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School Notes.

THE number of boys in the School remains about 150. It is a matter for regret that some boys have had to leave School before completing even a *minimum* course, which certainly ought at the least to include three years at the School, with one year in Form V., and a leaving age of sixteen. Indeed the *full* benefit of the Grammar School is scarcely attained unless a boy spends at least four years at the School (after the age of twelve), with a year in Form V. and a year in Upper V. or VI. He should attain to the standard of the Cambridge Senior Local Examination, or its equivalent the Joint Board Matriculation Examination.

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Last July seven boys sat for the Cambridge Senior Local and all passed. Twelve candidates took the Junior Local, and 11 passed (the 12th passed in a sufficient number of subjects, but did not obtain a certificate because his lists of passes did not include a language).

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The Junior Local Examination is a sound stimulus to the work of boys who are getting into the Upper School: it serves to steady their work and to give it a definite purpose.

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F. Whittaker has gone into residence at St. John's College, Cambridge. J. Stopford (St. John's College) has

passed the Special Examination in Economics and General Geography. C. I. C. Gill (King's College) has passed the First Examination for the M.B. Cambridge in all subjects. J. Kershaw (Trinity College) is reading for the Mathematical Tripos.

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At Manchester University J. W. Slater and W. K. Slater have taken several First Classes in College Examinations. J. Swales has passed the first part of his examination in the Honours Mathematics Course, and other Old Boys are attaining successes, which are very satisfactory to them and to those still here at School.

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Some present and Old Boys may be interested to hear that H. Noble has passed all the Examinations of the Wireless Telegraphy course, and that he has just made his first voyage to New York and back as Junior Wireless Operator on s.s. "Minnetonka." He had a busy time sending and receiving in mid-ocean Christmas greetings for the passengers and officers of the ship.

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The prefects are Lees G. T., Roseblade, Watkinson, Eatough C., Kershaw, Cleverley, Stott S. H., Wallace G. E., and Cocker.

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Mr. Rust has joined Dr. Potter on the Committee of the Debating Society in place of Mr Hall.

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We congratulate Mr. Hall, who is an Old Boy as well as a Master, on the completion of his Law Course and his call to the Bar, but we regret that he is now leaving our staff. He is the first Old Boy (since our re-establishment under the Hulme Trust) to become a barrister.

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The original Oldham Grammar School was founded by James Assheton, of Chadderton Hall, in 1506, and we still receive some income from the land (on the south side of the Market Place) which was the site of the School and Croft. (Cf. Charity Commissioners' Report XVI., 1826, p.p. 222-234.)

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The original School coat-of-arms, that of Jas. Assheton, was a mullet (five-pointed star) sable on a silver ground, colours black and white. The new School colours, blue and gold, come from the coat-of-arms shown in the window of Big School, which is that of William Hulme, to whose endowment we owe our present buildings and the major part of our income.

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The Old Boys' Association is in a flourishing state, but there are still many Old Boys who have not joined, and we should like to urge members of the Association and present members of the School to take every opportunity of urging all Old Boys to keep up their connection with the School through this Association. Full information will be found on another page of this Magazine, which is also the official organ of the Association.

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Old Boys are invited to communicate items of interest, through Mr. Barlow (hon. sec.), or Mr. Pym, for publication in the Old Boys' Section.

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Old Boys' Football XI. v. Warrington Old Boys, at the School on February 14th.

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Speech Day will be held in February.

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Athletic Sports on 30th April, 1914.

Natural History Society.

AT the first meeting of the society for this session, held on October 7th, as is usually the case a committee was elected to fill the place of that which transacted the business of the society during the previous session, most of the members having retired from school life to become men of business.

Watkinson was elected general secretary ; Jones J. A. E., Cocker, and Ogden, were set apart for the purpose of conducting the business of the Field and Microscopic Section ; Stott S. H. and Wallace G., were appointed officials of the Meteorological Section ; whilst the Photographic Section was committed to the tender mercies of Kershaw and Eatough C.

It was decided that the Field and Microscopic and Photographic Sections should hold their meetings on alternate Tuesday evenings, and that the Meteorological members should again hold their meetings on Thursday evenings.

The Natural History Society has made a magnificent start, getting into swing in a remarkably short time. In spite of the fact that the classes for teaching the "noble art of self defence" have somewhat decreased the numbers attending the meetings there have been some good gatherings. The quality of the papers read to the Field and Microscopic Section so far this session has left absolutely nothing to be desired, whilst Jackson W. C. broke the ice quite manfully for the Photographic Section. Strange to say, the Meteorological Section, hitherto left severely to a few, has drawn within its bonds quite a number of boys. No difficulty whatever was experienced in getting papers for the first meetings, and the secretaries are to be complimented on the energy put forth in that direction. So successful have their efforts been that

the secretaries are able to produce a list of the papers which are to be read throughout the session, a circumstance, so it is said, hitherto unknown. So it is that the Natural History Society is to have its first printed programme.

In connection with the Exhibition which is to be held in the Spring of next year there is to be a Spring Flower Show. It is hoped that as this is a new venture the members will make it a success. Members who have any collection, or specimens of any kind, are requested to set about mounting and preparing them for the coming exhibition, so that the Natural History Society's Exhibition in the Spring of 1914 may be looked back upon as the ideal for coming societies to strive to equal.

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FIELD AND MICROSCOPIC SECTION.

Tuesday, October 21st, 1913. At this meeting, the first of the session, Chadderton read a splendidly written paper on "Seals." He commenced by saying that the seal is not a fish but a mammal, and although it is found in the coldest waters it is warm blooded. The seal's overcoat, he stated, is three-fold. He went on to say that when swimming the seal puts hind feet together and moves them from side to side. He then went on to describe the method of capturing and killing seals. A vote of thanks was proposed to Chadderton by Watkinson and seconded by Jones J. A. E., and carried with applause.

Tuesday, November 4th, 1913. On this date Bradley J. read a very good paper on "A System of Nature." He commenced by saying that all animate nature can be divided into divisions and sub-divisions. He stated that the first two great classes are the Vertebrata (back-boned creatures), and the Invertebrata (spineless creatures). He went on to say that Vertebrata include Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, and Fishes. These again are divided into genera and species. Bradley

named and often described specimens of each sub-division which he mentioned. At the close of the meeting, which all present had enjoyed, a vote of thanks to Bradley was proposed by Watkinson and seconded by Cocker.

Tuesday, November 18th, 1913. At this meeting Cocker's interesting paper on "Sponges" was much appreciated. He said that people had been at a loss whether to classify sponges in the animal or vegetable kingdom. Its form, he said, is that of a plant, whilst the jelly-like substance which fills the sponge points to its true position amongst animals. He mentioned the means of locomotion of young sponge organisms, and concluded by describing means of obtaining the sponges of commerce. The paper read was throughout very interesting and instructive. The meeting adjourned after a vote of thanks to Cocker, proposed by Watkinson, and seconded by Jones J. A. E., had been carried with much applause.

Tuesday, December 2nd, 1913. On this date J. A. E. Jones read an interesting paper on "Plants." He stated that the Science of Botany is one of observation and measurement, just like any other science. Some plants have limited lives, others have not. Those with limited lives are either annuals, which live one year; biennials, which live two years and flower in the second; or plants which go for many years without flowering, flower once, and then die. Plants with unlimited lives are called perennials. These usually flower every year. We get an idea of the plants which lived in remote ages from fossilised remains in rocks. The things necessary to the health of plants were next mentioned, and the chemical constituents of the same. Chlorophyll was discussed, and the conditions under which it is produced in plants, and he concluded by alluding to some uses of plants to mankind generally. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to Jones, proposed by Cocker and seconded by Barlow. J.A.E.J.

PHOTOGRAPHY SECTION.

The season has been very successful, a good attendance at meetings having been made. Very great willingness has been shown by the members to give papers, and quite early in the session a full programme had been arranged, so that a few special dates had to be taken in the Easter Term. Alternate Tuesdays are the usual days, but a number of papers have been arranged for Thursdays.

The Annual Meeting of the section was held on Monday, October 13th, 1913, the business conducted being the provisional arrangement for the reading of papers, and the election of J. H. Kershaw as Hon. Secretary for the session. Dr. Potter very kindly renewed his offer of a prize for the best six photographs (any size) taken, developed, printed, and mounted by a member. The meeting was then adjourned until Tuesday, October 28th.

On Tuesday, October 28th, the second meeting was held, when W. C. Jackson read an interesting though rather brief paper on "Cameras." A vote of thanks, proposed by S. H. Stott, seconded by T. B. Cocker, was carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned.

On November 11th the third meeting should have been held, but owing to the number of members present the demonstration of "Developing" was given three times. The first on Tuesday evening, the second on Wednesday at 1 p.m., and the third on Friday at 1-15 p.m. Dr. Potter officiated at the first and C. Eatough at the other meetings.

On November 25th another practical demonstration was held, Dr. Potter explaining "Gaslight Printing." The subject attracted a number of members, and the meeting was held in the Physics Laboratory very successfully.

On December 9th Kershaw read a paper on "Indoor Photography." The title was perhaps rather uninteresting to

some of our members, as only a few turned up. The paper was illustrated by a sketch very ably drawn on the board by J. A. E. Jones, and by several photographs. A vote of thanks was proposed by T. B. Cocker and seconded by G. E. Wallace.

J.H.K.

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METEOROLOGICAL SECTION.

This section has been fairly active during the term which has just passed, though it did not quite fulfil the promise of its first meeting. A few meetings have been held during the term for beginners in Meteorology, and these have been very well attended. No definite conclusion has been arrived at as to whether the turn of the tide has any effect on the weather of inland towns. We are pleased to welcome Marlor, Buckley, and Cooper as new readers.

S.H.S.



The Library.

THIS term's work in connection with the Library has been most encouraging. The number of boys in the Lower School who avail themselves of the use of books from the Lending Library has greatly increased, and the librarians have often to turn many boys away who come late. They would like to make it clear that the Library is open from 1-30 to 1-55 p.m., at which time the Library must be closed, so will all boys, who wish to get books, make a point of coming before 1-55 p.m. The Senior boys are also taking great interest in the Reference Library. We have had several books rebound, and are expecting several additions, since the Headmaster has asked the Librarians to make a list of books suitable for the Library. There is one point to which we wish to draw attention, and that is the praiseworthy custom of presenting books to the Library on leaving School. We wish to thank J. A. Schofield, C. I. C. Gill, and F. Whittaker for valuable volumes so given.

Last term a Chess Tournament was held, and many boys entered for it. The games were on the whole very exciting, and created no small amount of interest. G. E. Wallace won the beginners' tournament, while A. F. I. Barlow won the Senior Competition.

A.M.C. C.E.



Gymnasium.

THE Gymnasium Classes have made splendid progress this term. We have arranged Boxing Classes both for Seniors and Juniors, which are well attended. The Juniors especially take great interest in them. Form Handball Matches will be arranged during the Easter Term.

A.M.C.



Swimming Notes.

ALTHOUGH the weather throughout the Summer Term was exceptionally suitable for swimming we have not had as many swimmers in the School during the late season as we anticipated. The few boys who have taken an interest in this sport have found a kindly and competent instructor in Mr. Marriott, to whom the whole School is indebted, not only for his general interest in swimming but also for the able manner in which he arranged the sports, a matter of great interest to us all.

The Sixth Form in particular seem to have neglected the opportunities afforded them of practising swimming. Rumour has it that they were shy of their prowess. It has been left to the Lower Fourth Form to show itself the Swimming Form.

At our Annual Sports, held on July 28th, many exciting races were witnessed. In the Squadron Race, the chief event of the day, Lees House won rather easily. P. Butterworth and W. R. Jackson deserve special mention for their swift and stylish swimming.

RESULTS OF SPORTS.

2 LENGTHS HANDICAP FOR BOYS UNDER 15.—Heat
Winners: Jackson W. R., Carrington, Butterworth. Final:
1 Jackson, 2 Carrington. Time $42\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

2 LENGTHS HANDICAP FOR BOYS OVER 15.—Final:
1 Lawless, 2 Halliwell. Time $47\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

NEAT DIVE.—1 Smith E. D., 2 Jackson W. R.

PLATE DIVING.—1 Smith E. D., 2 Butterworth.

LONG DIVE.—1 Butterworth, 2 Jackson W. R.

Distance 28—6.

5 LENGTHS SCRATCH RACE.—1 JACKSON W.R., 2
2 Butterworth. Time 2 mins. $59\frac{2}{3}$ secs.

SQUADRON RACE.—1 Lees House, 2 Assheton House, 3
Platt House.

After the Sports Mr. Pickford presented the prizes amidst much applause. A vote of thanks to Mr. Marriott for his excellent arrangement of all matters connected with the Sports was carried with much enthusiasm. G.T.L.



Cricket Notes.

DURING the late season School Cricket has been far more successful than the results of the matches seem to indicate. For although only three matches have been won out of twelve, the foundation has been laid of a team which, next season, should do extremely well. While the School has been singularly rich in bowlers, batsmen have been very scarce, and to the weakness in batting, and to the fact that two of the most prominent members of the 1st XI have been unable to assist it regularly, can be attributed the XI's failure to win matches. A pleasing feature of the School Cricket in general has been the keenness shown in fielding,

and, judging from the manner in which the daily fielding practices have been attended, the whole School realises how important is this branch of the game. The fielding practices have been conducted by Mr. Edwards, who has devoted much of his time to coaching the School elevens.

Both matches with Manchester Grammar School 2nd XI were very evenly contested. The home match resulted in a draw, the scores being: School 89, Manchester 81 (for 9 wickets).

The away match, in which Midgley scored 62, ended in a win for Manchester by two runs. Of the two matches with Stand Grammar School, one (the home match) was won and the other lost.

Both matches with Stockport Grammar School were lost in spite of a splendid innings of 50 not out by Roseblade, as were those with Warrington.

The 2nd XI has met with a fair measure of success as regards winning matches, and many of the members of this XI have shown much promise. Results of 2nd XI matches:— Played 7, Won 3, Lost 3, Tie 1.

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The House Competition provided a keen struggle for top place between Assheton House and Lees House, Platt House being, unfortunately, rather weak owing to the inability of one of its chief members to play. Assheton House also suffered in this respect, for it lost the services of its captain in the middle of the season.

RESULT OF HOUSE COMPETITION.

1st XI	Lees	Assheton	Platt	Pts.
Lees ...	—	10	20	30
Assheton	10	—	20	30
Platt ...	0	0	—	0

2nd XI	Lees	Assheton	Platt	Points
Lees ...	—	4	8	12
Assheton	4	—	0	4
Platt ...	0	8	—	8

1st and 2nd XI's.

Lees	...	...	42	points
Assheton	...	...	34	"
Platt	...	...	8	"

"Lees," the Champion House, defeated the Rest of the School.

The Form Matches, which were introduced a year ago by Mr. Edwards, have been played with great keenness, and have become very popular.

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1st XI. BATTING AVERAGES.

	No. of Innings	Times not out	Most in an Innings	Total Runs	Average
Midgley	4	0	62	116	29.00
Bunting	8	1	46*	142	20.28
Roseblade	14	1	50*	161	12.38
Pollard	14	1	26*	91	7.00
Shaw, S.	11	0	17	59	5.36
Lees	9	1	10	39	4.87
Barratt	6	4	5*	8	4.00
Halliwell	14	0	17	49	3.50

Shaw A., Barlow, Carrington, Park J., and Whittaker also batted.

BOWLING AVERAGES.

Name.	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Bunting	70.4	23	142	32	4.43
Roseblade	72	16	155	23	6.73
Pollard	79.2	20	210	22	9.54
Midgley	35	6	104	10	10.40

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CRITIQUE.

MIDGLEY. A very good left-hand batsman and good medium paced bowler. Has a splendid leg stroke and off-drive. Good fielder.

BUNTING. Good forcing batsman, but inclined to loft the ball. Very good medium paced bowler with a nasty off-break. Good fielder.

POLLARD. A stylish batsman with a good defence. Bowls very well with a good length and off-break. Seems to be unlucky both with bat and ball. Fielding could be improved.

SHAW, S. A promising batsman, rather strong on the leg side. Bowls a good length ball, and is a good fielder and safe catch.

LEES. A stonewaller. Has been very useful to the team in this capacity. Can keep wicket in an emergency.

BARRATT. From his style seems as though he would make a batsman. Good bowler, but should not try to bowl too fast. Keen fielder.

HALLIWELL. A quick scoring batsman with an easy style. Has kept wicket very successfully.

BARLOW. Improved in batting as the season went on, and is a good bowler. Fielding rather loose.

CARRINGTON. A slogger. Would make a good batsman if he altered his methods. Useful bowler and very good fielder. Safe catch in the deep.

WHITTAKER. Has improved in batting and is a real trier. Plucky fielder.

ROSEBLADE. A very capable and popular captain, and a good batsman. His innings of 50 (not out) at Stockport was a very fine effort. His bowling has proved exceedingly useful at times. Is the best fielder we have had at the School for several years. Scored a century in one of the House Matches. We hope that he will be able to play for the School next season.

OUT OR NOT OUT?

[Being Hamlet's latest soliloquy on being given out leg before when playing for Denmark against Eleven of the Neighbouring States.]

HAMLET.—Am I out, Polonius?

POLONIUS (batting at the other end).—I fear so sire; the man said, "Chuck her up."

HAMLET (retiring).—Then must I go; yet 'tis a monstrous thing

That all this great and most momentous issue
Should hang upon a churlish umpire's nod.

How now, my lords? The ball had bias on it,
And if my leg had been in front, as 'twas not,
Would ne'er have hit the sticks—no, not by yards.
It did not pitch straight; it was rising high.

Besides, the man is bowling round the wicket.

Yea! I can summon up a million reasons
Which, being pondered on, conspire to show
The verdict of yon purblind idiot false.

Well, well!

The thing's an allegory.

How accident doth wait on carefulness,
And all precaution used! I took one leg;
I wisely questioned if my toes were clear,
And all for this. Oh! sirs, the pity of it!
I was firmly set

As any oak tree in the sylvan glade.

I saw the bowling well, the ball appeared
To me as large as the full harvest moon
Sailing above the straw stack; I had meant
To score a hundred, when that echoing yell,
Both from the bowler and the wicket-keeper,
The pre-arranged duet of knavery,
Checked me in mid-success and cut me down.
What weak-kneed umpire could resist that roar?
There's no doubt on't, I was hustled out.

Give me a pipe, I'll drown my grief in smoke;
This cricket is a passing *beastly* game! [*Cricket Field.*]

Debating Society Notes.

THE Debating Society opened its new session with an impromptu debate which was held on November 10th, 1913. Carrington proposed "That Fencing should be taught in this School." He stated that fencing provided recreation, and was also a mode of self-defence. Hynes, in opposing, said that it was unnecessary because it was not used in every-day life. The motion was carried by 26 votes to 7. Watkinson then proposed that "A Living Coward is better than a Dead Hero," stating that a dead hero is not of much use, but a living coward may reform and be of service to humanity. Winterbottom had much pleasure in opposing the motion, which was defeated by 17 votes to 10. The last motion brought forward was that "Vegetarianism is Beneficial." Wallace proposed this motion and Smith opposed it, but it did not excite much discussion, and was defeated by 14 votes to 7.

On the following Monday Mr. Hall gave us a paper on "A HISTORY OF THE IRISH QUESTION." He carefully and impartially related all the events which had taken place right from the first Irish parliament to present times. S. H. Stott proposed a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Kershaw and heartily carried.

On November 24th, 1913, Park proposed that "THE THEATRE HAS A BAD EFFECT ON THE MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL LIFE OF THE COUNTRY." He said that the theatres and music halls did a great deal to demoralise the country, and that even Shakespeare had many immoral parts in his plays. Kershaw, in opposing, said that the theatres and music halls did not demoralise the people but educated them. He thought that the people who tried to improve the theatre really made it worse. A lively discussion took place in which Mr. Hall, Watkinson, Lees, Leachinsky, Cocker, Wallace, Barratt, J. L. Bradbury, and J. A. E. Jones spoke. The motion was defeated by 39 votes to 4.

On Monday, December 1st, there was a half-holiday so the debate was postponed till Thursday, December 4th, 1913, when Carrington proposed that "THE 'ENTENTE CORDIALE' IS BENEFICIAL TO BOTH FRANCE AND ENGLAND." He stated that England required a strong power to support her on the Continent, and that France filled that requirement. Barratt, in opposing, thought it would be better to make an alliance with a great English-speaking nation like the United States. In a very short debate that followed Cocker, S. H. Stott, G. Wallace, J. L. Bradbury, and Mr. Hall spoke. The motion was carried by 21 votes to 8.

On Monday, December 8th, J. L. Bradbury proposed the motion that "COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING OUGHT TO TO BE ENFORCED IN ENGLAND." He said that the system would improve the physical condition of the men of the country, and that we should not see so many "loafers" at the corners of the streets. He thought that England ought to have a stronger army to compete with other countries. S. H. Stott, in opposing, pointed out the defects of the system as it was carried on in other countries, and stated that the navy was strong enough to prevent the landing of a foreign army in England. During a lively debate which followed, Lees, Kershaw, Leachinsky, G. Wallace, Watkinson, Holt, Barlow, and Mr. Hall spoke. The motion was defeated by 28 votes to 17.

On December 15th, J. A. E. Jones proposed "IT WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO HAVE A CHANNEL TUNNEL." He stated it would be a good thing in time of war, as provisions could be got into the country by that means. T. B. Cocker, in opposing, stated that it was practically impossible to construct a Channel Tunnel, and even if it were possible he thought that the majority of people would prefer to travel by sea rather than by a stuffy underground railway. He also pointed out the disadvantages of such a tunnel. Only a few members were present, and the debate was very short.

Mr. Hall, Wallace, Lees, Sankey, and Barlow spoke on the motion, which was defeated by 16 votes to 8. At the close of this meeting, the committee gave their thanks to Mr Hall for the services he had rendered to the society.

S.H.S.

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British and Foreign Bible Society.

ABOUT mid-term we had our annual visit from a representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Mr. Darlow first thanked the members of the School for the energy they had put forth since Mr. Wolfendale's visit 12 months previously, as a result of which £8 had been raised for the Society by members of the School. He remarked that this Society was the link which connected all denominations, as the Christian faith was founded on the Bible. He then proceeded to point out some of the difficulties experienced by the missionaries. In the first place the missionaries had to deal with people who had not even an alphabet or a Grammar, not to mention a Dictionary. He showed that they had difficulty in explaining what lambs were to people whose only animals were pigs and rats; and also in describing snow to the people of Central Africa; whilst there are people in Siberia whose knowledge of music is so crude as to present a formidable barrier to translation. Again, there are people to whom merry-making only means getting drunk. The parable of the Prodigal Son needs no small amount of trouble to be translated to those people. In spite of all these difficulties, however, he was pleased to say that in the last 15 years the circulation had been doubled, and the Bible had been translated into 100 new languages. In 100 years, from being read by 2-10ths of the world the Bible had come to be read by 7-10ths.

It is pleasing to note that the School has renewed its energies in this direction, over 50 boys having taken out cards, &c., for collecting purposes.

D.W.

A Visit to the Ghent Exhibition.

THIS year many thousands of visitors have come from all over the world to the small but very beautiful town of Ghent, in Belgium, for this year a great exhibition has been held there. In order to cope with the number of visitors, in Ghent alone three large hotels have been specially built. The grounds of the exhibition cover many square miles, in fact they are more extensive than Ghent itself, and the various sections are reached by means of a temporary railway which has stations at various parts. All the buildings were of white, and in the bright sunshine looked very beautiful. Practically all the civilised countries of the world were represented by separate buildings, in which were exhibited the products and manufactures of each country.

One building that attracted particular attention was "Le Congo," in which were exhibited rubber in its various stages, starting with the tree and ending with the finished motor tyre. Another building that attracted considerable attention was the flower show, where flowers and plants from all over the world were shown, the interior of the building being a mass of all the colours of the rainbow.

In the cotton machinery department the chief exhibit was made by Platt Bros. of Oldham. A very interesting building was a model of an English prison. The interior showed the cells, also a smithy and a printing press for the convicts to work at, and also a room where sacks were manufactured for postal purposes. At the side were some glass cases in which were objects made by the prisoners. They included keys (for escaping), knives, files, needles, purses, dolls, and also many beautifully carved pieces of bone and wood.

In another section were displayed different types of modern weapons, from the 13.5 naval gun to the little maxim repeater. The shells also which are used by these weapons were shown. In the next exhibit many different types of aeroplanes, both ancient and modern, were shown.

In a building where things chemical were displayed were some splendid crystals—a perfect natural crystal of quartz about six inches long, and another of copper sulphate about eight inches long (artificial).

In the shipping section the complete machinery of a modern liner, including the boilers, turbines, and propellers was working, the propellers being sunk in pits about twelve feet deep. There was also a diver's dress, and models of most of the up-to-date battleships.

At night the place was illuminated by large arc lamps, and three search lights were showing up the country for miles round as if it were daytime. The necessary electricity was produced by six tremendous dynamos worked by steam turbines

C.E.



A Holiday in France.

DURING the Summer holidays Mr. Edwards took a party of boys from the school to France. We first went to London, and spent a short but enjoyable time there.

We visited as many places of interest as was possible in the time, but we were eager to obtain our first impression of a foreign country.

From London we went to Dieppe, and stayed there a short time. Dieppe is only half French, as English is spoken in the chief hotels and cafés, and many of the shopkeepers are either English or speak that language. Stamps are obtained at tobacconists, and the letter boxes are so small and in such queer places that they are not easily found. The postmen wear white trousers and blue coats, and carry their letters in a box which is suspended in front of them. The gendarmes wear swords, which seem more for ornament than anything else. The French people on the whole seem very amiable, but are very excitable. Sunday in France is not kept at all as it is in England. The people attend the churches or cathedrals early in the morning, and treat the rest of the day as a general

holiday. We spent an enjoyable time at Dieppe and in the country surrounding it, which is very beautiful indeed.

We went by train to Rouen, which is an old historical town standing on the river Seine, and noted for its connection with Joan of Arc. The town contains a fine cathedral, and from the summit of its tower a magnificent view of Rouen and the Seine winding its way through beautiful country may be obtained. The streets of Rouen, except the one running along the bank of the Seine, are very narrow, and generally end in small squares. After staying a short time at Rouen we sailed down the Seine, amidst beautiful scenery, to Havre, passing the Abbaye de Jumièges, dating from 700 A.D., now almost in ruins. Le Havre is mostly concerned in shipping, and contains many great docks. St. Adresse, just outside the town, is a new French watering place, and stands on the side of a hill.

We went from Le Havre to Paris, and the great city, with its magnificent streets and boulevards, appealed to all. Compared with London it is a much better place to spend a holiday. The streets are better, one, the Champs Elysée, being the finest in the world, but the traffic is uncontrolled. The tube in Paris is just below the surface of the street, and is nothing like the one in London. The Bois de Boulogne, containing over eighty miles of walks, and thickly wooded, extends over two miles outside the city, and ranks amongst the finest parks in the world. The Louvre, the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower, and Napoleon's Tomb were all visited. The Louvre contains many of the world's finest pictures, which were taken from Italy by Napoleon. It is one of the best museums in the world, and is fronted by magnificent gardens containing many statues. The Tomb of Napoleon in the Hôtel des Invalides is surrounded by a great dome, and is in a circular pit. Around it are Napoleon's flags and the names of his victories, and tombs of his generals and his family are in the same building. The Panthéon and the Trocadéro were also visited. Outside the

Panthéon is the famous bronze statue "Le Penseur," by Rodin. From the top of the church of Notre Dame, with its numerous gargoyles, we had a fine view of Paris and the river. Versailles, a few miles from Paris, contains the palace of the old French kings. The palace gardens are extremely beautiful, and contain numerous fountains.

The state railway of France is quite outclassed by our best railway companies. Although the boat expresses and the chief trains are not at all bad, the ordinary trains are badly fitted up and lack the comfort of our English railways. The railway time in France goes up to 24 o'clock, and the clocks are marked accordingly. The figures up to 12 o'clock are black, and those from 12 to 24 are outside these and painted red. The black figures denote a.m., and the red ones p.m. The stations have very low platforms, or none at all, and hence the floor of the compartment is a good height from the ground. The trams in Rouen are electric, and there is an electric railway in Paris, but the trams there are driven by steam, and each tram pulls two or three cars behind it. There is a fine service of steamers on the Seine which quite outclass those on the Thames in London. They are rather small, but they travel very quickly, and there is a station at almost every bridge. Taken on the whole the French hotels are better than the English ones, but soap is not provided unless specially asked for. The food is cooked in a different and decidedly better way than it is in England.

It was extremely kind of Mr. Edwards to devote so much time in taking us to France, and we thoroughly appreciate his kindness, having spent the best holiday of our lives.

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WHEN I consider how this restless earth,
 Tho' constant changing, but brings forth the old,
 And long lost fashions of a time long told ;
 That ought of wonder or of wondrous worth,

Of beauty rare, of sorrow, or of mirth,
 Is but decay cast in transforming mould ;
 While nought that earth may from its depths unfold,
 Can cease to be, but yet shall have rebirth ;

Then feel I that my soul is still a part
 Of this harmonious universe : and so shall be
 (Tho' mountains fall, and rivers all run dry,
 Tho' stars to earth with fiery course down start),
 When the last trump shall call the just on high,
 A glorious gem of immortality.

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Old Boys' Notes.

THE 12th annual meeting was held at the School on 22nd December last, when Mr. W. H. Hall acted as chairman. The following members were re-elected on the Council:— Messrs. C. E. Garfitt, W. H. Hall, H. Mitton, and C. H. Pickford. The new members elected were Messrs. J. A. Bunting and J. Stopford. Mr. C. Atkins was elected hon. assistant secretary.

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In order that boys just leaving School may know the objects of the Old Boys' Association we take this opportunity of giving again a statement of the chief objects of the Association, and trust that boys will, as soon as they have left School, apply for membership to the hon secretary, Mr. R. Barlow, 9, Fern Street, Oldham. The annual subscription is 2/6, due 1st November, and payable in advance (Magazine inclusive).

The objects of the Association are stated in Rule 2, which is as follows:—

- (a) To provide means for keeping Old Boys of the School in touch with each other and with the School and its Teaching Staff.
- (b) To assist the formation of sections within the Association, consisting of groups of its members united in the pursuit of some common interest.
- (c) To maintain an official organ, either in conjunction with the School Magazine or otherwise, for the dissemination among the members of items of interest concerning the School, the Association itself, its sections, or any of the members.
- (d) To undertake or support any amovement in which the Association may properly concern itself, for the good of the School or of the town.

We wish to congratulate Mr. T. G. Sladen, who took the degree of B.A. at Durham University last June.

A football match with Warrington Grammar School Old Boys has been arranged for February 14th, to be played on the Oldham School Ground. We hope that there will be a large attendance of our members to welcome our guests.

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During the past year the Association has done much to keep its members together, although most of the events have been of a social character.

On 13th Dec., 1912, a dance was held in the Greenacres Hall, which again proved to be very popular with our members and their friends.

The 12th annual dinner took place in the Union Club on Tuesday, 11th February last, when 47 members enjoyed what is considered to be the one great event of the year, when good cheer and old times can be discussed together. The toast of the Association was given by Mr. Marriott, a master of the School, and responded to by Mr. P. Stockdale. To Mr. G. B. Taylor fell the honour of proposing the toast of "The School," which was replied to by the head master, Mr. Pickford.

During the summer an effort was made by Mr. C. Atkins to form a photographic section of the Association, and members interested were requested to bring their cameras on the annual pic-nic, which was arranged for Saturday, 5th July last, Moreton Old Hall being the spot chosen. The party, which numbered 23, left Oldham by motor char-a-banc, and passing through Knutsford came to Moreton Old Hall, where an inspection was made of one of the finest examples of black and white building in this country. It is interesting to note that the King and Queen visited this hall last spring. The return

journey was made viâ Congleton, at which place a halt was called for tea. The arrangements for the comfort of the party had been carried out in a most successful manner by Mr. C. Atkins, to whom our best thanks are due.

In conclusion your Committee wish again to thank the President for the sympathy and advice which he is always ready to give for the benefit of the Association; also to Mr. Pym, one of our first vice-presidents, our sincere thanks are due for the continued interest which he has always manifested in the Association and its members since its inauguration 13 years ago. To Dr. Potter your Committee is much indebted for the work which he did in preparing the scientific experiments for the soirée, and for much time given to the general interest.



Old Boys' Soiree.

THE Old Boys have again added to their laurels. The Soirée, held in the School on December 5th, was voted by all who were present as the most successful event ever held under the auspices of the Association; only the untiring work and the unflagging energy on the part of those responsible for the arrangements made it so. It went off without a hitch. The guests were entertained every moment of the time, and something of interest and entertainment was proceeding somewhere in the building, without a break, the whole evening.

Mrs. Alderman C. E. Lees and Miss Lees were very kind in coming to receive our guests. We were indeed fortunate in host and hostess.

While the reception was going on Mr. Lawton's band played in its usual admirable way, and when this was over we all settled down to hear what promised to be a really enjoyable concert.

Mr. Pashley, a very good baritone vocalist, opened with a song, "The Trumpeter." He has a fine voice and sings well, and rendered this and all his other items with considerable taste and culture.

The next item was looked forward to by many with peculiar interest. Miss Lansdell is an "old girl." We had heard splendid reports of her, and were prepared to hear something very good. We were not disappointed, and felt proud that one who attended our sister school should sing so well. That she was appreciated was seen by the fact that she was recalled after each item, and many were the expressions of delight heard on all sides.

Mr. Foden Williams, who came next with a humorous recital, was very good indeed. He is quite one of the best we have heard, and everyone enjoyed his jokes, which were always refined and in good taste.

At nine o'clock we had to choose between an Exhibition of Lantern Slides in Natural Colours by Mr. G. Kempsey, a series of Scientific Experiments by Dr. L. F. Potter, and a Conjuring Entertainment by Mr. H. A. Palmer. The Coloured Photographs were really splendid, and it is truly wonderful what can be done nowadays in this branch of art. Dr. Potter, as usual, gave a very good Exhibition of Scientific Experiments. Mr. Palmer, an exceedingly clever conjurer, gave us one of the best shows we have ever seen. We went out just as wise as we came in, and were quite mystified by his tricks and sleight of hand. We now adjourned for supper. This was most agreeable, and we did full justice to the ample fare provided.

At ten o'clock the Orchestra played again in the hall, and at 10-30 another Concert was given by the same artistes as before, finishing up with a few selections by the band. Then the committee and their friends began to clear the great hall,

and in an incredibly short space of time the floor was clear and ready for dancing.

The dance gave a very pleasant finish to the Soirée, and a most successful event was over, all the guests having enjoyed themselves, and having gone away feeling very satisfied with the good things given them.

