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School Notes.

NEW Boys this term:—P. C. Jones, T. W. Faulkner, T. P. Robertson, W. L. Dove, J. M. Underwood, F. W. Dickinson, J. H. Lawton, F. J. Bancroft, P. R. Turner, F. W. Cullen, J. Whitehead, J. Davenport, E. Schofield, H. Schofield, W. Schofield, H. Greenall, J. H. Greenall, J. E. Sellars, H. Buckley, W. B. West, E. L. Hartley, W. S. Hartley, E. N. P. Martland, A. J. Stewart, G. F. Nelson, B. H. Clementson, J. A. Lees.

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Laycock has passed the preliminary examination of Victoria University, but remains at the School, as the minimum age of entry at Owens College is 16. He will, therefore, have further opportunities of gaining honours for the School before he leaves us. Whitehead also remains at the Grammar School.

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It is quite usual in schools that the leaving scholarships should be won by boys who have still another year to spend at School; and, with the School Scholarship secured, a boy can devote himself to preparation for university work and to the scholarships offered by the colleges. Perhaps we may be able soon to chronicle Open Scholarships at Cambridge (Chadderton, one of our original founders, was Master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge), Oxford, or Manchester; the present VI. have hopes.

It is fortunate that the School possesses the Lees Scholarship and the Scholarships of the Foundation. Those boys who live in the administrative county of Lancashire may also compete for one of the £60 Scholarships, of which several are offered annually; these in addition to scholarships given from the Schools. The County Borough of Oldham should, in proportion to rateable value, give at least one each year, and a still larger number of junior scholarships tenable at the Grammar School, open to the competition of all Oldham boys,

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If more capable boys were able to come to the School by means of such scholarships (and if also parents would or could more thoroughly realise the necessity of keeping their boys at school longer) the Headmaster would not find himself unable to send sufficient boys to fill the local bank vacancies, and there would be more applications from boys for teaching work in the schools of the town.

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The Hulme Scholarships for boys from the public elementary schools of Oldham (£15 a year) go to P. C. Jones and T. W. Faulkner, of Werneth Board School, and T. P. Robertson, of Waterloo Board School; Assheton Scholarships for new boys (£8 8s.) to W. L. Doyne (Waterloo School), J. M. Underwood (Werneth School), F. W. Dickinson (Royton Wesleyan School).

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A number of Assheton Scholarships are awarded annually to boys in the School. This year they are held by Laycock, Whitehead, Hibbert, West, Ormrod, and Viner. One of these will probably be open shortly to competition for boys in the Middle School.

More of our boys might, indeed, consider seriously the life of a teacher, with moderately comfortable pay and congenial occupation, plenty of hard and useful work, and many opportunities for mental growth and advancement.

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Congratulations to Mr. Pimm, Mr. Pardoe, and the boys who gave the songs and English and French plays on Speech Day. It would be difficult to say which part of the programme was most thoroughly enjoyed by the many parents and friends of the School, whom also we thank for their presence and appreciation.

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The Natural History Society is in a very satisfactory condition. The Annual Exhibition was a great success, and our thanks are due to Mr. Pimm and the other officers for a most delightful evening. The Headmaster's prizes for the best collection and for the best photographs went to F. Kempsey and P. Broadbent respectively.

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The Prefects are West (head of School), Ogden, Hibbert, Whitehead, G. Taylor, C. Mallalieu, and Griffiths. They are rendering great assistance, and to them is due no small part of the credit for the recent report which says that "the tone of the School is admirable and the discipline excellent, without being in the least degree harsh," and for the praise which was given the other day by Mr. Taylor for the excellent way in which the School attended to his address.

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A Concert will be given by the choir and friends on Monday, December 14th. The last day of term is Friday, December 18th. Next term commences on Tuesday, January 12th, at 10 a.m.; examination of new boys on the Monday, at 10 a.m.

Speech Day.

THE Annual Prize Giving was held on Thursday, 30th July, at 2-30 p.m. Mr. Emmott, M.P., was in the chair, and the prizes were presented by Principal Hopkinson, of Owens College. Besides these two gentlemen, there were present on the platform Mrs. and Miss Lees, Mrs. Newton, Messrs. Griffiths and Letham, and the Headmaster. Proceedings commenced at 2-30 from which hour till 3 a reception was held, during which a musical programme was well rendered by members of the School.

After the singing of the School hymn Mr. Emmott, on rising to speak, was warmly received. After mentioning the fact that he had unfortunately to catch a train almost immediately, he proceeded to state how pleased the Governors were with the prosperity and success of the School. He looked forward to a time when boys would realise that their education was not complete at the age of 15 or 16, but could be induced to stop longer at the School in the hope of obtaining a scholarship at one of the universities. Principal Hopkinson had been amongst them before, but not in his present capacity of Head of the Manchester University. The speaker hoped that residents in the district of Oldham would make it their business to support this local university, for that by assistance from it boys might now hope to obtain a better all-round education than was possible for them to do before, and that thus they might do better service, if not to their county, at any rate to their country.

The Headmaster next read a paper detailing the various successes gained during the last year by past or present members of the School. He then announced the names of the successful prizewinners, and to these Principal Hopkinson presented their prizes, according to the following list:—

Form VI. — Mathematical prize and leaving scholarship value £25 per year, for three years: B. Laycock. Science prize and leaving scholarship of £25 per year, for three years: L. St. G. Wilkinson. English and French prize and leaving scholarship of £25 per year, for three years: J. E. Whitehead. Latin prize: J. H. Bentley. Drawing: A. Mellor.

Lower Sixth Form.—English, French, and Latin: First prize, E. Viner. Mathematics and Science: First prize, W. B. Green. Second prize for all subjects: G. B. Taylor.

Form Upper School, Set 2.—English, French, and Latin: First prize, G. Dyson. Mathematics and Science: First prize, W. H. Bagot. Second prize for all subjects: A. Mellor.

Form Middle School, Set 1.—English, French, and Latin: First prize, W. H. Hall. Mathematics and Science: First prize, C. Lawton.

Form Middle School, Set 2.—English, French, and Latin, Mathematics, and Science: First prize, B. Platt. Second in all subjects, S. Taylor.

Form Lower School, Set 1.—English, Latin, French, Mathematics, and Science: First prize, F. W. Fletcher. Second in all subjects, B. Grime.

Form Lower School, Set 2.—First prize, F. Kempsey. Second, R. J. Bardsley.

In the course of his speech, Professor Hopkinson said: One of the reasons which had induced him to come there that afternoon was that to which allusion had also been made by the Chairman, that he wished as far as possible to impress upon scholars and all those connected with school work how anxious he was to see a close and intimate connection between our local University and the schools of the district and all interested in educational work, masters and scholars, parents and directors of education. One important reason which had

made him ready to come—although he was one of those persons who regarded changes with suspicion and were not desirous of upsetting anything doing good work for the sake of a possible improvement—was that he heartily welcomed the change which had taken place in regard to the University, because it enabled them to adapt themselves more readily to conditions under which their relationship would be brought out much more closely with the schools in the surrounding district. He looked forward to their being more closely associated with the local movements in the towns round about. Another reason was that he believed at the present time on the question of education a few words of definite warning might not be out of place. He believed that the newly-awakened interest was likely to do a great deal of good for education. He had seen enough already to know that the Act would probably be worked by the committees in the districts round Manchester not for any political or sectarian ends, but with the honest desire to do the best they could for the district of which they had charge. He believed it would be found generally throughout the country that that was their aim and object, but they should remember that on this question of education, although those who had gone through the ordeal of popular election were, he might almost say, the only right persons to feel the pulse of the people, and feel how far they were prepared to pay for the education of the young, and to know what was the proper amount to apply for that purpose, yet in deciding what the curriculum and co-ordination of schools should be, if the work was to be properly done, an appeal must be made to the experience of those who were devoting their lives to educational matters, and the association of such persons with local authorities he believed to be absolutely essential if our education was to be put on the right lines, just as essential as it would be if the tramways were to be properly constructed to bring in not only the skilled workman and the consulting engineer, as well as able men of business.

The next point that they who were concerned with university work—especially those who were concerned with university work in great centres, where material interests probably were those most prominent, and naturally so—felt convinced upon was that if their work was to be carried out, or what was vastly more important, if the ordinary education of the business and professional man was to be what it ought, we must rely in this country not so much on new departures, but on keeping in the main on the old lines on which the grammar schools of this country were founded and had been carried on. If we were to have students capable of doing high work of any kind the boys must be trained on the good broad basis of a general school education, and not taught to specialise at an age when too young, and the foundation then laid would be insecure for the erection of any future knowledge upon it. Professor Hopkinson went on to urge that with the necessary changes the education of girls should be on somewhat similar lines. There must be a good secondary education of a broad character for those who were to have the direction of the homes of the country and the training of the infant mind. The early influence of home, the training of the mother and the influence of the sister, would be a most important factor in making the future intellectual life and future character of the next generation what it ought to be.

There was no work in which they ought to take a keener interest than that of the maintenance and development of the grammar schools, based on old foundations, with new conditions added and new interest from the whole of the population. Let parents on the one side make the requisite sacrifice—which sometimes was not a sacrifice—and allow their children to continue at school for a longer time, and above all, let the local authorities remember that the right way of assisting such schools was not by giving money for the equipment of laboratories or any particular kind of work, but for the general maintenance of the character of the school as a whole. Training in languages, particularly in classical

languages, was the soundest training of the mind, provided there was added a certain amount of training in the principles underlying the results of modern science, and the hard reasoning to be derived from mathematics, most of all from Euclid. These gave a training for the problems that would face the student in after life. The question was a vital one to modern education at the present time. If they went on wrong lines and frittered away the training he had mentioned for the purpose of simply devoting themselves to the equipment of elaborate buildings and training the student in some highly specialised branch at an early age they would not train men to be captains of industry. The training to be sought was that of the mind as a whole, which, however imperfectly, had been given in the schools of England in the past, and which, with many changes, extensions, and improvements, would keep us to the level on which we ought to be.

Mr. Pickford then read a report on the satisfactory work of the School during the past year, in the course of which he said that to carry on the work a grant of £250 from the new Education Committee would be welcomed.

After short speeches by Alderman Griffiths and Messrs. Letham and Hoyle, the members of the choir sang glees. Next followed some scenes from Molière's "L'Avare," given by Ormrod, Green, and Warrener. The Malvolio scenes from "Twelfth Night" were played by the following:—

Malvolio	F. N. G. GRIFFITHS.
Sir Toby Belch.....	J. WEST.
Sir Andrew Aguecheek ...	L. St. G. WILKINSON.
Jester	J. FLETCHER.
Fabian	C. HUTCHINSON.
Maria	L. NEWTON.
Olivia	E. VINER.

L. St. G. Wilkinson made quite a bit as Sir Andrew Aguecheek.

Tea was then partaken of, and after this some of the junior boys played a short French piece written by Mr. Pardoe. This was capitally rendered, and evoked much applause.

The gathering finally broke up about 6 o'clock.



Cricket Notes.

THE cricket eleven maintained this year their proud record, as out of seven matches played, five were won and two lost. Games won were over M.G.S. II., Werneth III. (twice), Heaton Moor, and Old Boys; those lost were to the Old Boys and M.G.S. II.

Our best bat was the captain, J. West, who on many occasions experienced hard luck, but played a good innings against the M.G.S. II. in our first match with them. With an average of 16.42 for 7 completed innings, West won the bat kindly presented by the Old Boys.

In bowling, Pressley and Bentley were best. The former just beat by a decimal the latter for the 'average ball' presented for the best bowling analysis.

In four matches, Messrs. Pardoe and Williams assisted the School.

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SCHOOL v. WERNETH III.—School Ground.

SCHOOL.

Mr. Pardoe b Ashton	47
Whitehead c Mellor b Taylor.....	0
Bentley b Mellor	10
Newton b Mellor	0
West b Mellor	0
Mr. Williams c Waterhouse b Ashton	23

Platt b Ashton.....	0
W. A. Mellor b Ashton	3
Pressley b Marland	0
J. G. Mellor run out	4
T. West not out	0
Extras	10
Total	97

WERNETH III.

Waterhouse c and b Pardoe	6
Horrell b Pardoe	2
Hanley b Pressley	2
Buckley b Pressley	18
Mellor c and b Pressley	4
H. Marland c and b Pressley.....	7
Watson b Pardoe.....	14
Brierley b Pressley	0
A. Taylor b Pressley	7
H. Ashton lbw b Pardoe.....	6
A. Mellor not out	0
Extras	17
Total... ..	84

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Mr. Pardoe	11.2 ...	2 ...	30 ...	4
Pressley.....	11 ...	0 ...	36 ...	6

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PAST v. PRESENT.—School Ground

PAST.

H. Mitton c Ogden b Pressley	16
J. Wood b Pardoe	9
Hub. Hirst b Bentley	29
Hy. Hirst run out	45
R. Barlow b Bentley	2
Barratt c Whitham b Williams.....	29

Unsworth b Williams	3
Schofield c Bentley b Williams	2
Thompson b Bentley	5
F. Kershaw not out.....	21
Middleton b Bentley	12
Extras	13
Total	<u>185</u>

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Mr. Pardoe	13	1	47	1
Mr. Williams	9	0	37	3
Pressley.....	12	2	33	1
Bentley	11	0	42	4
J. West	2	0	11	0
Whitham	1	0	3	0

PRESENT.

Mr. Pardoe not out.....	21
Whitehead c Barlow b Hirst jun.	0
Bentley b Hirst jun.	5
J. West c Middleton b Hirst jun.....	0
Mr. Williams b Hirst jun.	0
Ogden b Hirst jun.....	0
Newton c Hirst sen. b Hirst jun.	11
Hutchinson c Schofield b Barratt.....	0
Whitham b Barratt.....	0
C. J. Varley b Barratt	1
Pressley c Hirst sen. b Barratt	0
Extras	7
Total	<u>45</u>

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Middleton	5	1	7	0
Hirst jun.	10	1	13	6
Hirst sen.	6	1	12	0
Barratt	4	0	4	4

Hirst jun. took 4 wickets with successive balls.

SCHOOL v. HEATON MOOR.—School Ground.

SCHOOL.

Mr. Pardoe c Smith b Cole	40
Newton c Neilson b Brown	0
Bentley b Brown	2
West b Cole	27
Whitehead c Neilson b Smith	1
Ogden lbw b Smith	19
Whitham lbw b Brown	6
W. A. Mellor b Smith	0
Lowe c Howard b Smith	0
Griffiths not out	2
Pressley b Smith	0
Extras	12
Total	<u>109</u>

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Brown	10	2	27	3
Smith	9	0	32	5
Emery	4	0	33	0
Cole	3	0	6	2

HEATON MOOR.

Smith b Pressley	3
Brown run out	1
Cole	0
Emery c Pressley b Lowe	52
Howard b Bentley	8
Carriles b Pressley	1
W. Neilson	2
Simpson b Bentley	0
Wade b Bentley	0
Panontsos b Pressley	0
F. Neilson not out	19
Extras	11
Total	<u>98</u>

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Pressley	10 ...	0 ...	30 ...	5
Bentley	11 ...	0 ...	28 ...	3
West	1 ...	0 ...	5 ...	0
Lowe	3 ...	0 ...	5 ...	1
Whitehead	1 ...	0 ...	4 ...	0

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SCHOOL v. WERNETH III.—School Ground.

WERNETH.

H. Marland run out	1
W. Mellor c Pressley b Pardoe	0
C. Tetlow b Pardoe	0
A. Taylor b Pardoe	0
V. B. Brierley c Varley b Pardoe	6
S. Buckley b Pressley	6
H. Ashton b Pardoe	0
B. Tomlinson b Pressley	1
A. Haggas not out	15
Halkyard b Pardoe	0
P. Stockdale c Mellor b Pressley	8
Extras	12
Total	49

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Mr. Pardoe	7 ...	0 ...	24 ...	6
Pressley	6 ...	1 ...	13 ...	3

SCHOOL.

Whitehead c Buckley b Mellor	10
Newton b Ashton	1
Mr. Williams lbw b Mellor	10
J. West run out	22
Mr. Pardoe c Tomlinson b Taylor	44
Bentley b Ashton	10
Whitham c Buckley b Ashton	0

Lowe c Mellor b Ashton	1
Varley c Mellor b Taylor	8
W. A. Mellor b Taylor	3
Pressley not out	1
Extras	14
Total	<u>125</u>

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PAST v. PRESENT.—School Ground, July 18th.

PRESENT.

Mr. Pardoe lbw b Barratt	9
Newton c Barratt b Middleton	12
Whitehead b Barratt	1
West b Middleton	3
Mr. Williams c and b Kershaw	14
Bentley b Barratt	8
Ogden b Middleton	1
Lowe c and b Kershaw	4
Varley b Kershaw	8
Whitham run out	0
Pressley not out	4
Extras	10
Total	<u>75</u>

PAST.

Millington b Bentley	0
F. Kershaw c Newton b Pressley	0
Barlow b Bentley	10
Barratt b Pressley	39
Middleton b Bentley	0
Schofield b Bentley	0
Wood not out	11
H. M. Fort b Pardoe	0
Wellock b Pardoe	0

W. Fort b Pardoe	0
Robinson b Pardoe	0
Extras	7
Total	<u>67</u>

	Overs.	Maidens.	Runs.	Wickets.
Bentley	7	0	15	4
Pressley	6	0	20	2
Mr. Williams	2	0	9	0
Lowe	2	0	9	0
Mr. Pardoe	3·2	0	7	4

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SCHOOL v. M.G.S. II.—School Ground, July 25th.

SCHOOL.

Whitehead b Webster	2
Newton c Baldwin b Cheetham	15
Hutchinson b Webster	0
West b Cheetham	7
Bentley c Ragdale b Webster	11
Pressley c Ragdale b Cheetham	3
Varley c and b Webster	5
Griffiths c Barrow b Chambers	3
W. A. Mellor st Baldwin b Chambers	0
Broome b Webster	6
Lowe not out	6
Extras	5
Total	<u>63</u>

M.G.S. II.

Ragdale b Lowe	11
Littler lbw b Pressley	3
Barrow b Bentley	7
Wall b West	28
Nichols b Whitehead	4

Kay c Whitehead b Griffiths	13
Webster b West	0
Cheetham not out	9
Clegg b West	2
Chambers b Griffiths	10
Baldwin b Bentley	13
Extras	13
Total	100

	Overs.	Maideus.	Runs.	Wickets.
Pressley.....	5 ...	1 ...	17 ...	1
Bentley	7 ...	1 ...	22 ...	2
Whitehead	4 ...	0 ...	11 ...	1
Lowe.....	4 ...	1 ...	15 ...	1
Griffiths	3 ...	0 ...	8 ...	2
J. West.....	5 ...	1 ...	14 ...	3

The "Under 14" team played a match with Nichols' Hospital and won by 61 runs to 30.

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AVERAGES.—BATTING.

Names.	No. of Innings.	Total Runs.	Most in an Innings.	Times not out.	Average.
Mr. Pardoe.....	5 ...	161 ...	47 ...	1 ...	40·25
J. West	7 ...	115 ...	56 ...	0 ...	16·42
Mr. Williams...	4 ...	47 ...	23 ...	0 ...	11·75
J. H. Bentley...	7 ...	52 ...	11 ...	0 ...	7·42
Newton	7 ...	50 ...	15 ...	0 ...	7·14
Ogden.....	4 ...	25 ...	6 ...	0 ...	6·25
G. G. Varley ...	4 ...	22 ...	8 ...	0 ...	5·50
Griffiths	3 ...	5 ...	3 ...	2 ...	5·00
Lowe	5 ...	12 ...	6* ...	1 ...	3·00
J. E. Whitehead	7 ...	20 ...	10 ...	0 ...	2·85
Pressley	7 ...	13 ...	5 ...	1 ...	2·16
W. A. Mellor...	5 ...	8 ...	3 ...	0 ...	1·60
J. Whitham ...	4 ...	6 ...	6 ...	0 ...	1·50

* Signifies "Not out."

BOWLING.

Names.	Overs.	Runs.	Wickets.	Average.
Mr. Pardoe	64.4 ...	112 ...	14 ...	8.00
Pressley	63 ...	179 ...	22 ...	8.09
Bentley	62 ...	129 ...	16 ...	8.3
J. West	13 ...	46 ...	5 ...	9.20
Lowe	9 ...	29 ...	2 ...	14.5
Whitehead	5 ...	15 ...	1 ...	15.00
Mr. Williams.....	11 ...	46 ...	3 ...	15.33



Old Boys' Notes.

AN Extraordinary Meeting of the Old Boys' Association was held in the School on 30th October, at which the Hon. Sec. read the the following report, the adoption of which was passed unanimously :—

In presenting the 2nd Annual Report of the progress of the O.B.A. it is pleasing to observe that the membership has increased. The Association now consists of 69 members, being an increase of 8 over last year. The subscriptions last year amounted to £7 12s. 6d., this year £8 12s. 6d., an increase of £1.

During the year the second Annual Dinner was held in the Prince's Restaurant, but was not so well attended as the first. At the first dinner there were 40 members present, at the second there were 35.

A Smoking Concert was held in April at the School, the object being to meet our new President, Mr. Pickford. This was attended by about 20 members, and a most enjoyable evening was spent

An Old Boys' Race should have taken place at the School Sports but only one competitor sent in his name. This was very unsatisfactory and it is hoped that there will be more interest manifested in future years.

A Cycle Club in connection with the Association was formed and Mr. S. Wormald was appointed Hon. Secretary pro tem.

During the year two Football and two Cricket Matches were played with the School and proved very interesting fixtures. The first cricket match ended in a win for the Old Boys, and the second game resulted in a win for the School after a keen and exciting struggle. After the first cricket match the two teams were entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Pickford. At the second the members of the Old Boys' team entertained the School eleven to tea. Thus ended two very pleasant afternoons. The bat and ball presented by the Committee to the winners of the School batting and bowling averages were won by West (senior) and Pressley respectively. During the year Mr. B. W. Lees, our first Hon. Sec., resigned the position owing to his leaving this district, and the Association thereby lost a very active member who gave valuable service in its inauguration. Mr. R. Barlow was elected in his place.

The Debating Society has held four debates during the season. The members of this society have, we are sorry to say, decreased.

Mr. Millington has resigned the position of Hon. Sec. to the Society owing to his business taking him out of town. Mr. Millington deserves our thanks for the able manner he has worked in the interests of this Society. He has plodded along under very disheartening circumstances trying to get members to open debates, and when those members have consented to do so it has been very disappointing to find only one or two, and sometimes no one, to listen to them.

There being no Secretary at present it has been decided not to hold any meetings of the society this year, but it is hoped to revive it in the near future.

The Committee wishes to tender its grateful thanks to its President, Mr. Pickford, for the kind and sympathetic interest he has at all times evinced in the doings of the Associa-

tion and hopes for a continuance of his advice and assistance, which has hitherto been so willingly and ungrudgingly given.

The Committee's thanks are also due to Mr. Pimm and Mr. Pardoe, who have taken great interest and rendered kindly aid in all the undertakings of the Association.

Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lees, of Chamber Hall, for kindly placing a room at their residence at the disposal of the Committee for the holding of several of its meetings.

When the business of the meeting was settled the members held a Smoking Concert, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

All Old Boys will be pleased to hear that their old Headmaster, Mr. S. O. Andrew, has consented to become an Hon. Vice-President of the Association.

As it is possible that many of the Old Boys will not have received circulars inviting them to join the Association, owing to changes of address and other causes, it is hoped that the members of the Association hearing of such cases will do all they can to persuade those Old Boys to become members.

The more members there are the more Societies can be formed to meet the varied tastes of members, such as Debating, Choral, and Natural History Societies, &c.

It is the wish of many that in addition to the Cycling Club there should be Cricket and Football Clubs formed.

It will have been noticed that in both Cricket and Football many of the Old Boys' names appear on the teams of different clubs in the district, and if these players could be drawn together and play under the name of "Old Hulmeians" it would most certainly be a very good thing, not only for the Association and the members individually, but for the School.

The chief objection raised as regards Cricket is the procuring of a suitable field, but in Football this should not be a very difficult matter.

Seeing that Lacrosse is now being taken up by the younger boys in the School, and that there are many Old Boys now playing the game, we hope that the time will not be long before there is a team of Old Boys representing the School, and equal in strength to the "Old Hulmeians" in Manchester.



Football Notes.

PROSPECTS of a successful season are, up to date, decidedly promising, as we have so far won 5 and lost 3 matches.

Of last season's team there are left West, Hibbert, Whitehead, Ormrod, Ogden, W. A. Mellor, and the team has been strengthened by a promising recruit in Hartley.

At the beginning of term West was elected captain and Hibbert vice-captain.

The Football Committee consists of Messrs. Pardoe and Williams, together with West, Whitehead, and Ormrod.

To turn to the matches played, so far the forwards have proved a clever set, and West, at centre, has turned to account many good centres from his wing men. The halves are playing a strong game, and the backs have considerably improved on last season's form. We have had difficulty in finding a reliable custodian, as Bagot, from whom we hoped great things, has been obliged, owing to ill-health, to temporarily give up playing.

The Junior XI. has a fixture list of 8 matches, of which 3 have so far been played. It has been found impossible to

raise an XI. entirely under 14, and accordingly boys under 15 have been included. The team started well by beating Chetham's Hospital by 8 goals to 3, but lost to Nicholl's (with three men absent) by 1 goal to 10, and to Hulme G.S. (Manchester) 3rd XI., after a very good game, by 4 goals to 5. Some promising recruits—notably E. Schofield—have been discovered.

It is greatly to be desired that more boys should turn up to encourage the teams in their matches. Many boys do not realise what encouragement is thus given, especially to a losing team.

SCHOOL. V. MANCHESTER GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2ND XI.—October 3rd, 1903.—This, the first match of the season, resulted in a win for us by 4 goals to 3. Our opponents were the heavier team. From the kick-off we commenced to press, and were rewarded by Hartley scoring from a scrummage. Soon after this West scored. Stung by this reverse, our opponents, after a combined dribble, succeeded in scoring. However, we retaliated, and after an individual effort J. Mellor scored with a splendid shot. Half-time was then called. In the second half, playing against the wind, we were forced to adopt defensive tactics, and the game was very even for a short period. West, however, broke the monotony by scoring for the School. Our opponents, after this, quickly added 2 goals, and when time was called they were storming our goal. Considering it was the first match, the team did very well to win.

SCHOOL V. HULME GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—October 10th, 1903.—For this match Hutchinson substituted Smethurst as left inside. We commenced by attacking strongly, and, from a centre by Mellor, West scored the first goal. We were not long in adding another, for West scored in a similar manner to the last. Our opponents then scored, and half-time was called with us leading by 2 goals to 1. In the second half we were completely out played. Although our opponents did not

score for a long time, it was evident that the above was the case. Their forwards swarmed round our goal, and our backs could not get the ball away. In the last twenty minutes our opponents added 4 goals, 3 of which were scored by the left inside, who was not properly marked. Time was called, leaving us the losers by 2 goals to 6.

SCHOOL V. HEATON MOOR COLLEGE.—October 17th, 1903.—Our opponents were much the heavier team. The School did not start at all well, but they improved considerably as the game went on. There is not need for a detailed description; suffice it to say that we were leading at half-time by 5 goals to 0, and the game ended in a win for the School by 9 goals to 0. The following were the scorers:—West, 5; Ogden, Hartley, Twyerould, and Mellor, 1 each.

SCHOOL V. ECCLES GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—October 21st, 1903.—This match was largely a repetition of the previous one. Again we proved victorious by 9 goals to 0. But although we won by such a substantial margin, the game was hard and fast. The School played very well indeed in this match. Every man knew exactly what to do, and did it. J. Mellor played a splendid game at outside right. The scorers were:—West, 4; Twyerould, 3; J. Mellor, 2.

SCHOOL V. STAND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—October 24th, 1903.—In this match, which we again won by an unexpectedly large margin, the School played with the wind first half, and scored 6 times. On change of ends we expected that our opponents, who were playing a good and clever game, would press us hard, but the opposite proved the case, the School adding 7 more goals without any reply. All the School team played well, notably Twyerould. Scorers were:—West, 6; Hartley, 3; Smethurst, 2; Twyerould and Ormrod, 1 each.

SCHOOL V. MACCLESFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL.—October 31st, 1903.—We journeyed down to Macclesfield without Whitehead and Hartley, and, to add to our misfortune,

Hutchinson failed to put in an appearance at the station, but the linesman, Griffiths, kindly consented to take his place at the last moment. Our opponents were a strong and vigorous team, who proved too good for many of our team. At half-time the score was 3-1 in favour of the home team, and although we made a plucky fight of it, in which Twyerould was injured, and had to leave the field, we retired beaten by 6 goals to 2. Ogden and West scored for School.

SCHOOL V. DUKINFIELD ASTLEY.—November 7th, 1903.—This match was played under ideal weather conditions, and the ground was also in fair condition. Our opponents were very heavy, but the assistance of Messrs. Pardoe and Williams somewhat counterbalanced this. In the first half we scored 2 goals (through West and Hartley) to 1 of our opponents. The second half was very fast and exciting, and the score stood 3 all for some time. Towards the end we regained the lead through Hartley, and after this we pressed for the remainder of the game. The shooting on both sides was poor. Scorers:—West, 2: Hartley, 2.

SCHOOL V. OLD OSBORNE.—November 14th.—This match was played on our ground, and won by the Old Osborne after a hard and interesting game by 2 goals to 1. Our opponents won the toss, but elected to play against the wind. The School pressed most of the first half, and were rewarded by scoring through West just on the call of half-time. Osborne promptly equalised, and the teams crossed over on equal terms. The second half was very exciting, and Osborne scored again. West would have equalised, but, was pulled up for off-side. Mr. Pardoe and Mr. Williams were assisting the School. The goals for Osborne were scored by Rothwell. The School backs and halves played well, but the forwards were not as good as usual, J. G. Mellor and Twyerould finding the opposing halves rather too big for them. The School team was weakened by the absence of Ogden from right half.