we had most of the game, and goals were scored by Chadderton (1) and Potter (2). The forwards played far better than in the Warrington match, but there is still room for considerable improvement : the shooting is very weak.

1st XI. :—Reece ; Walkden H. B. (Capt) and Hague ; Bottoms, C. E., Beard and Stott, L. K. ; Read, Schofield, F., Chadderton, Potter and Hensor.

1st XI. v. OLDHAM SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Played on the Grammar School Ground on October 23rd, and resulting in a win for the 1st XI. by 4 goals to 1 after an exceedingly keen and clean game, in the presence of fully 300 boys from both Schools. For a match of this description there is no reason why 300 Grammar School boys should not be present. It was a far more interesting game than any that I have seen at Boundary Park.

The weather was perfect and the ground in excellent condition. We kicked off and attacked at once but the forwards were evidently suffering from "stage-fright," and were unable to shoot straight. Our first goal came as a result of a consistent attack. Chadderton put in a good shot which hit the post and rebounded to Schofield who kicked the ball straight at the goal-keeper ; the ball came back to Chadderton who made no mistake this time.

Hensor scored from a very long shot just before the interval.

On resuming, the visitors had most of the play and gave the backs plenty of work to do. Play was then taken to the other end and Chadderton scored again. The visitors then attacked strongly and scored a goal, and it was only the good work on the part of Reece and the backs that prevented a few more goals. After this prolonged attack the visitors seemed to become depressed and Potter scored with a very fine shot.

Reece played very well indeed.

1st XI. :—Reece ; Walkden, H. B., and Hague ; Bottoms, C. E., Beard and Stott, L. K. ; Read, Schofield, F., Chadderton, Potter and Hensor.

O. H. G. S. v. BOWDEN COLLEGE.

Played at Oldham, Wednesday, October 27th.

School Team :—Reece ; Walkden, H. B., Hague, J. ; Bottoms, C. E., Beard, Stott, L. K. ; Read, Schofield, E. Chadderton, Potter and Hensor.

School kicked off against a strong wind. Play was even in the first half, both sides doing their fair share of attacking. The School backs were somewhat shaky and frequently miskicked, but the extremely poor finishing of Bowden prevented any score. Hensor scored for School after twenty minutes with a dropping shot from the touchline, which deceived the opposing custodian. As a result of some good work, Chadderton scored before half-time.

Half-time score :—School, 2 ; Bowden, 0.

Bowden did most of the attacking in the second half, but, although they came near to scoring on several occasions, they were so poor in front of goal that they only found the net once, after a mistake by the School backs. The School forwards were more effective in front of goal and Chadderton scored shortly after half-time while Bottoms, C. E., added a fourth some minutes later, the ball rebounding from a Bowden defender into the net.

Final Score :—School, 4 ; Bowden College, 1.

1st XI. v. STAND G. S.

Played at Stand on November 3rd. 1st XI. won by 2 goals to 1.

From the very start we attacked and ought to have scored several goals from the splendid passes sent in by Hensor. Stand scored first with a good shot and then Read took the ball down the field and passed to Chadderton who scored. Towards the end of the match the mist was very thick and it was impossible to see from one end of the field to the other. Soon after half-time Chadderton scored the winning goal.

1st XI. :—Reece ; Walkden and Hague ; Bottoms, C. E., Beard and Stott, L. K. ; Read, Schofield, Chadderton, Potter, and Hensor.

The 2nd XI. ought to have played on our Ground, but the match was cancelled in the morning owing to a thick black fog, which, however, lifted later.

1st XI. v. BURY G. S.

Played at Bury on November 10th. Bury won by 9 goals to 6.

Less than a quarter of an hour before the end with Bury leading 6—5, and the School attacking there was every prospect of an exciting finish. Suddenly, however, the School gave away three

goals, two of them very soft ones. Though we rallied again before the end and scored another goal Bury thus won the match—deservedly, in our opinion—because of the greater thrustfulness of their inside forwards. For the School, Walkden played well at back, especially in the first half. Hague worked hard but was rather out-paced. Beard and Stott worked tremendously hard at half-back, but seemed at times to lose their sense of position, notably during the period when Bury scored the three goals referred to above. Beard, too, dribbled far too much. Bottoms, out-paced in the first half, played well after change of ends. Read and Hensor on the wings were excellent, though we thought that Hensor might have gone straight for goal on two occasions.

Scorers :—Chadderton (3), Schofield (2), Read (1).

1st XI. v. BOWDEN COLLEGE.

This match should have been played at Bowden on November 17th, but a telephone message came in the morning to tell us that the Bowden Ground was under water.

1st XI. v. ASHTON SECONDARY SCHOOL 1st XI.

Ashton won the toss and took advantage of a slight wind. Owing to the muddy state of the Ground, it was impossible to play the short passing game at which the 1st XI. is the more proficient. The halves and the backs tried to open up the game with long passes; both sections of the defence, however, were not very accurate in their attempts. If the team intends to keep up the efficiency they have shown so far this season, they will have to learn to understand the open style of game.

The defence managed to restrain their desire to attack, which they carry out rather successfully on a dry ground, when they lie well up the field, relying on their speed to get back in time. On a greasy day it is useless to attempt this kind of game as the result of the Bury match, November 10th, 1926, has shown.

There was a greater understanding between the halves and backs but there was little between the half and forwards when throwing in from touch.

The play was more even than the score might suggest; Ashton scored first by a pass to an unmarked man; Beard equalised a few minutes later from a free kick for elbowing. Potter gave us

the lead soon afterwards by a shot from just inside the penalty area. After half time the 1st XI. became more confident, especially the defence. Reece showed a decided improvement on the Bury match, and saved several good shots. Ashton gave us a hot time about the middle of the second half but failed to score. Chadderton added two more goals, he was lucky to get the last, the Ashton goal keeper mistiming the ball which slid through the mud and between his legs.

The forwards should take more care to keep on side, the whistle went several times for offence against the rule by forwards of both teams. The result of 4—1 for the 1st XI. is better than might have been expected since the team was considerably weakened by the absence of Read and Hague.

1st XI. :—Reece, N. L. ; Walkden, H. B., Woolstencroft ; Bottoms, V. S., Beard, E., Stott, L. K. ; Bottoms, C. E., Schofield, F., Chadderton, E., Potter, H., Hensor, J.

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

Played at Manchester on October 2nd. Both sides scored 2 goals.

Manchester were the first to score, but Kirkman soon equalised with a good shot. After the interval we gained the lead, thanks to a goal from Schofield. A long period of sustained attack ensued, the halves continually feeding the forwards, who, however, failed to take advantage.

Manchester scored again, the right wing raced away and sent across a perfect centre which was headed into the net by the left inside.

If our forwards had made more use of the dozens of chances that were given to them, we should have won very comfortably.

2nd XI. :—Hirst, C. ; Shaw, J. R. H. and Herbert ; Hibbert, Bottoms, V. S. (Capt.) and Parker ; Spencer, K., Halliday, Schofield, F., Kirkman, W. A. and Thornton.

O. H. G. S. v. OLDHAM SECONDARY SCHOOL.

Played on the Secondary Ground on Saturday, November 20th, 1926.

School Team :—Reece ; Walkden, H. B. (Capt.) Hague, J. ; Bottoms, C. E., Beard, Stott, L. K. ; Read, Schofield, F., Chadderton, Potter and Hensor.

In the return match, the Secondary School equalised matters and atoned for their first defeat by beating the School, 7—4. The match was witnessed by a fairly large crowd, our own School being well represented.

School kicked off with the sun in their eyes, and, although they were losing at half-time, they had had the most of play. Some consistent attacking by School enabled Read, somewhat luckily, to score after a few minutes, but a rally by the home team enabled them to equalise after ten minutes. School attacked strongly but were unable to score until Schofield netted from a centre by Hensor. We had most of the game after the kick off, but, just before half-time, the Secondary made a sudden rally and scored two in rapid succession. School were unable to equalise before half-time, although Bottoms had hard luck when he hit the cross bar.

Half-time :—Secondary, 3 ; School, 2.

In the first few minutes of the second half, School were much on the top, and very shortly after the resumption Read succeeded in netting from a free kick. Some further attacking by School enabled the same player to beat the opposing custodian with a dazzling shot, thus putting School ahead. After that, however, the School were unable to get a look in, for the home team, making good use of their superior weight, prevented the School forwards from again becoming dangerous. The Secondary School forwards did most of the attacking, and were enabled to score four more goals before the final whistle.

The School team failed to adapt themselves to the heavy ground conditions which, together with the fact that the opponents were a much heavier team, told heavily against such a light team as represents the School at present. They were also handicapped by the narrowness of the ground, but, in spite of these facts, there were at least three occasions when the School forwards missed beautiful openings in front of goal.

Final Score : Secondary, 7 ; School, 4.

HOUSE MATCHES, 1926-27.

- Oct. 6 "Lees," 10 goals (Ayrton 3, Thornton 3, Potter 1, Beard 1, Leach 1).
 "Platt," 9 goals (Hensor 6, Walkden, M. B. 1, Sim 1, Chadderton 1).
- Oct. 13 "Assheton," 7 goals (Stott, L. K. 5, Walkden, H. B. 1, Tanhard 1).
 "Lees," 1 goal (Leach).
- Oct. 20 "Hulme," 8 goals (Read 7, Garlick 1).
 "Platt," 3 goals (Hensor 2, Chadderton 1).

MIDDLE SCHOOL.

- Oct. 5 "Emmott," 5 goals (Barlow 2, Shaw, T. 2, Rhodes 1).
 "Gill," 0.
- Oct. 12 "Emmott," 6 goals (Shaw, T. 3, Barlow 1, Rhodes 1, Dyson, J. 1).
 "Booth," 0.
- Oct. 19 "Gill," 5 goals (Shaw, J. 3, Shaw, T. G. 1, Brierley 1).
 "Travis," 3 goals (Newton 3).
- Oct. 26 "Booth," 11 goals (Burton 8, Ashton, A. 2).
 "Travis," 3 goals (Partington, T. 1, Clayton 1, Newton 1).
- Nov. 9 "Emmott," 16 goals (Shaw, T. 6, Dyson, J. 4, Rhodes 3, Davis 2, Barlow 1).
 "Travis," 1 goal (Goulding).
- Nov. 16 "Booth," 6 goals (Burton 5, Smith, E. 1).
 "Gill," 2 goals (Shaw, J. 1, Shaw, T. G. 1).

MIDDLE SCHOOL HOUSES.

POSITIONS ON NOVEMBER 17th, 1926.

	Played	Won	Lost	Goals for	Goals against
1 "Emmott"	3	3	0	27	1
2 "Booth"	3	2	1	17	11
3 "Gill"	3	1	2	7	14
4 "Travis"	3	0	3	7	32

H.S.E.