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School Notes.

THIS Term we welcome K. Johnson, C. Johnson, C. W. Bentley, and A. S. McGowan. The total number of boys in the School is now 152.

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We congratulate H. Kempsey, T. P. Robertson, and F. L. Newton, who have passed the Final M.B. (Victoria University); H. Bradbury, who has obtained the B.Sc. (Vict.) with First Class Honours in Chemistry, and also the Leblanc Medal in Applied Chemistry; and S. Hague, B.Sc. (Victoria) with First Class Honours in Engineering.

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We hear that J. W. Slater, W. K. Slater, and J. Swales are promising candidates for honours in their respective subjects. Also that W. S. Booth has passed part of his Final M.B.

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At Cambridge Frank Kempsey has taken a 2nd Class in the Natural Science Tripos, he has also obtained several "Blues." Cyril Gill has completed his 1st M.B. (Cantab.) in his first year, and he, also, is combining with excellence in studies a satisfactory standing in Football and Lawn Tennis, &c. Stopford and Kershaw are both working hard for their examinations next year.

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We were very grateful to Mrs. Needham for distributing the Prizes on Sports Day. Our thanks are also due to the Governors who present many of the Prizes. The day was fine,

We appeal to all Old Boys who are not members to join at once, and we trust that all who leave the School in future will join and give the Committee an opportunity of working for their good without being hampered by a lack of support, which I think has been so evident in the past.

The Dance was held on December 17th, 1912, and was enjoyed by a considerable number of our members. It was not quite a success from the Old Boys' point of view, as there were a considerable number of outsiders present.

The Annual Dinner, held in February, was, as usual, the most successful event of the year, about forty Old Boys dining together at the Union Club. Capital speeches were given by our worthy President, and Messrs. Taylor, Marriott, Stockdale, and Lees. Afterwards a very enjoyable concert of the usual excellence was listened to by the diners.

A Photographic Society is being formed, but up to the present it has not received very generous support.

On Saturday, July 5th, a Motor Picnic was held to Moreton Old Hall, perhaps the finest example of a half timbered building in the world.

The Photographic Members of the party entered into a keen competition for the best photographs of the Hall. After viewing the Hall a short run was made to Congleton, where a generous tea was provided, and, after the inner man was refreshed, the motor was again requisitioned, and a splendid run home was accomplished.

In the current number a review of the Old Boys' successes is being issued, and it is hoped, in time, to get this list complete, but as it is practically impossible to trace all, many names are unavoidably missing.

Will all Old Boys whose names are omitted send their names to Mr. Barlow, 9 Fern Street, Oldham, with the result of any examination success, and the date, and any distinction attained in their own particular walk of life?

We are soon starting on another Session, and it is hoped that it will be a season of great success, and that there will be a large influx of new members.

The Committee is arranging a very attractive programme for the winter. C.A.

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The following is a List of Successes gained by members of the Association since leaving School, and as this is the first list published, no doubt there may be some whose names are not included; if so, we shall be pleased to include them in the next issue if they will be good enough to inform the Secretary:—Clifford Atkins, Associate Institute of Chartered Accountants; W. W. Brierley, Associate Institute of Chartered Accountants; C. H. Broomhead, M.B., Ch.B. (Hons.); J. A. Lees, M.B., Ch.B. (Vict.); W. S. Booth, 3rd M.B.; H. Kempsey, 3rd M.B.; James Fletcher, M.Sc., 1st Class Hon. Chemistry; E. Viner, B.Sc. (Vict.); J. West, B.Sc.; L. St. G. Wilkinson, B.Sc., 2nd Class Honours (Vict.), Assistant Surveyor, Huddersfield; W. L. Middleton, M.A. (Oxford); T. W. Middleton, B. Com. (Vict.); W. H. Hall, B.A. (Oxford), Assistant Master, Hulme G.S., Oldham; H. Hassall, B.A. (Vict), Assistant Master, Fulneck; J. M. Underwood, B.A. (Vict.); F. J. S. Whitmore, M.A. (Oxford), Assistant Master, Denstone College; W. E. W. Millington, Whitworth Medallist; J. H. Jackson, M.P.S.; J. A. Brierley, Solicitor (Final Hons.); William Buckley, Solicitor; T. Wellock, Solicitor; J. Robinson, Solicitor, Deputy Town Clerk, Rochdale; W. Lees, Incorporated Accountant; R. Barlow, Associate Institute of Bankers; C. E. Garfit,

Associate Institute of Bankers ; B. W. Lees, Associate Institute of Bankers ; B. Robertson, Associate Institute of Bankers ; J. S. Waide, Associate Institute of Bankers ; J. W. Slater, Woodiwiss Exhibition ; H. Bradbury, B.Sc. (Vict.), 1st Class Honours Chemistry, Le Blanc Bronze Medallist, 1913.

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Owing to the Dance taking place in December it was decided not to have the Old Boys' Dinner until February, when it took place at the Union Club. Mr. Marriott, who was very well received, proposed the toast of "The Association" in a very racy speech. He incidentally referred somewhat sarcastically to the unloveliness of the town generally, the irregular streets, and the unpretentious character of our public buildings, but was very sincere in his remarks regarding the kindness which he had received from the people of Oldham since he came amongst them. Mr. Stockdale, in replying for the Association, pointed out the apathy of Old Boys towards the Association, and asked for better support not only from the members but also from boys just leaving School. Mr. G. B. Taylor, in proposing the toast of "The School," spoke of the many advantages which such a public school in Oldham gave to the inhabitants, and how strange it was that with so large a population in Oldham and district the number of boys attending the School had not yet reached the maximum. In reply to the latter toast Mr. Pickford briefly outlined the work of the School during the past year, and mentioned the latest successes gained by the boys. He also paid a high tribute to his very able staff. In making an appeal to all Old Boys to remember their Old School, he urged them to always do their best in their daily occupations, and in this way they would be doing credit not only to their Old School but to the town.

A very good Musical Programme had been arranged, the majority of the items being rendered in a very creditable manner by our members. The sketch on the menu card was also the work of an Old Boy—A. S. Mellor.

The Natural History Society Notes.

FIELD AND MICROSCOPIC SECTION.

ON February 18th, at a meeting of the Field and Microscopic Sections of the Natural History Society, Harding read a paper entitled "Six Hundred Million Years of Life." He opened by stating that all creatures originally lived in the sea, and he showed step by step the higher and more varied kinds of life following. He dwelt at some length on the Jurassic period when the great reptiles flourished, and after speaking about mammals, he concluded by mentioning man as the highest and most recent form of life. A short discussion followed the paper, and before the meeting was dismissed a vote of thanks was proposed to Harding by Whittaker, seconded by Jones, and passed by the meeting.

On March 4th, an excellent paper was read to a general gathering of the society by Jones, on "Some of Nature's Marvels" He commenced by describing some of the lowly but wonderful types of fresh water animals. He mentioned the various kinds of Radiolaria, and dwelt for a considerable time on the wonderful "wheel animalculæ" (Rotifers). Among sea animals he mentioned particularly the Foraminiferae. He then mentioned the curious arrangement of the eggs of sharks and skates, and closed by speaking of the beautiful shapes taken by many insects' eggs. The whole paper was well put together, and must have taken some considerable time and trouble to compose, with the result that the meeting was treated to one of the best papers of the session. A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Jones by Harding, and seconded by Watkinson, and when put to the meeting was carried with much applause.

THE METEOROLOGICAL SECTION.

The members have shown great activity during the last two terms. The meetings were well attended during the Winter months, and every member made as many attendances as possible. The society is keeping an account of the weather, to find out whether the weather at the vernal equinox has any effect upon the weather of the following Summer; and it is also trying to find out whether the turn of the tide has any effect on the weather near the coast. The society has made a "sunshine recorder," but as one cannot have both clouds and sunshine, no good records have so far been obtained, still the society is prepared to make hay *when* the sun does shine. Some of the readers having left school, we have the pleasure of welcoming Vickars, Jones, and Bradbury as new readers.

G.E.W., S.H.S.

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THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY'S TEA.

The society's Annual Tea Party was held this year on Friday, the 6th June, a much later date than usual, a succession of unavoidable incidents having caused its postponement. As the bell announcing "tea" rang out, a general panic spread over the cricket field, and an awe-inspiring yell of "te - e - ea" arose, and forty odd members made a simultaneous stampede for "big school," where the tea was prepared, the masters following in a more dignified manner. A subdued buzz of conversation lasted for the next twenty minutes or so, during which time the various eatables disappeared with surprising rapidity. At the close of the tea, Harding proposed and Whittaker seconded a vote of thanks to Mrs. Pickford, complimenting her upon the excellence of the tea. The general company then dispersed, and when the tables were at liberty they were very soon occupied by enthusiasts of the various games which were kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Pickford and Mr. Marriott. Considerable interest was aroused over a tortoise belonging to a member. This energetic creature performed many interesting athletic feats for the

amusement of its delighted spectators. The next item was a lantern lecture by Mr. Pym on various reptiles, ending with a humorous set of slides portraying various incidents in which the principal parts were taken by a botanist and a bull. This lecture was much appreciated, and all then repaired to big school in a particularly good humour to return once more with great avidity to games. After a time, all gathered round the piano, while Mr. Wood sang some songs, and Bunting gave a pianoforte solo, after which all were astonished to find that the time had flown unnoticed, and that already the clock marked 9-30 p.m. Lees then proposed a vote of thanks to all who had contributed to the joy of the evening, and expressed regret that Mrs. Cockell was unable to be present and sing to us. The vote of thanks was then seconded by Watkinson and carried, and at about 10 o'clock, after a few more songs, the proceedings ended with three hearty cheers for Mr. and Mrs. Pickford. On the whole, a very pleasant evening had been passed by all, with not a single hitch to mar the enjoyment.

Debating Society Notes.

ON the 9th of December, 1912, the motion that "Capital Punishment should be Abolished," was proposed by W. E. Harding, who, in a short speech, expressed strong disapproval of Capital Punishment. He did not think that human life should be taken even as a punishment for murder. J. H. Kershaw, in opposing the motion, asserted that the Abolition of Capital Punishment would result in a great increase in crime. He supported his arguments by a few statistics. Lees, Ross, Fletcher, and Whitehead spoke on the motion, which was defeated by 13 votes to 12.

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The first debate after the Christmas Holidays took place on the 20th of January, 1913. On this date H.

Roseblade proposed the motion that "Arbitration is to be preferred to War as a means of settling International Disputes." He said that the Balkan trouble was the latest instance of the uselessness of war, for the dispute had had to be referred to arbitration after all. G. T. Lees opposed the motion, and said that although not advocating war, he could not see that arbitration could always be applied. He said that the Balkan States were only discussing matters with Turkey, and had not referred their quarrel to arbitration. He also said that it would be impossible to enforce the rulings of an arbitrator without resorting to war. Wallace, Chadderton, Fletcher, Gartside, Park, Watkinson, Whittaker, Barratt, Hardy, and Mr. Forder spoke. The motion was carried by 23 votes to 12.

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On the following Monday A. M. Cleverley proposed, and S. Fletcher opposed the motion, that "The Invention of Gunpowder has been of Great Advantage to the Human Race." The proposer stated that Gunpowder had been of great use for blasting purposes, and also as an instrument of war. He also referred to its uses for the celebrations on the 5th of November. Fletcher, in opposing, mentioned that numerous accidents had been caused by gunpowder, and he said that in this enlightened age battles could be fought without the aid of gunpowder. He said that germs could be used as a more effective weapon. The attendance was very small. Lees, Ross, Gartside, Harding, Watkinson, Barratt, and Chadderton spoke on the motion, which was carried by 16 votes to 5.

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On Feb. 3rd, 1913, H. Swallow proposed that "Party Government is so Absurd a System that it ought to be Abolished." He said that the party system did not allow the members to think for themselves, but compelled them to follow the leaders. He thought that Members of Parliament should be elected for merit, and not because they were attached

to a certain party. F. C. Pollard opposed the motion, and declared that it was impossible to find a system which would work better, for under the present system there were few opportunities for corruption. The people were also better represented by this system. Ross, Chadderton, Barratt, Wallace, Gartside, Harding, Watkinson, and Mr. Forder spoke. The motion was defeated by 21 votes to 7.

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The last debate of the season was held on February 10th, 1913. This was an impromptu debate. Few members were present. Three motions were brought forward, but beyond a few remarks by proposers and opposers, there was no discussion, and consequently the meeting was adjourned very early.

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The Society held its Annual Tea on Feb. 25th, 1913. Mrs. Pickford and Mrs. Cockell, with their usual kindness, provided an excellent Tea, to which those present did full justice. After the hearty thanks of the Society had been conveyed to Mrs. Pickford and Mrs. Cockell, the members adjourned to the Hall where games were provided. A short concert was then given. Mrs. Cockell sang two songs, for which she was loudly applauded. Mr. Pym gave a recitation and a song, both of which were well received by the audience. S. Fletcher gave a recitation, and two glees were sung by members of the Society. W. E. Harding, under the guise of Professor Scott, gave an amusing lecture on "Geography," and he both surprised and pleased those present. The programme closed with some choruses, and then games were enjoyed till 10 p.m. The evening was, as usual, very much enjoyed, and the Society is indebted to all those who helped to make it such a success. Finally, we take this opportunity of expressing our deep gratitude to Mr. Forder—who is unfortunately leaving us—for the continued interest he has taken in the Society.

G.R.

Football Notes.

THE past season, although not a brilliant success, has shown that the School has many promising juniors to aid her in the future. Handicapped by the loss of most of last year's XI, and also by losing Horsfall at Christmas, we did fairly well considering that the team had to be re-arranged. A clever victory was gained over Warrington, and a draw forced against Fairfield, these two results showing our best work of the season. Form 3 provided us with two regular members, the 4th and 5th forms supplying only that number between them. In the House Competition a deciding match had to be played between Lees and Platt, which was won by Platt. As Lees House supplied 7 members to the School XI, the performance of Platt was all the more meritorious.

CHARACTERS.

HALLIWELL, F. (Goal). Rather erratic. Weak in clearing high shots but clears well from a corner, and has a good kick.

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MIDGELEY, A. W. (Left Back). Migrated from inside left and has played well in his new position. Lies too far up the field and dribbles too much. A very strong kick, a good tackler, and a clever header.

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BUNTING, J.A, Captain (Right Back). Really a forward, but during the season played some very good games at right back, and considerably strengthened the defence. A keen and efficient captain both on and off the field.

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WHITTAKER, F. (Left Half). Has improved since last season, but still places the ball weakly to his forwards. Tackles well, and is an untiring worker.

LEES, G. T. (Centre Half). A sturdy half, who tackles well, but is inclined to allow his man too much liberty. Has at times played forward.

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POLLARD, F. C. (Right Half). Places the ball well, but rather weak in tackling. Kicks and heads well, and has played fairly consistently throughout the season.

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PARK, A. (Outside Left). A clever dribbler, rather on the small side, and lacks the necessary dash. Should practise heading.

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COOPER, F. R. (Inside Left). Makes up for lack of weight and height in untiring energy. Shoots and passes exceedingly well.

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ROSEBLADE, H. (Centre forward). School's best forward. A wonderfully clever dribbler, who opens out the game well, and shoots splendidly. Is a good header.

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PLATTS, J. (Inside Right). Passes and shoots well. Is inclined to dribble too long, but is full of dash and can head well.

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SHAW, S. (Outside Right). Centres and shoots well, but appears at times to be on the slow side. Should practise heading and the taking of corner kicks. Should be of great use next season.

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Others who have assisted the team are:—Horsfall, Billington, Fletcher, Webster, Hynes, Carrington, Shaw A., Gartside, Whitehead, Lawless, and Schofield.

HOUSE MATCHES.

FIRST XI.

	FIRST ROUND.			SECOND ROUND.			Total.			
	Assheton	Lees	Platt.	Assheton	Lees	Platt.				
Assheton...	*	10	0	.....	*	0	0	.....	10	
Lees	0	*	10	.....	10	*	5	.....	15
Platt	10	0	*	.....	10	5	*	.....	15

SECOND XI.

Assheton...	*	4	4	.....	*	0	0	.....	8	
Lees	.....	0	*	4	.....	4	*	0	.....	8
Platt	.....	0	0	*	.....	4	4	*	.....	8

Result : Lees 23 points ; Platt 23 points ;
Assheton 18 points.

Platt won the deciding game and thus became champions.

NOTES.

Wednesday, Oct. 2nd. v. BOLTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Away. Bolton won the toss and played with a strong wind behind them. We were absolutely overplayed, and Bolton succeeded in scoring 3 goals in the first half. On turning round School were astonished to find that the strong wind had quite dropped. We were quite overplayed, and the heavier and cleverer Bolton team scored 5 more goals. As this was the first match of the season very little comment is necessary. Result : Bolton Grammar School 8, School 0.

Saturday, October 12th. v. Mr. COCKELL'S XI.—Home. School played well in the first half and were leading at half-time. Early in the second half our opponents played better, and for some time each side led in turn. In the last few minutes our opponents equalised. Midgley distinguished himself by scoring 4 goals. Result : School 6, Mr. Cockell's XI 6. Scorers : Midgley 4, Bunting and Roseblade.

Saturday, October 19th. v. BOWDON COLLEGE.—Home. Played on a wet, windy day. Bowdon brought a very heavy team, and as their play had improved immensely since last

year, we were not surprised to be losing 2—0 at half-time. In the second half they obtained 4 more goals. Result: Bowdon College 6, School 0.

Saturday, October 26th v. Mr. EDWARDS' XI.—Home. A more miserable day could scarcely be imagined, rain falling in torrents, and the ground resembling a quagmire. Mr. Edwards had a strong XI, among whom were several Old Boys. We were leading at half-time, but after drawing still further ahead, feeling that we had won, our opponents reduced the lead, and towards the finish Mr. Edwards equalised with a splendid shot. Result: School 6, Mr. Edwards' XI 6. Scorers: Midgley 3, Roseblade 2, Bunting.

Saturday, November 2nd. v. BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Home. Bury brought a strong team, and against the smaller School side monopolised the play to a large extent, eventually running out winners by 9 goals to nil. Result: Bury Grammar School 9, School 0.

Wednesday, November 6th. v. Mr. MARRIOTT'S XI.—Home. School were leading at half-time by 2 good goals, both scored by Midgley, and in the second half added another 2 through Bunting. Mr. Cockell scored one of his typical goals, thus reducing the lead. Result: School 4, Mr. Marriott's XI 1. Scorers: Bunting 2, Midgley 2.

Saturday, November 9th. v. FAIRFIELD COLLEGE.—Away. School were quite outplayed, and although struggling pluckily were 5 goals down at the interval. Fairfield scored twice in the second half. Of the School side Cooper deserves mention, for he struggled gamely against opponents twice his size, and even then in no way disgraced himself. Result: Fairfield College 7, School 0.

Wednesday, Nov. 13th. v. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Home.—School lost the toss and played against a strong wind. We were not long in scoring, but Stand equalised directly afterwards and were decidedly the better team in the opening half, School's passing being very ragged. In the second half School

were complete masters of the situation and added 4 more goals. Result: School 5, Stand Grammar School 1. Scorers: Bunting 2, Roseblade 2, Midgley.

Saturday, November 16th. v. OLD BOYS.—Home. The Old Boys had a very strong team and very early in the game were leading by 2 goals. After this the School retaliated and Midgley scored from a free kick. At half-time the Old Boys were leading by 2—1. In the second half our visitors scored 2 more goals, and looked certain to win, when School seemed to pull together and Midgley scored. Another goal quickly fell to School, as one of our visitors turned the ball through his own goal. Just before the finish Midgley went through and equalised. He was undoubtedly the outstanding player. Result: School 4, Old Boys 4. Scorer: Midgley 3.

Saturday, Nov. 23rd. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2nd XI.—Away. The ground was in a fearful condition and an even first half was witnessed. Midgley had hard lines with a terrific shot which struck the crossbar. Directly afterwards Manchester scored, leading at half-time 1—0. In the second half Manchester lasted better than School and added 5 more goals to School's 1. Result: Manchester Grammar School 6, School 1. Scorer: Fletcher.

Wednesday, November 27th. v. WARRINGTON.—Away. Warrington were by far the better team in the first half, and only our excellent defence prevented them from scoring. In the second half our tired defence had a busy time and could hardly be blamed for allowing Warrington to add 4 goals. Whittaker distinguished himself in this match, which was solely a game of Warrington attack versus School defence. Result: Warrington 4, School 0.

Saturday, December 7th. v. BOWDON COLLEGE.—Away. A very peculiar match was witnessed inasmuch as School were by far the better team in the first half, and yet we received our heaviest defeat of the season. Roseblade hit the crossbar with a header, and several shots from School almost

scored. Afterwards Bowdon scored 3 goals in the first half and 8 more in the second, winning by 11 goals to 1. This score by no means represented the run of the game. Result : Bowdon College 11, School 1. Scorer : Hynes.

December 14th. v. MASTERS.—Home. Mr. Cockell was in one his happiest moods, and through all the game he led our defence a merry dance. We were deservedly beaten by a superior team, our best effort being when Roseblade scored a brilliant goal. Result : Masters 9, School 1. Scorer : Roseblade.

Saturday, January 18th, 1913. v. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2nd XI.—Home. Manchester arrived two men short and we lent them Cooper and Shaw. Early on in the game School forwards showed good form and added 2 goals. At this stage we were completely outplaying our opponents, but they rallied and scored. In the second half, following upon an injury to Midgley, they scored twice. School were very unlucky, for Roseblade hit the upright, and had a goal disallowed, while Cooper scored two of their goals. School's defence was excellent, but except for the first and last ten minutes the same can hardly be said of the attack. Result : Manchester Grammar School 2nd 3, School 2, Scorers : Roseblade and Platts.

Saturday, February 1st. v. WARRINGTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Home. The ground was in a fearful state and a strong wind blew from goal to goal. Warrington played with the wind, and again it was only our magnificent defence which kept them from scoring. Just before the interval Park opened School's account with a surprise shot. School were thus leading 1—0 at half-time. After the interval School were not long in scoring again through Park. We drew further ahead through two good goals scored by Roseblade, but Warrington wiped off one of the arrears, but we ran out winners. This was a deserved success. Result : School 4, Warrington Grammar School 1. Scorers : Park 2, Roseblade 2.

Saturday, February 8th. v. FAIRFIELD COLLEGE.—Home. We had the assistance of Mr. Cockell for this match. The ground was terrible, but School adapted themselves better to the conditions than did Fairfield, and came very near scoring on several occasions. At the interval there was no score, but Mr. Cockell scored for us after a brilliant individual run. A short time afterwards Fairfield equalised from a scramble in the goalmouth. Result : School 1, Fairfield College 1. Scorer : Mr. Cockell.

Wednesday, Feb. 12th. v. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Away. School took a very weak team to Stand, and the "pleasure party," as we were labelled by the tickets, had a journey of between 4 and 5 hours on account of the fog. Only 35 minutes play each way was possible and we retired beaten by 5 goals to 1. The team as a whole gave a miserable exhibition, the result being the exact reverse to the one at Oldham. Result : Stand 5, School 1. Scorer : Midgley.

Wednesday, February 19th. v. Mr. WOOD'S XI.—Home. For this match School were without their captain, but returned to their best form, easily winning by 4 goals to 1. Result : School 4, Mr. Wood's XI 1. Scorers : Midgley, Roseblade, Hynes, and Gartside.

Saturday, Feb. 22nd. v. BOLTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Home. School were still without Bunting, but Horsfall was able to take his place. School did not play badly, but the shooting of the forwards left something to be desired. However, Bolton scored 4 goals to School's 1. Result : Bolton Grammar School 4, School 1. Scorer : Roseblade.

Saturday, March 1st. v. BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—Away. School took a very weak team to Bury, four regular members being absent. Their substitutes, however, did not play badly, and stood their ground very well. The result was a most inauspicious ending to the season. Result : Bury Grammar School 6, School 0.

J.A.B.

Gymnasium Notes.

THERE has been a noticeable revival in the interest shown in gymnastics during the last School year. At the end of the Easter Term enthusiasm had reached such a height that we were enabled to have one of the most successful gymnastic competitions we have had in recent years. As usual the competitors were the six teams (three senior teams and three junior teams), representing the three Houses. Although the Houses were perhaps not so evenly balanced as they might have been, this in no way discouraged the two weaker teams, who went through the exercises with much spirit. Assheton House, which was adjudged the victor in the contest, gave a really excellent display. The following were the points awarded to the several Houses by the judges:—Assheton House, 39 points; Lees House, 31 points; Platt House, 8 points.

Immediately after this gymnasium competition a hand-ball contest took place. The teams were very evenly matched and all the encounters were most exciting.

In the Winter Term and in the Easter Term the custom of playing Form Handball matches, which was inaugurated several years ago, was continued, and it was found that age had in no way impaired the interest it excited, but rather tended to augment enthusiasm. Form 3A (now 4B) proved itself to be the strongest side, and it was almost invincible.

During the School year a boxing class has been held every Tuesday evening under the direction of Sergeant Knowles. At first great interest was taken in this class but when summer came, with the counter attraction of cricket, boy after boy ceased attending, until finally the number of enthusiasts was reduced to two. This is very disheartening, and the committee would like to see interest in boxing revived next term.

G.T.L.

Athletic Sports.

MAY-DAY, the date fixed for the Annual Sports, was fine, but could hardly be termed a satisfactory day for the spectators, as the sky was overcast and a cold wind blew across the playfield. The Oldham Postal Band, which had been engaged for the occasion, made matters more cheerful by the rendering of a suitable musical programme, but teatime was gratefully hailed by most of the visitors. Teatime also seemed to encourage the sun, for when spectators returned to the field they found that he was making gallant efforts to break through the clouds, and he partially succeeded. There was a large number of entries, but the results of the various events hardly kept up the School's standard, and it was amazing to find that both the Senior and Junior Championship Cups went to members of the Third Form.

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The preliminary heats had been run on previous days, and as usual, only the final competitions were carried out on the actual Sports day. The struggle for the Senior Championship was one of the keenest ever seen on the field, as up to the very last race, the hurdles, F. Whittaker was leading in points. The honour was, however, eventually secured by S. Marlor. S. Shaw, who carried off the Junior Championship, had a very creditable list of firsts in his record.

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The House contests, as usual, aroused great enthusiasm. The tug-of-war was won by Platt House, who defeated Lees House after a hard struggle, but the House Championship was finally won by Lees, Assheton being second.

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An interesting item on the programme was a Gymnastic Display given by members of the Lower Forms, and arranged by Staff-Sergeant J. C. Knowles, Gymnasium Instructor.

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The final event, that of distributing the prizes, was gracefully carried out by Mrs. G. W. Needham. The Head-

master, in a short speech, congratulated the School generally, and Mr. Cockell and Bunting, upon whom most of the hard work of arranging the Sports had fallen, in particular, upon the very successful day. Mr. Cockell proposed, and Bunting seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Needham, which, it is unnecessary to say, was carried with acclamation. Mrs. Needham replied by saying what pleasure it gave her to be present and to distribute the prizes.

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RESULTS.

Throwing Cricket Ball (under 14). 1 Williamson, F. M.;
2 Park, J. M.

One Mile Scratch (open). 1 Whittaker, F.; 2 Platts.

Long Jump (under 14). 1 Shaw, S.; 2 Coleman, F.

Long Jump (open). 1 Marlor, S.; 2 Whittaker.

220 Yards Handicap (under 12). 1 Jackson, W. C.;
2 Seddon, R.

220 Yards Handicap (12-14). 1 Hodgkinson, G.;
2 Smethurst, H.

220 Yards Handicap (14-16). 1 Marlor; 2 Smith, E. D.

220 Yards Handicap (over 16). 1 Pollard; 2 Watkin-
son, D.

Quarter Mile Handicap (under 14). 1 Shaw, S.;
2 Taylor, N.

Quarter Mile (open). 1 Whittaker, F.; 2 Pollard.

Throwing Cricket Ball (open). 1 Roseblade; 2 Platts.

100 Yards Scratch (under 14). 1 Shaw, S.; 2 Park, J. M.

100 Yards Scratch (open). 1 Marlor; 2 Pollard.

100 Yards Handicap (under 12). 1 Ashton, F.; 2
Bradley, F.

100 Yards Handicap (12-14). 1 Taylor, N.; 2 Parkes;
3 Hodgkinson, G.

100 Yards Handicap (14-16). 1 Smith, E. D.; 2
Broadbent; 3 Halliwell.

100 Yards Handicap (over 16). 1 Pollard ; 2 Watkinson.

Half-Mile (under 14). 1 Shaw S. ; 2 Parkes, A. S.

Half-Mile (open). 1 Whittaker, F. ; 2 Carrington.

High Jump (under 14). 1 Shaw, S. ; 2 Park, J. M.

High Jump (open). 1 Marlor, S. ; 2 Harding, W. E.

Obstacle Race (under 14). 1 Burnett, S. ; 2 Park, J. M.

Obstacle Race (14-16). 1 Smith, E. D. ; 2 Webster.

Hurdle Race (under 14). 1 Shaw, S. ; 2nd Booth, S.

Hurdle Race (open). 1 Marlor S. ; 2 Smith, E. D.

Egg and Spoon Race (under 12). 1 Seddon ; 2 Page, F.

School Handicap (600 Yards.). 1 Watkinson, D. ; 2 Hodgkinson, G.

Old Boys' Race. 1 Warhurst ; 2 Bradbury.

Old Boys' Tug-of-War. 1 Mr. Hall's Team.

Tug-of-War (Final). 1 Platt House.

Bandsmen's Race. 1 Johnson ; 2 Ward ; 3 Buckley.

Senior Championship Cup (presented by Mrs. C. E. Lees). Marlor, S.

Junior Championship Cup (presented by the Right Hon. Lord Emmott). Shaw, S.

House Athletic Shield (presented by Dr. Gill). Lees House.

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The King's Visit to Oldham.

ON July 12th the King and Queen of England came to visit Oldham. In the morning they motored from Knowsley, Lord Derby's seat, to Oldham Town Hall, where some people, among whom were the Mayor and

Mayoress of Oldham, and Mrs. and Miss Lees were presented to the King. Then they went to Platt's Works, where Queen Mary presented a Mrs. Jones with a gold pendant and chain. In the afternoon they motored back to Knowsley. At night the Town Hall was splendidly lit up with gas and electric light. On the right was a picture of the King as Admiral of the Fleet, and on the left a picture of the King and Queen. In front were many electric lights, while on the stand were the four standards of the British Isles: England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales.

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[We can readily excuse any slight inaccuracies in detail in the preceding article, in the pleasure of receiving an unsolicited contribution from Form II.
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Spinning.

SPINNING is the art of twisting fibrous substances into rounded strands of yarn fitted for weaving, or for thread or rope making. To form such strands two operations are essential — (1) the drawing out of uniform quantities of fibre in a continuous manner, and (2) twisting the material so drawn out as to give it coherency and strain-resisting power. The earliest, and for ages the only spinning apparatus, was the spindle with the distaff. The latter was a stick or staff upon which a bundle of the fibre to be spun was closely bound, and it was either held in the left hand or stuck in the belt. The spindle was a small tapering rod, the rotation of which gave the twist, and around which the thread was wound as it was twisted. The twist was given by causing the spindle to rotate against the person and allowing it to fall towards the ground whilst spinning around. To give the spindle increased momentum it was weighted with a whorl of stone or metal, but as the weight of the yarn on it increased this make-weight was removed. A graphic description of this method is given in the following Scotch verse:—

“To save their plaiding coats some had
Upo’ the haunch a bonnet braid,
Or an auld wecht, or kairding skin,
To rub and gar the spindle rin
Down to the ground wi’ twirling speed,
An’ twine upo’ the floor the thread.”

While the operation of spinning is one of the simplest of all arts, requiring as we have seen, only the aid of two short pieces of stick, its modern developments have produced more delicate and varied mechanical devices, and have called forth more inventive ingenuity than any other industrial operation. To convey an adequate idea of the variety of machines used in any single branch of the spinning trade would require much more space than can be here afforded. Different kinds of fibre require different treatment and special machines.

The opening and partial cleaning of the matted fibres is accomplished by passing through two machines called the opener and the scutcher. From the scutcher a well opened and spread lap of the fibre is delivered to the carding engine, in which a series of cylinders of various sizes, and rotating at different velocities, further open and tease the fibre. The cylinders are covered with teeth of fine wire, bent at about half their length, of which there may be from six to seven millions in a single machine. From the carding machine the fibre is delivered in a broad lap, but by passing through a ring or tube it is compressed into a soft rounded coil or sliver. This sliver is taken to the drawing frame, which consists of say four successive pairs of rollers, each pair in succession going at a greater speed, so that the last pair may be going six times faster than the first. Thus passing a sliver of one yard four times through the drawing frame, it is stretched to 1,296 yards. In the slubbing frame comes the beginning of the spinning process, the sliver here being sufficiently drawn out and twisted to enable it to be

wound round a bobbin. After it has been wound upon the bobbin it is passed on to the spinning frame. There are many methods of spinning, but the latest is the ring and traveller frame. In this both the spindle and the bobbin revolve and give the twist. The traveller keeps the yarn free from the body whilst the twist is being put in. In mule spinning the bobbins are mounted on a fixed frame, corresponding yarn bobbins of paper cops are attached to the spindles, which are mounted on a carriage made to travel backwards and forwards over a space of about two yards. The spinning in this apparatus is intermittent. The drawing rollers give out a certain length of roving, and simultaneously the carriage begins to move away, and the spindles rotating put the twist on the rove. The rollers cease at a certain point to give off the rove, but the carriage still moves on, thus imparting more twist, and the yarn is drawn out further. The twist becomes hardest at the points where the yarn is weakest, the drawing power of the carriage is exercised mostly on the thickest parts, and thus twisting and drawing compensate each other, so that yarn of great regularity is produced.

Previous to the invention of the mule, spinners could make yarn of 200 hanks to the pound (the hank always being 840 yards). Now, however, our manufacturers have reached such extraordinary perfection that Manchester spinners have No. 700, which was woven by a French firm. No. 10,000, a pound of which would reach 4,770 miles, has been made to test machinery. S.H.S.