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School Notes.

THE following New Boys have entered the School :—

L.S. I.—Hodgkinson, John

Kershaw, Arthur

Anderton, Edward Cooke

Booth, William Seville

L.S. II.—Gartside, John Travis

Wilkinson, James Frederick

Kempsey, Frank

Roberts, Thomas Geoffrey

Barber, Norman

Garlick, Saxon

Wilde, Kenneth

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The School was formally inspected and examined on May 21st and 22nd by Mr. J. Parry Laws and other of the Inspectors from the Secondary Department of the Board of Education.

A half-holiday was given on the Friday afternoon at the request of Mr. Parry Laws.

The School hopes to benefit by the formation of the new Education Authority in Oldham. If the same course is followed as in other towns and counties, we may expect the establishment of Scholarships and Exhibitions tenable at the School, as well as more direct financial aid and support.

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This term ends on Thursday, July 30th, when the Speech Day will be held.

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CALENDAR.—SUMMER TERM.

April 21	Beginning of Term.
May 9	1st XI v. Manchester Grammar School II, away.
16	1st XI v. Heaton Moor College, away.
21 } 22 }	Board of Education Examination.
23	1st XI v. Rochdale High School, home.
28	Athletic Sports.
June 1 to 13	Whitsuntide Vacation.
17 } 18 }	1st XI v. Werneth III, home.
24	1st XI v. Rochdale High School, away.
27	1st XI v. Old Hulmeians, home.
July 4	1st XI v. Heaton Moor College, home.
8	1st XI v. Werneth III, away.
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11	1st XI v. Old Hulmeians, home.
25	{ 1st XI v. Manchester Grammar School II, home. Under 14 v. Nicholl's Hospital, away.
30	Speech Day, 3 p.m. End of Term.

Editorial.

SINCE the appearance of our last issue, the School, as announced elsewhere, has suffered a great loss in the departure of its Headmaster for a more important, though we hope not more congenial, sphere of employment at Croydon.

In his place we heartily welcome Mr. Pickford, who, distinguished no less by his geniality and kindness than by his attainments as a scholar, has already won a place in the hearts of all by his tact, and the interest he takes in all branches of our school life. We wish him many happy years as our Headmaster.

We congratulate Mr. Gough on his appointment to an Assistant Professorship of German at the Yorkshire College, Leeds. His place on the staff has been taken by Mr. C. A. Williams, late scholar of Queens' College, Cambridge.

With the hope of increasing our School's interest in athletics, and with an earnest desire to raise the standard of all branches of games indulged in by the boys, the Headmaster has introduced a scheme which we venture to think will prove popular, and which, judging by the experience of other schools where the principle is in force, is bound to prove successful.

Under the new arrangement, the School will be divided into three groups—West Town, East Town, and Out of Town, at the head of which will be Messrs. Pardoe, Greenhalgh, and Williams respectively. As each boy enters the School he will be assigned to his proper House, and will remain in that House during his attendance at the School.

Each House shall elect one representative on the committee, and the head of the School, and the Captains of Cricket and Football shall be ex-officio members.

It is to be hoped that this scheme will put a stop to the reprehensible practice which some members of the School have of playing for other Clubs but their School. It is the duty of every boy to put his School before everything, and to consider such conduct as the above as unjust and unfair both to himself and to his fellows.

At a meeting held on May 29th, for the election of committee representatives, Bentley and West were appointed ex-officio members; Cooper was chosen to act for the Out Town, C. F. Platt for the West, and H. Broome for the East.



Breaking Up Party.

ON December 19th, 1902, we decided to give expression to our thoughts by bidding a public farewell to Mr. Andrew.

The Hall was well filled, and on Mr. Andrew's appearance he was greeted with a storm of applause. The cheers having subsided, the programme was begun with "Adeste Fideles," very well sung by the special choir with the advantageous addition of some bass voices. Next "Gloria in Excelsis" and "God rest ye, merry gentlemen" were very well rendered. After this "Good King Wencelas" was delightfully given by the choir, Varley, Spencer, and R. W. Wilde giving the tenor and treble solos respectively. Then the "Nowell" was sung by the choir.

Bentley now appeared with the silver salver which we had decided to present to Mr. Andrew,

He said "That we had arrived at the last day of Mr. Andrew's Headmastership of our School, and that on hearing of his departure, it was unanimously decided that we could not let him go without some memento of his connection with us as Headmaster. Accordingly, Varley and he had been deputed to request Mr. Andrew's acceptance of the salver." He also said "That the School was at once sorry and glad that Mr. Andrew was leaving—sorry to lose their Headmaster, and glad that he was leaving to occupy a more important position. The boys of the sixth more especially felt his leaving. On behalf of the School, he said, he had the greatest pleasure in asking Mr. Andrew to accept the salver as a mark of the School's esteem and wishes for his future happiness and success."

Varley then presented the framed photograph of the School in a neat little speech. West then called for three cheers for Mr. Andrew, which were given with great heartiness.

Mr. Andrew then ascended the "Bema" and said "That he did not know how to thank us for the salver, and that although Oldham was not beautiful like Croydon, he was sorry to leave the School (which we must take great care of), and the boys.

He wished he could take us with him, but instead could only wish us prosperity, and remind us that Lancastrians were noted for their hard work and play. He expected to find Croydon very easy-going. He bade us all good-bye in public, but would like to bid each boy adieu privately."

After the applause had subsided the choir rendered "While shepherds watched their flocks by night," after which "God save the King" was sung.

Thus ended Mr. Andrew's last public function in the School.

Football.

ON December 13th we played our last match before the Christmas holidays against Woodlands, at home. From beginning to end, School were much superior to their opponents. The game calls for little comment as School were pressing during the whole game and ultimately won by the huge score of 17 goals against 0. The scorers were West 9, Platt 5, Whitaker 2, and Pressley 1.

Our next match was against Manchester Grammar School 2nd XI, at home. Earlier in the season our opponents had beaten us, but we entertained hopes of reversing that verdict. In this match, School had the assistance of Mr. Williams (who played for the first time for us) at centre-half. From the kick-off School pressed, and after 5 minutes play Mr. Williams made a shot which struck the upright, and Bentley caught it on the rebound and scored. Soon after Bentley again scored, and before half-time Whitaker added another. In the 2nd half Manchester played up better, but School more than held their own, and added 3 more goals, Mr. Williams and Platt (2) being the scorers. Just before time Manchester scored from a free-kick in the goal mouth, and so the game ended in a win for School by 6 goals to 1.

On February 26th we journeyed to Warrington to play our return fixture with Warrington Grammar School. Soon after the commencement, from a combined movement by our forwards, West scored with a fast oblique shot. Just before half-time Pressley added another from a pass by Whitaker. In the 2nd half, with the aid of a strong wind, our opponents equalised. Then the School forwards rushed down the field and Bentley scored. However, Warrington equalised. Then a struggle for the winning goal ensued, and this fell to School as Platt scored. Result: victory for School by 4 goals to 3.

We next played the Manchester Hulme Grammar School at home. We were badly beaten by 9 goals to 3. Our opponents were much the heavier team, and as the ground was very bad, they had a big advantage over us. Ormrod scored for School from the kick-off, but Manchester soon equalised, and at half-time were in front by 7 goals to 1. In the second moiety Pressley scored with a high dropping shot, and Bentley added another, whilst our opponents added 2 more, and so the game ended with the above result.

On March 14th we were engaged with the Old Hulmeians on our ground. In this match we had the assistance of Mr. Pardoe at full-back, and Mr. Williams at centre-half. The Old Boys kicked off, rushed down on our goal, and scored. This was rather sensational. School played up, however, and Bentley equalised. The Old Boys tried hard to score, but the good defensive play of Cooper in goal, and Mr. Pardoe and Hibbert prevented them for some time. Eventually they found the net twice, whilst School scored once by West, the score at half-time reading, Old Boys 3 School 2. The second half was well contested and the Old Boys scored 3 more, whilst School scored 2, Mr Williams scoring from a penalty, and Platt. So a good game ended : Old Boys 6 goals, School 4 goals.

On March 21st, we turned out against Stalybridge Technical School on our own ground. As we had beaten them 6-0 on their ground, we expected to win easily. Our opponents scored 2 goals before School had scarcely settled down. Before half-time, however, H. Ashton scored for School. In the 2nd half Stalybridge got another goal, but West (2) and Platt (1) converted a tight game into a victory for School by 4 goals to 3.

We played our last match of the season against Woodlands at Stalybridge, on March 28th. School were minus Platt, Bentley, and Whitehead. Our opponents were much the heavier team. Woodlands started and soon began to press.

However, Hibbert relieved and after a combined dribble by the School forwards, West scored. Soon after the same player scored again. Ogden at right half was playing a sterling game. Play continued in our favour, and Pressley scored as did West, leaving us winning by 4-0 at half-time. In the 2nd half our opponents scored once, whilst School gained two more goals through Whitaker, thus leaving School victorious by 6 goals to 1.

REVIEW OF THE PAST SEASON.

The past season has been the most satisfactory that the School has experienced for a long period. We have been handicapped in various ways since some boys play for outside teams and will not play for the School. Then too, West, one of our best players, has been debarred from assisting us through illness. The team has usually consisted of the following:—Cooper, Hibbert, Whitehead, Ogden, Ormrod, W. Mellor, Pressley, Whitaker, Bentley, West, and Platt, whilst other boys have assisted, also Mr. Williams and Mr. Pardoe have given us great help. The season's record is :

Matches Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Goals	
				For	Against
14	6	7	1	61	51
				J. H. B	

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Now that the Football season has drawn to a close it may not be out of place to offer a few criticisms or suggestions on the play of the team in general. West's loss during part of the time, owing to an accident, weakened the forward line, and with the backs not quite up to the required standard, we are inclined to think that it was the half-back line which proved the mainstay of the team. They all three worked hard, but, as is so often the case, were inclined to neglect their own outside men. Of the forwards, the two wing men have taken the ball down well, and centred unselfishly. Bentley, we fancy, is more suited at outside right, but has, on the whole, been a good centre and

kept his men together. In conclusion, in wishing the team a prosperous season next year, we would urge all members to show that keenness and superiority to defeat, by which alone matches are won.

CRITIQUE OF THE TEAM.

COOPER, A. L. (Goal) has proved, on the whole, a very capable custodian, is cool, and has a good reach.

HIBBERT (Right-back). A sound player, but slow. Should practice kicking with both feet.

WHITEHEAD, J. E. (Left-back) should develop into a good player, but does not use his height enough in kicking, or get back quick enough.

OGDEN (Right-half) plays a hard determined game and never tires. Better at defence than attack.

ORMROD (Centre-half). A really promising player. Though small and light, he tackles and passes well.

MELLOR, W. A. (Left-half) did not play towards the end of the season, but till then shewed considerable promise.

PRESSLEY (Outside-right) has displayed good pace and powers of centring. A very fair shot.

WHITAKER (Inside-right) combines well with his partner, but seems to tire, and his shooting is poor.

BENTLEY (Centre-forward) keeps his wings together, and is a very fair shot. Has captained the team well.

WEST (Inside-left). The trickiest player and best dribbler. A good shot on his day.

PLATT, C. F. (Outside-left). A very speedy player and centres well. Combines excellently with West, and is a really good shot from the touch line.

Cricket Notes.

THE cricket prospects this year are quite as bright as they were last, and they need to be to keep up the School's reputation for cricket. Perhaps some do not know that we have only lost one match during the last two seasons. As regards batting we are not quite so strong as last year, but we have some very good batters in Whitehead, Newton, and Bentley. In bowling we are rather weak, having only about one or two reliable bowlers; but as regards fielding we are much stronger in this department than in any other. Up to date we have, owing to the rain, only played one match, which we won easily. Let us hope that this result will be the outcome of the remainder.

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SCHOOL v. M.G.S. 2nd XI.

SCORE.

SCHOOL.

Newton c Pooley b Lakin	11
Whitehead c Jefferson b Pooley	6
Bentley b Wall.....	6
West J. b Chambers	56
Ogden b Lakin.....	5
Pressley c Welch b Chambers	5
Broome b Chambers	0
Mellor W. A. b Wall	2
Lowe c Royle b Chambers	1
West T. c Cheetham b Wall.....	0
Griffiths not out	0
Extras.....	20

Total..... 112

with rigging, unlike the trim vessels we now possess, as then ships were not driven by steam. Now I will give a sketch of a visit to the Channel Fleet at Liverpool. Without the presence of men-o'-war, Liverpool is in itself a very interesting place, especially the docks, &c. Well there were several vessels in the river representing the navy, amongst them being the flag-ship Nile, the Sanspareil, Trafalgar, Thunderer, and a gunboat and torpedo boat. We boarded the flag-ship, and as we approached we saw every kind, as it seemed, of modern gun looking out of the port-holes. On gaining the deck a sailor immediately proffered his services to conduct us round the ship. After making an inspection of the decks we descended the stairs, and made an inspection first of the sailors' rooms, noting the hammocks fastened to the ceiling; also along one side were arranged the marines' hatstands, &c., on which were hung their caps or helmets, and also there were rifle and sword racks. Adjoining this room was the drummer and bugle boys' room, in which were kept the drums and other instruments. In these rooms there were benches for the sailors to make use of for such purposes as writing, &c. On the right-hand of the passage out of which all these rooms opened was nothing but bayonet, rifle, and cutlass racks. The end of the corridor terminated at that most grim-looking place, the prison, which was guarded by grated doors and such things. This comprised some half-dozen cells, and over these presided a couple of sentries. Another corridor branching off to the right brings us to the armoury, where shells, shot, powder, and weapons of every kind are to be found in abundance. Then retracing our steps we ascend to the decks, and again go down by another staircase, which brings us to the "middies" and senior officers' rooms, and to the right we enter the room where are kept those most destructive things, the torpedoes. It would take too long to relate the numerous things to be seen on board a man-o'-war, but before concluding I must mention that most honoured thing (in the seamen's minds, at anyrate), the cask, which is adorned with the words, "God bless our King,"

“the grog-tub.” Before ascending the staircase to the deck our guide pointed out to us the method of working the guns, and showed us by what a simple action on a sailor’s part such terrible destruction may be caused, and how these ponderous weights may be turned in any direction by the revolution of a simple wheel. I will now conclude this article, having very briefly described one of the most enjoyable outings I have had.

J. B.



Old Boys' Notes.

THE first football match of the season, played on 22nd November, 1902, between the Old Boys and the School, ended in a narrow win for the Old Boys. After a very pleasant game the teams sat down to tea in the School, kindly provided by the Headmaster, Mr. Andrew. Mr. Harry Hirst, captain of the Old Boys’ eleven, thanked Mr. Andrew for his thoughtfulness, and congratulated the School on their improved play and the very good game they had given the Old Boys that afternoon. The second game was played on 14th March, 1903, in miserable weather, and again ended in a win for the Old Boys.

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On the 20th of April, a Smoking Concert was held in the School for the purpose of meeting the new Headmaster, Mr. A. G. Pickford. About 20 “Boys” were present, also all the Assistant Masters. Mr. B. W. Lees thanked Mr. Pickford for his kindness and help that he had already given and promised, in order to make the Association prosper. Mr. Pickford said how glad he was to make the acquaintance of the Old Boys,

and wished the Association every success. He also expressed a desire that all Old Boys would consider themselves part of the School, and turn up at all events connected with it, such as Speech Days, Sports, Musical Evenings, &c., and not wait for invitations. The evening was a most enjoyable one, songs being rendered by Messrs. H. Mitton, W. Millington, H. Whitehead, A. Broomhead, and Mr. Pimm. Mr. W. L. Middleton accompanying in excellent style. Messrs. Pimm and Whitmore also gave recitations. It is hoped that there will be many such gatherings spent in the future.

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A Cycle Club has been formed, and those members having a tendency in this direction will be gladly welcomed, and it is hoped that many pleasant Saturday afternoons will thus be spent. Mr. S. Wormald, Rhodes Bank, is captain and Hon. Sec., and will be pleased to enrol members and give any information.

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The members of the Old Boys' committee are presenting to the School a bat and a ball, to be given to the boy at the top of the 1st eleven averages in batting and bowling. By this it is hoped that there will be keen competition to win the Old Boys' prize.

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A Musical Evening was held at the School on March 4th, at which the musical members of the association assisted the present boys to make a very enjoyable concert. It is hoped that in the near future some such effort as the above will be made by the combined forces of the School and the Old Boys to start a fund for the building of a Pavilion, which is very badly needed.

All Old Boys will learn with regret that the Hon. Sec., Mr. B. W. Lees, has resigned that office, owing to his leaving this district for Birkenhead. To him the Association is chiefly indebted for its inauguration, as he had to sacrifice much time in the preliminary work during the formation. But we all hope to see and hear from him often in the future, as we are sure of his sincere interest in the Association. Mr. R. Barlow, 9 Fern Street, Werneth, Oldham, has been elected Hon. Sec. in place of Mr. B. W. Lees. Please note change for future correspondence.

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The Cricket Matches arranged to take place between the Old Boys and the School will be played on the following dates:—27th June and 11th July. Mr. F. A. S. Duxbury, the Cricket Secretary, will select the teams. Old Boys will make these afternoons all the merrier by attending the matches in large numbers.

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Cycle Club.

CONSEQUENT on the keenness of some of the boys, a Cycle Club has been started, which doubtless only needs fine weather to make it a success. At present, its short life of a fortnight has experienced naught but the storms and frowns of the elements. Notwithstanding, it is rumoured that on Saturday, May 16th, two members, more venturesome than their fellows, were seen Delph way bravely struggling against the usual Oldham storm of wind and rain.

It is proposed, through the kindness of the Old Boys, to hold inter-club runs at intervals of a month.

The Sports.

THE sports of 1903 will be remembered as remarkable for more than one reason. First and most welcome of all, the weather was really fine—a somewhat rare occurrence, we believe, in Oldham, and more especially so on our sports day.

Secondly, despite counter attractions at the lake, a considerable gathering of parents and friends of the boys were present, whilst their musical susceptibilities were ministered to by the band of the Oldham Blue Coat School.

The annoying feature of the meeting was the high wind which militated against the times of the competitors, and doubtless caused the spectators some discomfort.

By the kindness of the Headmaster tea was provided in the large hall for the visitors, and what remained soon disappeared under the vigorous attentions of the boys.

The most noticeable feature of the athletics was the success of West, who by carrying off six first prizes constituted a record which will probably remain unbeaten for some time. Every credit is due to him for his splendid form.

In the junior events also Birch, by carry off the Junior Championship Cup for the second year in succession, broke yet another record.

To come to the actual racing, according to precedent the Long and High Jumps, Throwing the Cricket Ball, and the Jockey Race (substituted for the Sack Race for the first time) were held on the Lower Ground, while the Spring Board Jumps and Running proper took place on the track.

The Mile (open) and the Half-Mile under 14 were run on Monday, while various heats in the Jumps and Cricket Ball on Tuesday, helped to weed out the competitors for the sports day proper—Thursday.

Mr. Pardoe, with his usual skill and energy, had got the track in good condition, though, owing to the dry weather, the ground was unpleasantly hard.

The sports were carried out with unparalleled dispatch and punctuality, every event being run to time, and at 5-30 Mrs. Pickford graciously presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

The Mile brought out six competitors and was won in the very fair time of 5 min. 33 $\frac{2}{5}$ secs. by Griffiths, who beat Ormrod by 30 yards, while West beat Atkins for third place almost on the tape.

The Half-Mile (under 14) was won by Newton in the good time of 2 min. 37 $\frac{1}{5}$ secs.

In the Throwing the Cricket Ball, Cooper experienced bad luck in the final owing to enforced absence, due to the breaking down of a tram. The winner, West, had a fair throw of 239 feet, while in the Juniors Birch easily outdistanced his rivals by reaching 202 feet.

The under 14 Long Jump was very fair, but the open only moderate.

In the High Jumps West secured both the Level and the Spring Board, making a splendid jump in the latter.

The 100 Yards provided interesting racing throughout, Griffiths doing a good time in the under 15, but the wind was dead against fast time.

The Hurdles only brought out 3 competitors, and West won as he liked.

The Old Boys' Race unfortunately lapsed from want of competitors.

The Tug of War was won by Cooper's (out town) Team owing to superior weight, after they had lost the first pull.

Championships were awarded to West among the Seniors, and to Birch among the Juniors.

Mr. Pimm acted as referee; Mr. Greenhalgh and Mr. Harrison as judges; Messrs. Dinsmore and Pardoe were starters, while Mr. Williams held the watch.

We would emphasise once more how much the sports owed to Mr. Pardoe's initiative and energy, nor must we omit to record the entirely efficient manner in which West, junr., performed the duties of bell-ringer.

Appended are the results of each event:—

1. Throwing Cricket Ball (under 14), Birch 202 feet.
2. Throwing Cricket Ball (open), West 239 feet.
3. Long Jump (under 14), Birch 14 feet 4 inches.
4. Long Jump (open) West 15 feet 2 inches.
5. Jockey Race, J. E. Whitehead and Wolfenden.
6. High Jump (under 14), Newton 4 feet 1 inch.
7. High Jump (open), West 4 feet 8 inches.
8. 80 Yards (under 12), Rye $11\frac{1}{5}$ seconds.
9. 100 Yards (under 14) Handicap, Hague $13\frac{1}{5}$ seconds.
10. 80 Yards (under 11) Jennings 12 seconds.
11. 100 Yards (under 14), Newton.
12. 100 Yards (under 15) Handicap, Hutchinson $12\frac{2}{5}$ seconds.
13. 100 Yards (open), West $12\frac{1}{5}$ seconds.
14. Spring Board Jump (open), West 5 feet 9 inches.
15. Spring Board Jump (under 14), Birch, height 5 feet.
16. Hurdle Race (open), West $21\frac{2}{5}$ seconds.
17. Quarter Mile Handicap (open), Atkins 65 seconds.
18. Consolation Race (Quarter Mile), Viner 67 seconds.
19. Half Mile Handicap (under 14), Newton 2 mins. $37\frac{1}{5}$ secs.
20. One Mile Handicap (open), Griffiths 5 mins. $33\frac{2}{5}$ secs.
21. Tug of War, Out Town Team.

Winner of Senior Championship, West 25 points.

Winner of Junior Championship, Birch 16 points.

The Old Boys' Dinner.

THAT most important function, the Annual Dinner, which is the chief event of the year, and is the 2nd of the Old Boys' Association, was held on the 16th December, 1902, in the Princes' Restaurant.

The President, Mr. S. O. Andrew, presided, and the following Vice-Presidents were also present:—Messrs. Pimm, Pardoc, and Greenhalgh.

After dinner the usual toast, "The King," was proposed by the President. "The School" was the next toast, proposed by Mr. W. L. Middleton, who pointed out in his remarks that probably this would be the last occasion on which Mr. Andrew would reply to that toast.

Mr. Andrew, on rising to reply, was received with loud cheers. He said the time he had spent at the School had been intensely interesting and singularly happy. He hoped he had not incurred the ill-will of a single boy, and certainly he had never felt any ill-will himself towards any boy who had ever been at the School. Mr. Andrew hoped the Old Boys' Association would prosper, and he was glad of the fact that it had been founded while he was Headmaster.

"The Association" was then proposed by Mr. Greenhalgh, who referred to the usefulness of such gatherings, saying it was after meetings like that that one went back to one's ordinary work feeling that after all it was not mere drudgery without any end.

Mr. E. M. Wilde replied in a humorous speech.

At this point of the proceedings Mr. B. W. Lees, the Hon. Sec. of the Association, rose to make a presentation of a silver rose bowl to Mr. Andrew on behalf of the Old Boys of the School.

for room, burst from his bedroom (the wings) into his sitting room (the stage) and affrighted the "Scout's Boy" by exclaiming in an awful voice, "Villain, I will have thy blood." Suppose I were to say all this, as I shall not, the probability is great that the person to whom the story applied would be distinguished immediately from the rest of the trio. Or again, if I were to make any reference to politics, to describe the latest rabid Radical act of another of our three, who has lately joined an active club whose colour is fiery red, again the application would at once be seen; or thirdly and lastly, if I were to picture in a long and evenly-balanced, a slow and stately sentence, the gentle and studious deportment, the undeviating persistence in his path of the third member of the group, he also would be recognised by at least one generation of Hulmeians. I shall therefore make no sly jokes. I shall not walk along between the other two, poking playfully with my elbow first one and then the other. I shall not say of one that his tutor was compelled on one fine afternoon to request him to evacuate his rooms owing to his noisy behaviour, and then turn to the other and remind him that he once invited a party to tea and then forgot them, but that his reputation was saved because the whole of the invited party forgot too.

We Oxford Old Hulmeians have not yet formed a thorough-going Association, though we meet together sometimes for the sake of "Auld Lang Syne." We have not even formed a Debating Society, chiefly through lack of numbers, but partly also because it is feared that the political member would, in the consuming fire of his zeal, monopolise the whole of the discussion. But we do really chat over our cups—not in our cups—about the good old times at School, and about the masters and the tricks we played on them, and their nick-names, and their peculiarities; for masters have all these things.

As to the individual members of the trio, H. C. Widdows, who is engaged in the rather difficult job of improving Wadham

College, is said to be progressing in all good ways, and has turned much of his energy to serious uses. He is working for the Final School of Theology, and all Old Hulmeians will wish him a splendid first. F. J. S. Whitmore enjoys a placid existence—as much as a man can enjoy a placid existence at Brasenose. He is working for the best school of all—Classical Greats. May he obtain the high place in the list which he deserves! W. L. Middleton, who is at Trinity, is taking Chemistry Finals next year, though he is said to find his activity branching out in other directions as well. He has spoken once at the Union, but was not so successful as he wished to be.

The School has not yet provided a Blue—a blue with a capital B—but we shall hope that another generation of Old Hulmeians at Oxford will gain that glory which we generously leave for posterity. We firmly believe that, great as is the glory which we have gained here, we have still left vast possibilities for the future. We have heard excellent accounts of the School since it received its new headmaster, and we hope that in its future career the School will be as prosperous as it was under the old head. To Mr. Andrew we send our best wishes. I am told that even you, sir, have changed. It is a common belief amongst sub-editors that editors never die and never resign, and as one of the many still existing ex-sub-editors who have served under Mr. Pimm, I had hoped that the Magazine was to be conducted by him for many years to come. However, Mr. Pimm having resigned, we should wish smilingly to welcome you sir, to the task, by no means easy, of reading this manuscript.

If it is permitted, I feel sure we should like to urge that the School should send more boys to Oxford. There are many men in Oldham who are rich enough to give their sons the benefit which they would gain by coming here. There are boys clever enough to win some of the many open scholarships which are offered year by year. We look to the strenuous Oldham boys of the future, hoping that many of them will succeed us as members of this University.

W. L. M,

Cambridge Letter:

To the Editor of the Hulmeian.

SHOULD this letter appear too much like an essay on Cambridge, I crave your indulgence ; my excuse being, that I must either do this, or give you an uninteresting bundle of personal news. What interest can it be to you to know that on May 23rd I unwillingly bathed in the Cam? As the water was deep, I have reason to be glad that I met in my younger days one who was thoughtful enough to teach me to swim. I will not mention names, lest he should think he ought to be openly rewarded on Speech Day.

Of the three Cambridge terms I think the May term the most enjoyable, in spite of the weather. We shall soon be in the midst of the May week (so called because it lasts a fortnight and is in June.) Many a gallant is patiently awaiting that week, Seniors sigh, "Freshers" are eager. The Ladies will come up then to bring joy to our midst. The "backs" are looking beautiful, and many pleasant hours of idleness may be spent thereon in a Rob Roy or Canadian Canoe. The 'Varsity Cricket is promising and we ought to pull the match off. In College Cricket, Trinity, Pembroke, and Jesus have the best teams.

We have had Benson's Company at the Theatre, and this week D'Oyly Carte's.

The Joachim Quartette and Madame Albani have paid us a visit.

Good luck to the School Cricket, and condolences to those preparing for the Locals.

Yours, C. O. H.
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Curios from the Examination Room.

IN his everyday tasks the average boy is not above making startling mistakes, and serving up sufficiently curious and hitherto unknown scraps of information, but he seems to wait for the time of examinations to show those who are entrusted with the somewhat laborious task of correcting his papers what he really can do, when he tries, in the way of marvellous and wonderful erudition.

Whether it be that the desire to do his best, and the fear that some unusual information will be required if he is to beat his fellow, leads a boy to invent new and startling theories, or whether the air of examination rooms is peculiarly suitable to the formation of mental chimeras, certain it is that this trying period is responsible for many items of delightfully amusing reading. For instance, we all know the old chestnut "*Cæsar Alpes transiit summâ diligentia*"—Cæsar crossed the Alps on the top of a diligence! In this article we shall attempt to give a few more "bulls" of the same nature, which should prove especially interesting in view of the fact that many of them were perpetrated in our own school last July.

At a certain school, a boy was told of the agreement of the adjective with its noun in Latin, and to help him to grasp this fact the master mentioned that very often they both had similar sound endings. Accordingly the sentence "The swift javelin wounds" was rendered *Velox pilox vulnerox*! Another even brighter boy construed "Most people therefore:" *populissimi iguntur*! But if we go on piling up further instances, our readers will find it both "disconvenient" for their digestion, and we shall be "disenabled" from comprising our article within reasonable space.

Last July some valuable geographical secrets were added to the already not inconsiderable list. For instance one of our number talks about "a sandy kind of glacier." Doubtless this somewhat rare phenomenon was met with in some inaccessible

Swiss ravine! Of the Mississippi we are told that it is "too sloppy to build on." We are inclined to believe this!

The sixteenth century saw the zenith of Spanish power, that country being undoubtedly the most important in contemporary politics. Recent information, however, attributes to the Spaniards even greater lustre than this, amongst other things the possession of a Pope, as is evident from the following:—"The British were not allowed to go West, as the Pope of Spain had said that Spaniards alone should go there."

It is also known that the Spaniards laid special claim to that part of the American seas known as the "Spanish Main," but it is instructive to learn further that they occupied "the Mississippi"—no light task when one remembers its 4,000 odd miles of length. However the following extract proves that the old histories are quite wrong and out of date:—"The Mississippi was occupied by the Spaniards, who had given up science (presumably because Mr. H—r—j—on's methods were not up to their standard!) and intermarried with the natives, and so formed a half-breed race!" Doubtless this effected a great saving in the weekly baker's bill.

The "Married v. Single" question is a social problem continually recurring now-a-days, some (the married) asserting that the married man is alone happy, others as strenuously asserting the claims of bachelordom. The Quakers satisfactorily settled this question some time ago, as the following proves:—"The Quakers did not marry, and also got on well."

Lastly, we have heard a great deal recently about the decline of British trade and commercial prosperity, odious comparisons being drawn between the conservative apathy of John Bull, and the push and up-to-dateness of his Yankee cousin. This ability to "lick creation" we now know to be due to the simple fact that "most of the people in the seventeenth century emigrated to America!" After this, the American nation may well swallow up the rest of the world!

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To the Editor of the Hulmeian.

I should like to suggest an Old Boy's Tie; white combined with the School colours.

Yours, FASTIDIOUS.

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