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THE LATE KING.

Since the last number of this magazine was published, the country has sustained a severe loss by the death of our late beloved King.

Edward VII. has been more to us than any king in the long line of England's monarchs. The Schoolboy of to-day knows more about the geography of the world, and the British Empire and its ruler, than the schoolboy of any preceding age. He takes an intelligent interest in politics and social questions, and in all that is going on around him, and the doings of the King are matters of no small importance to him. He seldom misses a peep at the *Illustrated* or *The Graphic* when Royalty has been shedding the lustre of recognition on some wonderful engineering achievement or some great philanthropic work. The King is part of himself and his ordinary world. He knew him as Prince of Wales, and has read about his tour in our Indian Empire. He has known him as "Rex et Imperator" since the death of his lamented mother, "Victoria the Good," and he seems to regard him as a kind of hero, of whom every British boy should be proud. And, indeed, he was all this and more, for he has taught us what a true English gentleman should be by his thoughtfulness for others, by the same kindly manner to everybody alike, and by his desire to help everybody who was less fortunate than himself. Whether it took the form of the improvement of working-men's dwellings, or hospitals, or sanatoria for consumption, it was always a proof of his consideration for others. In private life he kept up the tradition of the "fine old English gentleman" by the hospitality of his house, and his care for his retainers, taking an interest in agricultural pursuits and cattle rearing, for which he won many prizes at the principal

agricultural shows in the country. It is noteworthy that while he kept up the best breed of English race-horses and maintained extensive racing stables, yet he had a great antipathy to gambling, and although he won the Derby several times, yet he himself never bet on a race. He was a keen sportsman and an excellent shot, and was equally at home on a Scotch moor or on a racing yacht. In his public life he was always alert to the interests of the country and ready to use his influence and advice to settle difficulties and to smooth over awkward moments in political life. As a statesman he had no equal, and the whole world looked up to him with admiration and respect. He had a frank and manly way of expressing his views, and by his great common-sense and tactfulness he was able to lead others. No one knows yet fully how great has been the influence of Edward VII. over the other crowned heads of Europe. But all agree in according to him the title of "Peacemaker." The popularity he won by his bonhomie he used for the good of his country and the world. The Boys of Eton knew him as their "friend," and without doubt he was not only the King but the friend of schoolboys. Our hero is worth copying. His motto as Prince of Wales was "Ich Dien" (I serve). He learnt to serve his country as heir apparent; he kept up that service as King. His ideal of true Kingship was to be of service to his country, and to die in harness. *Cui servire, regnare est.*

SCHOOL NOTES (Boys).

The following boys have left since our last issue :—

Benson, Coupe, C. A., Dawson, Downham, Greenhalgh, J.,
 Hamer, Howarth, H., Jackson, F., Lamburn, Minton, B. E.,
 Moroney, Noton, Nuttall, F. H., Ogden, Simmonds, Smethurst, J.,
 Smith, H. C., Whittaker, F., Wilkinson, T.

The following have joined us :—

Barlow, J., Brown, W., Clarabut, Holden, Jones, S. C. C.,
 Lowe, H., Midgley, Phillips, Prophet, Smithie.

Pueri Auctoritate Graves :—

Captain of the School —F. L. Buxton.

Prefects :—F. L. Buxton, C. R. Chadwick, E. Jones, H. Barlow, W. Wood, K. McFarlane.

Football Captains :—First Eleven : F. L. Buxton; Second Eleven : W. Morris; Third Eleven: E. Singleton; Fourth Eleven : G. A. Bradley.

Cricket Captain : E. Jones ; Vice-Captain : F. L. Buxton.

Sports Secretary :—T. Eatough.

The usual Founder's Day Service was held at the Parish Church on Friday, 6th May, the sermon being preached by Canon Hicks, Bishop-designate of Lincoln. Two new features in connection with the day were an early communion for teachers and older scholars, and a recital by the Head Master at the 11 o'clock service of a list of benefactors of the School. The thanks of the staffs are due to the Rector for his kind invitation to luncheon.

F. L. Buxton has been awarded a special Dalton Exhibition of £20 at Manchester University.

Morris ii. R. has gained a L.C.C. Junior Exhibition.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE INSTITUTES EXAMINATION.

(Maximum marks, 120).—*French (Advanced)*.—Class I.: H. Barlow, 112 marks (distinction). Class II.: T. Eatough 96, A. Lowe 89, K. McFarlane 89, F. Whittaker 88, B. Whittam 81, F. S. Harding 80. Pass : K. Simpkin 77, W. Howarth 75.

French (Intermediate).—Class I. : W. Morris 108 marks, J. B. Wood 107, H. Pickup 105. Class II. : F. Lund 97, J. Y. Smith 97, A. T. Ogden 94, R. B. Clarabut 93, S. W. Cornall 92, Ira Wild 92, E. Wolstenholme 92, J. M. Maddox 88, E. Singleton 88, S. C. C. Jones 87, T. Turner 84, A. H. Bradley 82, E. Lord 82, F. A. Brooks 81, E. A. Lees 80. Pass : J. C. Sharp 77, F. Slack 71, H. Howarth 60.

French (Elementary).—Class I. : W. Pickstone 114 marks,

G. H. Lees 113, T. W. Broughton 111, T. Oldroyd 108, G. Allen 107, H. H. Hayes 104, F. Mason 104, A. Boardman 103, G. F. Clay 103, E. W. Hall 102, J. P. Wilkinson 102, G. H. Dykes 101,

G. A. Bradley 100, C. Crompton 100, H. T. Farrar 100, J. Meadow, 100, J. H. Murgatroyd 100, W. Scholes 100. Class II. : G. K. Hall 96, A. H. Marks 96, R. Morris 94, W. M. Greenhalgh 91, W. E. Rigby 90, H. Wilde 90, B. O. Binns 88, D. S. Naylor 87, L. Nolan 87, T. H. Wardleworth 87, F. Downham 86, J. E. Hartington 86, J. E. Baron 85, F. Howorth 85, W. Nuttall 85, G. Schofield 81, T. C. Burgoyne 80, E. Warrington 80, L. W. Wild 80. Pass : C. Coupe 78, E. T. Heath 76, A. E. Nuttall 74, J. W. B. France 71, J. F. Kay 71, S. C. Jackson 69, J. C. O'Neil 69, J. Baxendale 67, H. Jobling 66, C. Meadowcroft 66, A. Wild 65, F. W. Wood 65, J. Winterburn 60.

Class I., 22 ; Class II., 40 ; Pass, 18 ; total, 80.

The Examiner reported : “ An extremely good group.”

The Head Master has been placed on the Education Committee of the Lancashire County Council. He is appointed to the Higher Education and Scholarships Sections.

We beg to congratulate Colonel Wike on his appointment as Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Lancaster.

The following is extracted from the old Vestry Book at the Parish Church :—

“ 1727 Jan. 10.

“ At a Vestry Meeting this day it is agreed and whose names are hereunto subscribed Inhabitants of the Lordship of Bury do hereby nominate and elect Mr. James Andrew to be our Latin schoolmaster to teach in the Grammar School during the pleasure of the said Lordship or the major part of them.

“Witness James Banks Isaac Jacson
Roger Kay Richard Allen
Rich. Kay.”

The School has inaugurated a Chess Club which is already in a very flourishing condition. Boards and sets of chessmen have been purchased, and play, some of it of no mean order, takes place principally after 4 p.m. It is hoped that a tournament will shortly be arranged. F. L. Buxton is the hon. secretary.

The annual *Conversazione* was held in the Town Hall and the Athenaeum on Wednesday, December 15th, and was well supported. The halls were appropriately decorated and laid out with little tables in the approved *conversazione* style. The programme included the following items:—Selections by Mr. Walter B. Bell's Orchestra; comedietta, "My Lady Help," (Mr. Spivey, H. Anderson, and O'Neil); operetta, "Cups and Saucers," (Miss K. Howlett and Mr. Denning); demonstrations in chemistry, (Mr. Sprankling and Wood i.) ; Professor Dacre, conjuring; "Kaie Makefif," lightning character sketches ; character song, "The Mad Poet," (Bert Spencer).

To the ladies of the Refreshment Committee, under Mrs. W. H. Howlett, we tender our heartiest thanks for their invaluable help ; also to all who provided the hot pots on the following Monday.

At a meeting of the Debating Society on March 12th, Mr. K. McFarlane moved : " That this House is of opinion that the present system of party government does not meet the requirements of the nation nor the ideals of representative government." He supported the motion by one of his most flowery addresses, and was ably seconded by Mr. H. Barlow. Mr. E. Jones, shedding " the cold light of reason " on the subject, moved the negative amendment. Mr. Buxton seconded the opposition. Division : Motion rejected by a majority of 2.

On Friday, 15th April, the Head Master attended a meeting of the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society to hear Mr. John Lister, Barrister, of Shibden Hall, read a Paper on

the Rev. John Lister, Head Master of the Bury Grammar School from 1730 to 1749. Special mention was made of correspondence that passed between the Schoolmaster and several of his old pupils, two of whom distinguished themselves in widely different walks of life—we refer to General Sir William Fawcett, K.C.B., (1742), and the Poet Parson William Fawkes (1737). It is hoped that their names will soon be inscribed on the windows in the Roger Kay Central Hall.

On Wednesday, 8th June, the boys of Derby House had an enjoyable outing to Holcombe, where, as guests of the Rector of Bury, President of the House, they did ample justice to the good fare Mr. Jones so well knows how to provide. Mr. Denning, the House Master, and Buxton i, and Barlow i, the House Prefects, were members of the party. Three cheers were given for the Rector and Mr. Denning.

The Philatelic Society aims at enabling stamp collectors to exchange stamps on a reasonable basis and to give advice of any kind regarding stamps. It is hoped that a large influx of members may take place next term.

The Boys' Playing Fields were formally opened by the Rector of Bury, Chairman of the Governors, on Wednesday, June 15th, at 11-30 a.m. The Rector said that in a weak moment he had consented to open the cricket ground—in a weak moment indeed, because since he had come down, he had been told that he had to bowl the first ball. He would have liked to depute that duty to somebody else, and simply to take refuge in words, and in those words to express, first, their satisfaction that the school possessed what looked such an excellent cricket ground, and which they hoped that day would prove to be a most excellent cricket ground ; and, secondly, their hope that that cricket ground would, for many years, train the boys of the Bury Grammar School in lessons of perseverance, good temper, and true sportsmanship ;

and would provide many cricketers for the good county of Lancashire, and add to the fame and dignity of the school and to the welfare of the whole town of Bury. He declared the cricket ground open.

An interesting match was then played between teams representing the School and the Town. The School Eleven, captained by Mr. Sam Roberts, who has taken great interest in the laying out of the fields, included George Baker, the old Lancashire player, and Cranfield and Robinson, the professionals of the Heywood and Ramsbottom clubs respectively. The Town Eleven, though not at full strength, made a masterly attempt to equal the score of their opponents, Captain M. N. Kenyon and Tom Walmsley, in particular, doing good service with the bat. The Rector, minus coat and hat, bowled the first ball to Mr. Warrilow, a good overhand ball which the latter played indeed, but with pad instead of bat. Appended is the complete score:—

Bury Grammar School.		Bury.	
E. S. Warrilow c Kenyon		C. R. Chadwick b Cran-	
b Holland	10	field	0
Robinson c Clarabut b		R. Clarabut run out	1
Holland	6	Dr. Hitchon b Robinson...	12
J. Eatough c Hitchon b		F. M. Bentley c Cranfield	
Sandiford.....	0	b Baker	3
Cranfield b H. Holland ...	53	Holland (J.) b Baker.....	0
S. C. Rowland c Kenyon		M. N. Kenyon c Rothwell	
b Sandiford.....	0	b Cranfield.....	24
G. R. Baker c Hitchon b		H. Holland c Baker b	
Holland	60	Cranfield.....	1
F. Buxton b Holland	10	T. Walmsley c Cranfield	
S. Wood not out.....	21	b Robinson.....	64
S. Roberts b Collinson ...	15	E. Collinson b Robinson	2
R. D. G. Denning st.		Jas. K. Harrison b Eatough	15
Bentley b Collinson...	6	H. Sandiford not out.....	2
A. Rothwell st. Bentley			
b Collinson	0		
Extras	25		
	—	Extras	16
Total	206	Total	140

At the General Election of 1910, Bury Grammar School took its usual part. The candidates were Mr. F. L. Buxton (Conservative), and Mr. K. McFarlane (Liberal). Several meetings were held at which the views of the two parties were laid before the electorate. Polling took place on January 25th when His Worship the Mayor of Bury acted as Returning Officer. The result of the poll was declared shortly before one o'clock. The figures were :—

F. L. BUXTON (C.).....	110
K. MCFARLANE (L.)	73

Conservative majority... 37

No change.

Last year the Headmaster completed thirty years' service at our School, and sometime ago a good number of his " old boys " determined to mark the occasion and at the same time show their appreciation of the benefits they have derived from his labours, by making him a presentation. A Committee was accordingly formed representative of " old boys and masters of the Bury Grammar School," and as a result of their efforts Mr. Howlett was on Wednesday, 27 th April, presented with some handsome silver plate suitably inscribed, the ceremony being presided over by the Rector of Bury, as Chairman of the Board of Governors, and the presentation being made by Mr. James Kenyon, an " old boy," and present Governor of the School. The present consisted of a silver tea and coffee service, with silver tray ; a silver salver, silver breakfast dish on stand, and pair of silver candlesticks. Each article bears the recipient's monogram, and the tray bears the inscription : " Presented to the Rev. W. H. Howlett, M.A., by the ' old boys ' and masters of the Bury Grammar School, in recognition of his 30 years' headmastership, and as a token of their esteem. 1879-1909."

On behalf of the present Masters and Boys who, *soit dit en passant*, were not invited to identify themselves in any way

with the movement, we venture to congratulate the Head Master on his long and honourable association with our old School, and to wish him and Mrs. Howlett all health and happiness in the future.

MEMORABILIA.

Oxford Locals.—Monday, 18th July—Saturday, 23rd July.

Higher Certificate.—Tuesday, 12th July—Wednesday, 27th July.

Sports' Day.—Tuesday, 26th July.

O.T.C. Camp at Conway.—Thursday, 28th July.

Summer Vacation.—Saturday, 30th July—Wednesday, 14th September (both inclusive).

Half-Term.—Monday, 31st October.

Speech Day.—In the course of the week beginning 31st October. Prizes to be distributed by Lord Derby.

Christmas Vacation.—Friday, 23rd December—Monday, 16th January (both inclusive).

HEAD MASTERS OF BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

II.

Since the publication of the December number of *The Clavian*, I have been favoured by Mr. E. Abbott, M.A., of Jesus College, Cambridge, with an additional item of information about the Rev. Thomas Lawton (mentioned in the Diary of the Rev. Henry Newcome as the master of Bury School in July, 1662, and again in February, 1663.) Mr. Abbott says that Thomas Lawton, described as of Staffordshire, was admitted to Jesus College as a sizar IT June, 1657, and was elected a scholar 4 July, 1661.

How long Mr. Lawton was master of Bury School there is no evidence to show. His successor appears to have been "Mr. Wm. Richardson, Schoolemaster," who is mentioned in the Parish Church register as having had children baptised here 20 April, 1669 and 16 March, 1673. Probably he was of the same family

as Richard Richardson, master of the Grammar School at Middleton, near Manchester, from about 1662 until his death, in April, 1667. The list of Admissions to Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, shows that one " Mr. Richardson " was master of Lymm (Cheshire) School in March, 1665, a position he had then held for several years. Among some old manuscript records in the Chetham Library, Manchester, mention is made of " Mr. William Richardson, curate to Mr. Chetham of Turton, 1678-9." The name of " William Richardson, curate" of Turton is given in a list of Lancashire " conformable clergy who have taken the oaths," written in 1689, and in his "Notes on Holcombe" the Rev. Henry Dowsett mentions "—Richardson" as incumbent of Holcombe in 1696.

In the Bury Parish Church register it is recorded that "James Kay Scholmastr" died 5 December and was buried 6 December, 1678.

The list of Admissions to St. John's College, Cambridge, shows that Roger Kay, the re-founder, was a pupil at Bury School under " Mr. Dobson." Roger Kay's schoolmaster, no doubt, was the Rev. Timothy Dobson, who (as Mr. E. Abbott informs me) was admitted to Jesus College, Cambridge, as a sizar, 21 February, 1673; elected a "scholar on the foundation of Mr. Marshall," 5 December, 1676 ; and proceeded to his degree (B.A.) 12 January, 1677, testimonials—presumably for Orders—being granted him 29 November, 1677. The degree of M.A. was conferred upon him in 1690. In the Admission record he is described as "of Lancashire." On July 27, 1683, at which time he was in Bury, Mr. Dobson was elected master of Stockport School. On June 14, 1694, he was elected master of Macclesfield School, and there lie remained for ten years, up to his death.

For a number of years after Mr. Dobson's removal, there appear to be no records of the Bury School except such as relate to a protracted law-suit between the feoffees and Elizabeth Walmsley, of Kersley, widow and executrix of James Walmsley—executor of Roger Kay, of Widell (Woodhill), who was an executor appointed under the will of Henry Bury, the founder—in

regard to certain moneys for the use and benefit of the school. On June 23, 1688, judgment was given in the Duchy Court against the feoffees. In Bishop Gastrell's "Notitia Cestriensis," written in 1718, it is stated that the income settled on the school by Henry Bury "was all lost in a law-suit," and it is added : " There is but one surviving trustee, who can give no account of writings. The present master was nominated 30 years ago by the old feoffees; but the school standing upon Lord Derby's land, and the writings being lost, he challenges the right to nominate." Thomas Clough, curate of Bury, writing in 1718, says that according to some manuscripts of Thomas Gipps, a former rector, shortly after 1679 " a law suit broke out betwixt the feoffees of the school and the owners of the remaining part of Nabb's Tenement, being a leasehold farm in Bury, held under the house of Derby, and on its coming to an issue the feoffees were cast and the rent lost. The only surviving feoffee is Thomas Nuttall, of Bury, gent."

The next Bury head master of whom I have found mention after Mr. Dobson is the Rev. Thomas Rider. In the report on local endowed charities, by Mr. G. W. Wallace, Assistant Commissioner, issued in 1909, it is regarded as " practically certain" that the school founded by Henry Bury "was in existence at the time when the Rev. Roger Kay gave his endowment." Mr. Rider was certainly head master of a school in Bury until within about two years of the time (May, 1726) when Prebendary Kay framed his scheme of endowment; and I can also prove that he had charge of the same school when "Notitia Cestriensis" was written, in 1718. Mr. Rider, however, did not carry on his work in the old Grammar School premises, though his curriculum was on what may be called Grammar School lines (Latin and Greek being included), with Speech Day and "cockpenny" observances. In the unpublished diary of Richard Kay, the builder and first occupier of Lower Chesham Hall, I find several references to Mr. Rider, under the heading " School Wages and Books," among them the following :—

"My sons Richard, Samuel, and John were first entered at the Latin school with Mr. Rider on Monday, 6 February 1715-16 . . .

and little Thomas went the day after. Mr. Rider was but newly come to teach there, and Mr. Boardman then became usher.

“ I April, 1724. Mr. Rider breaks up his school at Bury Moor Yate, and removes with his effects ye day after to Manchester, having been 8 years amongst us the last Candlemas, to whom 4 of my sons have gone all ye while excepting Richard now since Christmas and Tom when his thigh was broke.”

One of these scholars, Samuel Kay, became a well-known doctor of medicine, and was one of the first physicians of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, a position he held from 1752 until 1782 ; his brother John became a leading attorney in Manchester. Another of Mr. Rider's scholars, Henry, son of Richard Greenhalgh, ironmonger, London, went up to St. John's College, Cambridge, 6 July, 1722. Mr. Rider's usher is no doubt identical with “Thomas Boardman, schoolmaster,” whose younger son, John—a native of Bury, said to have attended a school in Bury of which his father was “ master ” ; afterwards “ at Breightmet (Mr. Wild), three months”—was admitted, at the age of 23, to St. John's College, Cambridge, 16 April, 1736. This John Boardman was appointed curate of Whittering, Northamptonshire, in 1741, and afterwards curate of Melbourne, Derbyshire. On the north side of Bury Parish Church a gravestone inscription reads :—“ Here lies Mrs Alice Boardman, relict of Mr. Thos. Boardman, sometime Schoolmaster in this Town, who died 4th of October, 1751, aged 68 years.”

In addition to his scholastic work, Mr. Rider appears to have performed duty as a curate in Bury and Heywood. Mr. J. Brownbill, M.A., co-editor of the Victoria History of Lancashire, informs me that among Heywood Church documents in the Chester Diocesan Registry he has found one to this effect:—

“23 July, 1717.—Petition to the Chancellor of the Diocese from William Bamford, of Bamford, Esq., Thomas Chadwick, of Hayshell, and Oliver Lomax, of Heape, gentlemen, three of the four feoffees of the chapel, on behalf of themselves and others, desiring him not to grant a licence to Thomas Rider until he has heard their objections.

“That for 18 months past Thomas Rider has officiated as curate and has by his irregular behaviour made himself so obnoxious to his hearers that they are not willing to go to the chapel.”

Further mention of Mr. Rider is found in a pamphlet written in 1720—by the Rev. Edward Rothwell, founder and first pastor of “ Dundee ” Chapel, Ramsbottom—under the title “ A Vindication of Presbyterian Ordination and Baptism from the Aspersions which have been of late most invidiously thrown upon them. Occasion'd by certain Rebaptizations, and other Innovations, lately practis'd in the Parish of Bury, in Lancashire.” After mentioning the rebaptization at Bury Parish Church of three persons who, in infancy, had been baptised by the Rev. Henry Pendlebury (a pupil at Bury's first Grammar School), Mr. Rothwell says :—

“ The second instance of their Rebaptization was on Sabbath Day, July the 26th, 1719, at Aitenfield [Edenfield], in the afternoon, at the public Chapel there, in the face of the whole congregation, where a son of one Oliver Grime, a young man grown up, was baptiz'd, and also two sons of Rich. Booth, of Stubbings. The person officiating on this occasion was one Mr. Rider, a Schoolmaster at Bury, who did all in the presence”and with the consent of the Reverend Mr. Banks, the present Rector of Bury, who preached himself there occasionally the same day.”

WILLIAM HEWITSON.

SCHOOL NOTES (Girls).

Girls left:—G. Benson, D. Birtwistle, J. Blunt, B. Bouchier,
D. Brandvood, E. Brandwood, A. Cocker, B. Diggle, F. Fogg,
D. Hill, M. Hill, M. Kay, G. Lippman, L. Lippman, B. Ross,
P. Rusden, D. Temperley, M. Young.

New Girls:—E. Birch, M. Brunskill, A. Dearden, B. Dixon,
R. Hall, M. Hazlitt, I. Holden, D. Horrocks, F. Howard,
K. MacLaren, M. Mason, S. Mason, E. Mitchell, A. Rothwell,
D. Sinclair, D. Smoult, K. Stephen.

We sent a number of Drawings up to London to the Royal Drawing Society's Exhibition again this year.

TWO BRONZE STARS were awarded. One by the Clothworkers' Co. to Maude Wild and another by the R.D.S. to Doris Hayes, both for charcoal shaded objects.

THREE SHEETS with work by L. Whitehead (figures)

G. Hodgson, M. Wilkinson, D. Broome (shaded objects) were commended 1st class.

FOUR SHEETS of work by E. Whitehead (figures) S. Lucas (shaded objects) M. Clay and A Wood (still life painting) M. Gunn, M. Grundy, M. Bridge, L. Lippman (brushwork) were commended second class. Four Sheets of work by various girls were commended third class. Three Sheets commended fourth class.

Music.—Grace Whittaker passed the Intermediate Division Local Centre Examination of the Associated Board. E. Poole, and G. Whittaker passed also in Theory of Music. At the Musical Festival A. Lord gained the 1st prize in the semi-professional class, and a 3rd prize in Class XVI in Pianoforte playing.

Two entertainments were given in the Roger Kay Hall on Thursday and Friday April 15th and 16th.

The programme consisted of combined recitations in costume: The Crocodile King, by Form III B. A Visit from St. Nicholas, by Form II, and The Lady of Shallott, by Form III A.

These were followed by Thackeray's delightful pantomime "The Rose and the Ring," the parts were played by girls from Forms IVA., IVB. and Vc. Where all were good it is invidious to single out any for special mention, but H. Smith as the King of Paflagonia brought down the house by her song; E. Allen made an ideal Betsinda, and A. Clay was most amusing as the elderly coy Countess; Prince Giglio (I. Hutchinson) made an effective contrast to Prince Bulbo (M. Watson), and the Fairy Blackstock (G. Hodgson) also did her part well.

The dresses were very pretty, and there was no mistake about the important part played by the "Ring," to judge by the size of the diamond, which put the Koh-i-noor to shame.

On Friday the Kindergarten gave Lear's nonsense rhymes of "The Jumbles":—those queer people "whose heads were green, and their hands were blue"; and very quaint they looked in their green bonnets, brown dresses and blue gloves.

The elder girls then followed with a dramatic version of Tennyson's "Princess." Rita Haworth acted splendidly in the title rôle, and Olive Budden as the Prince had a difficult part to sustain ; Jessie Ramsden sang very sweetly "Tears, Idle Tears," and Mona Foers and O. Wood gave a very dainty dance in the course of the play.

The dresses were very pretty and in most cases were made by the girls or their parents, only a few being hired.

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

MAY JACKSON, M. BLEAKLEY, Second Class Honours Classics.

EMMA SUTCLIFFE, M.A., Latin: *proxime accessit* "Victoria"
Scholarship.

INTERMEDIATE B.A.

MARIE HARDMAN, First Class, Pure Mathematics; Second, English
Literature.

H. HOWARTH, Second, English Literature; Second, German.

A. WOLSTENHOLME, Second, English Literature; Second, German.

A. RAMSBOTTOM, Second, French; Second, Mathematics.

A Memorial Tablet to the late Mr. Henry Webb has been put up in the Central Hall, bearing the following inscription:—

To the Honoured Memory of

Henry Webb,

A Governor of the Bury Grammar School, 1899-1909 ;

Chairman of the Girls' High School, 1887-1899;

A Governor of the Hulme Trust, 1887-1909.

This brass was given and the Henry Webb prizes
were founded by his fellow Governors and
the Staff of the School, 1909.

We are all sorry that Miss Matthias is so soon to sever her connection with the School. By the time this *Clavian* appears she will have left us. On July 1st, Rita Haworth, in the name of the School, presented her with a gift of books, and a silver ink-stand. We hope, however, that as she is going to live no

further away than Manchester, she will come over and see us often. We wish her all happiness in her married life.

Miss A. C. Harvey, B.A., has been appointed in place of Miss Matthias, and we offer her a hearty welcome to our staff.

We have to announce the engagement of Miss Essie Jackson, M.A. to Mr. A. F. Johnson, M.A., of the British Museum. Next term she takes up her new duties as Classical Mistress at the Paddington and Maida Vale High School.

CONGRATULATIONS TO—

Mrs. O. Senior (Sallie Ashworth), a daughter.

Mrs. Sladin (Jinny Young), a son.

Mrs. Wolstenholme (H. Parks), a son.

Nellie Dennis, married to Mr. Chorlton.

Annie Crawshaw married to Dr. Ross.

“AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY.”

The following is copied from an old manuscript found in a hollow stone unearthed by our vigilant groundsman in the course of journeys over the playing fields. It was written in very ancient Greek, and our friends, Mr. R. Gregson and Mr. W. Holding kindly offered to translate it for us. We tender to them our best thanks for their admirable work in a very difficult task.

“ I, Detentionibos Nightlios, do hereby set down all that which I did see in a strange land, whither I was carried as I slept, in order that my descendants may read and behold what their ancestor did, and give thanks to the gods.

“ When I awoke I found myself reclining on a green sward. In front of me stood two large black animals, the like of which I had never seen. In place of legs they had chariot wheels, and they had only one eye. They did not move nor made they any noise. They stood as if to guard a mighty palace which stood behind them. This was great and noble to look upon, and of goodly size withal, but the colour thereof was not like the colour

of the palaces of Greece, but was of the colour of the setting sun, being composed of what the natives call *brix*. I entered into this mighty place, and did conceal myself, and anon there appeared one garbed in an attire hitherto unknown to me; he carried strange instruments in hand, amongst them being a long pole at the end of which were many hairs. These hairs he moved along the floor causing much upheaval of dust. Then there appeared another human being who addressed him—thus he spake—“ *Robinson kum 'ere* ”—though what he meant I know not. Then was he silently sad, but he followed the messenger, and they departed.

“ Then I did behold a fair youth, goodly to look upon, who carried a book in which were written many names and numbers. I did question him about it and he did tell me that it was the ‘ Book of the Detention ’ by which, methinks, he meant the roll of fame. Later I saw another youth of doleful countenance and he carried the same book. I did beseech him to tell me the cause of his sorrow ; he thereupon gesticulated wildly saying that ‘ die ’ had given unto him a ‘ couple,’ though these words conveyed nothing to me and were very mysterious.

“ Suddenly there arose a great clanging sound which struck terror into my breast and caused me to hide myself. Then, as if by magic, all the doors opened and legions of youths, some terrible to look upon, did march out and did enter rooms, while one in authority did command them to ‘ pass along, please.’ Then all was quiet again, whereupon I crept from my ambush and proceeded down a long passage.

“ I did then enter a chamber in which there seemed to be a sacrifice; the room was full of smoke and foully smelling odours. The youths there did make the smells, and when they succeeded, their eyes did glisten at their triumph, and they did strive to out-strip each other in the lart. The high priest commanded one of them to make some ‘ aichtwoess,’ whereupon he that was bidden did assume a doleful countenance, but nevertheless did as he was ordered. Then immediately a door at the end of the chamber was opened, and there entered a lady carrying many books; in her

train came a troupe of fair damsels who walked behind in regular order, looking neither to the right nor to the left, but gazed steadfastly in front until they had passed through the chamber. And as they passed, the youths did become more cheerful in countenance but when they had gone, the old sorrow did return unto them, and they smote each other's breasts with much force and frequency.

“ Then I did pass on through a small room which was hot, and then into another long passage. And everywhere I saw beauteous maidens, whereupon I..... getting on fine.....[Here the writing becomes unintelligible, and it is feared the writer again went to sleep.]”

U.S.

THE STUDY OF PLACE-NAMES.

[ILLUSTRATED FROM SOME PLACE-NAMES ABOUT BURY.]

Nothing is more wonderful to think about than words. To make, own and use words is a large part of the inheritance that has put man where he is. Though the voice has a great part in the life of the lower animals, it is no more like human speech than a pea-shooter is like a Hotchkiss gun. And learning how to use this tremendous engine is the main part of education.

The vocabulary of the strong races is a just measure of their acquisitiveness. As in other branches of wealth, luxury creates the collector, who singles out rarities from the great bulk of ownable things. Connoisseurs of language gain an exquisite pleasure from some special field of the study of words. As an enthusiastic collector will search through thousands of letters in the hope of finding a Barbados stamp of a certain kind, in the same way the philologist, as he is called, is always scanning names and words in the hope of finding something curious and uncommon.

Among hobbies, few are more entertaining and remunerative than the study of place-names. They are a gallery of

landscapes, a roll of records, a series of creeds, an ossuary of customs, a necropolis of monuments—in short, a perfect historical and geographical museum.

These be brave words: can we support these claims by instances from the neighbourhood? Let us try.

The most prominent and indelible features of a landscape are the hills and the rivers. Bury is under the shadow of the Pennine Range, and by or near it flow the Irk and Irwell, which, after uniting, join the Medlock and the Mersey in the neighbourhood of Manchester. Let us examine these names. The Pennines remind us of the Apennines. We think, too, of Scotch mountains like Ben Nevis, Welsh ones like Penmaenmawr, and of our own Pendle Hill. So we are not surprised when we find that Pen in Keltic means *head*. It is a slight effort of imagination, but it is imagination all the same, when primeval man transfers the name of his highest part to the highest part of the land around him. The Arab uses this metaphor when he says Ras, the Italian when he says Capo.

The old inhabitants of all Britain, the Kelts, gave names to the rivers as well as to the hills, and those names the Romans and the Teutons made use of, as they would of any other property they found. They found the name Erch, (which means dun-colour), and they stuck to it, and it has remained to our day, though now we spell it Irk. [It is comforting to find that the colour is not so very much worse to day than it was 2,000 years ago.] This adoption of old names by new-comers is a principle (that of *economy*) which helps to solve many curious word-problems. To call rivers by their colour was very usual. Du (Dee) means black, Ban (Bann) means white, Glas (Douglas) means greenish-blue, Coch (Cocker) means red. The Irwell is an instance of another principle—extravagance. Names are often found that are really doublets, *i.e.*, to a name that means something in the old language the new-comers add a word that has the same meaning in their own. Windermere lake is an expression that means white-water-lake-lake—the first two syllables being Keltic, the third Saxon, the fourth

Norman in origin. Pendle Hill, analysed, is Pen Hill—corrupted to Pendle—with Hill added a second time—to make sure, as it were. The syllable *well* in Irwell is Teutonic, and properly means a spring. It comes to be used of the stream as well as the source. So the Irwell is the Irk-river. Perhaps this addition was not a real extravagance, for by it the new-comers were enabled to distinguish between the two forks of a river, both branches of which had hitherto borne the same name.

We cannot enter into a discussion of the name Medlock, but will merely say that the name appears to be derived from Melin-loch (Keltic) meaning Milldam, that this mill probably existed at the confluence with the Mersey, and the name travelled up the little stream. Mersey is probably Mere-sea, where sea must be taken in its original meaning of lake (as in Zuyder Zee, Boden See); thus it is seen that the name is a doublet, and has travelled up from the estuary along the banks.

These primitive names are truly descriptive. Would that town-councillors and villa-dwellers would stay their hands in dealing with streets and semi-detached residences, and not affix false labels like Douglas-Street and Thirlmere.

The name of Manchester is a wonderful historical record. Standing where it does on the Irwell, it was bound to be an important place. Already it was such when the Romans came. It was called Maen-cwn, the stony knoll, a name preserved by them in the form Mancunium. This spot was the place where now the Cathedral stands, the centre of olden Manchester. The Romans placed their fort, not there, but at the confluence lower down, where its remains have been found. So the word Manchester (Maen, castra) tells both stories, that of the Celtic mound and that of the Roman camp. The Angles coined this name. In the names Chester and Manchestr we can see recorded the fact that Chester was *the* place, the great headquarters of this province, and Manchester but a small station on the way to
 □Others—Ribchester, Lancaster—on the route to Scotland.

[To be concluded.]

BURY GIRLS' CLUB.

A Sale of Work in connection with the above club was held in the Roger Kay Hall on May 6th. The Rector presided over the opening ceremony, which was performed by Miss Kitchener. The following helpers undertook the management of the various stalls :—

Work.—The Misses Maxwell, J. E. Webb, Hardman, Alcock, M. L. Ashworth, and M. A. Bentley.

Flower and Fruit.—The Misses K. M. Ashworth, H. M. Bentley, M. Hall, and Mrs. F. Ingham.

Tea Room and Sweet Stall.—The Misses J. and A. Downham, A. Shaw, Boulsover, Nicholson and Mrs. P. S. Howarth.

The total receipts amounted to £46.

The following is a brief summary of the work at the Girls' Club during the last session :—The Club opened on October 12th, 1909, with an attendance of 82 girls, and at the close of the session the register numbered 167. This year our programme has been arranged on rather different lines from that of former years. In the first place, the girls elected 3 of their members to be on the Executive Committee with the helpers ; also, our evenings have been devoted to various classes, namely, singing, sewing, blouse-drafting, paper-flower making, and fancy work.

On November 24th, Mrs. Vine, one of our Vice-Presidents, once more kindly gave a short address, which was much appreciated.

A Christmas Party was given, on December 14th, by the helpers and their friends. On this occasion the invitation was extended to the men-friends of girls of 17 and over, this being quite a new departure in the annals of the Club. During the evening a prize was presented to the winner of a paper-flower competition. We are glad to say that, to everyone concerned, it proved a most enjoyable and successful evening, and will be remembered by most of those present for a long time to come.

Since Christmas, the Singing Class, conducted by Miss Lilian Hardman, spent most of its time in preparing the test pieces

with a view to entering for the Musical Festival in that class which in previous years had been open to the Girls' Friendly Societies and to Girls' Clubs. Great disappointment was felt when it became known that the class this year was open to G.F.S. Choirs only ; but we hope that in future the committee may see its way to arranging a class for which our Club will be eligible. It has been exceedingly pleasing to note the kind feeling which has so evidently existed amongst the girls themselves and their helpers.

In conclusion we tender our most hearty thanks to Miss Kitchener, the Governors of the Grammar School, our Vice-Presidents, and all those who have in various ways helped this cause. We feel that our special thanks are due to the Present Girls of the Grammar School who so willingly assist us in our efforts, and we hope that in years to come, when it falls to them to carry on this work, it may be gratifying to them to feel that even as quite young girls they did their little to help in the furtherance of this object.

M. L. ASHWORTH,)

M. A. Bentley, /

Hon. Secs.

OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS.

Second Lieutenant J. H. Sleigh has attended a Regimental Tour, at Derby, for Officers of the O.T.C.

Captain E. A. Scott was gazetted Captain, dated Feb. 17th, on the Unattached List, Territorial Force. He has passed Examinations "A" and "B" for Officers of the Territorial Force.

Major Adair, commanding the depôt, Bury, has appointed Lieutenant Patterson to supervise the training of the Contingent in accordance with War Office Regulations.

The following cadets are entered for Certificate "A," the standard for second lieutenants of Territorial Forces :—Col.-Sergt. F. L. Buxton, Sergt. W. Wood, Lance-Cpl. Jobling, Cadet B. Whittam, Sergt. J. Wolstenholme, Bandmaster Brook, Cpl. Austin, Cadet B. Minton, Cadet Blomeley.

It is proposed to hold a week-end Musketry Camp at Fleetwood in the summer, for a party of cadets who care to go.

The Annual Inspection will be held on July 9th.

Drills are being held on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m., and on Saturdays at 3-15, in preparation for Inspection and Camp.

Major Adair inspected the Corps on April 9th.

The thanks of the School are due to all those cadets who have been attending the drills and inspections lately. The official record of all these attendances is entered on the notice board each week. The establishment of non-commissioned officers will be made up later, and keenness and interest in the Corps will count as well as service in the promotions.

The following cadets have been awarded badges for signalling: Sergt. J. Wolstenholme, Lance-Cpl. Jobling, and Cadets W. Nuttall and J. Greenhalgh, and Cpl. W. Wood has been promoted Sergeant and Quartermaster-Sergeant.

Officers :—Captain E. A. Scott, Commanding ; Sec.-Lieut. J. H. Sleigh. N.C.O's. :—Col.-Sergt. F. L. Buxton, Bandmaster A. Brook, Sergt. H. Sleigh, Sergt.-Drummer A. Smith, Sergt. Wolstenholme, Sergt. Crompton, Quartermaster-Sergt. W. Wood, Cpls. Austin, Ratcliffe, Cornall; Lance-Cpls. Farr, Downham, Jobling, Howarth, Lund, Rostron; Mr. A. Round, Treasurer.

HOCKEY NOTES.

During the Spring Term the following matches were played:—

FIRST Eleven: v Bury Ladies ...	Lost	...	2—3.
v Withington H. S. ...	Lost	...	0—1.
v Blackburn H. S. ...	Won	...	7—0.
v Bella Vista ...	Won	...	5—3.
v " Old Girls " ...	Won	..	3—0.

TEAM.—Forwards : N. Hall, E. Scholes, O. Budden (Capt.),

D. Hayes, R. Howarth. Half-backs : J. Ramsden, E. Glenday,

E. Rigby. Backs : M. Clay (Vice-Captain), J. Prince. Goal:
S. Lucas.

The First Eleven played the Mistresses and Second Eleven, and won 6—0.

During the season the First Eleven played 10 foreign matches, won 7, lost 2 and drew 1 ; the score of goals in favour was 38, and against 10.

Second Eleven *v.* Stockport H. S. ist XI. .. Lost ... 0—6.

TEAM.—Forwards: E. Wisken, E. Nuttall, D. Broome (Capt.), D. Bedford, E. Poole. Half-backs : E. Hamilton, B. Aspinall, N. Parker. Backs: M. Watson, L. Mills. Goal: A. Throup.

The Second Eleven played the Mistresses and two reserves, and lost 0—3.

The Form matches were played as vigorously as usual, The shield was won by Form VA. ; Form VB. were second and were very good in their defence, but their forward line was weak.

THE FIRST ELEVEN.

N. HALL.—Runs well; needs still more practice in passing, which is always difficult for a left-wing.

E. SCHOLES.—A promising forward; should make a good shot.

O. BUDDEN.—Makes a very good captain and centre-forward; shoots well, but is not yet guiltless of the “offside” offence.

D. HAYES.—Has much improved; runs swiftly and passes well.

R. HOWARTH.—Good when she has a hold upon the ball, but should be quicker and more sure in taking it from the opponent.

J. RAMSDEN.—A most reliable half-back ; still inclined to foul by turning round upon the ball.

E. GLENDAY.—A very good player; gets about quickly and passes with discrimination.

E. RIGBY.—A promising player; should make a very good back with practice.

M. CLAY.—A thoroughly reliable back save for the still too frequent offence of “sticks.”

J. PRINCE.—Has improved; less variable than formerly, and plays a clean game.

S. LUCAS.—Undoubtedly a good goal-keeper, but her style is less good than in previous seasons, and she makes the mistake of leaving the striking-circle empty.

The team as a whole maintains a high standard in comparison with the other school teams of Lancashire ; there is, however, a distinct tendency to slackness, not in frequency of practice, but in actual play. A good reputation is not the only factor whereby one produces good results; and it must be remembered also that the greater the reputation of a team, the greater is its fall when defeated.

BASKET BALL.

Basket-ball this year has been very successful, as we have won every match we have played.

Matches played:—Bury v. Bolton High School ... 8—4.
 Bury v. Oldham 10—0.
 Bury v. Pendleton High School 11—1.

Great excitement was caused by a match against the Mistresses, and fortunately the day was fair. The girls however won, 8—4, though it was a close game, and the Mistresses played well.

Later the Form Matches were played :—

IIIb. v. II. ... 10—0.
 IIIa. v. IIIb. ... 20—0.

Form IIIA. are therefore the winners, and still retain the picture.

Play on the w'hole is improving, and it looks quite promising for next year. Some points need care.

The centre-forwards are good, pass well and are quick.

B. Aspinall is a good, steady player. There is rather a tendency to tumble over the ball and throw it out of bounds. The forwards are very quick, but careless in holding the ball.

The defenders are sure, but in their excitement are apt to forget the rules occasionally, especially the one about touching your opponent.

OLD BOYS' NOTES.

We are pardonably proud of the results to hand from Cambridge. J. C. Wrigley, Corpus Christi, has gained a First Class in the Classical Tripos, and C. G. Ainsworth, of Downing, a Second Class in the Natural Science Tripos; while W. H. Hardman, not content with his last year's Second Class in History, has just secured a similar distinction in the Law Tripos, Part II. Wrigley has been awarded a Scholarship of £60 by the College authorities. Heartiest congratulations to all three.

CONGRATULATIONS :—C. G. Ainsworth, " Soccer " Captain, Downing College, next season, and has played in the University team; H. Brickies, Preliminary Examination for Teachers, Part II., with Distinction in French; C. M. Brown, M.B., Ch.B., Durham; R. S. Brown, B.Sc. (Tech.), Manchester; S. V. Brown, Hockey Colours, Downing College; Dr. W. R. Douglas, Final F.R.C.S. (London); H. Hope, B.Sc., Certificate "A" (O.T.C.) at Ashton Barracks ; Dr. C. G. Howlett, a Commission in the Indian Medical Service; Rev. Arthur Kershaw, M.A., the living of Stand; C. E. Jones, English Mastership at Chorlton Grammar School; John Shaw, Violinist, premier honours in three instances at the recent Bury Musical Festival; A. E. Wild, Foundation Scholarship of £40 for Classics at Queen's College, Cambridge; T. G. Barlow, F. S. Cockerill, Herbert Crawshaw, C. S. Forshaw, Harold Holt, Frank Ingham, Rev. G. L. Merchant, J. K. Rigby, on their marriage.

It is with profound regret that we chronicle the death of Mr. James William Kenyon, Mr. Lionel C. Rothwell, Mr. Edward Law, and Mr. John Thomas Rostron, all old boys of the School.

Our thanks are due to Mr. Henry Whitehead for the gift of two field artillery guns (sixteen pounders), which have been placed at the west front of the School. They are referred to in another part of this issue.

Cambridge.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I have no doubt that you who live amid such scenes of never-ending excitement, can always find topics for your pen, but we who do nothing more energetic than pursue the even tenour of our way feel ourselves stumped. Besides, I have already made one attempt—and people wrote such nice sympathetic letters of enquiry, asking if I had been very ill that term, and warning me against overwork (a warning which my family wish to state was quite unnecessary) : the seventeenth imbecile who came and sympathised with me little knows what a narrow escape it was for him ; but I reflected that at the best I should have to buy him a pair of crutches, and at the worst I should have to send a wreath, so I forbore. Of course, after such a reception it was obvious that personal reminiscences -were not appreciated, yet it seemed to me that in an age where everybody writes about everything there was at least room for somebody to write about nothing. This struck me as quite a brilliant idea, and I was mentally patting myself on the back, until I realised the great flaw, w'hich was that I had nothing to say on the subject. I put the subject out of my head “which thereupon becomes empty,” remarked the budding genius in the arm chair, a creature who might have been a man if a little more care had been taken in the construction. I remembered making a forlorn appeal to the company a little earlier, in the hope that they might have something besides sawdust in their heads, but, discovering that they were all engaged in trying to blow smoke rings, and cursing the draught for their own incapacity, I had left them to their own devices Now it really seemed as if I was going to get a little information : I awaited the oracle in breathless silence. Excluding several Delphic utterances, “words with which we have no concern,” it ran as follows : “ Why don't you write

about something interesting and instructive ? (when had I heard that before ?) nobody wants to read the products of a disordered brain"—which made the eighteenth allusion on the point and resulted in the breaking of an electric lamp and two cups. Order being restored, the voice continued : "Take some of the everyday facts of life, things which meet you at every turn ("tramlines and unpaid bills," someone feelingly suggested), things which are ever present before the minds and eyes of men." We tried : we did honestly try : we thought of Persil, Dr. Cook and Hailey's comet, but none of them seemed to lead us anywhere except up the pole, though somebody spent a quarter of an hour trying to elaborate a little joke on the first two : something about washing dirty linen, I fancy it was, but it was still-born. It was proposed that the undoubted talents of the company should be applied in an attempt to say something new and original about the weather : alas ! all our descriptive epithets about the weather ran in one groove, and we had to admit that the weather had been trying, (I mean trying its best) and ought rather to be encouraged by an attitude of tolerance.

We had almost abandoned hope when the suggestion was made that as nothing new appeared to exist (or otherwise we should have thought of it), it was really a fine- opportunity for discoursing each on his particular grievance. The tongue of the dumb was loosed ; gradually, but in an ever-increasing flood, the stream of eloquence poured forth, while I looked up in the dictionary all the words I had not met before.

One told a tale of adventures with the Old Testament: how, one, sad morning, when part of the book of the prophet Zephaniah was appointed as the lesson, a trembling figure arose at the lectern and found that the chapel-clerk's sense of humour had proved too much and that the reader was expected to find Zephaniah's habitat in the Bible for himself: several pot-shots followed amid the increasing interest of the congregation, but Zephaniah appeared to be of a retiring disposition and several minutes had elapsed before a sigh of relief announced that he had been drawn from his lair where he was hiding behind the backs of

Nahum and Habakkuk. Another amid the confused burbling that followed was heard to express a desire for his bedmaker's blood and to the accompaniment of sympathetic murmurs told how, after being kept up till 4 a.m. to listen to a argument on sacramental religion between a Roman Catholic and a Plymouth Brother, he was aroused by the fair lady's dulcet tones : in a stage whisper she informed her " help " (who seemed to be troubled with deafness somewhere at the other end of the earth and had to have the whole story repeated to her, not once but many times) that she had seen him creeping along the roof to steal someone's cigarettes. " It's bad enough having to risk your shocking neck on the roof," he complained " expecting every step to be your next, without having it proclaimed all over the college : besides any man who smokes that brand deserves to have them stolen : he ought to be thankful he's not prosecuted as a public nuisance." " And he would be if he lived in a little town I know of," broke in number three—but the company had heard quite enough fairy tales about the little town, and at this point the rowdy element began to make itself felt, and a rather tumultuous scene was only ended by the entrance of a gentlemen who told us: " The Dean sends 'is compliments and 'opes you won't come through." We also hoped not, and to prevent any chance of it, the meeting was hurriedly adjourned.

CANTAB.

FOOTBALL.

FIRST ELEVEN.				Goals.	
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
23	9	11	3	60	83

The First Eleven have had a fair season on the whole, the results of this Term's matches being rather better than those of last term. Of eleven matches played we have won six and lost five. Perhaps our most remarkable victory was against Talbot House (Deaf and Dumb School) whom we beat 5-4 at Manchester; last term they defeated us 8-0 at Bury ! We also beat both Oldham G.S. and Bolton Church Institute easily, but

lost to our old rivals Bolton G.S. and to Blackburn G.S. Our principal weakness has been forward, where the absence of Harding and Rigby has been much felt. Luckily, Clarabut, a new boy, was able to fill one of the vacancies. He came into the team when he had been at School but a day or two, and has made the inside-right position his own.

Mason has been drafted in at outside-left from the Second Eleven. He is really good, and what he lacks in height he makes up for in ability, and will prove a capital left-winger next season. The defence has also been weakened by the absence, for the greater part of the term, of E. Jones, our vice-captain. This has brought in Brooks, who has played well both at half and full-back.

As a whole, the team play fairly well together, but the forwards are weak in front of goal—in spite of the fact that they have averaged nearly three goals a match this term. The halves tackle well, but are all rather slow. The last lines of defence have been the best part of the team, Whittam, Chadwick and Rothwell all playing consistently well.

We have had pleasure in awarding Eatough and Barlow their Colours.

CAPTAIN.

SECOND ELEVEN.

Goals.

Played. Won. Lost. Drawn. For. Against.

21	9	11	1	75	114
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The Second Eleven's record since Christmas was a remarkable improvement on the figures recorded in our December issue. During the second half of the season the team lost but two games, the only change in its composition being the substitution of Howarth for Cornell, the latter having been drafted into the First Eleven. There is no doubt, however, that a great deal of the subsequent success of the team was due to Howarth, for he kept the rest of the team together, and proved himself an excellent shot. The halves and backs derived great encouragement from the improved display of the forward line, and showed much more spirit than they had done during the first half of the season.

THIRD ELEVEN.

					Goals.	
Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.	
11	9	1	1	68	26	

The members are to be congratulated not only upon a most successful season, but upon the light-hearted way in which they have met all their inevitable troubles. Harmony and good humour were never missing from the camp, and there was plenty of pluck when it was needed. The following have helped to compile the team's good record, and the first eight have been awarded their Colours:—Murgatroyd, Marks i., Meadowcroft (vice-captain), Singleton (captain), Oldroyd, Allen, Rothwell ii., Downham, Dawson, Lees ii., Bradley i., Rothwell iv., Slack, Collins, Clay, O'Neil.

FOURTH ELEVEN.

Goals.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	For.	Against.
	11	5	3	3	37	42

The Fourth Eleven have, on the whole, had a very encouraging season. On several occasions they have had to play boys much bigger than themselves, while the adverse goal-average is mainly due to two overwhelming defeats visited upon them in the early days of the season. When these two circumstances are taken into account it will be conceded that the above record is by no means a bad one. All the players have done good service, the forward line being, perhaps, the most conspicuous.

HOUSE MATCHES.

First Eleven.

Kay 4, Hulme 2.
 Derby 6, Kay 3.
 Hulme 3, Derby 2.
 Hulme 5, Kay 1.
 Derby 4, Kay 1.
 Derby 2, Hulme 2.
 Derby 3, Hulme 0.

Second Eleven.

Kay 28, Hulme 1.
 Kay 9, Derby 2.
 Derby 10, Hulme 2.
 Kay 28, Hulme 0.
 Kay 4, Derby 1.
 Derby 6, Hulme 2.

Hulme has thus lost to Derby the "Wike" cup for football.

CORRESPONDENCE.
TO THE EDITOR OF *The Clavian*.

Dear Sir,

May I be allowed, through the medium of *The Clavian*, to draw official attention to an apparently grave oversight in the arrangements for Founder's Day. The School Song was neither sung nor mentioned.

Surely there is no more appropriate occasion for it than Founder's Day. Then, more than at any other time, do its sentiments tend to confirm the scholars in their loyalty to the School, and their reverence for those who have brought honour to its name.

No doubt great efforts were made to render the day bright and interesting, but the inclusion of the School Song could not have failed to render it more so.

We very rarely hear the Song now, and quite an appreciable number of the scholars do not know it. Surely arrangements can be made to allow of its performance at least' once a month.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, dear Sir, yours truly,

SIXTH FORM.

Dear Mr. Editor,

The question has been raised among a great many of the Old Boys as to whether it is possible to raise a Grammar School Old Boys' Football Club. There is no doubt that many will receive this news with pleasure. It is proposed to apply to the Lancashire Amateur League for admission to its First Division, the new club to take the place of the Bury Athenaeum A. F. C. which is now disbanded. A second team might be formed and run on friendly matches, application being subsequently made to the Lancashire Amateur League for a position in its Second Division, should the first season prove successful.

Old Boys interested in the above scheme will oblige by applying to the Editor at the School.

Yours, &c.,

TWO OLD BOYS.