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There will be no Half-term Holiday.

Easter Holidays: Break-up, Wednesday, March 27th; Resume, Monday, April 8th.

Ulula had the misfortune to lose all three of her sub-editors at the end of last term; F. A. Porter having joined the Tank Corps, and R. D. Wormald and T. G. Standing having gone into residence at Oxford. The new sub-editors are F. McEachran and E. Kenyon.

In the matter of gifts the school has been particularly fortunate of late. Our kind friend Mrs. Nathan Laski has presented to us a portrait engraving of Bishop Richard Fox. Mr. T. S. Kidd, of Swinton, has sent us a specimen of the rare New Zealand bird called by the Maoris "Kiwi-Kiwi." Mounted specimens of this bird are rare. We are fortunate to secure one. Mrs. Alan Foxley, of Valewood, Mobberley, has presented us with a fine Heron (Ardea cinerea) from Cheshire. The bird is being mounted for the school collection.

In the New Year's List of Honours we notice that Captain Potts is promoted to the rank of Brevet-Major. Our hearty congratulations to him.

We were very pleased to see Mr. Ernest Heiman at his old school a few days ago. He had returned from Ruhleben with the first batch of exchanged prisoners. Our congratulations to Lieut. Lob, who has been transferred to a special corps known as the Sound-Ranging Corps.

Mr. H. L. Joseland, late Master of the Mathematical Sixth and present Headmaster of Burnley Grammar School, has been appointed to the Manchester University Council.

The Committee of the Major Merryweather Memorial Fund beg to acknowledge the receipt of £1 ls. presented to the Fund in the name of Lieut. E. Leslie Whalley.

The Committee of the H.O. Lads' Club thank G. W. Dixon for his gift of clothing.

We publish, at the end of this issue, the additional list of O.M.A. members, since the last issue.

Contributions, other than those relating to the O.M.A., will be received by Mr. A. S. Warman at the School.

N.B.—Will members please note that subscriptions should be paid to Mr. Fred Etchells, Assistant Secretary, at the School, and that changes of address should be notified (also to Mr. Etchells) without delay.

Honours List.

- H. V. Styler, Open Mathematical Scholarship, C.C.C., Oxford.
- A. Coleman, Philip Wright Exhibition, Wadham College, Oxford.
- G. L. Gleave, Open Classical Scholarship, Lincoln College, Oxford, and University Scholarship, Salford Education Committee.
- W. W. Woodcock, Open Modern Language Scholarship, St. John's College, Cambridge.
- Hulme, Open Exhibition in Modern Languages, Caius College, Cambridge.
- B. G. Wood, Somerset Iver Scholarship, B.N.C., Oxford.
- T. G. Standing, Open Modern History Exhibition, New College, Oxford.
- F. A. Porter, Open Classical Scholarship, Queen's College, Oxford.
- R. D. Wormald, Open Major Classical Exhibition, Balliol College, Oxford.
- G. B. Hargreaves, Open Mathematical Scholarship, St. John's College, Oxford.

Verse.

TO A FRIEND.

Oft had I passed that way, yet never seen This dell, deep-hidden in leaves, whose sudden sight Transfixed me now with reverence and delight. It was so beautiful—the living green; The sunlight filt'ring thro' the leafy screen; The flowers gleaming in that softened light, Iris and foxglove; water out of sight Whispering thro' the reeds a song serene.

So, I had known thee long, and loved thee well, Dear friend, and cherished a proud thought (how vain!) That of thy love was nothing left to tell. But once, when fate came sharp upon us twain, Thy soul stripped to its loveliness, I saw, And in my heart I bowed with sudden awe. H. O e example is and orbitally the

A PRIMROSE.

I saw this flower a bare two days ago, and I was raptured with the joy and pride of seeing by the brooklet's matted side so fair a thing, and one so tender grow. Have you ne'er caught your breath at such a glow of fragile flame amid the grass, and cried to your own soul in ecstasy? But it has died, died, fallen, faded: colourless and low

it hangs its withered head. No more it gleams a little laugh of gold. Life it will give to others. Ah! but it will never live itself, and throng the soul with marvellous dreams. All, all is ended. Nought that is can flee the ruthless laws of mutability.

O. A.

The Rochdale Type

It is only to be expected that in an enormous school like the Grammar School, which draws its pupils from all parts of Manchester suburbs and from the towns round Manchester, there should appear many diverse and peculiar types of humanity, and, indeed, this is what actually happens, for on close inspection any boy who comes from a particular town betrays certain peculiarities and eccentricities which connect him with his fellows from that town and distinguish him from those from other districts. Not that boys from one particular town tend to form an isolated coterie. In fact, it is very often just the reverse, and it is not at all uncommon for boys to travel from the same town on an identical train, day after day, year after year, without once speaking to one another or making each other's acquaintance, simply because they do not come into contact in the school. It is perhaps hardly realised how effectual as barriers to prevent intercourse the different sides of the school are, not to mention the less effective division into forms. But, notwithstanding all this division into Classical and Modern Forms, the various types are still to be recognised, especially those which hail from towns outside Manchester, and among these the most sublime example is undoubtedly the Rochdale type.

It must be borne in mind that here the term Rochdale comprises not only the town Rochdale but also the minor satellites, Castleton, Littleborough, etc., which fit very well in the Rochdale category; but, on the other hand, it does not include Todmorden, which, though on the same railway line, is in Yorkshire, and therefore alien to the Rochdale spirit. This Rochdale spirit is exceedingly hard to define, but it may be expressed as a mingling of the spirit of John Bright with that of Edwin Waugh (the great Rochdale poet), and it is the spirit of all Lancashire. The demeanour and way of thought of every Rochdalian is impregnated and imbued with it, although it is highly improbable that many Rochdalians could tell exactly who Edwin Waugh was or

what John Bright did.

The Rochdalians are remarkable for a steadiness of character and a coalescent consistency of purpose which is a direct inheritance from Bright, combined with a cogent comprehension of the humorous, which they obtain unconsciously from Edwin Waugh. This combination may be illustrated in the way they usually envisage the shortcomings of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway, which is a visible bond which unites them morning and night. It has its virtues and its vices, and though they are sorry when the train almost invariably rolls into Victoria Station at 9-6 a.m., and causes them unwillingly to be late, yet they utter no word of reproach, and are even able, owing to the influence of Waugh, to see a humorous side to the picture. A Rochdalian may be infallibly recognised anywhere by his vigorous and heated promulgation of the unsurpassable and pre-eminent qualities of the railway by which he travels.

But it is perhaps superfluous and unnecessary to enumerate the philosophical and psychological sentimentalities of the Rochdalians, or to make odious comparisons with other alien communities which infest the school, for any such attempts are only too liable to degenerate into a mere coagulation of platitudinous and flatulent ponderosity. The outcome would be of necessity a conclusion to the effect that, for a community to develop and prosper, it must contain a conglomeration of divergent elements, which should combine to form a concatenated and homogeneous whole, and that it is for the welfare of the school that the serious spirit of Lancashire should be brought into

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contact with that of other parts of England.

From the Kitchen.

I'ld like a word, mum—it's about the food— We don't hold with this nonsense about rations; We don't want luxuries—that's understood— What we object to is new-fangled fashions.

Take breakfast now, this Quaker Oats and stuff; Our bit of bacon is the thing we fancy; And marge—well, marge for pastry's bad enough, But marge on bread won't do for me and Nancy.

And then this meatless day—there's work to do,
And them as works needs proper food supplied 'em;
These fancy dishes seem to do for you,
But rice-and-cheese receipts, we can't abide 'em.

We're skimped for bread, too, and it's pretty bad, And barley scones are off, I won't deceive you; We only ask for what we've always had, And if we can't get that we'll have to leave you.

F. H. J.

Book Notice.

THE ART OF ENGLISHMEN AND OTHER WRITINGS OF ROGER OLDHAM.

The Complete Press. W. Norwood. 2s. 6d.

Mrs. Oldham has put together in this little volume a few essays and lectures of her late husband. O.M.'s who were at the school three years ago will meet again in these pages some of the ideas he then put before us with such readiness and grace and persuasiveness of exposition. The old canal bridge at Broadheath and the figures of the men and women of olden time who crossed it, blustering Sam Bough, starving Fred Shields, the fugitive De Quincey, Randolph Caldecott, Helen Paterson, Stanley Houghton-we meet them here again, and learn to see the beauty of the common things of our everyday life and "the spiritual meaning that lies behind surface facts." From the fragments we pick up "Art for money's sake is commercialism and leads to ruin. Art for art's sake is a pose and leads nowhere. Art for life's sake leads to ruin or the gates of the new Jerusalem. Art that is eternal is Art for humanity's sake and Art for God's sake." The "message" of Roger Oldham, embalmed in this book, will keep alive a memory and an influence we would be loath to let die.

The Roll of Honour.

KILLED IN ACTION OR DIED OF WOUNDS.

Beddy, K. C., Lieut., R.F.C.
Brookes, W., M.M., Corpl., Tank Corps
Dobb, A., Pte., Labour Battalion
Headeach, M. P. C., Sergt., 12th York and Lancaster Regiment
Hunter, J. K., 2nd Lieut., 5th Manchester Regiment
Kendrick, H. B., Pte., 13th Manchester Regiment
Kershaw, J., Pte., M.G.C.
Litchfield, C. P., P.O. Mechanic, R.N.
Martin, E. J., 2nd Lieut., Seaforth Highlanders
Maycock, C. E., Sergt., Rifle Brigade
Orrell, J. T., 2nd Lieut., R.F.C.
Slack, G., Lance Corpl., L.N. Lancs. Regiment
Sturdy, A. B., Pte., King's Liverpool Regiment
Tune, C. V., Lance-Corpl., M.G.C.
Yorke-Jones, K., 2nd Lieut., 3rd Manchester Regiment

WOUNDED OR MISSING.

Bentz, F. C., Capt., R.A.M.C. (gassed)
Chadwick, G., Capt., Manchester Regiment (attached R.F.C.)
Cronshaw, A. E., Col. (gassed)
Gardner, E. W. L., Sergt., 20th R. Fusiliers
Harrison, F. E., M.C., Capt., County Palatine Artillery
Holden, A., Lieut., R.F.C.
Johnston, J. E., Capt., 6th Cheshire Regiment (missing since Dec. 2)
Kaviley, W., Lieut., R.F.A. (July, 1917)
Kellner, W. B., Pte., E. Lancs. Field Ambulance (gassed)
McLellan, W., 2nd Lieut., Ayrshire Yeomanry (Oct., 1916)
McLellan, R. B., Lieut., 1st King's Liverpool Regiment (att. M.G.C.)
(gassed Oct., 1917)
Scott, A. C., 2nd Lieut., R. Fusiliers (att. M.G.C.) (shrapnel, multiple)
Smethurst, F. W., Corpl., W. Yorks. Regiment (has lost left arm)
Turner, A. Norman, Lieut., Australian E.F.
Watts, W. K., Capt., Norfolk Regiment (att. Gloster Regiment) (missing since Dec. 2)
Wightman, A. B., Lieut. (acting Capt.), 16th Manchester Regiment
Oct., 1917)

PRISONER OF WAR.

Gibson, T. H., Pte., R.A.M.C. (Nov., 1917; now at Dülmen, Westphalia)

DISTINCTIONS.

Ainsworth, R. B., A/Capt. and Adj., D.L.I., Military Cross Belcher, S., Lieut., A/Capt., Lancs. Fusiliers, mentioned in despatches Carmichael, J., Sergt., 7/8th K.O.S.B., D.C.M. Carson, T., Capt., R.F.A., Military Cross Clayton, H. V., 2nd Lieut., Manchester Regiment, Military Cross Coop, J., Rev., Army Chaplain, D.S.O., and twice previously mentioned in despatches

Crane, W. A., Capt., R.A.M.C., Serbian Order of St. Sava

Cronshaw, A. E., Col., mentioned in despatches, D.S.O., Territorial Decoration

Gibson, T. H., Pte., R.A.M.C., Military Medal

Griffiths, J. H., Sergt. (Acting Staff Sergt.), R.A.M.C. (T.F.), M.S.M. Hampson, S. B., Capt., Lancs. Fusiliers, Military Cross

Holme, R. C., Brigadier Major, R.G.A., Chevalier Order of Leopold, Croix de Guerre, and mentioned in despatches

Jennison, Hubert, Capt., 1st West Yorks. Regiment, Military Cross

Kelly, A. J., Brigadier General, C.B.

Laing, W., Major, R.F.A., Military Cross, and twice previously mentioned Lockwood, G. S., Caot., Lancs. Fusiliers, Military Cross and Belgian Croix de Guerre

Ramsay, J. H., Capt., M.D., R.A.M.C. (T.F.), mentioned in despatches

Roberts, O. C., Pte., 6th Manchester Regiment, Military Medal

Wightman, A. B., Lieut. (A/Capt.), 16th Manchester Regt., Military Cross Wright, W., Lieut., M.G.C., Military Cross

The War.

THE KILLED.

Lieut. K. C. Beddy (1909-12) was killed in an aeroplane accident. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Beddy, of Jagersfontein, Transvaal. From the school he won a classical exhibition at Jesus College, Oxford. He was gazetted to the Hampshire Regiment and served in Palestine, after which he transferred to the R.F.C. He came to see us during his leave in December.

A friend writes:—Keith Beddy was the perfect friend—loyal, unselfish, straight, a pure and gallant soul. A list of his "good qualities" would be too long; he had all conceivable and some that evade expression. He died, as he would have wished, in the service of his Empire. Bravely he met his end, and all the more bravely since for him flying had terrors which can be understood only by those of the same Service. But he stuck it, as he thought it was his duty, and that kind of courage is the greatest of all. His death has struck to the heart all who knew him. But Love is the one thing Death is powerless to destroy, and this love-ours for him and his for uswill ever be with us, a priceless possession.

Corporal Wilfrid Brookes, M.M. (1904), was the only son of his parents, who live at Sale. He went from us to Bolton Grammar School. He won the Military Medal for brave work in a tank attack in the autumn of 1916, an account of which appeared in Ulula for July, 1917. He died of meningitis on February 2nd, aged 27.

Private Arthur Dobb (1909-12) was killed in action on December 30th. He was a son of Mrs. Paxton, of Sale. On leaving school he entered a solicitor's office, but ill health compelled him to give up his work. On the outbreak of war he first helped the Manchester Pensions Committee, and then joined the Army. He trained with the Cheshires, and won the first prize for bombing. On going to France he was transferred to the Warwicks, but was soon sent to the base suffering from paralysis. Later, he was put into the 119th Labour Company.

Sergt. M. P. C. Headeach (1888-90), though over 40 years of age, joined as soon as the war broke out. A week later he was offered a commission in the Scouts' Battalion, but declined it. He sailed for Egypt in December, 1915, and was transferred to France February, 1916. After having been reported "missing" at Serre in the big attack of July 1st, 1916, in May, 1917, he was "presumed killed;" then in September, 1917, "by a clerical error," his name appeared as prisoner of war. His body was not recovered till August, 1917. He had been awarded the Military Medal. In civil life he was a civil engineer and Inspector for the Crown Agents for the Colonies at Whitehall.

Second-Lieut. J. K. Hunter (1905-07) was the son of Mr. T. Hunter, of Leigh. He enlisted as a private in the R.E., and was killed at Ypres.

Private Jack Kershaw (1901-02) joined the Duke of Lancaster's Yeomanry in 1915, and went to France in the autumn of 1916. He was the son of the late Mr. Herbert Kershaw, of Ashton.

C. P. Litchfield, P.O. Mechanic (1903-06), died in hospital. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Litchfield, of Tetlow Bank, George Street, Cheetham Hill. He was in the Mercantile Marine as Wireless Operator. He joined the Royal Navy, and was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for good work with the R.N.A.S. in the North Sea. In consequence of exposure, he contracted consumption of the throat, and died on Saturday, February 15th, in the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham.

Second-Lieut. Edward James Martin (1911-15) died of wounds on December 22nd. At the school he won a Procter History Prize, was a keen and successful harrier, and was one of Mr. Hope's most regular campers. In February, 1915, he left from 5a, being then seventeen, to enlist in the Seaforth Highlanders, and saw eighteen months' service in France before returning to England for a commission in January last year. After training in an O.C.B. at Oxford he was gazetted to his old regiment, and went out again in October, giving up to do so, a chance of transferring to the Indian Regular Army. He was mortally wounded on outpost duty, but suffered little pain; in fact, his last words were to ask the Chaplain to let his brother know he was in no danger. When at school he carried through everything that he did with energy and unselfishness, and he died as nobly as he lived.

Sergeant C. E. Maycock (1904-7) was the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Maycock, of Mottram, in Longdendale. On leaving the school he won a scholarship at the School of Technology, and took his master's degree before

he was twenty. In his last year he was Schuster Research Scholar. An old University O.T.C. man, he joined the Army on the outbreak of war, and fought at Loos, the two battles of Ypres, the Somme, and Cambrai. He died near Cambrai on November 30 at the age of 26. A fellow sergeant writes that he was "highly respected by his men, and absolutely fearless. He might have had honours time and time again, but always managed to keep his name out of it."

Second-Lieut. J. T. Orrell (1910-13), who was killed on December 2, was the only son of his parents, who live at Fairfield. As a pilot in the R.F.C. he had done good work, bringing down two German machines. He was 20 years old.

Lance-Corpl. Gerald Slack (1912-15) died on January 8 of pneumonia, contracted on active service in France. He had gone out only a month before. His parents live at Davenport. His elder brother, also an O.M., is a second-lieut. in another battalion of the same regiment.

Private A. B. Sturdy (1905-12) was the only son of Mrs. Sturdy, of Rusholme. He was killed on November 30, at the age of 24. He was in the Mathematical Sixth when he left us.

Lance-Corpl. C. V. Tune (1908-13) was the elder son of Mr. Charles Tune, of Withington. He was killed on November 30, at the age of 20.

Second-Lieut. Kenrick Yorke-Jones (1911-17) was the only son of Mr. H. Yorke-Jones, of Northenden. He was killed on December 26. When he left the school he was in the Modern VI, and had won an Exhibition for Modern Languages at Christ's College, Cambridge. At Cambridge he joined the Cadet Battalion, and went to France last September. He did well at school, both at work and games, being a prominent member of the Lacrosse Team. He also did good work as a Scout and afterwards in the O.T.C., and at home worked for the Wesleyan Sunday School at Northenden. His sincere, unassuming nature and his gentle manliness endeared him to all who knew him, and no one leaves a more stainless record of devotion to duty and of goodness of heart.

THE WOUNDED.

Captain F. Colin Bentz was severely wounded in Gallipoli, and was invalided out of the Army as permanently unfit for active service. He succeeded in rejoining, however, and has been on active service since August. He is now in hospital suffering from the effects of poison gas.

Lieut. E. Leslie Whalley, the King's Own Royal Lancaster Regiment, has resigned his commission on account of ill health, caused by wounds received on active service, and has been granted the honorary rank of lieutenant.

THE DISTINCTIONS.

The following statements of the services for which awards were conferred have been recently issued by the War Office:—

BAR TO MILITARY CROSS.

T/Capt. Arthur Dixon Bleakley, M.C., Manchester Regiment.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during an attack. He organised a strong point on an exposed flank under very heavy and accurate rifle fire, and he continually had to expose himself to get his men organised. As a result of his dispositions an attempted enemy counter-attack was easily repulsed. He displayed the utmost coolness and gallantry throughout.

MILITARY CROSS.

Second-Lieut. T. Carson, R.F.A.—For gallantry as forward observation officer. He advanced with the infantry assault under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, sending back many valuable and accurate messages. He showed great resource and coolness.

* Second-Lieut. Herbert Edwin Quayle, Cheshire Regiment.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. During an attack upon the enemy's lines the situation had become very obscure. He therefore went out with another officer in broad daylight, under heavy fire, and carried out a most difficult and dangerous reconnaissance, bringing back information of the highest value to his commanding officer.

Second-Lieut. Norman Sutherland, Cheshire Regiment, Special Reserve.—Having led his platoon to its objective with complete success, he personally went forward to reconnoitre another position through heavy machine-gun and rille fire, by his fine example and contempt of danger greatly rallying his party, who had become disorganised by hostile fire. Later, on being relieved, he refused to go back himself until he had clearly explained the situation to the relieving troops.

T/Second-Lieut. Reginald Alfred Whittle, Manchester Regiment.—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty in carrying out valuable reconnaissance work in the enemy's front line trenches. He afterwards led his platoon forward with skill, and was very prominent in the attack until he fell badly wounded.

D.C.M.

†Lance-Corpl. A. L. Guise, R. Fusiliers (Ashton-on-Mersey).—For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty during a raid on enemy trenches. He was the first of his party to enter the enemy sap, and immediately bayonetted two sentries before they could recover from their surprise. He then commenced to work down the trench, to where a block had to be established, and in so doing killed several of the enemy with their own bombs, which he found in the trench. He reached his objective with his party, successfully held it, and eventually covered the withdrawal. The manner in which he and his men carried out their task materially assisted in making the operation a successful one.

^{*} This officer has also a bar to the M.C.

[†] Since killed in action.

Obituary.

FRED. E. BUMBY.

Fred E. Bumby won his place on the foundation at the age Before he was 15 he was head boy of the Modern side, and carrying off prizes in French, German and English. Leaving School, he entered a large shipping house, where he became Spanish correspondent. He learned his Spanish at evening classes, and at the same time carried on his study of English in Anglo-Saxon and English literature. At the age of 22 he was able to become a full time student at Owens, and at the end of a three years' course he was appointed assistant to Dr. J. A. H. Murray, who had undertaken the editing of the new English Dictionary for the Clarendon Press. Mr. Bumby worked under Dr. Murray both at Mill Hill and at Oxford. He was then appointed English Tutor, under Dr. Paton, at the Congregational Institute, Nottingham, where, owing to the illness of the Principal, much of the burden of management fell upon him. He was appointed Lecturer in English and Anglo-Saxon at the University College, Nottingham, a post which he retained till his death, working with such success that no single Honours student under him ever failed in examination. He was filled with the spirit of service, and already as a boy showed his initiative and power of management by acting as honorary secretary of the Committees which founded the Dental Hospital and Rusholme Working Men's Club. He was specially active in Church work. When war broke out, he undertook a special English class for Belgians, and work as special constable. did much by pulpit supply to enable ministers to go and work at the front. He wrote an Anglo-Saxon primer and reader, and edited Milton and Thackeray's Humourists, but he is best known by his "Boy Wanted," which holds up the standard of high chivalry and honour. He died at the age of 58, on Saturday, January 12th. The High Master delivered the address at the funeral in Nottingham.

O.M. Chronicle.

The King has conferred the Order of the British Empire on the following Old Mancunians:—

Officers:

- P. M. Oliver, County Secretary, East Lancashire Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance.
- W. Maxwell Reekie, second officer, Manchester Special Constabulary.

Member:

H. Pilling, manager Messrs. Galloways Ltd., Manchester.

The Rev. C. L. Bedale has been made a Governor of the John Rylands Library.

Dr. F. E. Bradley, barrister-at-law, who was made a Freeman of the City of London in 1905, has been elected a Member of the Court of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass.

Mr. Basil Clarke has published a book relating his war experiences, entitled "My Round of the War."

Mr. J. T. Wood has been invalided out of the Canadian Army, and has secured an appointment as Assistant to the Manager of the Sun Life Insurance Co., Montreal.

The Manchester City Council has appointed Mr. J. B. L. Meek as City Engineer at a salary of £1,000 a year. Mr. Meek was in Mr. Bruton's Matriculation Form in 1892. It may be interesting to recall that Mr. Meek's grandfather was Lord Mayor and that his mother acted as Lady Mayoress.

Mr. F. A. Bruton has contributed an article on "Roman Britain" in Classical Studies, 1916.

W. B. Mumford (late of M.VI) has won the fifth cadetship R.N. and H. Jackson (late of M.T.B.) the nineteeth at the Army

and Navy Entrance Examination held in November, 1917. Mumford was first in Science, second in Higher Mathematics, and fourth in Engineering, while Jackson came fifth in English and sixth in History.

Professor S. J. Chapman has been appointed Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trade, with charge of the General Economic Department, and has resigned the Chair of Political Economy in Manchester University. Professor Chapman has held this Chair since 1901.

The Play.

It is some years since the Dramatic Society gave scenes from "The Merchant of Venice," and we have but dim memories of the previous performance; but the performance at Christmas will remain notable in the minds of those who witnessed it, if only on account of Chapman's representation of Shylock. freedom of gesture and flexibility of intonation he was well above the average of youthful actors, he gave us a consistent and telling variation on the conventional Shylock, making him younger and more vigorous; and, though this perhaps diminished the pathos of his final discomfiture, it seemed to us to heighten considerably the interest of his earlier appearances. Not that the trial scene did not go very well, for, indeed, whenever Shylock was on the stage the acting of everybody became vitalised. At other times the acting tended to drag a bit; Gratiano was not rumbustious enough, and the vivacious wit of Portia was meagrely expressed; She had, by the way, the fatal habit of turning away her face from the audience, and she ought to have had a pound of flesh cut off her for saying "awr and majesty." The parts of Bassanio and Antonio were done quite creditably, though it is probably impossible for a boy to represent adequately the latter's middleaged listlessness. Of the other parts, that of old Gobbo was excellently done, and the few lines which fall to Tubal were given very well; Lancelot Gobbo certainly could not be accused of want of vivacity, and Jessica and Salarino looked and spoke their parts pleasingly. In spite of inevitable defects, the whole performance gave strong evidence of the pains taken by Mr. Garnett in the rehearsals, and the scenery, painted by him, was by no means the smallest factor in our enjoyment of the scenes. The full cast was as follows:—

Duke of Venice	C C V WILLIAM
Antonio (Merchant of Venice)	
Bassanio (his Friend)	
Salanio	B. R. SANDIFORD
Salarino	
Gratiano	I. G. RANKIN
Lorenzo	
Shylock	S. CHAPMAN
Tubal	
Lancelot Gobbo	E. G. BOLAS
Old Gobbo	
Balthazar	F. S. TAYLOR
Stephano	
Servant to Antonio	
Portia	T. A. CROSSLEY
Nerissa	
Jessica	G PROVEST
N 'C	(E. B. BENNION
Magnificoes	C. N. ROYLE
at t	(H. ROBERTS
Clerks	"I I F WATERFIELD
	(J. Z. WATERFIELD

The Concert.

It was a great pity that, owing to the demands on the time of our busy Lord Mayor, who kindly gave away prizes on the same evening, the interesting and well-chosen programme of the musical societies had to be curtailed. We felt particular sympathy with the Glee Society, three of whose items had to be sacrificed, including two that had gone particularly well at At any time their share in the concert is rehearsals. apt to be disappointing to them. They practise weekly during term - time, putting in additional practises towards end, and then, when the great evening they find soloists and orchestra taking half the programme and often more than half the applause. However, they took full advantage of what opportunity they had to show the results of Mr. Newbould's training and their own keenness, and the second piece by Coleridge Taylor was especially well The smartness of the entries and the absence of raggedness in the finishes were particularly noticeable, and showed convincingly the care taken in the practises. The orchestra, reinforced by O.M.'s and friends, played the Haydn movements very delightfully. We congratulate Mr. Wills and his faithful little band of strings on keeping orchestral music alive in the school in these difficult times. Of Barnes' two solos on the violin, the first was a really good exhibition of clean and lively playing, and the second was as successful as the rendering of a piece meant for the piano can be. We admired his imperturbable finish on a borrowed violin after a string of his own had snapped. Mitchell, besides some very efficient accompanying, played the Chopin Prelude with feeling, and in spite of an ungrateful instrument expressed some of the fire of the Polonaise. Balmforth's singing was one of the best things of the evening. He is well above the average of our soloists in the past ten years. voice is true and sweet, and he sang with self-possession and with no affectation. There was a crowded and appreciative audience, who, we are sure, would have welcomed the completion of the programme. Our best thanks are due to the ladies who helped the altos and the orchestra. The following was the programme:-

PROGRAMME.

Two Part Songs—
(a) "The captain stood on the carronade"
The Chorus.
Piano Solos—(a) Prelude in Db
D. E. J. Mitchell.
Andante and Allegro from 2nd Symphony
Two Part Songs—(a) "Beauty and Truth"
Violin Solos—(a) "Czardas" Monti (b) Nocturne Chopin R. Barnes.
Two Part Song—" What the birds say"
Song—" Orpheus with his lute"
Selections from Handel's Water Music The Orchestra.
Unison Songs(a) "The Onset" Chas. Wood (b) "To the School at War" A. M. Goodhart The Chorus

Football.

SCHOOL v. ST. BEDE'S COLLEGE.

January 19, at Alexandra Park. We faced St. Bede's, our most formidable opponents, with a considerably weakened team owing to the loss of Marquis, Evans, and Lamb. St. Bede's lost the toss, and, kicking off with a slight wind behind them, scored within five minutes. For some time the ball now remained in midfield, until, about 20 minutes from the start, Warburton qualised. This only seemed to stimulate our opponents to greater efforts, and before half-time they scored twice more.

Resuming with the breeze in our favour, we attacked strongly and vigorously, but despite all our efforts it was getting close to time before mother goal came, this time from Harris. A few minutes later St. Bede's again scored, and though some minutes of hard fighting remained this was be last goal of the match. Final score:—

St. Bede's, 4; School, 2.

Team.—Oliver; Marsh, Perkins; Blake, Rowbotham, Kemp; Watts, Warburton, Colling, Harris, Dean.

SCHOOL v. HULME G.S.

On January 26, at the Cliff. Hulme, winning the toss, played towards he river. Our forwards soon got going, and in less than ten minutes Colling scored from a pass from Warburton. The visitors now began to settle down, and for some minutes we were completely held in check, but about the niddle of the half Warburton got hold of the ball and scored, Harris following him a few minutes later with a stinging shot. A few minutes before half-ime Blake was kicked in the mouth, and had to go off for a few minutes. Lust before half-time Hulme rushed through and scored.

On resuming, we easily had the best of the game, Hulme playing a kick and rush game, and becoming very excited and somewhat exasperated. About he middle of the second half Colling headed the ball through, adding a fifth tew minutes later. The game now became fierce and furious, but closed without further incident.

Team: Oliver; Marsh, Perkins; Blake, Rowbotham, Kemp; Watts, Warburton, Colling, Harris, Dean.

SCHOOL v. BURY G.S.

On February 2, at the Cliff. School, winning the toss, played towards he river. The ground, owing to heavy rain during the night, was in a very wampy condition, and rendered accurate shooting most difficult, so that hough we attacked most of the first half it was nearly half time before the core was opened by Colling.

On resuming, Bury were rather more dangerous, their right wing being very active, and several times the School defence only just succeeded in oreaking up their rushes. Shortly after half time Watts had the bad luck to

put his shoulder out, and for the rest of the game we had to play ten men. Both teams were now making frantic efforts to score, but without success, the result being:—

School, 1; Bury, 0.

Team: Oliver; Marsh, Perkins; Blake, Rowbotham, Kemp; Watts, Warburton, Colling, Harris, Dean.

OTHER RESULTS.

January 23: "Under 14" v. Swinton Schools, home, won 7—1. January 26: 3rd v. Hulme G.S. 2nd, away, lost 9—0. January 30: 2nd v. Hulme G.S., Oldham, home, won 5—1. February 2: 3rd v. Y.M.C.A. 3rd, away, lost 3—4. J. C. B.

Harriers.

It was with many regrets that the Harrier Club said farewell at Christmas to its captain—T. G. Standing. For many years Standing has been the leader of the club, and has piloted it through several very trying periods. During the five and a half years he ran with the club he had an exhaustless store of energy and enthusiasm, and it was through his ceaseless efforts that the average turnout rose to nearly three times its original strength. He was a very good long distance runner, his long, raking stride carrying him along at a remarkable speed, a speed which soon told on his adversaries and contemporaries. It was especially noticeable in the runs with the H.O.L.C. how the H.O. members crowded on all speed when T. G. hove in sight. May he have the best of luck at Oxford.

The first run this term was from Sale High School. Notwithstanding the wet weather the turnout was very good. As paper was lacking we had a pack run to Timperley.

On January 26th we ran with the Adelphi Lads' Club from Kersal Schools, Rainsough, their old headquarters. We had a run of about six miles, in which we covered a good part of our steeplechase course. The run was of a friendly nature owing to the fact that the Adelphi Club could only supply three or four members.

February 2nd we ran from Didsbury, crossed the L.N.W. Railway line, making for Burnage. We then made for Heaton Moor and the Golf Links. Our homeward course was via the Garden Village and Ladybarn. Owing to the recent rains the course was very dirty, but nevertheless the run was very enjoyable.

D. E. J. M.

At the end of the Christmas term first team colours were awarded to T. M. Griffith (4 b), J. H. R. Maguire (M. T., a), and D. E. J. Mitchell (M. 5a).

Second team colours to F. G. Smith (4 b).

Literary Society.

A meeting of the Society was held on December 4th, when Stanley Houghton's play, "Hindle Wakes," was read by a small but appreciative audience. This play is remarkable as being the first of the series of master-pieces produced in recent years by Old Mancunians.

A meeting was held on December 16th, E. Kenyon in the chair, when Dr. Bradley read an exceedingly edifying and interesting paper on Cabinet Government in England. He divided his paper into two parts, the first dealing with the history and evolution of the Cabinet system and the second more concerned with the complex form and multifarious functions of our modern Cabinet. In the first part he gave a brief account of the rise of our Parliament to power with the birth of the party system in the latter half of the seventeenth century, culminating in the accession of our German line of monarchs, to whose deplorable ignorance of English we owe our first Cabinet. He went on to depict in glowing terms the development of this Cabinet and the enormous extension of its power during the oligarchical eighteenth century down to our own democratic and enlightened age, when it has become at once the envy and despair of the civilised world. In part two Dr. Bradley gave a detailed description of the three main functions of the English Parliamentlegislative, executive, and judicial-and explained that the Cabinet had been developed with no legal status and with no powers beyond the executive. The paper aroused great interest, and was followed by an animated and interesting discussion on the indispensability of the Crown and the House of Lords.

A business meeting took place on January 31st to elect officials for the 1918 session. Mr. Warman and E. Kenyon (M. sixth) were confirmed in their positions as President and Vice-President respectively. The following elections were made:—Vice-President, H. V. Styler (M. sixth); Joint Secretaries, C. H. Davies (Classical sixth) and F. McEachran (Modern sixth).

The session was opened on January 22nd by the reading of Sheridan's famous comedy, "The Rivals," attendance being quite good and interest general.

A meeting was held on February 5th, when Mr. Warman read a paper entitled "The Nymph and the Cabman," in which he discussed how far the dictum that "cities and city life are unsuitable as subjects for poetry" is

true and how far merely a superstition.

He pointed out that throughout the era during which England has become an industrialised community of great cities no poets, except to some extent Browning and Walt Whitman, have arisen to do justice to the romance of the city slum and the life of the working classes. The great romantic poets were too much engaged by bucolic and pastoral themes, by Nature in the sense of "woods and rills," typified by the "Nymph," to pay any attention to the portrayal of the grimmer realities of city life, which the "Cabman" of the title exemplifies, but is it not the duty of the poets to probe beneath the husk of squalor and misery, and to bring forth the hidden beauties that lie beyond, rather than to indict the cities for their dirt, lack of colour, and accumulated misery.

Mr. Warman concluded with a prophecy of the probable trend of the poetry of the future, and his paper was followed by a calm and deliberate discussion of the nature and essence of beauty. No sufficiently wide definition could be found, and the question remained and will no doubt always remain

undecided.

Debating Society.

NOTE ON THE SOCIETY'S LIBRARY.

During its palmy days in the latter half of the last century, the Debating Society possessed an extensive and flourishing library. It was, however, suffered to fall into desuetude, and of late years has chiefly been of value as a theme on which to heckle the officers of the Society. Two years since, an attempt was made to set it on its feet again, but it collapsed miserably (the attempt—not the library). Accordingly, all the saleable works in the collection (the majority being exceedingly battered and of a decidedly "solid" type) were disposed of (including, we are glad to say, a satisfactory proportion of the "solid" books) by auction, several pounds being acquired thereby. The proceeds have been expended on the purchase of a second collection of books, mainly nineteenth-century essays and "classical" fiction (not the works of Herodotus, or other ancient historians). The result is a library which is somewhat more suited to modern tastes, and which will, we hope, meet with more considerate treatment than its predecessor.

T. G. S.

Chess Club.

The Club regrets the departure of its former President, Mr. Sydney Jones, Ever since his arrival at the school Mr. Jones has been a keen and enthusiastic member, to whose suggestions and help the Club owes much of its life and vigour. A regular player of the first team, Mr. Jones's absence will be deeply felt.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Club was held on January 18th, H. V. Styler in the chair, the business being the election of certain officers. The nominations were as follows:—President, Mr. Stott; Vice-President,

Mr. Thompson; Treasurer, J. Manson; Curator, A. Madjdalany.

The activities of the Club continue. The first team remains unbeaten, whilst the second team is recovering from a momentary lapse caused by the departure of some of its players. Our correspondence match with Fettes College progresses satisfactorily. The moves are recorded on the notice-board in the Chess Club, and any suggestions should be made to Walton (Mod. vi.)

A lightning tournament, which was held at the end of last term, provided great amusement. The liberal prizes offered by our benefactor, Mr. Thompson, were won by T. Scott, A. H. Crowthers, F. W. Walton, and H. H.

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